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

EDMUND BURKE

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## Approval seems near for Society Hill's 'public-events' plan

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Despite a deadlocked vote last month, Society Hill's plan for regulating public events on town property seems headed for Town Council's approval this week.

Council was to take up the issue again Sept. 24, and Mayor Tommy Bradshaw was hopeful that another vote would not end up in another tie.

Town Council held a work session on the plan last Wednesday, and by the end of the discussion, Bradshaw seemed to have satisfied the objections of a councilwoman who voted against the changes Aug. 13, and he appeared to have picked up the support of another councilwoman who did not vote last time.

Asked after the work session if he thought the ordinance would win final approval when council met this week, Bradshaw said: "It

appears that way. ... I would think so."

Only three of the five Town Council members attended the work session last week - Bradshaw, Carolyn Oliver and Deborah Harrell. Council members Michelle Steen and Tammy Gandy were not present. When council last voted on this issue, there were two votes for the plan (Bradshaw and Gandy) and two against it (Steen and Oliver). Harrell left before the vote.

Based on the discussion dur-

ing the work session, it appeared there now are four "yes" votes, one more than the ordinance needs to pass.

A festival organized by a community group over the Memorial Day weekend launched Bradshaw's determination to develop an ordinance that would regulate public events on town property. The festival took place in the parking lot outside Society Hill Town Hall, and it included a fire truck, with firefighters helping children hold hoses to

shoot water into the air.

Town officials didn't know about the festival in advance, and the organizers didn't have liability insurance. An accident would have put the town government in legal danger, and even one lawsuit could have been a disaster for the town of 560 people, Bradshaw said.

The ordinance would require individuals or groups planning festivals on town property to fill out an application, be issued a permit and put up \$1 million worth of liability

insurance. (The \$1 million figure isn't nearly as daunting as it sounds, officials said; specialized companies offer insurance for small events for a few hundred dollars or less.)

But the five-page application, the \$1 million figure and a requirement that vendors buy a \$25 permit brought complaints that it was all too much, that the ordinance would discourage anyone from wanting to put on a small festival.

SOCIETY HILL ON 3A

## 'Hugo takes no prisoners'

By Bobby Bryant  
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Thirty years ago, Darlington County was a wreck.

Trees were down on houses. Trees were down in roads. The power was out. Phones were out. Even water service was out in some places.

Grocery-store shelves were stripped bare. Frozen food rotted in dead refrigerators and freezers. Store awnings on Darlington's Public Square were stripped off. Hundreds of evacuees took shelter at four public schools in the county; all the other schools were shut down.

Some 3,000 homes in the county were damaged; some simply collapsed. Cleanup of the whole mess was going to take two or three months, officials estimated.

This was where we were 30 years ago this week after Hurricane Hugo roared across South Carolina Sept. 21-22, 1989.

"THE LONGEST NIGHT," the News & Press called it in a headline. Another headline said, "Hugo takes no prisoners."

"As dusk fell on Sept. 21, a slight wind drifted about and a

dancing drizzle dotted car windshields," the News & Press said in a front-page story recounting how the disaster began. Even though Darlington County "narrowly escaped Hugo's full fury," the hurricane still belted the county with 100-mph wind after it made landfall shortly before midnight Sept. 21.

Hugo's weapon was wind, not flooding (as would be the case with later hurricanes, such as last year's Florence). "Due to Hugo's rapid forward speed and relatively large size, hurricane-force winds were able to reach inland areas that almost never see such severe conditions," the National Weather Service says.

At 2 a.m. Sept. 22, the storm was halfway between Charleston and Sumter, with maximum sustained winds around 100 mph, the Weather Service says. By 5 a.m., Hugo's center was crossing I-77 between Columbia and Charlotte.

"Winds would eventually gust to an unbelievable 100 mph in Charlotte," the Weather Service says.

HUGO ON 3A



## Raceway renames 5K run to honor slain officer

From Staff Reports

Darlington Raceway has renamed its annual 5K run in honor of the Darlington police officer who was killed nearly a year ago when a gunman ambushed law-enforcement officers in Florence County.

On Nov. 1, the raceway will host its second consecutive 5K event, which will now be called the Terrence Carraway Memorial 5K, with proceeds benefiting the Terrence F. Carraway Foundation, a non-profit raising donations for the S.C. Fallen Officers Memorial Park on South Main Street in Darlington.

"We're excited to bring back

the 5K event to Darlington Raceway," said raceway president Kerry Tharp. "It's our honor to rename the event the Terrence F. Carraway Memorial 5K and have the proceeds benefit the Terrence F. Carraway Foundation. We encourage runners of all ages to register early for this event and enjoy a unique experience running under the lights, while contributing to a worthy and meaningful cause."

Participants may pre-register online for a fee of \$25 per participant by visiting <https://DarlingtonRaceway5K.ityourrace.com/register/>.

5K ON 3A

## Student accused of making threat against Lamar school

Charges were pending against a student who made a threat against Spaulding Middle School in Lamar, officials said.

The Darlington County School District said that on Sept. 18, a Spaulding student made a threat against the school using his school-issued iPad.

"The threat was picked up by a teacher through the district's monitoring program," the district said in a news release. "The

teacher reported the threat and school administrators contacted the Darlington County Sheriff's Office."

The student was apprehended before school Sept. 19.

"At no time were staff or students in danger," the district said. "The Darlington County School District and our law enforcement take all threats very seriously."

## Driver flees South Main Street traffic stop, crashes into oncoming vehicle

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A driver who'd been pulled over Friday by Darlington police suddenly drove off, veering into the path of an oncoming vehicle and causing a collision that sent the other driver to the hospital.

Capt. Kimberly Nelson of the Darlington Police Department said the incident started shortly after noon Sept. 20, when a

Darlington officer did a traffic stop on South Main Street and Jessamine Street.

The driver had stopped as expected, Nelson said, but when the officer approached the vehicle, he "attempted to drive off."

The fleeing driver turned right into the path of an oncoming vehicle and slammed into that other vehicle. A witness told local news media that police caught the suspect when he tried to run away.

His name was not immediately available.

Nelson said the person driving the other vehicle was taken to an area hospital, but only suffered "minor" injuries.



## First responders put training into practice

From Staff Reports

At a North Carolina lake to practice diving, a group of Darlington County first responders put their emergency training to use when a "distressed" diver needed help.

Eight members of the Darlington County Fire District and the Emergency Services Department recently were attending diver-certifi-

cation training at Fantasy Lake SCUBA Park in Wake Forest, N.C., according to Molly Odom, the county's Emergency Management coordinator.

DCFD Lt. Nick Newton was certifying five to be rescue divers, Odom said in a news release. Two others attended as aides to the instructor.

After the first day of training, they were at their campsite, Odom said, considering

their plans for the evening. Meanwhile, two nearby recreational divers -- a father and son -- saw a diver in the lake who seemed to be "distressed." The son began to help the diver and the father went to the Darlington County team for help, Odom said.

All the Darlington County team quickly went to aid the diver, who "was showing signs of being in distress

through excitement and rapid movement." They performed a medical assessment and began to provide first aid until local paramedics could arrive, Odom said.

Once out of the water, she said, the diver "was still combative." The diver apparently was suffering from some kind of pre-existing medical problem, Odom said.

FIRST RESPONDERS ON 3A





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Word of the Week

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## Rocking the Georgia pines, Part 2

(Parts of this column appear in the September/October issue of South Carolina Wildlife.)

By Tom Poland

Back home, I picked beggar lice off my jeans for days.

The sticky seeds had hitchhiked from Georgia to South Carolina, and they carried a lesson in wildlife management. Quail love 'em and so do the people who manage lands for quail.

It was a mild winter afternoon when Chuck Leavell and I walked among the pines of Charlane Plantation.

Take Chuck's proper first name (Charles) and Rose Lane's middle name and you get Charlane. Their plantation is a hunting preserve and model of integrated forest management. In 1999, Chuck and Rose Lane earned National Tree Farmers of the Year for their management of Charlane Plantation.

As we walked through those tall Georgia pines a déjà vu feeling took hold. The

haunting feeling I'd been there before swept over me. Then I recalled an afternoon at Little Hobcaw Barony in Nesmith, where financier and presidential advisor Bernard Baruch established a quail hunting property in the early 1900s.

Legendary writer Robert Ruark hunted Baruch's quail haven. Throughout the years management planted wildlife plots in loblolly and longleaf pine upland areas. Pine windrows in larger fields increased the "edge effect." They thinned trees. Decades of controlled burns gave the land a park-like appearance. Charlane looked much the same, as it should. In 2012, the U.S. Forest Service appointed Chuck an Honorary Forester, just the second person to receive that honor.

Plantation Manager Hal Hamilton met us at the hunt site. He said they prescribe burn about every 36 months and thin the pines so natural grasses can move in. Fire just

isn't the enemy like we once thought. It's beneficial. "We plant four-grain food plots, too," said Hal. "We have five wild covays here in this one area."

Chuck watched the dogs roam and work. As he did I imagined him on stage with the Allman Brothers Band, doing his own concerts, and working with Jagger and the Rolling Stones. "You just don't see this every day," I thought. Rock's top keyboards man hunting quail. Chuck sees the big picture. He sees how nature works and he's helping other to better understand nature too.

Chuck co-founded the Mother Nature Network [www.mnn.com](http://www.mnn.com)—the world's most visited online network for news, education, and information about the environment and responsible living. Chuck explained how MNN came about.

"The impetus was my partner, Joel Babbit. We had become friends. Joel is a public relations and advertising

genius and had run a couple of companies, sold them to bigger companies, and at that time, 2008, he was president of Grey Communications of Atlanta. He called me in one day and said, "Listen, I represent a lot of big companies. They realize we're at a critical time and they're trying to recycle and do things to improve their footprint. I have no problem in getting their messages out on print ads, radio, or television, but I've been scouring the Internet and I can't find a place I'm comfortable spending their budgets. What can you tell me?"

"You know, Joel, you're right," said Chuck, "There's no WebMD for the environment." The two decided to change that.

Joel told Chuck he would resign his position, get funding and put a staff together. "I'm in," said Chuck. "Joel hired some talented ecojournalists. We put the offices together and launched on a wing and a prayer not know-

ing whether it was going to be successful or not."

MNN started slowly but today it's the most visited independent environmental website, generating some 5 to 6 million sessions per month from over 200 countries. Chuck said, "It only took 4.5 billion years (Earth's age) to build that website."

This two-part column would not be complete without music. I asked Chuck what's his favorite Stones song to play with the band?

"Oh, I enjoy doing 'Honky Tonk Women.'" Chuck first heard the song while living in Nashville.

"Man, I was riding down a road and a new Stones song came on the radio and blew me away. I pulled over to listen to it and went straight to the record store."

Today, he plays the song along with the band.

We closed our interview discussing writing, music, life, and love.

He said something we all know is true.

"Whatever your calling, if you are passionate about it, it's not work, it's fun."

Managing Charlane for hunting and timber has been a labor of love for him and Rose Lane.

They love the land, life, and each other.

"We've been together 46 years and have a lot of fun together," said Chuck.

"She travels with me. She works backstage with The Stones now. We're together just about every day."

Then Chuck said something sticks with me, but unlike those little beggar lice, I'll hang onto it.

"I believe there's a deep spiritual nourishment in living somewhere where every tree is taller than every building, rather than the other way around."

Amen to that and amen to the great example Charlane Plantation sets for all who love the land, hunting, and a healthy world.

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## Little made a big difference

By Bill Shepard

One of the things I remember most about my early childhood was how little it took to make a big difference!

One songwriter wrote, "Little is much, if God is in it." God must have been in the little things of my childhood for they made a great difference!

We didn't have much money in those days, but that didn't seem to be so important. In the place of money, my folks had credit at the "Company Store." Old Fred, the delivery man, brought groceries to our house every time my mama sent a grocery list to the store.

Lima beans, cooked tender and fat back meat, fried to a crisp, graced our table nearly every day. Plenty of big fluffy biscuits browned in the wood stove, and black Luzianne coffee, sweetened to taste, rounded off nearly every meal.

Now who could ask for more than that? I wonder how many of you right now would like to sit down to a meal like that!

You could have it, too, except that the doctor has advised you to leave off the fatback. See what I mean? All the money in the world can't buy what most of us had back

in those years of "hard times."

Good health, good appetite, lima beans and fat-back meat were a blessing from the Lord.

The little garden behind the house furnished fresh vegetables in the summertime. Old Tom, the village handyman, would plow the land, and Mom and Dad would plant the seed on "Good Friday." They said that seed planted on that day would sprout and come up better.

Anyway, by early summer, there would be plenty of fresh vegetables to grace our table and what a difference they would make!

You see, we didn't have fresh fruits and vegetables every day throughout the year, like folk do now. Lack of electricity and refrigeration made that unlikely, if not impossible. Even a small piece of ice was a real treat to have at Sunday dinner. What a difference a glass of cold tea could make!

Sunday dinner with fresh butter beans, corn and squash from the garden, accompanied with a glass of iced tea was a feast for a king! And I had that during those so-called Depression years!

What an extra surprise would be added when a big

fresh watermelon from a nearby farm would be found on the table. We only had watermelons in the summer when the farmer would load his wagon and come through the village crying with a loud voice, "Watermelons, watermelons for sale!"

With a nickel or dime, one could be purchased and what a treat it would make when sliced and passed around to everyone present.

So many things that we take for granted today were missing in those days, but love and concern for one another was always in good supply. Even when my parents denied me the things that I wanted, either by wisdom or necessity, I always knew that they loved me and were concerned about my welfare.

They cared about where I went, with whom I went, and what I did. Dad's old razor strap that hung on a nail behind the kitchen door helped to keep a mischievous boy on the straight and narrow path.

When a child is raised in that kind of environment, he is not living in poverty. The really important things of life are not purchased with money or stored on the shelves in the store! The intangible things such as love,

kindness, tenderness and mercy are born from within and given off to one another.

These are the things that can make a great difference in one's life. These were the things with which my young life was blessed.

When the poet, Whittier, wrote "Blessings on thee, little man, Barefoot Boy with cheeks of tan," he could have been pointing his finger directly at me.

The fields and pastures were my playgrounds. The woods and streams were mine to explore. When the day ended, a blanket of tender love enveloped the humble dwelling where I "laid me down to sleep!"

The knowledge that a "Heavenly Father" watched over us all only added to the comfort and secure feeling of the day, so nothing was really lacking. I would not trade the memories of my childhood with those of the rich and famous.

Did not the "Master Teacher" tell us a long time ago that a man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses?

We find our happiness

in the "little things" that we learn to appreciate. The little

things can make a big difference!

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## DOT continues slow pace of road repairs with gas-tax-hike money

By Rick Brundrett  
The Nerve

With the start of the third year of the state's gas-tax-hike law, the S.C. Department of Transportation had completed less than 16 percent of \$711.4 million in identified "pavements" projects statewide, newly released DOT records show.

The Nerve last month revealed that DOT plans to complete about 2,300 miles of road repairs by the end of 2021, though that number represents less than 7 percent of the approximately 33,600 miles of state roads that the agency says have to be resurfaced or rebuilt.

Under its 10-year plan, the department aims to bring about 16,800 miles of state roads up to a "good" rating with revenues generated under the gas-tax-hike law that took effect July 1, 2017.

In pushing for the law, which raised the state gas tax 12 cents per gallon over six years and increased other vehicle taxes and fees, legislators promised that the revenues would be used to fix the state's deteriorating roads and bridges.

DOT has said 80 percent of the state's approximately 42,000 miles of roads needs resurfacing or rebuilding, and identified 465 out of 750 "structurally deficient" bridges to be replaced.

But given its current pace, DOT might not meet its initial goal of finishing about 2,300 miles of road repairs in two years.

In its latest review, The Nerve found that through July 31, DOT reported it had completed about 350 miles, or about 14 percent, of the approximately 2,500 miles of "pavements" projects statewide identified by the agency. Of the \$711.4 million in "pavements" projects, \$109.2 million, or 15.3 percent, was listed as completed through the 25-month period.

More than half of the state's 46 counties had "pavements" completion rates of less than 20 percent of the total value of identified projects as of July 31, including larger counties such as Horry (6.2 percent), Lexington (3.7 percent), Richland (8.7 percent) and Spartanburg (14 percent), DOT records show.

The Nerve's review also found that of about \$258.4 million in vendor payments statewide through July 31, \$93.7 million, or about 36.3 percent, collectively was spent on "preservation" and "safety improvement" projects – not major repairs.

"Preservation" projects include such things as "chip sealing" and "crack sealing," while "rural road safety" projects include, among other things, adding guard rails and widening shoulders, according to DOT's website.

Laurens County led all counties as of July 31 in the

percentage (96.1 percent) of collective vendor payments for "preservation" and "safety improvement" projects, with Lexington (87.5 percent), Abbeville (79.9 percent), McCormick (76.3 percent) and Clarendon (75.3 percent) counties rounding out the top five, The Nerve's review found.

Total vendor payments for the 25-month period represented 24 percent of the overall \$1.09 billion in identified "pavements," "rural road safety," "bridges" and "interstate upgrade" projects, according to DOT records. The Nerve has previously reported that DOT plans to spend \$246 million out of the projected \$1 billion on interstate widenings as part of its 10-year plan.

Meanwhile, DOT continues to sit on hundreds of millions generated under the gas-tax-hike law.

Agency records show that a special state fund created with the law had a cash balance of \$472.3 million, or 60.3 percent of the total \$782.6 million in collected revenues, as of July 31.

The South Carolina Policy Council, the parent organization of The Nerve, has contended the gas-tax-hike law was written in a way to allow DOT to divert revenues to pay bond debts of the legislatively controlled State Transportation Infrastructure Bank, which funneled several billion dollars over the years to large construction projects in select counties.

Following are the 10 counties with the highest dollar amount of completed "pavements" projects through July 31, according to DOT records:

York: \$9,371,013  
Greenville: \$7,340,862  
Aiken: \$7,316,458  
Sumter: \$6,629,741  
Berkeley: \$5,581,877  
Anderson: \$5,558,901  
Pickens: \$4,793,453  
Oconee: \$4,574,563  
Chester: \$4,525,342  
Marion: \$4,473,230

Four counties had no completed projects in the "pavements" category as of July 31: Beaufort, Colleton, Florence and Williamsburg.

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## Florence-Darlington Technical College interim president named major in S.C. State Guard

Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) interim president Edward Bethea was recently sworn into the South Carolina State Guard with the rank of major.

Bethea took an oath of office to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America during a ceremony at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

South Carolina State Guard Brig. Gen. Mike Langston, Deputy Commander and Col. Charles Muse, who retired from Florence-Darlington Technical College as the Vice President of Academic Affairs, accompanied him.

"Edward Bethea, interim president of Florence-Darlington Technical College, has agreed to come into the South Carolina State Guard," said Brig. Gen. Langston, Deputy Commander.

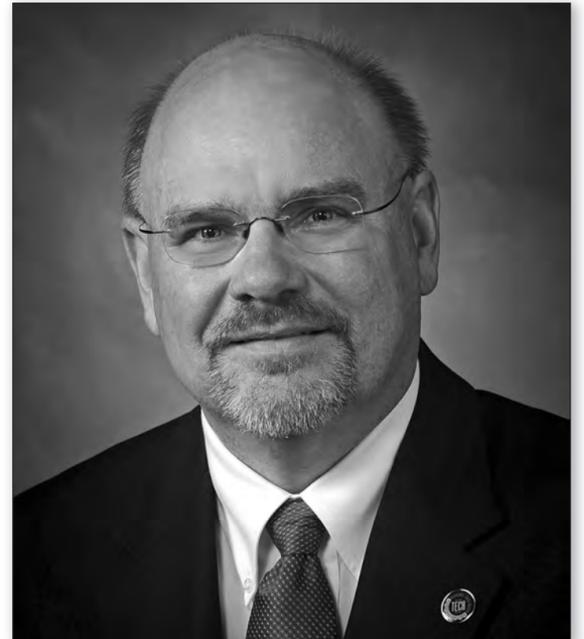
"Today, we had a little ceremony that was a time-honored ceremony where all new members or officers of the South Carolina State Guard in any military organization in the United States, takes the

oath of office, where they affirm that they are going to support and defend the Constitution of the United States of America.

"He took that oath of office, and then we promoted him to the rank of major in the South Carolina State Guard. Having advanced degrees, he had the opportunity to come in at an advanced rank. He brings great knowledge and skills to the South Carolina State Guard, and we'll serve the wonderful people of the state of South Carolina in times of need."

The South Carolina State Guard is the state's oldest organized militia group, dating back to the Charleston Militia in 1670 that was formed prior to the Revolutionary War.

Today, the South Carolina State Guard assists the state's citizens in times of despair as a reserve military force as part of the South Carolina Military Department. Gov. Henry McMaster serves as its civilian leadership. The South Carolina State Guard most



notably assists in efforts prior to and following a hurricane or other catastrophic weather-related event.

"I am very honored and humbled to have been sworn in to the South Carolina State Guard," said Bethea.

### 5K

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Day-of registration will be \$30 per person. Packet pickup for the 5K will be available Oct. 31 at the Darlington Raceway Museum from 5-8 p.m. or on event day at the track beginning at 5 p.m.

The 5K course will start and end at the start-finish line of the race track. All participants will receive a T-shirt. Sponsorship and vendor opportunities are available by contacting Tyler Grube, director of corporate sales, at 843-395-8877 or [tgrube@darlingtonraceway.com](mailto:tgrube@darlingtonraceway.com).

Carraway, who lived in Darlington, was a sergeant with the Florence Police

Department, where he had served for 30 years. On Oct. 3 last year, he and another officer, Investigator Farrah Turner, were killed when a gunman opened fire on several law-enforcement officers in Florence County.

The incident sparked outrage and grief across the country, with officials from President Donald Trump to S.C. Gov. Henry McMaster to U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., expressing their concern.

As the one-year anniversary of the tragedy approaches, one local government has already taken notice. Florence County Council last week declared Oct. 3 as Heroes Day in honor of Turner and Carraway.

### Hugo

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"Hugo's winds across western North Carolina caused tremendous destruction to a region that virtually never sees such impacts from a tropical system."

In Darlington County, trees became roadblocks. It was a fallen tree that led to the only death in Darlington County related to Hugo: A Hartsville man, 44-year-old

Calvin Jackson, was killed when workers were cutting a large limb off a downed tree and the limb fell on Jackson.

The final tally for Hugo's destruction, along its entire path, came to about \$10 billion in damage and about 80 deaths from the Caribbean to the Carolinas, according to the Weather Service.

"We are like a bunch of ants beneath the feet of a giant," then-Gov. Carroll Campbell said.

### First responders

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The Darlington County rescuers were William "Mikey" Burdick (Fire), David Dew (Fire), Heather Lewis (Fire), Justin "Pookie" Mays (Fire/EMS), Dustin Munn (Fire/EMS), Nick Newton (Fire), Parker Payne (Fire) and Chris Teal (Fire).

Darlington County Fire District Chief Ricky Flowers and Emergency Services Director Kenny Bowen

expressed pride in the rescue.

"It was favorable to have these members in the right place at the right time. I am proud of how they continue to train. Anyone in Darlington County should feel fortunate to know we have a group this capable to respond to any emergency," said Flowers.

"We have a wonderful group of people in Darlington County," said Bowen.

"They put in a lot of extra effort to be ready to answer calls for help."

### Society Hill

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Council member Oliver said she had been getting phone calls from residents worried about the plan.

Oliver asked if the "intimidating" application could be shortened or if events drawing fewer than 50 people could be exempted. "Let people come have a party and enjoy themselves," she said.

Bradshaw argued that the legal risk is the same no matter

the crowd size: "It doesn't take but one accident. ... One lawsuit could wipe us out. ... If we got sued, we might win the lawsuit, but we might pay \$20,000 or \$25,000 in legal fees."

And Charlie Barrineau, an adviser from the Municipal Association of South Carolina who attended the work session, said the application couldn't be shortened and still cover what it had to cover.

"There's just so many things you need to deal with," he said.

### Meeting Notice

The City of Darlington Joint Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 15, has been cancelled. Instead, the City of Darlington Planning Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15, at City Hall, 400 Pearl St. Info: 843-398-4000 x 103 or [rock@cityofdarlington.com](mailto:rock@cityofdarlington.com)



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**Crystal "Christie" Dawn Happ**

DARLINGTON - Crystal "Christie" Dawn Happ, 58, passed away Friday, Sept. 13, 2019.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Sept. 21, in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends Saturday at the funeral home, and other times at the home, 1137 Bonnoitt St., Darlington.

Born Oct. 4, 1960, in Newfoundland, Canada, Christie was the daughter of the late Rev. Charles Hagood Drew and Bobbie Jean Weatherford Drew Langston.

She taught computer software classes in Hibbing, Minn., and worked at Gardner Law Firm. Christie graduated from Coker College in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in social work while working as a manager at the college.

Among her many talents, she enjoyed spending time in her "she shed" painting and making crafts.

Surviving are her husband, Mark Happ; her children, Hayden Happ and Hunter Happ; sister, Melanie (Wayne) Hale; and niece, Candace (P.J.) Puccio.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Timmy Drew.

Memorials may be made in her honor to the National Kidney Foundation, www.kidney.org, for their support for Christie during her illness.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

**Linda Bell Chapman**

LAMAR - Linda Bell Chapman, 70, wife of Gene

Chapman Sr., passed away Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019.

Born April 29, 1949, Linda was the daughter of the late RJ Bell and Willa Mae Bell. She was the loving mother of Gene (Brittney) Chapman Jr., Chris (Vicki) Chapman, Scott (Candyce) Chapman, Stacey Chapman, Chance (Crystal) Chapman, and Stephanie (Vincent) Chapman.

Linda was affectionately known as "Nana" to her 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She loved her family dearly.

Also surviving are her brother, Jimmy (Timmie) Bell and half-brother, Joe Reynolds. She was preceded in death by a half-sister, Mary Reynolds Bell.

A graveside service was held Sept. 19 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Lamar, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends at the home, 1345 Lee State Park Rd., Lamar.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, www.stjude.org.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

**Larry Andrews**

DARLINGTON -- Larry McIver Andrews, 75, died suddenly at his home on Friday, Sept. 20, 2019.

A graveside service was held Sunday, Sept. 22, in Mechanicsville Baptist Church Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The family greeted friends after the service.

Born Sept. 26, 1943, he was the son of the late William McIver Andrews and Adelaide White Andrews.

Larry served his country in

the Army and worked as a diesel mechanic for SOCAR until his retirement. He loved his grandchildren and enjoyed time with them.

He is survived by his sons, Ricky (Jennifer) Andrews, Chris (Brandi) Andrews; grandchildren: Bryant, Chelsea, Joseph and Mackenzie; his brother, Charlie Andrews; and his little dog, Daisy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lynne Howle Andrews, and many siblings.

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

**Billy McClary**

DARLINGTON -- William Benjamin "Billy" McClary, 80, died Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at Darlington Presbyterian Church.



A family burial will be held prior to the service, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

The family received friends Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Born on July 3, 1939, in Kingtree, he was a son of the late William Gamble McClary and Lydia Barrineau McClary. Billy graduated from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1962 and received his Funeral Director and Embalmers license shortly after.

He then went to work as a sales representative for Batesville Casket Company and retired after more than 32 years with them. Mr. McClary was an

avid golfer, but after discovering he couldn't play every day after his retirement, he went back to work, this time as a funeral director for Belk Funeral Home, a job he had for close to 20 years.

Billy enjoyed people and was active in the community. He was a member of many civic organizations and was awarded the Most Outstanding Jaycee for the State of S.C.

His passion for golf was shown through his organization of the Southern 500 Golf Tournament, Black Creek Seniors and the South Carolina Funeral Directors golf outings. He was a faithful member of Darlington Presbyterian Church and served as a deacon and was a member of the Dudley-Paulling Sunday School Class.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Omie Elizabeth Snowden McClary, two daughters, Elizabeth Louise McClary of Garden City Beach, Margaret Ervin (Rev. James Edward) Moss of Covington, Va., four grandchildren: William Harrison Rogers III, Clara Elaine Rogers, Benjamin James Moss, Samuel Witherspoon Moss; two brothers, Lynn (Anne) McClary of Cades and Mike McClary of Kingtree.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Ann Ward.

Memorials may be made to the Darlington County Humane Rescue, PO Box 503, Darlington, SC 29540 or Darlington Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund, 311 Pearl St., Darlington, SC 29532.

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

Phone: 843-601-3672.

**Lawson Grove Baptist Church**  
3585 Lawson Grove Rd., Hartsville. Sunday - Church School at 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Wednesday.

**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.

Charleston Southern University and special guest preachers Rev. Jon Davis, Campus Minister at Charleston Southern University, and Rev. Frankie Tanner, retired pastor of Mechanicsville Baptist Church.

**Southside Free Will Baptist revival**  
Southside Free Will Baptist Church, 153 E. McIver Road, Darlington, is holding a revival Sept. 29-Oct. 1 featuring Rev. Jason Hurt from Smithfield, N.C. Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; other days at 7 p.m. Also, Ladies Auxiliary will be having a yard sale for missions Oct. 5.

**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.

**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.

**First Baptist Church, Darlington**, invites you to come to our front lawn Oct. 6 from 4-6 p.m. for free food, fall games and wellness screenings. For more, visit www.darlingtonfbc.com, or (843) 393-2874.

**The Art of Great Gospel Music** comes to an end for 2019, Sunday, Oct. 6, 4-7 p.m. in Pride Park, 630 S. 6th St. Theme: Bringing Unity into Our Community! In recognition of Breast Cancer and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, information will be available. Also, a tribute to the late ministers Ricky McDuffie and Thelma Scarborough from The Sumter Violinaires.

Devotional service by Pastor Reginald Alford and The Church of God Family. Live entertainment by gospel recording artist Monica Lisa Steveson, The McDuffies and Community of Grace Choir, The Golden Echoes, Bobby Wilson and Chosen Ones, The Sumter Violinaires. For more call Barbara Carraway, 843-409-5241.

**A Call for the Church to COME ALIVE** is coming up Oct. 13-16 at First Baptist Church, Darlington, for revival services. Join us each evening at 6:30 for worship led by the Elevate Worship Band from

Living on Purpose

## Encouragement for the soul

By Bill Holland

I was talking with a Christian brother the other day about how it seems that many people are living in sadness and discouragement, when suddenly he made a comment that really caused me to think.

He said that according to his studies about the Christian life, it seems to be impossible to be depressed and to walk in the joy of God's presence at the same time.

After our conversation, I continued to ponder this statement and by the way, I do agree with it. I'm not saying that developing an optimistic lifestyle or being filled with spiritual joy is easy by any stretch of the imagination, but I definitely believe it is a subject worth considering.

We know that being joyful in the Lord is a direct result of our personal relationship with Him, so in order to live in this state of mind, it's obvious that we must not only restructure the way we think, but have a sincere desire to embrace Christ as our Lord and Master.

So, why do I at times allow the melancholy feelings of despondency to influence me? It has everything to do with losing focus of Christ who is the source of my strength and hope.

It's so easy to drift away, especially with all the distractions that surround us and tempt us with negative persuasions. It takes a strong determination to maintain a serious relationship with God and to abide in the awareness of His presence.

The more we think about God, the more we will desire to be with Him.

Sometimes I allow my enthusiasm to be quenched by allowing my circumstances to bring fear and worry upon me. When I've neglected to pray, study, or to just spend quiet time with Him, I find myself becoming spiritually weak in my faith and doubting that He cares or will take care of my problems and needs.

I've also felt discouragement and condemnation from my mistakes and often forget that forgiveness is only a prayer away.

The enemy of our soul never takes a vacation and is devoted to making our life miserable for the missed opportunities we have blown and wrong decisions we have made.

We realize there are many faithful workers in the Kingdom of God who are tired and discouraged and sometimes they do not feel appreciated in their calling, but the Lord sees your labors and considers you a success not because of your abilities but because of your obedience and



sincere love for Him.

In the Bible, we find a man named Barnabas who was one of those positive and optimistic personalities we all enjoy being around.

He saw the good and the potential in others along with having a great attitude and a hopeful outlook on life.

The Collins Dictionary defines the name Barnabas as "Son of consolation" and the word consolation means a person or thing that is a source of comfort in a time of suffering, grief, sadness and disappointment.

In Acts 11:22-24 we find a description of his personality. "And they sent out Barnabas to go as far as to Antioch. Who when he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: And a great many people were added to the Lord."

The ministry of encouragement is one that every Christian has been called to demonstrate and I definitely need to constantly remind myself about this important responsibility.

The word encourage means to inspire others with hope and confidence, to stimulate, motivate, support, advise or urge by approval or help.

I wonder when was the last time we went out of our way to encourage someone? Unfortunately, it seems we seldom realize that we all need encouragement.

Maybe it's because we are so focused on seeking it for ourselves that we forget to help others? What a difference it makes when someone comes alongside and tells you they believe in you, that you are doing a great job and are a light of inspiration and hope to the world.

Anne Frank is quoted as saying, "Everyone has inside them a piece of good news. The good news is you don't know how great you can be! How much you can love! What you can accomplish! And what your potential is."

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## PETS OF THE WEEK



I've shed my mommy apron strings and I'm ready for my new full time pet position! Howdy folks, it's me, Fiona! I'm the darling little tabby who will extend her arm out far and wide when you enter my group habitat hoping you will notice me! Super social and always eager to make new friends, I'm a great roommate to the other felines in my living quarters and I'm totally cool should you wish to pick me up and tote me around. Just 1-2 years old, I'm ready for my next full time pet position and hope you will select me for your pet needs!

Wiggly and fun! Plan on having a

grand time with me by your side! Just 7 months old, I still have the perfect amount of puppy silliness intact but also have some more mature pet skills in place such as walking nicely on a leash, gingerly introducing myself to others (humans and dogs alike) and playing nicely with others. Friendly, affectionate, kissy and loving, folks enjoy my happy, uninhibited outlook on life and my cuddly, snuggly persona! Be sure to ask for me today, Skye! 37 pounds; shep 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

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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

#### 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.

#### Adam Where Art Thou?

We will be coming together in unity, singing, praying, sharing testimonies, encouraging, and tearing down the walls of traditions on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 10 a.m. and Sunday, Sept. 29 at 4 p.m. at the Darlington County Courthouse.

Sunday's guest speaker will be Minister Pearlle Chaplin from Brockington Street Church of God in Timmonsville. For more information, contact Pastor Henry Chapman at (843) 230-5140.

#### 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://scarchivesandhistoryfoundation.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 [jbishop@darcosc.com](mailto:jbishop@darcosc.com).

#### Williamson Park Committee

Williamson Park Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street, Darlington.

#### 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 businesspeople 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.

#### Scare on the Square

Trick-or-treating downtown on Thursday, Oct. 31 from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. at the Public Square in Darlington.

### Nov. 2019

#### Terrence Carraway Memorial 5k

On Friday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m., the track will host its second consecutive 5K event, but with a new name. The event will now be titled the Terrence Carraway Memorial 5K with proceeds from the event benefiting the Terrence F. Carraway Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit, which is raising donations for a new South Carolina Fallen Officers Memorial Park in his honor on Main St. in Darlington.

#### Rusty Wallace Racing Experience

Get behind the wheel at Darlington Raceway on Nov. 2nd and drive like the NASCAR Pros with the Rusty Wallace Racing Experience! For a limited time save 70% OFF ALL driving packages!

Drive the race car by yourself, no instructor riding shotgun. All of your laps are hot laps and passing is allowed!

Book your spot: [bit.ly/2kPf202](http://bit.ly/2kPf202)

#### 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 [jbishop@darcosc.com](mailto:jbishop@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.

#### Williamson Park Committee

Williamson Park Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street, 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 [jbishop@darcosc.com](mailto:jbishop@darcosc.com).

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## DOT spending tens of millions on nonexistent I-73

By Rick Brundrett  
The Nerve

Some 37 years after the idea was first proposed, Interstate 73 in South Carolina exists only on paper.

Yet since 2004, the state Department of Transportation has spent at least \$77 million on the project — much of it for design costs and land purchases along the proposed route from North Carolina to the Myrtle Beach area, The Nerve found in a review of DOT records.

Although not a drop of concrete has been poured for the actual interstate, DOT included widening U.S. 301 and 501 and replacing a bridge over I-95 as part of the project, according to the records, which were provided to The Nerve under the state's open-records law.

But DOT can't account for \$8 million spent over the past 15 fiscal years. In fiscal 2004-05, \$1 million was appropriated under a state budget proviso for the "routing, planning and construction of I-73." Every year afterward, including the current fiscal year that started July 1, the designated amount under the proviso was \$500,000 for the same purpose, budget records show.

In response to a Freedom of Information Act request in June for specifics on the proviso spending, DOT told The Nerve that it "does not have documents providing the information you have requested segregated in the manner you have requested."

The Nerve twice last month asked DOT chief Christy Hall in writing to explain how the \$8 million was spent. She didn't respond to either inquiry, despite The Nerve providing her with a copy of an annual DOT invoice to the state Department of Commerce requesting a \$500,000 transfer under the budget proviso.

The proviso has appeared annually under Commerce's section of the state budget, though the funds have "always been transferred to SCDOT," Commerce spokeswoman Alex Clark said in a February email to The Nerve.

When asked what authority Commerce has to legally make the transfers, Clark replied: "SCDOT is the state agency responsible for road construction. The authority to make the funds available to SCDOT is implicit in the proviso."

The Nerve later submitted an open-records request for Commerce emails related to the I-73 project. Included in those records were several invoices from DOT to Commerce requesting the proviso funds.

Of the \$77 million in identified DOT spending from Feb. 3, 2004, through Feb. 26 of this year, nearly \$27 million, or about 35 percent of the total, was paid collectively to The LPA Group Inc., a Columbia-based engineering firm, and Pittsburgh-based Michael Baker International, which purchased LPA in 2010 through a subsidiary, The Nerve's review found. On its website, Michael Baker International describes itself as an engineering and consulting firm with nearly 100 offices nationwide.

The LPA Group's Columbia office did not respond to a phone message from The Nerve seeking specifics on the work done on the I-73 project. A spokeswoman in Michael Baker's corporate office couldn't immediately provide a response.

Another \$10.8 million was paid during the 15-year-old period to road contractor C.R. Jackson Inc. — one of DOT's highest-paid vendors, records show — which has offices in Columbia, Darlington and Conway. Company president Steven Jackson declined comment when contacted by The Nerve.

DOT records provided to The Nerve did not give details of the work performed by paid vendors, but instead listed only broad spending categories, such as "US 301 US 501 S-63 bridge over I-95 along S-63," and "I-73 from I-95 in Dillon County to Conway/Myrtle Beach area in Horry County."

Millions also have been spent over the years to buy private property along the proposed interstate route, DOT records show. More than \$2.8 million, for example, was paid by DOT to the Florence-based law firm of Willcox, Buyck and Williams, which represents DOT in land condemnation cases.

Another approximately \$17.7 million was paid to "Synovus Bank"; a 2017 entry detailing the expenditure was listed among payments to the Willcox law firm, records show.

Lee Underwood, a spokesman for Georgia-based Synovus Bank, told The Nerve he could not discuss specific clients, but in a follow-up email said the bank has "accounts with many of the major law firms in the state (South Carolina)," adding that "it's possible that some of the I-73 transactions could be land purchases (with) the funds flowing through escrow accounts."

Reynolds Williams, the Willcox firm's CEO, told The Nerve his firm has done "a lot" of land purchase work for DOT over the years on the I-73 project. He said he couldn't immediately provide specifics on the affected properties, though he noted the "overwhelming bulk" of payments to his firm reflected in DOT records were the purchase amounts paid to land owners.

Williams also said his firm uses Synovus Bank for real estate escrow accounts, though he didn't know whether the bank was involved with I-73 transactions handled by the firm.

Williams has ties to powerful state Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, who is the longtime chairman of the budget-writing Senate Finance Committee. As The Nerve previously reported, Leatherman appointed Williams to the S.C. Retirement System Investment Commission, which oversees billions in assets; and also is a listed business partner with Williams in a company called East Florence Properties.

Leatherman also sits on the governing boards of the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank, which funneled several

billion dollars over the years to large construction projects in select counties; and a regional economic development organization known as the North Eastern Strategic Alliance (NESA), which, as The Nerve reported then, commissioned a 2011 study supporting the I-73 project.

Of the \$1 million designated in fiscal 2004-05 to the I-73 project under the state budget proviso, \$100,000 was earmarked to NESA to "contract for staff coordination services for the I-73 Committee." In a related matter, DOT records provided to The Nerve show that the agency paid more than \$575,000 to Dallas-based C&M Associates Inc., which produced a 2016 study for DOT and the Federal Highway Administration on the I-73 project.

Plans to build I-73 in South Carolina began to take shape after the U.S. Congress in 1982 authorized the study of a new highway connecting I-95 south to U.S. 17 near Myrtle Beach — the state's tourist mecca.

DOT spent tens of millions over the years on the project, though no part of the actual interstate was built. In 2017, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved a permit for the interstate, which would stretch from outside Rockingham, N.C., through Marlboro, Dillon and Marion counties to S.C. 22 (the Conway Bypass) in Horry County north of Myrtle Beach.

When fully complete, the interstate is expected to cost at least \$2.4 billion, according to DOT.

Earlier this year, DOT submitted an application for a \$348 million federal grant to design, acquire remaining rights-of-way and construct the southern leg of the interstate from U.S. 76 in Marion County to S.C. 22. The application shows that DOT is counting on more than \$203 million through a hospitality tax in Horry County — which contracted with the department in December to help fund the I-73 project in the county — as the main match for the federal grant.

But a lawsuit filed in March against the county by Myrtle Beach on behalf of the city and other affected municipalities in the county could prove to be a major roadblock to the grant after a judge initially sided with the plaintiffs. In court papers, Myrtle Beach contends, among other things, that the county reauthorized the collection of a hospitality tax from the affected municipalities without municipal approval.

DOT expects "Phase 1" of the I-73 project to be completed in five years, according to its federal grant application.

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## 'Meet and greet' planned for Darlington city office candidates

The Democratic Women's Council of Darlington County invites Darlington residents to a "meet and greet" Oct. 3 with candidates for city offices.

The event is planned from 6-8 p.m. at Bethel AME Church Annex, 1321 S. Main St.

Up for election in November are three at-large seats and the mayor's post. Three candidates are competing for mayor: Incumbent Mayor Gloria Hines, City Council member Carolyn Bruce and businessman Curtis Boyd.

County elections chief Hoyt Campbell is to be on hand with an example of new voting machines.

For more information: Davita Malloy, 843-339-8967; Shari McFadden, 843-206-4285.

## FDTC begins an Office of Apprenticeships

Florence-Darlington Technical College is launching an Office of Apprenticeships, to help employers in the college service area develop talent pipelines to support their workforce development needs.

The office will be hosting

several luncheon sessions in October, during which staffers will listen to feedback from employers on how this initiative can help support workforce development and create work based opportunities for students.

The Office of

Apprenticeships needs your feedback and input.

Please complete the survey at this link, no later than Sept. 27, and share information from your organization: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZJRC9N2>

## Hartsville launches new 'resident engagement system'

The City of Hartsville has launched Citibot, America's first interactive text messaging and customer service solution for civic engagement with government.

Citibot is a communication tool for citizens and their governments. Using text messaging, Citibot helps users report a city issue, search a website, send notifications and analyze data.

Lauren Baker, City of Hartsville public information officer, says, "We are so excited to launch Citibot and are hopeful that residents and visitors will make use of this new text messaging solution for civic engagement to report issues, ask questions, and so much

more."

With Citibot, citizens of Hartsville can text search words to quickly access relevant city information about business licenses, trash pickup times, permitting info and public meeting announcements, for example.

Citizens are also able to crowdsource city issues, including reporting potholes, broken street signs and missed trash pickups, all through an interactive chatbot that responds immediately to a citizen's text message. When the city fixes the reported issue, Citibot follows up to let the citizen know their query has been resolved.

Based in Charleston, Citibot

LLC was formed in 2016 with a mission of making cities and counties accessible for all. Bratton Riley, Citibot's co-founder and CEO, was inspired by the evolution of the conversational chatbot and its ability to help governments be more accessible and accountable to every citizen.

"Citizens' expectations of high-quality customer service are ever-increasing," said Riley. "Cities like Hartsville are leading the way by delivering powerful solutions to maximize efficiency and enhance access to information and vital services."

To start a conversation with Citibot, Hartsville residents can text "hello" to 843-800-2432.

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Crestwood keeps Darlington winless on the year

By Drake Horton Contributing Writer

It was another game and another loss for the Darlington Falcons football team at home this past Friday night.

Squaring off against the Crestwood Knights, Darlington, while playing its best game of the year defensively, struggled offensively, as the Falcons ended up on the wrong end of 24-8 contest.

While the defense has had its own problems this season, the offense has struggled even more, coming into the game

only scoring once in three games and with its leading rusher, Javorius Williams, out due to injury, there was not much the Falcons could ever do to get going.

Defensively, though, Darlington really put forward its best effort of the season, giving up 24 points, with 14 of those points coming in the second quarter.

"I felt like defensively they played hard," Darlington head coach Raymond Jennings said. "We didn't tackle well and we almost gave up some big throws and stuff."

Crestwood broke a scoreless tie in the first quarter with a 37-yard field goal and it never looked back.

In the second quarter the Knights went up 10-0 on a 14-yard post-corner reception in the back of the end zone and added to that with a 9-yard rushing touchdown with just 2:26 left before the half.

Following the Knights' score that extended their lead to 17-0, Darlington fumbled with just 1:37 left in the second quarter, and if it had not been dropped touchdown passes that eventually resulted

in a turnover on downs, Crestwood's lead would have grown even more before half-time.

Coming out of the break, the Falcons' defense stifled any rhythm that Crestwood had going on offense, keeping the Knights off the scoreboard in the third quarter. Unfortunately, the Falcons' offense was also held scoreless, extending its scoreless streak to seven quarters.

Crestwood extended its lead to 24 in the fourth quarter on a 6-yard touchdown reception with 3:31 left in the game,

but it was in the fourth that Darlington, with less than 30 players on the sidelines and starters banged up, dug deep and showed that it was not ready to mail it in quite yet.

Not wanting to get shut out for a third time this season, the Falcons' defense, which had played pretty well for a majority of the night, forced a fumble and recovered with just 47.1 seconds left in the game.

Starting on Crestwood's 32-yard line, Darlington finally put together an offensive drive that showed life.

"Offensively we looked a little differently, hopefully," Jennings said.

"We didn't move the ball at times well, but we are trying to change because we think the future of this building is in those type kids. So you saw us spreading the field a little bit more."

The loss drops Darlington to 0-4 on the year as it gets ready to wrap up its non-conference schedule as it takes on the South Florence Bruins this Friday night at home.

S.C. to send \$50 rebate checks to some taxpayers

Earlier this year, South Carolina lawmakers determined that \$61 million of the tax dollars generated by the 2018 Mega Millions winner would be used to fund \$50 rebate checks for qualifying taxpayers.

More than 1 million qualifying taxpayers are expected to receive a \$50 rebate check later this year from the South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR).

Updates on the timeframe for issuing and mailing rebate checks to qualifying taxpayers will be posted on dor.sc.gov/rebate.

Who qualifies for the \$50 rebate? You must have filed a 2018 South Carolina Individual Income Tax Return

(SC1040) on or before Oct. 15, 2019, and you must have a South Carolina Individual Income Tax liability after credits of at least \$50.

What should you expect? Rebates will be issued as paper checks by Dec. 2.

Rebate checks will be mailed to the most recent address on file for eligible taxpayers, which is likely the address on your 2018 South Carolina Individual Income Tax Return.

Only one check will be sent per tax return, so married couples who filed a joint return will receive one \$50 check.

Have you moved since you filed your 2018 return? If you meet the qualifications above and have moved or have a new

mailing address since filing your 2018 return, notify the SCDOR of your new address as soon as possible.

The SCDOR offers two convenient ways to update your address:

Use MyDORWAY, the SCDOR's free online tax portal, at MyDORWAY.dor.sc.gov. If you already have a MyDORWAY account, login and click the Names and Addresses tab to change your address. To create a MyDORWAY account, visit dor.sc.gov/MyDORWAY-signup. You will need your 2018 South Carolina Individual Income Tax Return handy to pull information to verify your identity.

Or complete Part I of the

SC8822 and email it to SCRebate@dor.sc.gov.

Or mail it to SCDOR, PO Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-0400

If your address changed and you fail to notify the SCDOR by Oct. 15, it may take longer to receive your rebate check.

Non-residents (taxpayers who don't live in South Carolina) who filed a 2018 South Carolina Individual Income Tax Return and meet the eligibility criteria will also receive a \$50 rebate.

Learn more about the \$50 rebate and how to find out if you qualify at dor.sc.gov/rebate.

Darlington County School District announces September Teacher Feature winners

The Darlington County School District's Teacher Forum has announced the Teacher Feature winners for September.

The program recognizes one teacher from each school to honor excellence in education.

Teacher Feature is coordinated by the district's Teacher Forum, which is comprised of each school's Teacher of the Year.

The purpose of the Teacher Forum is to foster professional growth and teacher leadership.

The Teacher Feature program is sponsored by Better Homes and Gardens Segars Realty. Honorees receive free meals at local restaurants and recognition in their schools.

The September honorees are:

- Debra Byrd, Brockington Elementary Magnet School
Natalie Pigatt, Brunson-Dargan Elementary School
Cindy Green, Cain Elementary School
La'Shanda Tucker, Carolina Elementary School
Kellie Flowers, Darlington County Institute of Technology
Victor Morales, Darlington County Intervention School
Dona Jo Brown, Darlington High School
Rosetta Edwards Ham,

- Darlington Middle School
Nick Pierce, Hartsville High School
Emily Maloney, Hartsville Middle School
Joshua Barcus, Lamar Elementary School
Kristen Rebollar, Lamar High School
Lisa Sanders, Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology
Leigh Lloyd, North Hartsville Elementary School
Marcia Freeman, Pate Elementary School
Jennifer Stokes, Rosenswald Elementary/Middle School
Annette Denny, Southside Early Childhood Center
Keiada Holmes, Spaulding Elementary School
Kaywana Bradley, Spaulding Middle School
Jennifer Tiller, St. John's Elementary School
Lisa-Ann Todd Edwards, Thornwell School for the Arts
Susan Murphy, Washington Street Elementary School
Colleen Sullivan, West Hartsville Elementary School



Students capture drag racing's seismic activity

University of South Carolina

Seismologist Thomas Owens knows how it feels when the Earth moves — and not just because of his research.

The University of South Carolina geophysics professor was once in Seattle when a 5.5 magnitude earthquake hit, and his most recent seismic experience was in some respects even more intense.

This past spring, four of his students measured the intense earthy vibrations caused by super-charged race cars at a Charlotte drag strip as part of a special topics course.

"The energy released at the start line is impressive," says Owens, who had not attended a drag race prior to last fall, when his Geology 548 capstone course conducted a similar experiment. "We went up there not sure what we would be able to record, but we got accelerations at the start line

of over 2.5G for the top-fuel dragsters. It's an impressive experience."

Not surprisingly, Owens cautions against making comparisons between a seismic event such as a large-scale earthquake and what he and his students experienced at the zMAX Dragway, which initiated the collaboration.

One is a cataclysmic natural phenomenon, the other an intense but ultimately brief and harmless man-made spectacle.

"Accelerations of over 1G would usually only happen with pretty large earthquakes, but it's not apples to apples," Owens explains.

"The ground motion that we're measuring in an earthquake depends on all sort of things — the size of the earthquake, the distance from the instrument, the site conditions, the types of soils. The ground acceleration from a dragster is a large amount of

shaking for a very small amount of time, recorded immediately adjacent to the vehicle."

Still, there's a lasting impact on the students who planned, coordinated and conducted the experiment. The students — Jacob Burstein, Joshua Burstein, Gabrielle Herrin, Emma Woodford and Kevin Hurler — even built their own equipment, using small, inexpensive computers called "raspberry pis" and \$8 off-the-shelf accelerometers, and developed software to transmit the data back to USC and display it on a website in real time.

While this recording was initially attempted in GEOL548, the data recovery was disappointing. "We got some good data, but the reliability was a little bit spotty," Owens says. And that was just motivation for the students who revisited the project this spring. "Adapting and improv-

ing your results is a necessary skill. It's all part of the scientific process.

"This experiment had all aspects of what they'll need as geophysicists. Here's a problem you need to solve. What kind of instruments do you need to solve it? What kind of data do you need to collect and how are you going to process that data? This is what these students are going to do for their career. They had to start from scratch and get the information needed to address a problem while weathering the learning process. I was extremely impressed with their skills, enthusiasm, commitment, and thus their success."

The spring results were impressive with nearly 100 percent data recovery and real-time display of those results. Herrin and Woodford are planning to return to the dragway this fall to tackle more research questions.

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# Kiwanis installs new slate of officers

Last week, the Darlington Kiwanis Club had a special guest, Kiwanis Lt. Gov. Pete Hoogendonk, to induct a new slate of officers for the 2019-20 Kiwanis Year.

The Board of Directors includes President Bobby Kilgo, President-elect Charles

Bailey, Secretary John Segars, Treasurer Linwood Epps, Past President Bill Moore Jr., Spiritual Aims Chris Byrd, Membership Robby Kilgo, Attendance David Vaughan, Sponsored Youth Jane Lloyd, Public Relations Lisa Rock,

Fundraising Bill Moore Jr. and Youth Services Diane Sigmon.

Darlington's Club, one of the oldest in the area and founded in 1921, meets every other Thursday at 1 p.m. at Darlington Country Club for a buffet lunch and program.

The group sponsors a variety of projects focused on children in the community including Terrific Kids, other academic awards, and scholarships for Darlington Key Club members among other community projects.

The next fundraiser will be

the Kiwanis Pancake & Sausage Supper from 5-8 p.m. Oct. 18 at Trinity United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 126 Pearl St. Eat-in, take-out, or drive-through plates are \$7 each.

The next club meeting Oct. 3 will feature a presentation

by Frank Stoda about his search and rescue missions at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

Find the Club online at [www.facebook.com/DarlingtonKiwanis](http://www.facebook.com/DarlingtonKiwanis).



Incoming President Bobby Kilgo presents Immediate Past President Bill Moore Jr. with a plaque honoring his service to the Darlington Kiwanis Club.



Kiwanis Club Lt. Gov. Pete Hoogendonk inducts Bobby Kilgo as President of the Darlington Kiwanis Club for the 2019-20 Kiwanis year. Kilgo served as president of the Club in 2014-15.



Incoming President Bobby Kilgo inducts Assistant Fire Chief Charles Bailey as president-elect for the Kiwanis 2019-20 year. Bailey will serve as president for the 2020-21 Kiwanis year. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

# Clemson researchers armed to combat nematode first seen in Darlington County

Clemson University

CLEMSON — Clemson University researchers, led by nematologist Paula Agudelo, are armed with close to \$7 million to design protocols for managing invasive guava root-knot nematodes.

The funding comes from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), industries and universities through the Specialty Crop Research Initiative Program managed by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. The project includes researchers from Clemson, the University of Georgia, the University of Florida, North Carolina State University and the USDA's Agricultural Research Service.

The guava root-knot nematode was detected in Darlington County fields in September 2017.

This nematode is considered to be one of the most damaging in the world because of its wide host range, aggressiveness and ability to overcome the resistance that has been developed against root-knot nematodes in many crops.

"Guava root-knot nematodes affect sweet potato, pepper, cucumber, watermelon and tomato crops," said Agudelo, who also is associate

dean of research for Clemson's College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences, Experiment Station director and a plant pathology professor. "The goal of our research is to enhance the resiliency of vegetable production by integrating management practices and information that help growers anticipate and respond to the threat that the spread of this nematode poses."

The study is funded for four years, during which researchers will work to identify the prevalence and distribution of the guava root-knot nematode in vegetable crops in South Carolina, North Carolina, Florida and Georgia.

Researchers will evaluate the efficacy of nematicides, cover crops and crop rotations. Researchers also will develop sweet potato cultivars that have combined insect pest and nematode resistance.

"Development of integrated management strategies will mitigate the impact of the nematode on the vegetable industry," Agudelo said. "Knowledge about distribution of this pest will allow for quarantine measures implemented by state authorities."

The guava root-knot nematode is thought to be originally from China. It has been par-

ticularly damaging to guava orchards in Brazil.

Discovery of the pest in South Carolina in September 2017 resulted in a quarantine of South Carolina sweet potatoes by Louisiana and Mississippi.

Steven Long, assistant director of the Clemson Department of Plant Industry, said Louisiana and Mississippi also are blocking the entrance of soil from South Carolina.

"All South Carolina commercial planting and harvesting equipment entering Louisiana and/or Mississippi must be accompanied by a certificate of inspection issued by our Department of Plant Industry," Long said. "All South Carolina nursery stock entering Louisiana as well as Mississippi must have a soil sample and certificate from our office indicating the sample is free of the nematode."

For more information, contact the Clemson Department of Plant Industry at 511 Westinghouse Road, Pendleton, S.C. 29670, call 864-646-2135 or e-mail [plantindustry@clemson.edu](mailto:plantindustry@clemson.edu).

A list of South Carolina quarantines related to the guava root-knot nematode is available at [http://bit.ly/SCGRKN\\_quarantines](http://bit.ly/SCGRKN_quarantines).



On Sept. 17, over 300 Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School students fanned out to serve 18 Florence and Darlington not-for-profit agencies during their annual Community Service Day. Students assisted with projects at various agencies, such as The CARE House, Habitat for Humanity Re-Store, Keep Florence Beautiful, Hartsville Soup Kitchen and The Courtney McGinnis Graham Shelter, to name a few. Projects included outdoor planting and beautification, serving food to community members, packing weekend food backpacks for area children, and visiting with residents of local assisted living communities, among many others. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Courtesy of LSU Ag Center

Bumps, knots, and cracking of a sweet potato storage root from guava root-knot nematodes. CLEMSON UNIVERSITY



## New book aims to preserve endangered sacred spaces

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As modern “megachurches” spring up in more and more communities across America, many older churches are seeing their congregations dwindle. Decreased attendance makes it difficult to fund upkeep of these historic chapels and sanctuaries, and the number of at-risk sacred spaces is growing.

“We used to mostly get calls from people worried that a historic house or downtown building was in trouble, but in recent years we started hearing people say that the church their family used to attend was falling in. We saw more of that happening,” says Mike Bedenbaugh, executive director of Preservation South Carolina, a nonprofit founded to protect and restore our state’s architectural history.

To help address this growing problem, Bedenbaugh’s group has teamed with author/photographer Bill Fitzpatrick on a new book depicting 70 churches and temples that helped shape our state’s culture and history. Sales of this book, entitled “South Carolina’s Sacred Spaces,” will fund a grant program (named Saving Our Sacred Spaces) to help these churches make needed repairs and preserve their buildings for posterity.

“We also want to go into the philanthropic community and say, ‘Here is something worth supporting,’ so we can fund the program with more than just book sales,” says Bedenbaugh.

At present, the grant program is under development, with their first grant cycle planned for late winter or early next spring. Bedenbaugh says

that any church groups interested in applying should have clear goals and priorities for their projects, and should be registered nonprofit organizations. He notes that even small amounts of capital – from grants or community fundraising – can help at-risk churches stay standing.

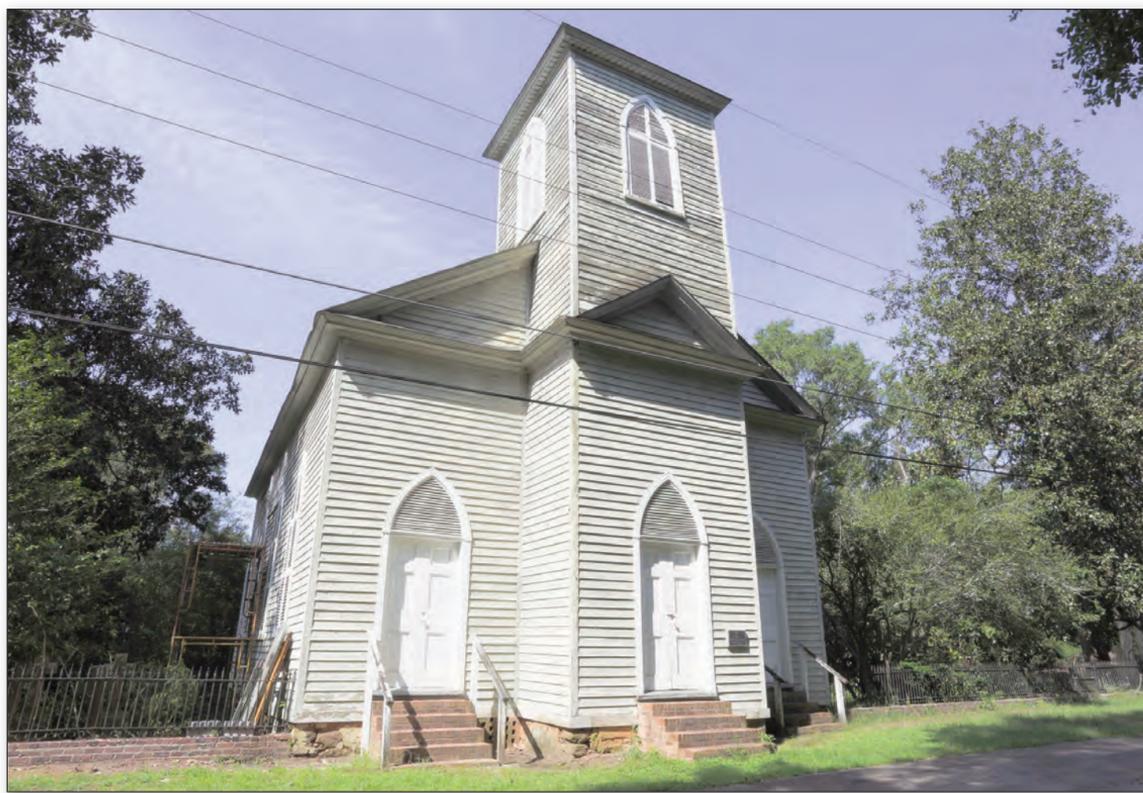
“It’s amazing how little cash can buy these places time. Sometimes it’s just the cost of a termite treatment, or the labor to put some tin on the roof,” Bedenbaugh says.

One potential candidate for grant funding is Trinity Episcopal Church of Society Hill. Never wired for gas or electricity, much of the church’s interior remains just as it was when consecrated in 1834, with the original box pews downstairs and the rough benches of the slave galley above.

Funding to restore and preserve Trinity Episcopal comes largely from the Jamison Committee, a nonprofit community foundation dedicated to maintaining the church. The group is named for Society Hill native and Circuit Judge John Jamison who in 1999 funded restoration of the church’s 1873 W.B.D. Simmons pipe organ to its original condition.

Unfortunately, the elements have continued to batter the old church, and its condition has declined badly in the past 20 years.

Jamison Committee member Bill Segars, a builder who specializes in restoring historically significant structures, began working on the church this past year. He said the first order of business was relocating several thousand honeybees who had bunked down in



Trinity Episcopal Church PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES

the church’s walls, then builders replaced timbers and rafters rotted away after decades spent under a leaky roof. The church is now structurally sound, but a new roof is needed to stabilize the building long-term. Segars says work should begin on that project within the next few months.

Another Darlington County church, Wesley Chapel United Methodist in Lydia, is working hard to keep itself from fading

into history. Founded in 1789 (in their current building since 1908), Wesley Chapel has provided a church home to hundreds of families. Though the once large congregation now numbers around 100, many former members still visit to worship in the well-kept sanctuary, which features a number of beautiful stained glass windows.

Church historian Johnny Andrews says that Wesley Chapel’s condition is owed to continued attention from its board of trustees, who attend to repairs each year before any problems take root and fester. The church also keeps in touch with former members via newsletter, and takes care to celebrate special occasions – like their 230th Anniversary on Oct. 20 – with programs highlighting Wesley Chapel’s rich history.

Bedenbaugh says Wesley Chapel’s striking Gothic architecture, respect for family connections and traditions, and ongoing efforts to remain vital made it a clear choice for inclusion in “South Carolina’s Sacred Spaces.”

He notes that even though some historic churches have lost members, suffered structural decline, or even been deconsecrated or decommissioned in the past few decades, recovery could be on the hori-

zon ... if they can just hold on long enough.

“The situations that caused these places to close their doors may not last forever. Every good historian knows that history comes in trends, and we’re now in a time when social mores from 50 years ago are changing. But we’re confident that if the historic places that reflect the traditions of the

community can just hold on, the shift back to people wanting to gather there will happen,” says Bedenbaugh.

To learn more, visit <https://preservesc.org/sacred-spaces/>. You can order Bill Fitzpatrick’s book “South Carolina’s Sacred Spaces” through the website, or purchase a copy at your favorite local bookstore.



Wesley Chapel



## International Elks officer Scott continues to serve community in the Pee Dee area

Roosevelt Scott continues to serve as an international officer for the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World (IBPOE of W).

During the organization's recent convention held in New Orleans, Scott was elected as Three-Year Trustee.

Scott has served as a national trustee for 28 years.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve this great organization that focuses on helping others," he said.

"My local community has always been a priority to me because I know that charity starts at home first.

"I am eager to continue the important work that must be done at both the local and national level."

Scott has been actively involved in the IBPOE of W at the local, state and national levels with a focus on increasing community involvement through annual events.

This year, Scott will co-chair the Pee Dee United Elks Lodge #1679 and Excelsior Temple #800 annual Elk's weekend Oct. 4-6.

This year's festivities will include a community dance, parade and a free old-fashioned lodge cookout after the parade featuring barbecue, chicken, hot dogs and games for children.

The Improved Protective Order of Elks of the World is a fraternal organization dedicated to making a positive difference in the lives of children, youth, seniors, veterans and others less fortunate in our communities.

It works primarily through benevolent contributions, volunteer services and broad-based collaborative community initiatives.

It aims to assist those less fortunate in achieving their highest potential, complete their education and become positive society contributors by providing committed volunteers, national leadership and standards of excellence.



Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School said Grace Cleveland has been named a Commended Student in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, will be presented to this scholastically talented senior. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2020 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2020 competition by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School senior Ruth Player has been named a 2020 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist. She is one of approximately 16,000 students nationwide to receive this distinction, and will be competing for one of 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered next spring. She joins past semifinalists from Trinity-Byrnes Cates Saleeby and Sydney Hill in advancing this far in the competition. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Governor's School holds convocation

The Governor's School for Science & Mathematics (GSSM) Convocation Ceremony was held Sept. 12 at GSSM in Hartsville in the Gerald Malloy Activity Center. Joey Wilson, GSSM Class of 2013, delivered the convocation address.

GSSM's Convocation is a ceremony held annually to welcome the newest class of students and present the seniors with academic letters.

Academic letters were awarded to 127 seniors, and a formal welcome was extended to the class of 2021, which is comprised of 144 juniors.

"Convocation signals the beginning of the school year," said Ershela Sims, GSSM interim president.

"GSSM is a place where you will develop analytical habits of mind, a character of integrity and confidence, as well as the ability to engage respectfully with others.

"You are 271 talented students from across the state of

South Carolina representing 36 out of the 46 counties. You all have a success story to tell or you would not be here today. Each of your stories is different and through that diversity of experiences, you will learn so much from each other."

After GSSM, Wilson attended Clemson University, majoring in Bioengineering, minoring in Global Politics, and graduating in 2017 Magna Cum Laude with both general and departmental honors.

At Clemson, he continued his SPRI research, resulting in paper publications and national recognition for a patent-pending breast cancer treatment device created by his team.

He brought the "It's on Us Campaign," a sexual-assault awareness and prevention movement, to campus, eventually serving on its National Student Advisory Board under Vice President Joe Biden.

Wilson also was elected Clemson's student body presi-

dent as a senior, using his office to "fight the good fight" for all students.

He was also named an Astronaut Scholar, a highly competitive national scholarship that is the most significant merit-based monetary award in STEM.

Scholars are said to embody astronauts, such as in their intelligence, ambition, tenacity, adaptability, and a passion for exploration and innovation. For graduate school, Wilson was named a finalist for the Marshall Scholarship and an alternate for the Gates-Cambridge Scholarship. However, he was awarded and accepted a spot as a Schwarzman Scholar.

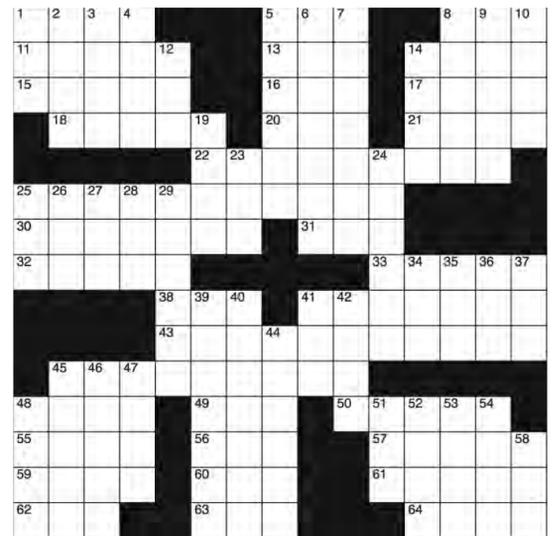
This scholarship is internationally recognized as the "most significant program of its kind since the Rhodes Trust" and allows students the opportunity to pursue a one-year masters in Global Affairs at the best university in China, Tsinghua University. Last

October, Wilson moved to the United Kingdom to attend Cambridge University as a Cambridge International Scholar.

There, as a member of St. John's College, he has researched the paired use of senolytics with chemotherapies in lung cancer treatment in pursuit of both a Masters of Philosophy in Oncology and a cure.

"Govies, in summary, ask meaningful, why-based questions; view interactions as opportunities to learn, grow, and make a difference build relationships, not resumes; get help if you feel you need it, and remember that what is fulfilling and good is never easy. Go away, travel the world, and educate yourself in any way possible, but never forget where you came from," said Wilson.

## CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1. Group of languages
  - 5. No seats available
  - 8. Helps little firms
  - 11. Having a strong sharp smell or taste
  - 13. Established by the Treaty of Rome
  - 14. Whale ship captain
  - 15. Thick
  - 16. When you hope to get there
  - 17. First capital of Japan
  - 18. Cyprinids
  - 20. Dry white wine drink
  - 21. Witnesses
  - 22. Alcohol drinks
  - 25. Synthetic resin
  - 30. Latin for "very early"
  - 31. Bill Clinton plays it
  - 32. One-time province of British-India
  - 33. Folic and amino are two
  - 38. Integrated data processing
  - 41. Use to build roads
  - 43. 44th US President
  - 45. Where school kids eat
  - 48. Small New Zealand tree
  - 49. Doctors' group
  - 50. Civil Rights group
  - 55. Swedish rock group
  - 56. Baby's dining accessory
  - 57. Succulent plants
  - 59. Dutch word for "language"
  - 60. Polynesian garland of flowers
  - 61. Spiritual leader
  - 62. Single Lens Reflex
  - 63. Baseball stat
  - 64. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- DOWN**
- 1. He's honored every June
  - 2. Breezed through
  - 3. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
  - 4. Flat, thin round object
  - 5. One looking for knowledge
  - 6. Calls it a career
  - 7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
  - 8. Allied H.Q.
  - 9. Reveals
  - 10. Greek sophist
  - 12. Speedy ballplayer Gordon Ty
  - 14. Body that defines computing protocols
  - 19. Common Japanese surname
  - 23. Eucharist box
  - 24. Oil company
  - 25. Parts per billion (abbr.)
  - 26. A metal-bearing material
  - 27. The common gibbon
  - 28. Affirmative
  - 29. Writer
  - 34. Taxi
  - 35. Pioneering journalist Tarbell
  - 36. Used to hold back
  - 37. Senior officer
  - 39. OK to go out with
  - 40. First in order
  - 41. Defunct phone company
  - 42. Southern Ghana inhabitant
  - 44. Peninsula in SW Asia
  - 45. Political plot
  - 46. "Great" Mogul emperor
  - 47. Young horse
  - 48. Where wrestlers compete
  - 51. Swiss river
  - 52. Wings
  - 53. Baseball legend
  - 54. Skipper butterflies
  - 58. Immoral act

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Date of Death: 8/2/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600415  
Personal Representative: Patsy Frick  
Address: 3246 Wheeland Rd., Little Mountain, SC 29075

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Date of Death: June 9, 2019  
Case No: 2019-ES-16-00403  
Personal Representative: Mickey Mantle King  
Address: 1020 York Circle, Hartsville, SC 29550  
Attorney: Moyd Law Firm  
Address: 528 E. Carolina Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Date of Death: 8/15/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600411  
Personal Representative: James E. Pearson  
Address: 2025 Cashua Ferry Road, Darlington, SC 29532

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Date of Death: 6/4/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600377  
Personal Representative: Trina Melton Powell  
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Date of Death: 7/27/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600398  
Personal Representative: Mavis Prescott  
Address: 546 Cornelia Dr., Hartsville, SC 29550

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Date of Death: 5/15/2019  
Case No: 2019ES16412  
Personal Representative: Johnny Davis  
Address: 2873 Hartsville Highway, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Date of Death: 8/21/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600427  
Personal Representative: Deborah A. Doran  
Address: 112 Holly Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Case No: 2019ES1600423  
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Date of Death: 8/24/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600424  
Personal Representative: Glenda H. Cox  
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Date of Death: 8/4/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600431  
Personal Representative: Bess H. Gore  
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Date of Death: 8/25/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600436  
Personal Representative: Phyllis Mims Watson  
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Date of Death: 8/26/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600426  
Personal Representative: Alene H. Neal  
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Date of Death: 8/24/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600429  
Personal Representative: Kirk Joyner Spires  
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Date of Death: 5/2/2019  
Case No: 2019ES16238  
Personal Representative: Toylesha Thomas  
Address: 2159 Beaverdam Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550  
Attorney: Gerald Malloy  
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All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the buildings and improvements thereon, lying and being near to and West of the City of Hartsville, County of Darlington, State of South Carolina and designated as Lot 62 on plat of subdivision of the Cannon lands made by T. E. Wilson, C.E. dated May 5, 1919 and recorded in Plat Book 4 at Page 305. Lot being in the shape of a rectangle measuring 100 feet more or less along its northern and southern boundaries and 178 feet, more or less, along its eastern and western boundaries and bounded as follows:  
NORTH: By College Avenue, formerly Avenue C;  
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SOUTH: By Lot 55 on said plat;  
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See Deed Book 400 at Page 405  
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SUBJECT TO DARLINGTON COUNTY TAXES  
TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with the other terms or the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the former highest bidder).

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A personal or deficiency judgment having been demanded by the Plaintiff, the sale of the subject property will remain open for

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HORRY  
FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
CASE NO.:  
2019-CP-26-04393  
JIMMY A. RICHARDSON, II,  
SOLICITOR FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,  
ON BEHALF OF THE CONWAY POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
Petitioner, vs.  
GLOCK 23 GEN4 SN: BGXZ697 AND GLOCK EXTENDED 22 ROUND MAG,  
Respondent Property, GEONQUAZE TYRON WOODS,  
Respondent.

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT AND ANY ONE CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED RESPONDENT PROPERTY:  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to

answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscribers at their offices at 1200 Main Street, Post Office Box 530, Conway, South Carolina 29528-0530, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint, or to otherwise responsibly plead to the Complaint, or to otherwise appear and defend, within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.  
s/ James R. Battle  
James R. Battle (SCBar No. 73604)  
BATTLE LAW FIRM, LLC  
Attorney for the Petitioner  
PO Box 530  
Conway, South Carolina 29528  
(843) 248-4321 Telephone  
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jbattle@battlawsc.com  
July 8, 2019  
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thirty (30) days pursuant to Section 15-39-720, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976; provided, however, that the Court recognizes the option reserved by the Plaintiff to waive such deficiency judgment prior to the sale, and notice is given that the Plaintiff may waive in writing the deficiency judgment prior to the sale; and that should the Plaintiff elect to waive a deficiency judgment, without notice other than the announcement at the sale and notice in writing to the debtor defendant(s) that a deficiency judgment has been waived and that the sale will be final, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.  
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Date of Death: 7/25/2019  
Case No: 2019-ES-16-433  
Personal Representative: Marcus Benjamin  
Address: 36 Bellows Falls Drive, Greer, SC 29650  
Attorney: Charlie J. Blake, Jr.  
Address: Post Office Box 1317, Florence, SC 29503  
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Date of Death: 9/7/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600441  
Personal Representative: Dawn F. Ellen  
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310 Orange Street - One bedroom garden apartment on the second floor. Large living room and C/H/A. Across from tennis courts. \$425/month, \$425/deposit. Call (843) 245-7609 or (803) 437-2313.

1318 Ebenezer Road - 2 Bedroom house, remodeled. \$500/month. (843) 393-7545

409 Eastburn Court - 3 Bedroom brick house. \$650/month. (843) 393-7545

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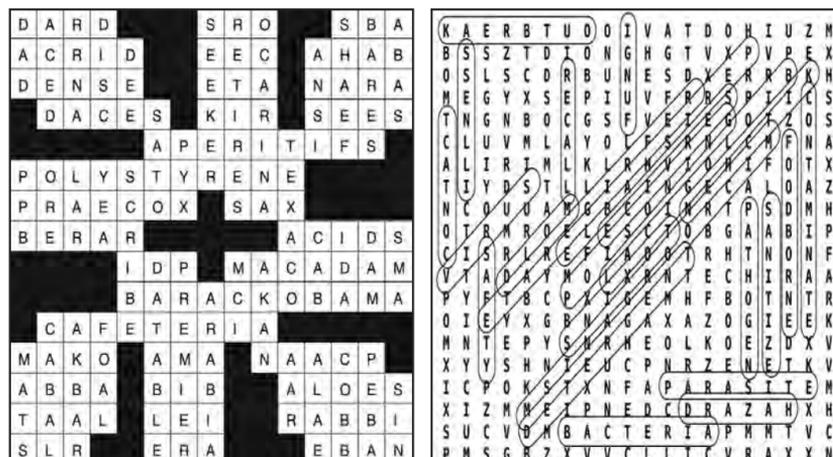


133 Norwood Circle, Small brick house, \$600/month, (843) 393-7545



**Help Wanted:** Carpenter's Helper - 1 year minimum experience. Must have own transportation and must pass drug

**Answers from 2B**





## Jane Windham's recipe for Pickled Okra & Ham Rollups

A quick and easy, low-carb appetizer that will disappear fast!

### Ingredients

- 1 package sliced rectangular shaped sandwich ham
- 1 8 ounce package cream cheese
- 1 jar pickled okra
- 2 tablespoons Sriracha hot sauce

### Instructions

1. Bring cream cheese to room temperature to soften
2. Add 2 tablespoons Sriracha sauce to the cream cheese and mix together
3. Drain the pickled okra and trim the ends
4. Spread a layer of the cream cheese mixture over one side of the ham slice
5. Place okra at one end of the ham and roll it like a jell-

6. Refrigerate rolls for at least 15 minutes until firm
7. Slice rolls into bite size pieces (about 1/4 inch long)
8. Lay flat on a serving platter.
9. Cover with plastic wrap and chill until ready to serve

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

## Francis Marion's University Place Gallery hosts Gallery Talk

University Place Gallery, Francis Marion University's newest art gallery in downtown Florence, hosted its first Gallery Talk last Saturday.

The Gallery Talk, delivered by Gallery Coordinator Colleen Critcher, provided insight into the process and meaning behind some of the gallery's newest installations as a part of the Visual Arts Alumni Juried Exhibition.

The exhibit runs through Oct. 18 and is comprised of recent works from Francis Marion University Visual Arts alumni, including contempo-

rary paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics and fiber art.

The University Place Gallery is located within FMU's new University Place building, located at 142 N. Dargan Street in the former L.S. Rainwater Building.

The almost 17,000-square-foot building was gifted to the university by the City of Florence. Renovations were funded through a grant from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation.

The first floor gallery is expected to become an impor-

tant addition to the region's visual arts offerings.

It will also be available to the public as rental space for events.

University Place Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information on the Visual Arts Alumni Juried Exhibition or the gallery, contact University Place Gallery Coordinator Colleen Critcher at [ccritcher@fmarion.edu](mailto:ccritcher@fmarion.edu).



## Legals

### Continued from 4B NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

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

Estate: Ossie Gordon Hutchinson  
Date of Death: 1/24/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600455  
Personal Representative: Bill Steve Hutchinson, Jr.  
Address: 5909 Wichita Drive, Knoxville, TN 37921  
(11p3 leave in thru 10-9-19)

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Estate: Janie Kinley  
Date of Death: 9/1/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600446  
Personal Representative: Jenelle K. Davis  
Address: 205 Union Street, Society Hill, SC 29593  
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Estate: Deone Shanard Scott  
Date of Death: 9/7/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600443  
Personal Representative: Falana Scott  
Address: 523 Potato House Road, Darlington, SC 29532  
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Estate: Louise Faulkenberry Williamson  
Date of Death: 8/6/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600440  
Personal Representative: David Lin Williamson  
Address: 1710 Sweet Maple Ave., Hartsville, SC 29550  
(11p3 leave in thru 10-9-19)

Personal Representative: Robert Randy White  
Address: 3504 Timmonsville Hwy., Timmonsville, SC 29161  
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Estate: Faye Sumner Yarborough  
Date of Death: 8/12/2019  
Case No: 2019ES1600550  
Personal Representative: Alison Yarborough Evans  
Address: 612 West Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550  
(11p3 leave in thru 10-9-19)

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
Notice is hereby given that Yogi Pramukh, LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit

that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of beer & wine at 1424 S. 5th Street, Hartsville, SC 29550. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than 10/10/2019. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:  
(1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest;  
(2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied;  
(3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);  
(4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,  
(5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.  
Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, Attn: ABL, PO Box 125, Columbia, S.C. 29214; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110.  
(11p3 leave in thru 10-9-19)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
The City of Darlington Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 9 a.m. Tuesday, October 15, 2019, at City Hall, 400 Pearl St., Darlington to discuss the following issue.

Zoning Designation of 16.85 acres at the corner of Old Florence Highway, D Avenue, and Friendship Street. The parcels, (TMN 165-04-01-005 and 165-00-02-010), are bordered on the North by D Avenue; on the East by Friendship Street; on the South by the property of the City of Darlington (TMN 165-00-02-011) and the property of American Towers LLC (TMN 165-00-02-013); and on the West by Old Florence Road. The proposal will designate these parcels as Basic Industrial (BI) to be used as buffer property and for potential future development.  
Zoning Designation of Blue Street property. The parcel, (TMN 164-06-01-078), is bordered on the North by Blue Street; on the Northeast by the property of Saving Grace Pharmacy Inc. (TMN 164-06-01-087); on the South by the property of Alfred Lindsay (TMN 164-06-01-075); and on the West-southwest by the property of Mirella B. McKay (TMN 164-06-01-088). The proposal will designate this parcel as Low Density Residential (R-10) to be more conducive for residential construction than its current zoning designation of General Commercial (GC). Documents regarding these requests are available for review at Codes Enforcement

Office in City Hall, 400 Pearl St. Individuals may submit comments in writing by Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019, to City Planning Department, P.O. Box 57, Darlington, SC 29540, or they may provide comments in person at the Commission meeting. Info: 843-398-4000 x 103 or [rock@cityofdarlington.com](mailto:rock@cityofdarlington.com).  
(11c1 leave in thru 9-25-19)

**NOTICE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**  
The following mobile home was abandoned on June 3, 2019 at 1837 Lakeview Blvd. Hartsville, S.C. 29550 described as 14 X 70 3 bedroom P1038606 T Schult model. Amount due for fees \$12,400 to date. Owner is asked to call 813-965-7669. If not claimed in 30 days, it will be turned over to magistrate's office for public sale.  
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**NOTICE OF ABANDONED PROPERTY**  
The following camper 3 slide out 2012 serial # 2779161 8X34 ft. Windjammer Model Rockwood was abandoned at 2229 Lot #11 Robinson View Dr. Easterling Boat Landing, Hartsville, S.C. 29550 June 2012. Amount due for fees and storage is \$21,000 to date. Owner is asked to call 813-965-7669. If not claimed in 30 days, it will be turned over to magistrate's office for public sale.  
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