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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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Man killed in confrontation with deputies

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Darlington County sheriff's deputies shot and killed a "man with a gun" last week after he refused to drop his weapon and kept walking along New Market Road near Hartsville, officials said.

Daryl Strickland, 65, of Hartsville, died in the Sept. 25 incident, said Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee. Sheriff Tony Chavis has asked the State Law Enforcement Division to investigate the slaying; SLED routinely handles

officer-involved shootings.

The Darlington County Sheriff's Office released the full incident report on the shooting Friday. It deletes the names of three officers involved in the incident, but otherwise provides a full account of what took place according to the deputies who were on the scene.

The report, written by a deputy whose name has been deleted, states that at 6:38 p.m. last Wednesday, the unnamed deputy responded to the area of 847 New Market Road in response to a call about a "man

walking with a gun." (The report deletes the name of the person who called the Sheriff's Office.)

At 6:51 p.m., the report says, the unnamed deputy and two other officers "made contact" with the man "walking on New Market Road with a gun in his hand." (The report does not say whether the weapon was a handgun or "long gun" such as a rifle or shotgun.)

"All deputies approached the suspect and gave verbal commands to drop his weapon ... which suspect ignored," the report says.

"The suspect continued to walking," the report continues. "The suspect then stated something ... which this deputy did not understand.

"When the suspect turned, he was fired upon," the report says. "The suspect was struck with gunfire and dropped to the ground." (The report does not state which officer or officers fired shots. But the Sheriff's Office has indicated that only one deputy has been placed on administrative leave and is expected to receive counseling.)

A memorial service for

Strickland was scheduled Sept. 28, directed by Norton Funeral Home. According to an obituary posted on Norton's website, Strickland was the son of a pastor and he is survived by a sister and three brothers.

"He was good to his parents as long as they lived and was a loving brother," the obituary says.

This incident marks the third time in the past year that Darlington County sheriff's deputies have killed a suspect during a confrontation.

On Oct. 20, 2018, Kimberly Norris was fatally shot by

deputies near the McBee area. Officials said that she had tried to carjack a man at gunpoint and that she fired shots at deputies.

On Dec. 16, 2018, April E. Webster was fatally shot during an incident with deputies at her Edna Street home north of Darlington. The Sheriff's Office said she had confronted deputies with a large serrated knife.

That case remains under investigation by the State Law Enforcement Division.

'Unbelievable' blaze devastates family's farm



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A fire Sept. 21 tore through as many as nine barns full of tobacco at a Darlington County farm, causing an estimated \$225,000 damage and painting the sky with smoke that could be seen for miles.

The blaze at Griggs Farm (Sugar Hill Acres) in the Byrdtown community outside Hartsville "just cooked everything," said Tim Griggs, an owner of the farm that's been in business for about 60 years. "Big, black, rolling smoke."

Four fire stations responded to the incident - the Darlington County Fire District and the Hartsville, Darlington and Patrick fire departments. Griggs said the county fire district "ran out of water. The fire was unbelievable."

Griggs told the News & Press last week that fire investigators had been going through the wreckage. He said it appeared that the fire might have started from an electrical malfunction in one barn, possibly in the system that controls the temperature in the barn.

The fire started on a Saturday afternoon about 4 p.m.

FIRE ON 3A

PHOTO COURTESY OF TIM GRIGGS

Society Hill council unites behind 'public-events' plan

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Four months after Mayor Tommy Bradshaw decided that Society Hill needed to regulate public events on town property, a unified Town Council last week OK'd a plan to do that.

With a unanimous 5-0 vote,

council on Sept. 24 gave final approval to an ordinance requiring any individual or group planning a festival on town property to fill out a five-page application, be issued a permit and put up \$1 million worth of liability insurance.

SOCIETY HILL ON 3A

County schools 'years' away from letting kids use key cards

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Plans for using electronic key cards to open doors at Darlington County public schools are still on track, but the system will slowly be

phased in for teachers and staff, and it will be "years" before students might start using the cards to come and go.

Diane Sigmon, executive director of technology for the county school district, said officials plan to cautiously and methodically begin letting employees use key cards, but said this will happen over a long period of time.

KEY CARDS ON 3A



FDTC Interim President Ed Bethea (right) and FDTC Board of Commissioners chairman Leroy Robinson PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

FDTC nursing programs getting healthy

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After a spell of poor health, the prognosis for local nursing education seems to be improving, according to a presentation made at the Sept. 24 Florence-Darlington Technical College (FDTC) Board of Commissioners meeting.

Dan Averette, associate vice president of Allied Health, pre-

sented commissioners with some encouraging data showing upward trends in enrollment, academic performance, and graduation rates among nursing students.

FDTC interim president Ed Bethea said that when Averette took over at the Health Sciences campus about a year ago, "We had a lot of disarray down there. ... Some of the programs didn't have good license or pas-

sage rates." Averette confirmed that Tech received its marching orders last September from the S.C. Board of Nursing at an annual program review.

"I can tell you right now it was not fun. It was not fun at all," Averette said of that review process.

He said the nursing board insisted FDTC pull up their numbers in several categories where the school lagged behind

national and state standards.

For example, the 2017 national pass rate for the NCLEX (National Council of State Boards of Nursing licensing exam) was 87.1 percent, and the South Carolina statewide passage rate was 89.8 percent. That year, the passage rate for Tech nursing students was only 80.5 percent.

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OP-ED

Living on the West End: Houses

By Bill Shepard

Houses can be an interesting subject to explore.

There are big houses, little houses, some with upstairs, some with downstairs and some without stairs!

There are houses of almost any color one can think of and some with no color at all. There are houses made of wood, brick, stone and other materials. My article is about the houses I know best, those on the Mill Village where I lived a big part of my life.

Sammy Howell, my nephew, and I were reminiscing about some of our Good Ol'

Days and we found ourselves visiting a special house on Alexander Street. Alexander Street is located on that part of the Village that was referred to as Across the Creek, meaning Swift Creek!

Sammy is a retired professor at Presbyterian College in Clinton. Sammy has fond memories of visiting with his grandmother and grandfather Shepard who once lived on the Mill Village. Sammy's mother, Virginia (Jenny) Shepard Howell, was born and raised on that section of the Mill Village. Virginia, called Jenny by most, has lived on Spring Street for many years.

The old house on Alexander Street, nigh a hundred years old or even older, was the place that the Shepards called home for many years and the very spot holds precious memories of the years spent at the place.

On a recent visit to Darlington, Sammy and this writer found ourselves having one of our rare visits. It was only natural that we found ourselves at 108 Alexander St. Sammy recalled visiting with his grandfather and following him, as he gathered the feed, table scraps from the nearby houses, to feed his pigs.

Ah, the memories Sammy and I shared! As I spoke of the houses on the Village, Sammy seemed to have an interest in the various designs of those over the Village. I shared with him that all the houses were built in one of two sizes; they consisted of three rooms or four rooms.

One room was designed to be used for a kitchen. That room had a chimney, leading to the outside. The other rooms could be used as the occupants needed. All stoves were wood or coal-burning, in the times of which I write, thus the chimney in the kitchen room. As a boy, it was my duty to see that the box behind the stove was always filled with dry wood for burning.

Sammy seemed interested, so I continued my story about the houses. I told how it seemed that only families that had more than one person employed at the mill could live in a four-room house. All the others occupied a three-room house or shared a four-room house with another family. The Shepards lived in one of the three-room houses until an older brother reached the age when he could be employed at the mill.

There was another story often told about the houses. The late Horace Rudisill, historian of Darlington County, once asked me if I could verify a story that he had heard about the houses on the Village. He said that one of the funeral directors in Hartsville had told him the story.

In the days when most bodies were returned to their homes for the viewing, the casket could not be carried into the house, except through an open window! "Is that true?" Rudisill asked. "Yes, it is," I assured him.

I then told him that I had watched it happen more than once when I was a boy.

Some men would go inside and stand at the open window. As the casket was passed through from the outside, the men on the inside would take hold and put it in place.

It seemed that the funeral director did not like having a funeral that involved that process. The four-room houses were of a different design, so all of the above did not apply to them.

Rudisill asked if I would draw a simple floor plan for the houses on the Village. I told him I would but it did not happen before he left.

Nearing the end of our conversation about the houses on the Village, Sammy said, "Uncle Bill, 'Houses' would be a good title for you to use for one of your newspaper articles!"

I said, "Yes, it would," and I just have!

Old photos 'brought back many good memories'

Editor's note: This is in response to "Poses from the past," a collection of old photos discovered in a warehouse being demolished in Darlington, which appeared in the Sept. 18 issue of the News & Press.

I was very interested in the pictures in the paper this week. They brought back many good memories.

I am one of (a) very few still living from the Team of '47 (a girls' basketball team in one of the photos) and I will be 90 in March.

The pretty girl in the bottom right corner is Annie Bell Strickland (later married George "Buddy" Stokes).

The cheerleaders are Irene Rogers Evans, Lexie Margaret Stokes, Annie Bell

Strickland, James Patterson, Norine Goodson (Beckham), Lillie Mae Stout and Orine Dixon.

The 1947 (basketball) team: First row, Lexie Margaret Stokes, manager Betty Shearin, Orine Dixon, Norine Goodson, Buena Merritt, Dot Law and Myrtle White. Behind Coach White is Llewellyn Fields. This team went to state championship in Columbia and lost by 2 points to Lancaster.

The 1948 (basketball) team, first string: Coach Myrtle White, Ina Clair Bryant, Emma Dell Buie, Norine Goodson, Helen Coggeshall, Annie Bell Strickland and Betty Shearin. They also went to "state" and I think they won.

Incidentally, Coach White later married Randolph Norment, brother of Bet Phillips.

Dot Law Martin,
Darlington

O'Rourke has an answer to gun-violence 'epidemic'

I'm really concerned about the gun-violence epidemic in our country.

Former Congressman Beto O'Rourke is the only candidate for president who is treating the gun-violence epidemic with the urgency it demands. Since the shooting in Beto's hometown of El Paso, he has spoken with fervor and clarity about the crisis surrounding gun violence and the prevalence of hate crimes.

Beto has stood up and advocated not just for the same modest solutions we always hear about, but for proposals that rise to the immense threat gun violence poses. In last week's Democratic debate, Beto said, "Hell, yes, we're going to take your AR-15, your AK-47. We're not going to allow it to be used against our

fellow Americans anymore."

We need a courageous leader with a bold plan to end this epidemic! Beto is shunning the conventional wisdom of Washington that these big solutions are untenable and unpopular.

Beto recognizes, like so many of us throughout America do, that assault rifles, weapons of war, should not be allowed on the streets and should be bought back.

Finally, a politician is speaking the truth about what needs to be done on guns and fighting for what he believes is right! Congress has been debating incremental changes for too long, and we can't afford to wait any longer!

This is a defining time in our country and we need a leader with the moral courage to act decisively to end gun violence in our country, and that leader is Beto O'Rourke.

Brenda Ferguson,
Hartsville

LetterS to the editor

OP-ED

The Southern Studies Showcase

By Tom Poland

That beautiful Edgefield pottery piece? It's a gift. I received it for speaking at the Southern Studies Showcase held this past weekend in Edgefield. It makes for a symbolic gift.

Edgefield and pottery go hand in hand with history. From Sept. 20-21, the Southern Studies Showcase hosted 14 speakers and people from near and far, and history ran strong for two days.

This year's speakers covered topics that range from proving identity and kinship using the Genealogical Proof Standard, and discovering Scottish heritage through DNA and genealogical research.

Topics ranged widely and included a presentation on the first code talkers, the Choctaws. Other presentations focused on South Carolina's "lost 100 years," a film and presentation on the 100-year journey of a 1926 company store built for a lumber mill in the swamps of Barnwell County and its repurposed use today.

Military history, the back roads of South Carolina, the untold stories of an African-American family, and minorities in the Confederate military shed light on topics often overlooked. Still other topics including writing and publishing your family history, African-Americans' contributions to United States war efforts, and the South

Carolina Liberty Trail.

I've spoken three times now at this two-day festival of history. Each year the speakers and topics vary. If you are interested in genealogy and history make sure you attend the next showcase. A reception and a block party add social zest to the great presentations, and Edgefield itself is a treat.

The home of Ten Governors and peach orchards features a beautiful town square featuring locally owned restaurants, a general store, Carolina Moon Distillery, and the Tompkins Memorial Library and Edgefield County Archives where many people come to unravel their family history. Old Edgefield Pottery, the National Wild Turkey Federation Museum and Outdoor Education Center and historic cemeteries offer much to do and see as well.

Tonya Browder, the Edgefield Historical Society, and fellow Edgefield friends do a wonderful job planning and overseeing the two-day showcase. And the lovely pottery piece? Master potter Justin Guy, an Edgefield native, created these beautiful pieces. Guy operates Old Edgefield Pottery.

South Carolina's oldest newspaper, The Edgefield Advertiser, sits on the

square. The newspaper hasn't hurt for great stories. Deep in history, the town and county are rich with tales and legends that span politics, peaches, and pottery. Consider Edgefield a writer's paradise.

Edgefield and genealogical research are synonymous.

Thousands of visitors from every state come to Edgefield to research their family roots. This genealogy "tourism" provides a sound background for the Southern Studies Showcase.

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Fire

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"We came to put it out" while it was still confined to only one barn, Griggs said. "But it was blazing way too much. It was too rough."

By the time the first firefighters arrived, Griggs said, the blaze had jumped to a second barn. It consumed at least eight, and possibly nine, barns in all, Griggs said; the family was still assessing the damage. The family said total damage could reach

\$225,000 or more.

Family member Jessica Griggs started a GoFundMe page to help cover some of the family's losses. The page is at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fire-devastates-griggs-farm>.

On the GoFundMe page, Jessica Griggs writes: "What started as a small fire in one tobacco barn ... quickly turned into much more than that. Not one, not two or even three, but NINE tobacco barns were devastated by this fire. All of these barns were filled with tobacco, our most lucrative crop. In addi-

tion to losing the crop, we lost the barns and at least two very expensive pieces of equipment."

"We are humbled by the outpouring of love and support and the prayers from our community and many, many people have reached out to know how they might be able to help," she writes. "While we hope that insurance will cover some of what was lost, we are certain much won't be covered. One single (used) barn will cost upwards of \$6,000. A new piece of equipment will be well over \$10,000."

Society Hill

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Bradshaw had argued for months that without such a plan, the town of 560 people risked disaster if someone got hurt during an event on town property and if the group sponsoring the event didn't have insurance. "One lawsuit could wipe us out," the mayor warned at a Sept. 18 work session.

That work session was crucial to getting the plan approved. A previous vote had ended with council deadlocked 2-2. But during that work session, Bradshaw turned one of the "no" votes into a "yes" and also gained the support of a councilwoman who did not vote earlier.

The remaining "no" vote, Michelle Steen, supported the ordinance on the final vote last week.

Council's new unity on the issue seemed to relax residents who attended the meeting. No one had objections or questions when council sought "comments or concerns" on the ordinance.

"To me, it's a no-brainer," one resident told council.

"If y'all are all in agreement, then we don't need to say anything," one woman in the audience said.

"It was hard sitting here, watching y'all disagree," another woman told council.

Council member Carolyn Oliver, who earlier had voted against the plan, said she still has "reservations." She said she had opposed the ordinance on behalf of people who couldn't afford to meet some of the plan's requirements, such as the insurance provision.

The \$1 million insurance mandate might sound impossible for a small group, but "it's not that bad," said Bradshaw. The application form directs event organizers to a company that offers "low-cost" insurance for these types of one-shot events; some have said the insurance the town requires might cost as little as a few hundred dollars.

Bradshaw began pushing for the ordinance after a Memorial Day weekend festival, organized by a local community group, was held in the parking lot of Society Hill Town Hall. A fire truck was part of the entertainment for kids, and firefighters helped

children shoot water into the air. Town officials didn't know the event was being planned and the organizers had no insurance.

The group that organized that event -- For the Community, By the Community -- has been frustrated by Town Council's new ordinance.

On the group's Facebook page, organizers wrote Sept. 1 that they had not been able to host community gatherings on town property "for a couple of months now."

"However," the group wrote, "we are still planning and working behind the scenes to find ways to continue."

"Our mission is to bring the community together as a whole. We feel family is what makes a town and want to see our community become knitted together as a family. We want life back in our town and feel it starts by providing monthly family-friendly events. If you want to know what you can do, it's simple -- talk to your mayor and council; let them know what you want your town to be."

Key cards

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Once district officials are satisfied that the system works for adults, Sigmon said, they will look at slowly bringing students in. But she said there are no hard and fast deadlines for any of this, and she said that if the district does extend the electronic-entry technology to kids, it will be "several years" from now.

Key cards are part of the district's nearly \$5 million plan to upgrade security at the county's nearly two dozen schools. Most of that money will pay for a web of surveillance cameras that are much more sophisticated than the district's current cameras; officials had been aiming to install that new system by November. The key cards are a more distant goal.

Sigmon briefed the Darlington County school board on plans for the key cards during a Sept. 23 board work session. "Our plans are ... to start with the adults," she said. "All of our employees already have the RFID badges. What we've got is compatible with what we're putting in, in terms of the equipment on the doors."

Key cards would let the district "schedule when they can have access to those doors, or not have access to those doors," Sigmon said. "Once we have this working smoothly, then we can consider (extending it) beyond the adults, particularly at the high schools, where we have some campuses that are pretty wide open."

"But that's not a foregone

conclusion," she added.

If the power is out, a battery-powered backup system would let key cards keep operating for a while. The ultimate backup would be ordinary keys, Sigmon said.

The district also plans a "mass-notification system" for emergencies that would use "as many venues and formats as possible," Sigmon said. "It might be a call to the phone in a classroom. It might be the overhead paging system. It might be a text to their phones. ..."

"Each one is used in special circumstances. For example, if you had an active-shooter situation -- the reality is that when we're planning these things, we need to plan them thinking about, 'What if this happened? The absolute worst-case scenario' -- you might not want to use the overhead paging system to communicate with your teachers. You might want to communicate with them via a text to their phone, or with a call to their classroom. ..."

The school board also discussed major repair and maintenance projects that are going to be necessary in the near future, such as a \$300,000 to \$500,000 upgrade to the heating and cooling systems in the district's headquarters building. Some of the offices in the building don't have air conditioning or heating, said Larry Johnson, assistant superintendent of administration and operations for the school district.

The board also took up another issue on the horizon -- the fate of the 200-year-old St. John's Elementary School in Darlington, which serves

about 700 students. The historic school's age is making repairs and upgrades more difficult and more expensive, and the board indicated they are willing to deal with the SJE issue sooner rather than later. District Superintendent Tim Newman said the future of SJE is a priority for the district.

It's assumed that the district would need to build a new school for the student population. That would mean a referendum asking voters to approve the money. Some board members suggested the SJE property might be developed into housing for teachers.

Board member Charles Govan said the district is going to have to find ways to "get people to buy into" whatever plan is chosen, and to "educate" residents about what the district wants to do and why.

School board member Connell Delaine continued the SJE discussion the next day at a meeting of Society Hill Town Council, where he briefed council on school district projects. (Delaine represents the Society Hill area.)

"St. John's in Darlington is a nice place ... but it's costing us an arm and a leg to keep up," Delaine told the council. He said he hoped that the plan for dealing with the SJE issue would enhance Society Hill.

"Why does everybody get a new school but us?" asked Town Council member Carolyn Oliver. (The district is currently building three new elementary schools -- one in Darlington, one in Lamar and one in Hartsville.)

FDTC

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To get things headed in the right direction, Averette worked with program instructors on a game plan and started modifying the health sciences program. Changes included raising the minimum GPA entrance requirement from 2.50 to 2.75, automatically channeling struggling students into tutoring programs, and implementing a NCLEX review course prior to testing.

These changes are already yielding big rewards, clearly demonstrated in FDTC's most recent passage rates.

"The pass rate for our last class, the May class, was 100 percent," said Averette, drawing applause from the commissioners and faculty. He shrugged off the praise and instead credited the Allied Health campus instructors. "Trust me, it is the ladies down there that have done this," he said. "I am just their cheer-

leader."

Betha noted that this rebound is renewing student interest. He said that this fall, enrollment in Health Sciences programs has increased by about 41 percent.

Also, Averette announced that the Surgical Technology program has received a 10-year renewal of accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Programs (CAAP).

In other matters, Douglas Lange, vice president of business affairs, had good news about FDTC's continuing financial recovery. Lange said Tech now has about \$10 million in funds on hand, which gives the school about a three-month cushion for operating expenses. He also noted that all of FDTC's proposed building improvement projects have passed another round of review by the SC Commission on Higher Education. This means the school could be just about six months away from replacing roofs, repairing eroded brick, and tackling a variety



(Right-left) New FDTC instructors include John Andrews (HVAC), Darren Smith (welding), Suliban Deaza (civil engineering), Leila Rodemann (economics). PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

of upgrades across campus.

Lange said the school has \$6 million allocated for these projects, and he added that this money is separate from the \$10 million cash on hand.

Four new instructors were introduced at this meeting, including John Andrews (HVAC), Darren Smith (welding), Leila Rodemann (economics), and Suliban Deaza (civil engineering). As the new

head of the engineering department, Deaza said changes are in the works, including a shift away from lecturing and back toward practical classroom work.

"(The plan is) a total reboot of the engineering programs, empowering faculty, administration, and staff. Also, we'll be switching from 80 percent lecturing to 80 percent hands-on training," said Deaza.

Poland

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While many towns hold lighthearted festivals that give people a chance to strut and stomp and drink beer and eat various foods, the Southern Studies Showcase gives you much more.

It gives you an opportunity to better understand the South

thanks to great speakers and interesting subjects. If that interests you, and I think it does, keep an eye on the 2020 calendar as next September nears. And don't forget that Edgefield puts on a fine camellia tea in March at Magnolia Dale, a historic and beautiful home that's the headquarters of the Edgefield Historic Society.

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.

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QUOTE

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Walter Raleigh Langley Jr.

DARLINGTON – Walter Raleigh Langley Jr., 90, passed away Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019.

Funeral services were Friday, Sept. 27, at Darlington Presbyterian Church, with burial at Grove Hill Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home. The family received friends Friday at the church, and other times at the home, 137 North St., Darlington.

Walter was born Sept. 27, 1928, in Pactolus, N.C., the son of the late Walter Raleigh Langley Sr. and Bettie Gray Langley. He was a veteran of the Army and a graduate of N.C. State University with a degree in forestry.

Throughout his career, he was vice president of the Federal Land Bank, president of the South Carolina Forestry Association, president of the North Carolina Forestry Foundation and served on the Board of Directors for Forestry at N.C. State University. Walter was involved in the Boy Scouts of America and served as Scoutmaster with Troop 93.

A devoted Christian, Walter was formerly a member of Kilbourne Park Baptist Church in Columbia, where he served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher. He was a member of Darlington Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder, Sunday school teacher, and sang in the church choir.

He will be remembered as being a man of God, a loving and devoted husband and father, a loyal friend, and one who mentored and ministered to many people. Walter never met a stranger and made

everybody feel special. He loved the Lord and was a true prayer warrior.

Surviving are his wife, Eleanor Howle Langley; his four sons, Harry (Phyllis) Langley of Columbia, Raleigh (Kristin) Langley of Louisville, Ky., Lewis Howle (Bobbie) Langley of Clover, and Benji (Shannon) Langley of Louisville; grandchildren, Phillip Langley, Whitaker Jane Langley, Daniel Langley, Emma Grace Langley; and extended family; brother, John (Doris) Langley; two sisters, Bettie Carol (Van) Burroughs and Sherry (Jim) Summerlin.

He was preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Peggy Langley.

Memorials may be made to Darlington Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund, 311 Pearl St., Darlington, SC 29532.

A guestbook is available online at belkfuneralhome.com.

Tex Willard

DARLINGTON -- Texas Lee "Tex" Willard, 90, died peacefully at his home on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2019.

A funeral service was held at Freedom Baptist Church Saturday, Sept. 28, with burial in Grove Hill Cemetery. The family received friends Friday evening at Belk Funeral Home.

Born in Black Lick, Va., on March 30, 1929, Tex was the son of the late Oakley L. Willard and Hazel Malone Willard Pawley. Tex served in the Army during the Korean War.

After his service to our

country, he worked at Cline Body Shop for many years. He then went to work for Burlington Industries, and transferred to Darlington in 1969.

Affectionately known as "Paw-Paw," he loved the Lord, his family and his country. He was a member of Freedom Baptist Church, where he was Deacon Emeritus.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Ethel Cline Willard, three daughters and sons-in-law: Lynda and Sidney Belk of Darlington, Debi and Darrell Newsome of Hartsville, Kaye and Billy Watford of Darlington; grandchildren: Curry (Tiffany) Belk II, Jaby Belk, Tripp (Brandi) Newsome, Will (Ashleigh) Newsome, John (Rhonda) Williams, Ben (Shiloh) Williams, Catherine Williams, Billy Watford II; 14 great-grandchildren; siblings, Shirley Wheeler, Patsy Farris, Wayne (Barbara) Willard, Johnny Willard, all of Virginia, and his gingerbread daughter, Toni Pringle.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings Sonny Willard, Gary Willard and Frances Bonham.

Memorials may be made to Freedom Baptist Church, 1416 Lamar Highway, Darlington, SC 29532.

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

Allen Leroy Brown

DARLINGTON -- Funeral services for Allen Leroy Brown of Darlington were Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, in the Jordan Funeral Home Chapel.

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

Mr. Brown, son of the late James and Alease Brown, was born July 17, 1938. He departed this Earthly life to join his Heavenly Father Sept. 21, 2019.

He attended Brockington High School in Timmonsville. After graduating, he joined the Air Force, where he bravely served his country for 20 years. He also served in the Vietnam War. Later he was employed by Carolinas Hospital System until his retirement. He was also a Mason in Gibleon Lodge # 2.

On May 9, 1961, he was joined in holy matrimony to Jerlene Samuel. To this union four children were born. Allen was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a man of very few words and was a great friend to all.

Allen leaves to cherish his loving memory: His wife of 58 years, Jerlene S. Brown; two sons, Allen (Marilynn) Brown Jr. of Fredericksburg, Va., and David (April) Brown of Greenville; one daughter, Angela (Jimmie) Shaw of Darlington; six grandchildren, Clifton Lighty, David Brown, Brandon Brown, Crystal Lighty, Allen Brown and Jasmine Brown; one great-grand, Callie Goodson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

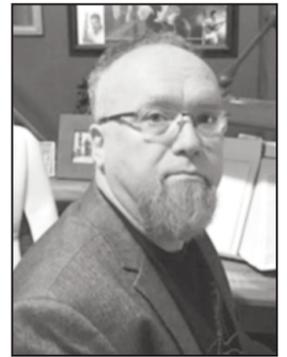
He was preceded in death by son Patrick Brown.

The family received friends at the residence of his daughter, 606 Moore Airport Road, Darlington.

Living on Purpose

George Müller, a man of faith

By Bill Holland



Night was falling over the harbor of Bristol, England, and in the orphanage founded by George Müller and his wife, Mary, the children were getting ready for bed.

George was working in his study when Mary arrived with alarming news. "We're out of milk," she said. "There isn't enough for the morning oatmeal."

He slowly laid aside his pen and had a look of calmness. This was not the first time they faced a critical situation without any money to buy food and other supplies.

The pastor rose from his desk and reached for his wife's hand. "Mary," he said, "let us pray." Two orphanage employees joined them, and together they made their humble yet necessary request to God as innocent children were depending on them for sustenance.

George declared, "Be assured, if you walk with Him and look to Him and expect help from Him, He will never fail you."

A short time had passed and there was a knock on the door.

Mary hurried to answer, returning to the study a moment later. She handed her husband an envelope. "It's a letter, George. Hurry up and open it."

Enclosed was a sum of money, more than enough for their immediate needs. Within a few moments, two more letters arrived with money and pledges of support. Miraculous responses to prayer had become a common experience for the Müllers.

They had taken the step of faith to bring in their first group of 30 girls in 1836, and in a short period of time, their orphanage now housed over 100.

From the beginning, George was determined to never to ask for funds from people or to borrow money but instead making an agreement with God that he would depend on Him alone for every need, trusting wholly in the Lord's faithfulness and provision.

The passage that he was constantly quoting was Philippians 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

As a self-proclaimed "poor man," regarding good works and holiness, George was well aware of what he lacked spiritually. He had grown up the privileged, arrogant son of a lawyer and routinely drank, gambled and skipped out on bills.

However, as revealed in his autobiography, one night he attended a prayer meeting, and Christ changed his life completely. He gave away his

library of over 300 books and kept only one, the Holy Bible, as it was now his only focus.

One night while praying and seeking the Lord regarding the orphanage, he heard a voice in his spirit say, "Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it." He believed God was encouraging and inviting him to simply ask for what he needed and so a miraculous journey of faith began.

Now as a pastor, he decided to live without a salary, relying only on money given to him. He learned to pray faithfully from his heart, humbly asking his Heavenly Father to provide and equip them to accomplish God's will.

Eventually, the Müllers built five homes, costing more than \$100,000 to build, which is over \$14,000,000 in today's value. Very few such places like these existed as many orphans lived on the streets or went to poorhouses, where they were treated like slaves.

In the Müller homes, each child was tenderly cared for, clothed, fed, and educated, with Christian instruction as the bedrock. When they left the orphanage in their late teens, they went on to live productive lives. He also went on to establish six children's schools and in 1834 he founded the Scriptural Knowledge Institute. Even with him refusing to agree or accept any type of loans or debt for the Lord's work, the ministry continued to prosper abundantly.

By 1880 the ministry was now responsible for 72 day schools with 7,000 students in Bristol as well as others in Italy, Spain and South America. Müller's journal is filled with amazing stories about how the Lord directed finances to them throughout his 66 years of service.

He raised these funds on his knees as many lives were changed through unwavering and persistent prayer and he always gave God all the honor and glory for all that was accomplished. His sincere trust in the Bible inspires all of us to believe and depend on God to meet our needs. "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." -- Matthew 7:7.

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Pastor

Appreciation Day
 Pastor Appreciation Day for Rev. Hazel Mixon at Bible Truth Holiness Church, 5360 Indian Branch Road, Lydia, is Oct. 6. Sunday school starts at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 with Sister Linda Baughtman.

Lunch around 12:45 p.m. and special singing will begin around 1:45 p.m. with Forever Redeemed, along with local singers.

Join us in revival, Oct. 7-9, at 7 each night. (843) 332-3442 or (843) 858-1209.

Honoring First Responders

Appreciation service honoring first responders is Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, 400 South Main St., Darlington.

Women's Holiday Bazaar

Lamar United Methodist Church Women's Holiday Bazaar is Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Church is at 103 North Darlington Ave., Main Street at the stop light, Lamar.

Lunch will be available. Silent auction, kitchenware, country store, holiday decorations, crafts. Free. 843-326-5038.

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 Violiniers.

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 Violiniers. 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 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.

Mechanicsville Baptist Missions Fair

Mechanicsville Baptist

Church Missions Fair BBQ fundraiser is Oct. 18 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., 2364 Cashua Ferry Road, Darlington. Plates are \$8; eat in or takeout lunch deliveries.

Country store, bake sale, live and silent auctions, homemade cake auction at 6 p.m. Proceeds support the missions and ministries of MBC.

Emmanuel Community Church

Emmanuel Community Church, 1110 W. Lynches River Road, Lamar, celebrates 14th anniversary of Pastor C.E. Carraway and 1st Lady Beverly Carraway on Oct. 13, 4-6 p.m.

St. John UMC revival, homecoming

Please join the St. John UMC family for three nights of worship as we observe our annual revival and 50th Homecoming celebrations. Revival services are Oct. 7-9 at 6:30 each night.

Homecoming is Oct. 13 with Sunday school at 9 a.m. and worship service at 10. Rev. Frederick Yebuah, former pastor of St. John/Wesley Chapel Charge and currently superintendent of the Orangeburg District, will be the speaker. Fellowship meal will follow the morning's services. The church is at 214 W. Seven Pines St., Lamar.

Mechanicsville Baptist Church

2364 Cashua Ferry Rd., Darlington. 843-393-1029. Sunday: 9:30 a.m.-Sunday School; 10:30 a.m.-Worship Service

4 p.m.-Prayer Closet; 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Services Monday: Monday Night Ministry (MNM)-Youth Fellowship & Meal Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. - Old Fashioned Chapel Service & Fellowship Meal; 6:30 p.m. - Small Group Bible Study (all

ages) and Youth Group Meeting.

The Upper Room Holy Ghost Mission

Sunday morning worship is at 11 a.m. Bible study Thursday at 7 p.m. at 109 Main St. in Darlington.

Church Prayer Line

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

St. Catherine's Episcopal Church

3123 W. Palmetto St., Florence. Worship Time: 11 a.m. (4th Sunday 8:30 a.m.) Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Phone: 843-601-3672.

Lawson Grove Baptist Church

3585 Lawson Grove Rd., Hartsville. Sunday - Church School at 9:45 a.m.; 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.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



months old; beagle mix; 20 pounds

We can hardly stand just how cute this sibling pair is! Super friendly and playful, plus, these lovely ladies are ready to "wow" you and would love to have a chance to interview for that pet position in YOUR home. Ask for Priss and Prim today! 14 weeks old; female; tabbies

Social butterfly! Who is cuter than me? Folks are smitten with my darling, freckled face and petite, tan and white frame. Couple my physical cuteness with my happy, bouncy, never-met-a-stranger personality and I'm your go-to pup for a family who needs some loving, hugging and soft puppy kisses. Already a skilled leash walker, I'm ready to go and do and have some fun. I love interacting with other dogs and every human (small kids are GREAT in my book) is my immediate best friend. Please select me, Harmony, to fill your home with doggy goodness! 6



Have you lost or found a pet?

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

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

Area Happenings

Weekly Events

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. 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.

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Board of Zoning Appeals

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

Business Network International

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

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.

Crochet & Knit Clubs

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

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.

Darlington Library Programs

Summer Reading Program, Darlington Library, Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
Family Movie - Thurs. at 4pm
Accelerated Reader Testing, Available ALL Summer
Potluck Club [What the Fork?], Monthly Event, 4th Wednesday at 5:30 pm, bring one dish and feast on many...theme changes monthly, call 843-398-4940 for more information.

Hartsville Kiwanis Club

Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at the Hartsville Country Club

Hartsville Lions Club

Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. at Mr. B's Restaurant

Hartsville Rotary Club

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

Paws to Read

Paws to Read is a literacy program where emerging and reluctant readers can create positive emotional connections with reading. Therapy Dogs International with their trainers come for one-on-one reading sessions on the first Saturday and third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 pm. and 3 p.m. respectively at the Darlington Library Branch.

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.

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

Monthly Events

American Legion

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

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.

Darlington County 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 County First Steps

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

Darlington County Historical Commission

Meeting

Darlington County Historical Commission meets at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Darlington County Historical Commission at 204 Hewitt Street in Darlington.

Darlington County Planning Commission Meeting

Darlington County Planning Commission meets 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at Darlington County Courthouse Annex/EMS Building at 1625 Harry Byrd Highway in Darlington

Darlington County Humane Society Board of Directors

Darlington County Humane Society Board of Directors meet at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Hartsville Memorial Library at 147 W. College Avenue in Hartsville.

Darlington Downtown Development Association 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.

Free 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, fourth 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.

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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. in Darlington

Oct. 2019

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://searchivesand-historyfoundation.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@darco.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 business-people while learning about our programs, meeting our students, and touring our state-of-the-art facility.
Members who attend have an opportunity to be drawn to give a 60-second infomercial about their business.
This event is FREE.

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

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@darco.com.

Pee Dee Workforce Development Board

Pee Dee Workforce Development Board will meet on Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments Administrative Building at 2314 Pisgah Road in Florence.

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@darco.com.



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Darlington gets \$1.2 million grant for wastewater system upgrades

The U.S. Department of Commerce has awarded the City of Darlington a \$1.2 million grant to make wastewater-system upgrades needed to support local business development efforts, the agency said last week.

The grant will be matched with \$305,580 in local investments, the agency said.

"The Trump Administration has been working hard to rebuild America's crumbling

infrastructure," said Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. "By investing in Darlington, the project will increase the resiliency of the entire wastewater system and decrease the likelihood of service interruptions for local businesses."

A press release from the agency quotes Gov. Henry McMaster as saying: "This investment will pay dividends in the Darlington community for many years to come, and we

couldn't be more grateful to Secretary Ross and the U.S. Department of Commerce."

The project will improve the city's capacity to provide consistent sewer service to major employers in the region, the agency said. This project was made possible by the regional planning efforts led by the Pee Dee Regional Council of Governments, the agency said.

-- From staff reports

Nearly 30 DCSD students 'sign' with local employers for internships

Twenty-seven Darlington County School District students will get genuine work-based experience this fall during 12-week paid internships at local businesses. The students and the 13 employers participated in a Fall Signing Day on Sept. 19 inside Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology's Conference Center.

School guidance counselors recommended the student interns. Prior to the celebratory Signing Day at Mayo High School, all of the students underwent professional skills training and interviewed for the available positions with their schools' career specialists. The paid internships will take place at the employers' campuses and will help prepare the students for life after high school.

Superintendent Tim Newman began the Key to Career program with the goal of providing life-changing opportunities for Darlington County students through partnerships with the business community. Since then, many businesses in the area jumped at the chance to partner in a meaningful way with the school district.

The student interns, along with the respective businesses, are listed below.

- Cody Amerson, Lamar High School -- Amerson's Nursery
- Jasmine Newton, Darlington High School -- CareSouth Carolina
- Erica Williams, Darlington High School -- CareSouth Carolina

- Darionne Garner, Hartsville High School and Darlington County Institute of Technology -- CareSouth Carolina
- Andrew Rivera, Darlington High School -- CareSouth Carolina
- Ashanti Milling, Darlington High School -- CareSouth Carolina
- Tanesha Woodham, Darlington High School and Darlington County Institute of Technology -- CareSouth Carolina

- Dasha Harrison, Darlington High School -- CareSouth Carolina
- Destiny Miles, Darlington High School -- CareSouth Carolina
- Michela Shirley, Darlington High School -- Carolina Bank
- Malaisha McLeod, Hartsville High School -- Carolina Bank
- Nicholas Shoemake, Darlington High School and Darlington County Institute of Technology -- City of Hartsville
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If businesses are interested in participating in the Key to Career program, contact the district's Business Engagement Coordinator, Quinetta Buterbaugh, at 843-398-3520.

October lawn and garden tips

Watch out for:

Lawns

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

If you have an area that looks like something has been digging there, you probably have grubs, with some form of wildlife digging them up for a snack.

Things to do:

Flowers

Bulbs -- It's time to plant those spring-flowering bulbs you purchased in September, such as daffodils, tulips, hyacinths and crocus.

Soil test -- Now is the time to test the soil in your planned beds for plant nutrients. Soil tests usually take 10 days, so test now to have the results when you plant bulbs and beds. It is important to till in the lime needed (if any) for faster soil pH adjustment.

You may also sample your vegetable garden now if you do not plan to add more fertilizer for late crops.

Fruits

Fruit sanitation -- Begin inspecting your fruit trees. Be sure to remove any mummified

remaining fruits, and rake up and dispose of old leaves and branches that may harbor diseases over the winter.

Lawns

Fertilizer -- You may choose to add some nitrogen to zoysia and Bermuda lawns this month that have been overseeded. DON'T fertilize non-overseeded, warm-season grass lawns late in the fall! If you have not soil-tested your lawn areas in the past 12 months, now is a great time!

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

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

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

Irrigation -- As this month

progresses you will continue to cut back on your irrigation amounts.

Ponds

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

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

Trees

Leaves -- Leaves are beginning to fall. If you have space and a little time composting is a great option; if not, you can also till them into any fallow beds you have or the vegetable garden.

Plan ahead -- If you plan to plant some trees or shrubs this year, begin thinking about which plants you would like now, and find retailers that carry those varieties. You have plenty of time, but you certainly do not want to miss your favorite at the last minute.

Vegetables

Garden clean-up -- Half the tomato disease battle in a vegetable garden is sanitation. As tomatoes end their production remove them from the garden and take them to a landfill. Many diseases will over-winter on old infected leaves and stems.

-- Clemson Extension

Invasive pest of crapemyrtle found in S.C.

Clemson University

CLEMSON -- An invasive insect pest of the widely used ornamental plant crapemyrtle has been found for the first time in South Carolina.

Crapemyrtle Bark Scale has been positively identified in locations throughout metro Columbia, said Steven Long, who leads the plant protection division of the Department of Plant Industry (DPI), a regulatory unit housed at Clemson University.

"It's been there a while as the infestation is quite expansive," Long said. "An investigation to determine the source of the infestation is under way."

The pest is regulated by the state in the nursery trade, but not in private landscapes. However, it can cause significant damage to crapemyrtles, often requiring treatment to control the damage and mitigate the spread.

The invasive bug, a native of Asia, was first confirmed in the United States near Dallas, Texas, in 2004. It has since spread to a dozen states, most likely through the movement of plant material, Long said.

Crapemyrtle Bark Scale (*Acanthococcus lagerstroemiae*) is one of thousands of species of scale insects. It is a parasite that feeds on the plant's sap and leaves behind a sugary solution that appears as white or gray waxy crusts on stems, twigs and trunks, but rarely on foliage. The secretion eventually will turn black and in heavy infestations can coat leaves, stems and bark of the tree.

Although crapemyrtles rarely die as a result of the

infestation, the insects can damage the strength and the appearance of the tree.

Long said landowners should be wary and try to avoid the pest. "It is critical to make sanitation a priority when dealing with plants or plant material like mulch," he said. "Your county Extension agent will have recommendations that fit specific locations and a conversation with you landscaper or nursery staff will be important if you suspect an infestation."

The pest can travel on contaminated pruning tools. Mulch is a possible source since the scale can easily survive the chipping process. In heavily infested areas, alternatives to crapemyrtle should be considered.

Clemson Extension Service Home and Garden Information Center maintains an online fact sheet with information on controlling the pest: hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/crapemyrtle-bark-scale/.

Joey Williamson, the horticulture agent who wrote the fact sheet, reminds plant owners that if they don't want to apply an insecticide, there's another option for the resilient crapemyrtle.

"If the plant is highly infested, cut the crape myrtle off flush with the ground. Promptly burn the removed trunk and limbs, or cut up and place in garbage bags for trash pickup. Do not place on curb for regular brush pickup," Williamson writes. "Once cut, the stumps will send up sprouts very quickly ..." and with proper pruning and maintenance "within three years, the crapemyrtle will again be a beautiful flowering plant."



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ANDY RODDICK

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South Florence strikes quickly and often as it rolls over Darlington 47-7

By Drake Horton
Contributing Writer

To say that this has been a rough start to a season for the Darlington Falcons football team would be an understatement.

Heading into their game against South Florence Friday night, the Falcons were not only 0-4, but on top of that, they had only scored two touchdowns the whole year and both of those had come late, when everything was already out of hand.

In 192 minutes of game time, Darlington had only found the end zone twice, but against South Florence it took only 39 seconds before the Falcons scored and took their first lead of the season.

After recovering the opening kick that was misplayed by the Bruins, Darlington's Daniel Perkins hauled in a 27-yard touchdown reception on the just the second play of the drive and just like that, the Falcons, for the first time this season, had a lead.

"We looked a little different in the start, didn't we?" Darlington head coach Raymond Jennings said. "We finally scored with the game on the line. That is the first time we have scored a touchdown in the first half."

Unfortunately for the Falcons, that lead was short-lived and that was the last time they would find the end zone as South Florence rolled to a

47-7 win at the Falcons' Nest.

Following Darlington's opening touchdown, South Florence put together a very impressive first half, scoring 40 of its 47 points.

A lot of South Florence's scoring was quick and came off of Darlington turnovers. Tied at seven, a Darlington fumble gave the Bruins the football on the Falcons' 14-yard with 7:01 left in the first quarter. Five seconds later on the very first play of the drive South Florence had scored.

Up by a touchdown, the South Florence defense struck again, this time intercepting an errant pass and returning it back to the Falcons' 21-yard line and just like the drive before in one play the Bruins were back in the end zone with 6:28 left.

In roughly 33 seconds of game time, the Bruins went from tied at 7 to up by 13, leading 20-7 and if that was not enough, with 1:51 left in the opening period, South Florence added a 60-yard touchdown run for good measure.

Darlington tried to add points on the board at the start of the second quarter, but a 33-yard field goal attempt never stood a chance. Following the miss both teams traded turnovers with Darlington muffing a punt only to come back and have Perkins intercept what had the potential to be a touchdown on the drive that



resulted from the turnover.

The Falcons were not able to do anything with the interception, however, going three and out and it was deja vu all over again as South Florence struck again on the first play of the drive, going 51 yards on the ground to score and increase the Bruins' lead to 33-7 with

5:31 left before the half.

Like earlier when both teams traded turnovers, the Falcons and Bruins did it again, but this time when the Falcons fumbled, South Florence recovered and returned for about 10 yards for the score with 1:18 left in the second quarter.

Neither team scored in the third quarter and South Florence added one more score in the fourth with a 18-yard rushing touchdown with six minutes left in the game.

Depth, as it has in every

game so far this season, really started playing a role as this game went along. Heading into the game Darlington was already shorthanded, dressing only 26, and by the second half that number was down to 23 or so after some players were injured.

"It was a while where there were only two guys out there that were linemen that weren't going both ways and one or two skilled kids that weren't going both ways, so it is getting to a safety issue with me right

now," Jennings said.

A 26-man roster is small for any level of football, even 1A, but for a 4A team it is almost unheard of -- and when you compound that with the fact that South Florence is a 5A team, it sets up a recipe for disaster.

With the loss, Darlington is 0-5 on the year and now gets ready to start region play this week as it goes on the road to take on its rival, the Wilson Tigers.



Free Medical Clinic hires full-time medical provider

Kristin "Krissy" Huntley has been hired as the first full-time medical provider and clinical coordinator for The Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County.

"The Free Clinics will continue to rely heavily on the many dedicated volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurses, but Krissy's appointment will enhance our abilities to treat acute illnesses, expand our hours of clinical service, and allow us to provide a greater continuity of care for our patients who may see a different volunteer provider each visit to one of our clinics," says Executive Director Steve Edwards.

A 2013 Cum Laude graduate of Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in public health sciences and a minor in psychology, and a Master of Science in physician assistant studies from Francis Marion University (2018), she joined the FMC team in March to support its efforts while she searched for a full-time provider's position.

"Our team, including staff and our volunteer providers, fell in love with Krissy and what she brought to the clinic," Edwards says.

Huntley did rotations in

Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Surgery and Women's Health. She has experience as CNA with Interim Health; Nursing Specialty Tech with the Greenville Hospital System and working hands-on with children with autism at Hope Reach.

She holds certifications from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants, the American Heart Association and the S.C. Nurse Aide Registry.

The Free Clinic's medical director, Dr. Tom Dickinson, says, "Providing well-coordinated care, especially for actively changing health problems, will always be a challenge in a clinic such as ours that has limited hours for patient visits.

"As a PA, Krissy's daily presence on the team can help us react to and manage acute health issues in a smoother and more timely manner between the weekly office hours."

Huntley is licensed by the S.C. Board of Medical Examiners and received the required hours of direct supervision by Dr. John Ropp and is also receiving direct supervi-

sion under other highly qualified volunteer providers.

She is married to Roddy Huntley of Darlington and they reside in Florence with their two dogs, Maggie and Pennie.

She is the daughter of Rev. David and Diana Wike of Florence.

The Free Clinic of Darlington County is an interdenominational, 501(c)(3) nonprofit Christian Ministry providing free primary care, medications and pastoral support to the residents of Darlington County who do not have health insurance and who do not qualify for government health programs.

Its volunteer healthcare providers, including doctors and nurses, seek to promote the physical, emotional and spiritual health of all who need their services.

The Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County operates two offices. In Darlington, at 203 Grove St., Wednesday-Friday; and Monday-Tuesday in Hartsville at 500 W. Carolina Ave.

The clinic can be reached at 843-398-0060 or 843-332-0422.

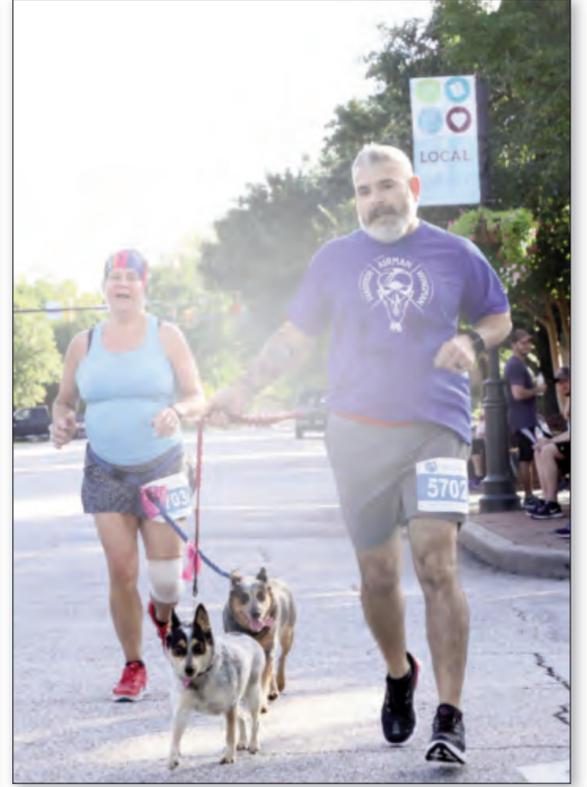
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Hundreds of Pee Dee residents showed their support of community-wide health and access to care by participating in CareSouth Carolina's annual Run2Care 5K run Sept. 21 in Hartsville. The course took more than 140 runners and walkers through downtown Hartsville before returning to the YMCA for an awards ceremony. All proceeds went to the CareFIRST Carolina foundation and will be directed toward two basic categories: improving access to care for those in need and improving the health of people in care. Manuel Angel finished with the top overall time (19:32) followed by Andrew Pattengill, who ran a time of 19:42. Jennifer Dunn was top overall female runner with a time of 22:16. Arnold Floyd was the top placer in the 70-plus age category, finishing with a time of 28:37. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Road-naming legislation cuts into road-repair funds

By Rick Brundrett
The Nerve

When in session, S.C. lawmakers routinely introduce legislation dedicating an existing road section, bridge or intersection to a living or deceased person – including ex-legislators.

Their road- and bridge-naming proposals are made through concurrent resolutions, which unlike general bills, can't be reviewed by the governor.

Since 2017, legislators have approved 57 such resolutions, according to state Department of Transportation records provided to The Nerve.

In this year's regular legislative session, which ran from January into May, lawmakers approved 24 resolutions and rejected one, with at least a dozen proposals pending when lawmakers return to Columbia next year, legislative records show.

It's been a long-standing practice in the Legislature, as The Nerve reported in 2011 and 2014.

Under state law, every time lawmakers approve road- or bridge-naming legislation, the money to produce and erect the signs comes out of a state fund designated to repair local roads.

The law also requires that legislative delegations representing the counties where the signs will be located approve reimbursing DOT for the cost of the signs, limited to \$500. In an email to The Nerve, DOT spokesman Pete Poore said the agency "gets \$500 one time only, no matter how many signs are requested and no matter what future replacements might occur."

Based on that, DOT would have been reimbursed a total of \$28,500 for the 57 approved resolutions since 2017.

The legislative delegations appoint County Transportation Committees (CTCs) that approve local road projects with "C" funds, which come from part of the state gasoline tax.

With the gas-tax-hike law that took effect on July 1, 2017, the C-fund portion of the gas tax will increase from 2.66 cents per gallon to 3.99 cents per gallon by July 1, 2021. The law raised the overall gas-tax base of 16 cents per gallon by 12 cents over six years, and also increased other vehicle taxes and fees.

Lawmakers promised those revenues would go toward fixing the state's crumbling roads and bridges, though The Nerve has repeatedly pointed out that DOT has completed relatively few major projects, while a state fund created with the law is fat with hundreds of millions in collected revenues.

The Nerve's latest review

found that road and bridge namesakes since 2017 included living or dead community and religious leaders; retired federal, state and local government officials; and police officers and soldiers killed in the line of duty.

Those recognized also included Lois Eargle, a former state House member and the current Horry County auditor; two deceased state lawmakers – Joe Neal and William Clyde Graham; the father of current S.C. Sen. Marlon Kimpson; and U.S. Congressman Jim Clyburn's late wife, Emily England Clyburn.

In addition, a pending House resolution asks the Charleston County Aviation Authority to rename Charleston International Airport after the late Ernest "Fritz" Hollings, who was the S.C. governor from 1959-63 and a U.S. senator from 1966-2005.

Hollings died in April; the House resolution was introduced in February.

The road- and bridge-naming issue has been heightened in recent weeks with the criminal cases of former longtime DOT commissioner John Hardee of Columbia. Recently, the DOT Commission unanimously approved removing signs on stretches of two roads named after Hardee at Columbia Metropolitan Airport and in Horry County, and renaming the "John N. Hardee Expressway" at the airport to the "Columbia Airport Expressway."

The commission's resolution, read aloud by commission chairman Robert "Robby" Robbins, a former 1st Circuit solicitor, "disavows the actions of former commissioner Hardee," noting Hardee's federal guilty plea last month was in connection with an investigation into "payments he received from a contractor seeking to do business with SCDOT while serving as an SCDOT commissioner."

Hardee was sentenced to 18 months' probation after pleading guilty to a federal attempted evidence-tampering charge, but was arrested the next day by Richland County Sheriff's deputies in a prostitution sting. He served on the DOT Commission from 1998 to 2007 and from 2014 until early last year after Gov. Henry McMaster declined to renominate him – a week after The Nerve revealed that Hardee was a paid consultant for a lobbying organization that received thousands annually from other public agencies.

The commission's resolution noted that commissioners named the Columbia Metropolitan Airport road after Hardee in 1999. DOT records provided to The Nerve show that the commission has

approved at least nine road- or bridge-naming resolutions since September 2016.

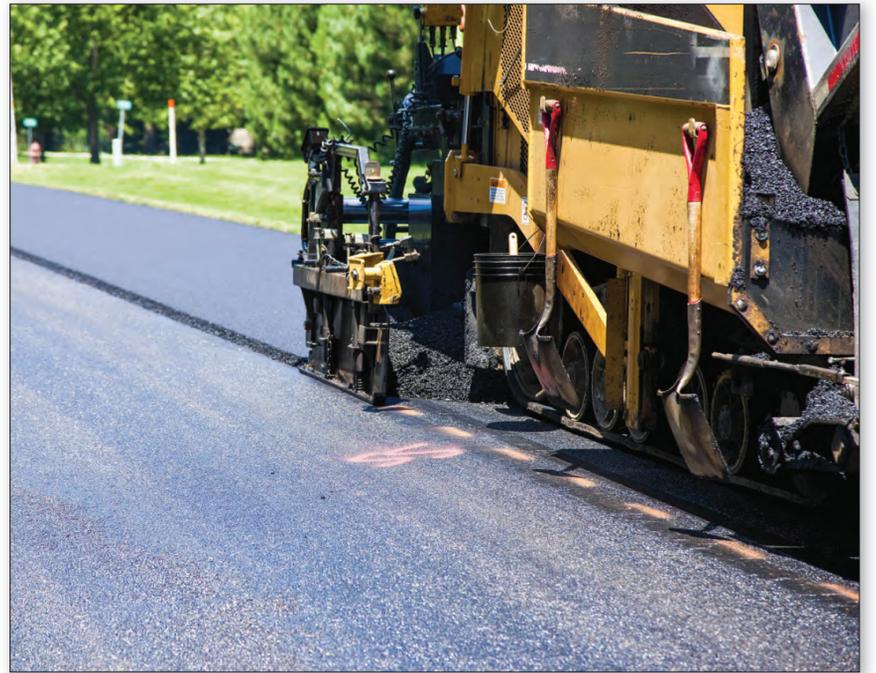
That includes separate resolutions in 2018 to name road sections in Spartanburg County and Myrtle Beach after Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright and Brad Dean, the ex-CEO of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, respectively.

Hardee is the son-in-law of state Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, who is the longtime chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and arguably the state's most powerful lawmaker.

Leatherman has a state ports terminal under construction in North Charleston and a science building at Francis Marion University in Florence named after him.

Leatherman was the sponsor of a 2017 resolution naming a Florence County bridge after the late state lawmaker William Clyde Graham of Florence County, who served in the House and Senate from the 1930s through the 1960s.

Contacted by The Nerve, longtime state government watchdog John Crangle said naming public roads, bridges and buildings after living people is "very problematic" because "even though up to that point they may not have gotten into trouble, they can get into trouble afterward; and it creates an embarrassment, which is what hap-



pened in the Hardee case."

"It seems to me a prudent policy would either be not to name roads and bridges and buildings after anybody, or wait say five or 10 years after their death before the structure is named," said Crangle, the government relations director of the South Carolina Progressive Network.

In the wake of the Hardee case, state Sen. Katrina Shealy, R-Lexington, said she

plans to introduce a bill that would allow public roads, bridges and buildings to be named after fallen soldiers or police officers, though the recognition for others would have to wait until more than a year after their deaths, according to a State newspaper story.

In the 2014 legislative session, Shealy introduced a bill that would have set a five-year waiting period for recognition

requests involving deceased elected or appointed officials. The bill died in the Senate Finance Committee chaired by Leatherman.

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Students in Pamela Braddock's class march through the halls of Lamar Elementary School recently in honor of Patriot Week. Classes displayed banners and flags to celebrate while other students and teachers looked on. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Karaoke Night in downtown Darlington



Crooners of all ages got their chance to shine on the mic last week as the Bringing Downtown Alive! concert series concluded with a Community Karaoke Party. Singers hit the stage and belted their favorite tunes (backed by a pro DJ) while guests enjoyed food and beverages and a classic car show. The Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association concert series drew great crowds over the summer, with live music presented each month at the intersection of Pearl Street and Liberty Lane. PHOTOS BY SAMANTHA LYLES



Mayo High School Class of 1959 celebrates 60th reunion



The Mayo High School Class of 1959 recently celebrated its 60th class reunion in Darlington. The event included a dinner at the Country Club, a City of Darlington proclamation presented by Mayor Gloria Hines and a cookout. Attendees in photo: James Hamlin, Mabel McLeod Robinson, John E. Dove, Barbara Hunter James, Broadus Baccous, Gloria Jett Little, Janette House Morgan, Robbie L. Bonaparte Samuel, Lee Ila Mack Hall, Olivia Simon, Janie Thomas Foster, Penny Barrette, Hannah Chapman Dixon, Clareth Samuel Jones, Lenora Bull Mills, Wallace Pearson, Freddie Holloman, Lillian Bostic Jackson, James Pearson, Samuel J. Cannon, Carrie Flynn Muldrow, Tonsel Lide, Clarence R. Williams, Rosa L. Carolina Head, Margie Brown Jett, Frank Williams, Jake Pinckney Jr., John T. Davis, Ola Dargan Wallace. Attendees not in photo: Paul Wingate and William Pettigrew. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Elks festivities planned this week

WPDE News 15's Tonya Brown will serve as grand marshal for the Pee Dee United Elks Lodge 1679 & Excelsior Temple 790 annual parade Oct. 5 in downtown Darlington. Brown will sign autographs at the cookout following the parade as well. The Pee Dee United Elks Lodge 1679 & Excelsior Temple 790 annual festivities are a multi-day series of events. The festivities typically draw 3,000 visitors to town.

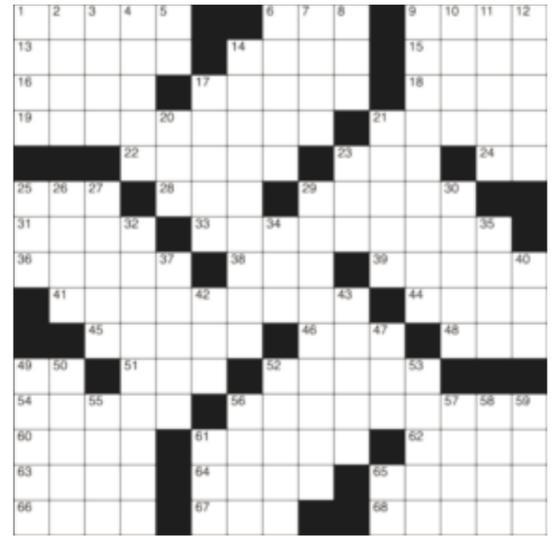
The activities begin Oct. 4, with a meet-and-greet at the lodge, 836 Timmonsville Highway, followed by a Bourbon Street Disco at 9 p.m. The annual Parade and Cookout will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 5, and the event will conclude with the Annual Dance from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the lodge. For more information, contact Ronald Travis, 843-453-4144, or Elaine Reed, 843-307-7086.

Animal shelter holding dog adoption fest

The Darlington County Animal Shelter presents Paws-n-Pumpkins, a dog adoption event Oct. 5 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The event is free. Microchipping is available for Darlington County resident dogs, \$20. Event also features a bouncy house,

face painting, pumpkin decorating. Monetary or pet food donations gladly accepted. The shelter is at 1701 Adoption Way, Darlington. For more information, 843-598-7093.

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CareSouth Carolina's school-based dental care expands

CareSouth Carolina has announced the addition of two new dentists to its Division of Dental Medicine, which will help the organization expand its school-based dental care services. Dr. Crystal Rosser and Dr. Brandi Hair have joined the CareSouth Carolina team and will offer school-based dental care to thousands of children across the Pee Dee area as part of the "Miles of Smiles" program beginning this fall. At the beginning of the

school year, CareSouth Carolina works with local schools to hand out forms to parents and guardians of children in the counties the organization serves. If the parent or guardian elects to enroll a child in the program, CareSouth Carolina will give the child two dental cleanings and examinations during the school year. The mobile dental unit is able to provide X-rays, extractions and a variety of other dental services for students that may not otherwise have

access to dental care. "It's an awesome opportunity to go into the schools and educate our patients on oral health in an environment in which they are already comfortable," Hair said. "My hope is that through enlightening our young patients on oral health, they can become oral health ambassadors within their own communities and share the value of routine dental care with others." CareSouth Carolina currently serves 41 schools in several

counties across the Pee Dee, including Darlington, Chesterfield, Marlboro and Dillon counties. "It is my hope to positively impact the lives of the children so that they will be motivated to embrace healthy oral hygiene and habits," Rosser said. "One's oral health can impact learning, self-image and overall health. We hope to make a wonderful and lasting impression on those we serve to enhance bright smiles and bright futures."

Backyard Stargazer

A trip through the October skies

By Francis Parnell

On Oct. 5, it's "International Observe the Moon Night." The Moon is at first quarter, so set up your telescope, use binoculars or gaze at Luna with your naked eyes. In a telescope, craters and mountains along the terminator (sunrise/sunset line) stand out in stark relief. Amazing sight!



At sunset on the 3rd, look southwest to spot Jupiter 2 degrees lower right of the waxing crescent Moon while red Antares is 10 degrees to the pair's lower right. Saturn is 2 degrees to the right of the first quarter Moon at sunset on the 5th. If you have a telescope, set it up, moon gaze for a while, then point it at Saturn. If you've never seen Saturn and its rings in a telescope, you'll never forget that first view! On the 13th, the full Moon, about 248,000 miles away, is

the smallest of 2019. Uranus is at opposition, 1,756,864,752 miles (2.6 light-hours) from Earth, on the night of the 28th. Under dark skies with a good star chart, Uranus can be glimpsed without optical aid when you know exactly where to look. Just after sunset on the 29th, look toward the west-southwest horizon to find the slim waxing crescent Moon less than 5 degrees to the upper right of bright Venus. At dusk on the 31st, a fine Moon-Jupiter pairing, with the

lunar crescent a few degrees upper left of Jupiter. **FAST FACT:** The Darlington Library has a new Starlab portable planetarium. It's a fantastic educational tool for teaching astronomy to kids and adults. Check the library Facebook page and posted notices in the library for dates and times of shows. You just might see the "BACKYARD STARGAZER" at a Starlab presentation. Save the stars by reducing light pollution and "Keep looking up!"

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Hartsville High student brought handgun to campus

A student at Hartsville High School was arrested Sept. 24 after bringing a "small handgun" to campus, officials said.

Officials at Hartsville High told their school resource officer that a student might have a weapon on campus, said Audrey Childers, spokes-

woman for the Darlington County School District. No threats were made to students or staff, she said.

The student was searched and a small handgun was discovered, she said. The student was in the custody of the Hartsville Police Department.

Hartsville man faces drug charges

A Hartsville man is facing drug charges after a "tip from a concerned citizen," officials said.

Darlington County sheriff's investigators with the Drug Enforcement Unit arrested McKenzie Michael Stevens, 21, of Hartsville.

"Investigators took a tip from a concerned citizen and immediately opened

an investigation," stated Sheriff Tony Chavis. "That investigation resulted in the arrest of Stevens."

Stevens is charged with trafficking methamphetamine. Investigators allege they located Stevens in possession of approximately 1.5 pounds of methamphetamine and 11 grams of marijuana.

Two wounded in drive-by shooting in Darlington

From staff reports

City of Darlington officials report there was a drive-by shooting near the Georgia-Pacific plant Friday night around 11 p.m.

Two people were shot and taken for medical attention.

The victims both survived but their condition was not known.

Darlington Fire Chief Pat Cavanaugh says the above-ground water tank for Georgia-Pacific was also shot

several times, causing leaks which lowered water pressure at the plant.

The Fire Department was monitoring the tank as it drained.

Water Department officials said the city's water supply and levels are not affected by the plant's tank.

City of Darlington Police are investigating the shooting incident.

2 killed in head-on crash

Two people were killed last week in a head-on collision in Darlington County, officials said.

The victims, whose names had not been released as of

press time, were in a Ford pickup truck that was heading south last Thursday on Society Hill Road, the state Highway Patrol told local news media.

A Mazda pickup truck crossed the center line and hit the other vehicle, officials said. The Mazda's driver was being treated at an area hospital.

BOOKINGS REPORT

W. GLENN CAMPBELL DETENTION CENTER SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019
INMATE NAME/AGE/BOOKING OFFENSE

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

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

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

1 Joseph Lamar Bennett, 42, of 103 Barton Dr, Goose Creek, Obtain Sign/Prop Under False Pretense <\$2000

• Brittany Evans, 30, of 1214 Robinson St, Hartsville, Shoplifting <\$2000

• Tyshaun Erving Freeman, 19, of 2415 Explorer Rd, Hartsville, Armed Robbery Armed With Deadly Weapon; Criminal Conspiracy; Petit Larceny \$2000 or Less Enhancement 120972; Poss of a Weapon During Violent Crime; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Fail to Appear; Fail to Appear; Fail to Appear

• Brittany Ann McGee, 29, of 547 Cagle Street, Darlington, Petty Larceny <\$2000; Trespassing

• Sha'Keem De'Angelo Peterson, 18, of 747 Azalea Cir, Hartsville, Criminal Conspiracy; Armed Robbery Armed With Deadly Weapon; Accessory Before the Fact to a Felony

• Jonathan Kris

CHARGES

ABHAN: Assault and battery, high and aggravated nature

DUAC: Driving under unlawful alcohol concentration

DUI: Driving under the influence

DUS: Driving under suspension

CDV: Criminal domestic violence

CDVHAN: Criminal domestic violence, high and aggravated nature

PDC: Public disorderly conduct

PWID: Possession with intent to distribute

SPOM: Simple possession of marijuana

Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Leroy NMN Brown, 61, of 206 E Ave, Darlington, Violation of City Ordinance

• Aazon Cannon, 21, of 2044 Bell Haven Dr, Darlington, Unlawful Carrying of Weapon

• Arterious Mylon Carter, 29, of 1566 Stokes Bridge Road, Bishopville, Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon

• Tyree Rajohn Livingston, 26, of 1215 Green St, Conway, Burglary Second Degree; Grand Larceny >\$2000 <\$10,000

• Zakeyyah Shafequah Martin, 43, of 4735 Bishop Ming Blvd #1, Stone Mtn GA, Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor

• Merrill Iving McKnight, 40, of 5529 US Hwy 521, Salters, Public Disorderly Conduct; Assault and Battery 3rd Degree; Driving Under the Influence; Driving Under Suspension; Open Container of Beer/Wine

• Exavier Mitchell, 31, of 1221 Cowboy Ln, Hartsville, Drugs/Possession of Cocaine 1st

• Jessie Aaron Gandy, 32, of 379 Pressly Ave, Society Hill, Driving Under the Influence; Resisting Arrest

• Kimberly Teneka Greene, 28, of 516 Catfish Rd, Darlington, Giving False Information; Driving Under Suspension (DUI) 2nd Offense

• Joseph Dylan McClain, 27, of 170 McLaughlin Lane, McBee, Petty Larceny <\$2000; Stealing Dogs; Petty Larceny <\$2000; Common Law Robbery Strong Arm Robbery

• Keri Amanda Perkins, 33, of 1631 Winding Ridge Dr, Hartsville, Neglect by Legal Custodian; Shoplifting <\$2000; Entering Premises After Warning; Shoplifting <\$2000; Entering Premises After Warning

• Patrick Joseph Miller, 30, of 1401 Hicksville Rd, Lamar, Crim Sex Conduct w/Minor (11 to 14 yrs) 2nd Degree

• Cleo Ward Jr., 43, of 6010 Richard Temple Blvd Ave, Lakeview, Safekeeping

• Fantasha Benjamin, 21, of 405 Swift Creek Rd, Hartsville, Weekender

• Omni C Blackmon, 27, of 707 Lawhon Dr, Hartsville, Failure to Appear After Release for Felony; Fraudulent Check Under \$500 1st; Fraudulent Check Under \$500 1st

• Quincy Montress Brown, 26, of 163 Bowens St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle 1st Off; Operating Vehicle Which is Not Registered/Lic; Use License Plates Other Than Vehicle Issued; Seatbelt Violation

• Rodrekus Terrell Campbell, 26, of 405 Hartland Drive, Hartsville, Weekender

• David Carroway, 33, of 2920 Bethal Rd, Hartsville, Domestic Viol 2nd Degree

• Felicia Denise Delane, 39, of 1608 South Center Road, Darlington, Weekender

• Ronnie Oneal McKnight Jr., 29, of 405 Mustang Rd, Darlington, Shoplifting \$2000 or Enhancement 16-0-

157; Shoplifting \$2000 or Enhancement 16-0-157

• Joquad Desmond Roary, 19, of 305 McFarlin St, Hartsville, Weekender

• Roger Dean Sims, 51, of 3477 Ambergate Dr, Darlington, Failure to Appear After Release for Felony; Failure to Appear After Release for Felony

• Daquan Mykel Smalls, 24, of 804 Dargan St, Darlington, Fail to Stop for Blue Light; Driving Under Suspension; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Michael A Squire, 53, of 1041 East Carolina, Hartsville, Weekender

• Dion Alston, 38, of 433 Lawson Rd, Darlington, Trafficking Ice Crank Crack >10G but <28G 1st; Manuf Possess Schedule IV Drugs WITD 1st; Poss 15 Dosage Units MDMA Ecstasy 1st Offense; Unlawful Carrying of Weapon; Poss 28G or Less Marij/10G or Less Hash 1st

• Ronnie Robert Baker, 66, of 406 Garnet St, Darlington, Public Drunk; Resisting Arrest; Public Disorderly Conduct

• Edward John Desmond, 47, of 157 South Sunset Dr, Florence, Failure to Appear After Release for Felony; Failure to Appear After Release for Felony; Failure to Appear After Release for Felony

• Robert Christopher Green, 43, of 409 Redwood St, Darlington, Driving Under Suspension; Operate Vehicle w/o Registration and License

• Lizzie Alexis Kissiah, 25, of 603 Charlotte St, Hartsville, Safekeeping

• Rocky Terrence Lane, 34, of 1632 Pacolet Dr,

Hartsville, Entering Premises After Warning

• Kimberly Oneal, 33, of Robinhood, Hartsville, No Charge Data

• Leshone Labelle Broadnax, 41, of 1044 West McIer, Darlington, Trespassing

• Darren Phillip Cullison, 47, of 533 Weaver St, Darlington, Non Support

• Crystal Rene Liles, 47, of 421 Pinestraw, Hartsville, Assault and Battery 3rd Degree

• Donald Ray Parker, 64, 1613 Morningside Dr, Hartsville, Driving Under the Influence

• Carroll Delano Powell II, 28, of 1229 Cedar Creek Rd, Patrick, Driving Under Suspension; Uninsured Motor Vehicle Fee Violation; Operate Vehicle w/o Registration and License

• Corey Leshawn Prescott Jr., 24, of 937 Huntington Drive, Hartsville, Domestic/Domestic Violence 3rd Degree

• Regina Lois Wallace, 38, of 906 Verlie Drive, Hartsville, Trespassing

• Cedric Maurice Washington, 45, of 4589 Running Brook Rd, Darlington, Entering Premises After Warning; Shoplifting <\$2000

• Donald Breon Wright, 44, of 311 Chalmers St, Darlington, Shoplifting Less than \$50; Traffic/Failure to Appear

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Estate: Melinda Dale Hodge Davis
Date of Death: 5/15/2019
Case No: 2019ES16412
Personal Representative: Johnny Davis

Address: 2873 Hartsville Highway, Hartsville, SC 29550

Attorney: Gerald Malloy
Address: P.O. Box 1200, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Michael Reeder Doran
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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Estate: Douglas Austin Neal
Date of Death: 8/25/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600426
Personal Representative: Alene H. Neal

Address: 1429 Lakeview Blvd., Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Anna E. Hungerpillar
Date of Death: 8/4/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600431
Personal Representative: Bess H. Gore

Address: 317 Birchwood Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Marilyn Johnson Meekins
Date of Death: 8/5/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600425
Personal Representative: Crystal M. Worthy

Address: 205 Briarwood Drive, Simpsonville, SC 29681

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Estate: Emma Cook Mims
Date of Death: 8/25/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600436
Personal Representative: Phyllis Mims Watson

Address: 401 Prestwood Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: Margie Ann Joyner Spires
Date of Death: 8/24/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600429
Personal Representative: Kirk Joyner Spires

Address: 126 Bay Ridge Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: William Harvey Teal
Date of Death: 8/16/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600420
Personal Representative: Laura Faye Robbins

Address: 430 Cat Pond Road, Patrick, SC 29584

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Estate: Clyde Thomas, Jr.
Date of Death: 5/2/2019
Case No: 2019ES16238
Personal Representative: Toylesha Thomas

Address: 2159 Beaverdam Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550
Attorney: Gerald Malloy
Address: P.O. Box 1200, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Estate: William Delane Todd
Date of Death: 8/24/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600424
Personal Representative: Glenda H. Cox

Address: 1457 Hibiscus Road, Timmonsville, SC 29161

(10p3 leave in thru 10-2-19) NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NO.
2019-CP-16-00228

First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, Plaintiff, -vs- John H. Haire, III and SC Housing Corp., Defendant(s)
BY VIRTUE of a judgment heretofore granted in the case of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company vs. John H. Haire, III and SC Housing Corp., I, Benjamin D. Moore, Esquire Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on October 7, 2019, at 12:30 pm, at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, to the highest bidder: LOT 62

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;
EAST: By Lot No. 61 on said plat;
SOUTH: By Lot 55 on said plat;
WEST: By Lot No. 63 on said plat.

See Deed Book 400 at Page 405
TMS #: 056-09-02-002
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TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with the other terms 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).

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

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

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

The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.970% per annum.

Benjamin D. Moore, Esquire Special Referee for Darlington County
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SUMMONS

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, GEON-QUAZE 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 (843) 248-4512 Fax E m a i l : jrbattle@battlawsc.com July 8, 2019 Conway, SC (10c3 leave in thru 10-2-19) NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES All persons having claims against the following estates

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Estate: Howard Alphonso Benjamin
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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Estate: Raymond Dubose
Date of Death: 9/8/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600444
Personal Representative: Barbara Willoughby

Address: 3525 Willoughby Lane, Florence, SC 29541

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Estate: Robert Lee Fields
Date of Death: 9/7/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600441
Personal Representative: Dawn F. Ellen

Address: POB 22, Bishopville, SC 29010

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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

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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

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1009 N. Main Street

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JAMES GLENN
Storage #192
Household items
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1009 N. Main Street

TAMEKA JEFFERY
Storage #29
Misc.
Total due: \$203.00

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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.
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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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Date of Death: 9/9/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600453
Personal Representative: Alice Dority Hair
Address: 618 Lee State Park Road, Lamar, SC 29069
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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 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: Rita Faye Johnson
Date of Death: 9/9/2019
Case No: 2019ES1600461
Personal Representative: Casey Gwen McInville
Address: 1717 Beaverdam Road, Hartsville, SC 29550
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TO THE DEFENDANT(S), The Estate of Willie James Bacote; The Estate of Jessie Lee Bacote; and all other persons entitled to claim under or through them being a class designated as Mary Roe; All Unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein, being a class designated as Jane Doe; also any Unknown persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and Any Unknown minors, persons under a Disability or persons incarcerated, being a class designated as Richard Roe, Defendant(s)
YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian ad Litem within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff.
NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint in the above-captioned action were filed on June 10, 2019, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County, South Carolina.

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SUMMONS (Deficiency Judgment Waived) (Mortgage Foreclosure) Non-Jury
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DARLINGTON
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NO. 2019CP1600626
Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., Plaintiff, -vs- The Estate of Willie James Bacote; The Estate of Jessie Lee Bacote; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles; all Unknown Heirs of Willie J. Bacote, Deceased, and all other persons entitled to claim under or through them being a class designated as Mary Roe; All Unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein, being a class designated as John Doe; also any Unknown persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and Any Unknown minors, persons under a Disability or persons incarcerated, being a class designated as Richard Roe, Defendant(s)
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Carolina. **NOTICE OF ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI AND NOTICE A GUARDIAN AD LITEM APPOINTED**
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT an action involving real property known as 825 Harrell Road, in which you may have an interest, has been commenced in the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina and that, by Order of the Clerk of Court filed therein on, Kelley Yarborough Woody, Esquire has been appointed as the attorney to represent any unknown Defendants that may be in the military service represented by the class designated as John Doe and Guardian ad Litem Nisi for all minors and persons under legal disability as a class designated as Richard Roe, Defendants herein. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, unless you or someone on your behalf apply to the Court for appointment of a suitable person to act as Attorney or Guardian ad Litem herein, within thirty (30) days after service by publication of this Notice, the appointment of Kelley Yarborough Woody, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem shall be made absolute.
LIS PENDENS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced and is now pending in this Court upon the Complaint of the above-named Plaintiff for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Willie James Bacote and Jessie Lee Bacote to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Equity One, Inc. dated April 21, 2006, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County on May 3, 2006 at 10:25 am in Book 1043 at 4382 The premises covered and affected by the said mortgage and the foreclosure thereof, were, at the time of making thereof and at the time of the filing of the Lis Pendens, as

described on the attached Exhibit "A". **EXHIBIT "A"**
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Lydia, in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina and designated as Lots Nos. 66 and 67 on a Map prepared by Jack D. Epperly, P.L.S., dated November 23, 1992, a copy of which Map is attached. Said lots have such shapes, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said Map. Lot No. 66 fronts 50 feet on Harrell Road, its northwestern boundary; it runs by Lot No. 67 for a distance of 100 feet, its northeastern boundary; it runs for a distance of 50 feet by Lot No. 62, its southeastern boundary; and it runs for a distance of 100 feet by an alley road on its southwestern boundary. Lot No. 67 fronts 50 feet on Harrell Road, its northwestern boundary; it runs for a distance of 199 feet by Lot No. 68 on its northeastern boundary; it runs for a distance of 50 feet by Lot No. 71, its southeastern boundary; and it runs for a distance of 199 feet by Lots Nos. 60, 61, 62 and 66, its southwestern boundary. This being the same property conveyed to Jessie Lee Bacote and Willie James Bacote by deed of Robert Arthur and Thelma Arthur, dated April 12, 1994 and recorded April 21, 1994 in Book D68 at Page 347 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Darlington County, South Carolina. Crawford & von Keller, LLC. PO Box 4216
1640 St. Julian Place (29204)
Columbia, SC 29240
Phone: 803-790-2626
Email: court@crawfordvk.com
Attorneys for Plaintiff
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Right to attorney not assured for all low-income criminal defendants in S.C.

By Rick Brundrett
The Nerve

Under a new city of Columbia ordinance, “extreme risk” residents who are poor might get a court-appointed lawyer – despite not facing any criminal charges – before they could be ordered by a municipal judge to turn over their guns.

But in South Carolina, the appointment of a public defender even in a criminal case isn’t a guarantee under state law and court rules.

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1963 ruled that criminal defendants who can’t afford a lawyer have a right to a state court-appointed attorney, which S.C. law recognizes. Under state law, the S.C. Supreme Court has the authority to set rules for the appointment of public defenders and court-appointed attorneys.

The ordinance passed by Columbia City Council allows a city municipal court judge to appoint an attorney if the resident whose guns could be confiscated can’t afford a private lawyer and meets the “income guidelines applicable to representation by a public defender in a criminal case.”

Under the ordinance – commonly referred to as “red flag” laws – a person who is subject to a court-issued “extreme risk protection order” has to turn over his guns to a licensed gun dealer or city police officer. Failure to do so is a misdemeanor punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a maximum \$500 fine.

Hiring a private criminal defense attorney in the state typically isn’t cheap. Longtime Columbia criminal defense lawyer Jack Swerling told The Nerve that in his experience, criminal attorneys usually charge flat fees based on the type and complexity of the case, ranging, for example, from \$3,500-\$5,000 for drunken driving charges to at least \$25,000 for a murder case.

Hourly rates can range from \$350 to \$700, he said.

Yet many low-income defendants in municipal courts in South Carolina have not been appointed public defenders in violation of the U.S. Constitution, according to a pending federal lawsuit filed in 2017 by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of indigent defendants who appeared in the city of Beaufort or town of Bluffton municipal courts.

To be eligible for a public defender under state court rules, a defendant’s net family income must be below or at the latest federal poverty levels, which for this year range, for



example, from \$12,490 for one person to \$25,750 for a household of four, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Screening is done by public defender offices, clerks of court, or bond court magistrates, Hervery Young, deputy director of the S.C. Commission on Indigent Defense, said when contacted by The Nerve. Each of the state’s 46 counties has a public defender office; there are more than 200 public defenders statewide, according to the commission’s website.

A final eligibility determination, however, is based on “all factors concerning the person’s financial condition,” including “income, debts, assets and family situation,” according to court rules, which require defendants to list that information on an “Affidavit of Indigency” application form. Under state law, the application fee is \$40.

“There is not a specific income level qualification to be indigent. The measuring stick is the federal poverty guidelines,” Young said in an email. “If a person’s household income is equal or less than the guidelines, then they are presumed indigent. If their household income is higher, then the presumption is not there.”

But the screeners have some latitude under court rules. Someone, for example, whose family income is slightly above the federal poverty guidelines but who has high monthly bills for a “necessary medical expense” could be eligible for a public defender, while a person whose household income is slightly below the guidelines could be denied if he has real estate holdings that can be sold, Young said.

A judge can review the decision if a defendant is denied eligibility, he said, adding the court can “uphold the denial, approve the appointment of the PD (public defender), or approve the appointment of the PD and require the defendant to pay a fee.”

If a public defender office

has a conflict of interest, a judge can appoint a private attorney to represent an indigent defendant under court rules, Young said, noting there are “Rule 608 contract attorneys in every county.” Under state law, those attorneys are supposed to be paid a “reasonable fee” with certain caps, based on a rate of \$40 an hour for out-of-court work and \$60 an hour for in-court work.

Their fees by law are covered by the state indigent defense office. The agency’s total budget this fiscal year, which started July 1, is \$46 million, budget records show.

Asked about the annual number of public defender and court-appointed attorney cases statewide, Young said counties are supposed to “report to our agency the stats on applications received, approved, and denied,” adding though, “This is not done and the statute does not provide an enforcement option for failing to report this information.”

Under state law, indigent defendants who are assigned attorneys can have legal claims filed against their assets in an amount “equal to the cost of representation,” minus payments to the appointed lawyer, public defender office or Commission on Indigent Defense, though a judge can “order any claim or judgment waived, modified or withdrawn.” That section of law is administered by the state Judicial Department, which is entitled to receive “all moneys collected.”

Young and Ginny Jones, the Judicial Department’s spokeswoman, didn’t immediately respond to written questions from The Nerve seeking specifics on the annual number and amount of claims statewide.

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Clemson regulator heads up effort to tackle illegal pesticide sales

Clemson University

CLEMSON — Most of us don’t give pesticides a lot of thought. But it doesn’t take much pondering to understand that weed killers, rat killers, insecticides, fungicides, fumigants and disinfectants have one thing in common: They can kill.

Mike Weyman thinks about pesticides all the time. His job is to investigate illegal sales and use of them in South Carolina. And he’s seeing a deadly increase in their frequency.

“The Internet has made it quicker and easier for criminals to distribute illegal, adulterated and counterfeit pesticides,” said Weyman, deputy director of Clemson University’s Regulatory Services unit, which includes the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR).

“The majority of these problems come from other states, therefore we have had no jurisdiction to go after the seller. But the federal government doesn’t have the resources to take on every single local case.”

A recent case on both sides of the North Carolina and South Carolina line not only illustrated that quandary, but also led to a national effort to solve it.

The case involved a North Carolina pet owner who purchased a flea and tick killer for her two adult dogs from a local store.

The bottle had no label, but she said she wrote down the verbal instructions she was given: “Apply 1 cc via syringe to each dog.” She did, using the dropper included in the bottle to give her dogs one drop each orally.

Her dogs died. She had tests run to find out why. Lab results showed the product

contained the common insecticide Imidacloprid, but at more than five times the recommended dose. And Imidacloprid is absorbed through the skin and is required to be administered on the nape of the animal’s neck, so it is nearly impossible for the pet to ingest it.

The case came to Clemson when North Carolina agriculture authorities traced the local store’s original purchase of the unlabeled pesticide to the Palmetto State. It served as a persuasive example when, in late August, the Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) created a task force of industry and government leaders to help states collaborate — both in regulation and in education — to help protect the health of humans, animals and the environment.

Weyman heads the national effort, with co-leader George Saxton of the Office of the Indiana State Chemist, Jim Fredericks of the National Pest Management Association, Stephanie Binns of Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment and Aline DeLucia of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture.

“States have been addressing this case by case and the cooperation has been excellent, but the quantity of cases just continues to grow,” Weyman said.

“All of a sudden there’s been a rash of counterfeits. Every single major pesticide company has had problems with counterfeiters. This will give us a protocol and practice to attack the problems together and get ahead of the curve.”

“Some of this can be handled with education. It’s a case of buyer beware. Number one, you don’t know what’s in that product. China is still using

products like DDT that we stopped using years ago,” he said. “You never know what you’re getting. You can’t trust these people because they’re running a criminal enterprise. They don’t care about that lady’s dogs in North Carolina. They don’t care about you.”

Weyman said consumers can look for hints on the product. If it has no label, it’s already breaking the law in the United States. If it does have a label, read it. Clues will be there.

“For instance, we have a huge problem right now with flea and tick chemicals coming in from the Far East and the United Kingdom. But there’s an easy tip-off to consumers: The United States doesn’t use the metric system,” he said. “We had one bottle from Asia that made it clear they knew what they were doing was illegal when they sold it. Written in Chinese it said: ‘Very Important: Do this with a brain do not get caught by Department of Public Health.’”

The new task force is reaching out to pesticide-related businesses as well as state and federal regulatory agencies for help tackling the problem.

At its core, Weyman said, is the understanding pesticides are essential products as is their proper use.

“I’ve investigated more than my share of pesticide-related deaths in 22 years of doing this,” he said. “What I don’t want is a case where it’s not a 11-year-old dog but a 13-year-old kid. That’s what keeps me up at night.”



These two unlabeled bottles led law enforcement in both Carolinas to pursue an illegal pesticide case that claimed the lives of a pair of pets. CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

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