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

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New mayor hits the ground running

City moves toward buying \$600,000 of land for recreation complex, considers trail system

By Bobby Bryant Editor editor@newsandpress.net

When he was elected Darlington's new mayor in November, businessman Curtis Boyd said, "I'm looking forward to going to work."

During his first City Council session as mayor Jan. 7, Boyd did exactly that.

He made no speeches, but within an hour and a half of being sworn in as mayor, Boyd was pitching council a video presentation on the first phase of a proposed system of walking trails for Darlington and jumping into a crowded threehour agenda that ended with council moving toward buying \$600,000 worth of land for a Bryant Gardner. Councilman new recreation complex featuring new baseball and softball fields.

In front of a standingroom-only crowd at City Hall, Boyd was sworn into office by a robed Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee. Boyd succeeds Gloria Hines, who served four years as the city's first female and first African-American mayor, but lost nearly 2-1 to Boyd in the Nov. 5 elections.

Also sworn in Jan. 7 were new council member Howard Nettles, who claimed the seat formerly held by Carolyn Bruce, and re-elected council members John Milling and

John Segars was chosen as mayor pro tem (a post that Bruce formerly held). Boyd said he planned to

begin a tradition of inviting local pastors to offer a prayer at the start of every council session. Kyle Meyer, pastor at Dominion Church Darlington, filled that role at Boyd's first council session.

Much of Boyd's first council session focused on recreation issues, as Boyd showed council a video sketching out what he described as the first phase of a system of walking trails around Darlington. Boyd, who runs a chain of gyms, said he's been interested in a walkingtrail system like this for a long time and said it was one of the reasons he first considered running for mayor.

The video showed a drive through, and walk through, areas that might be part of the first phase, including some spots that now are woods and underbrush. Boyd said he's now thinking in terms of only 1,400 feet of trails to begin with - about \$10,000 worth which he hoped to get from

Council member Sheila Baccus said that the plan - or at least the initial phase of it didn't seem to offer much to residents of South Darlington. "The area that you just showed on this video showed this trail running strictly



New Mayor Curtis Boyd, left, is sworn in Jan. 7 by Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee. PHOTO BY **BOBBY BRYANT**

through North Darlington," Baccus said.

"How does any of this trail affect South Darlington? Why is nothing of South Darlington included in this million-dollar trail? ... I am going to say this and then I am going to leave it alone until I see a showing where this is going to go

through South Darlington, because if we are spending millions of dollars of taxpayers' money ... it should affect all citizens and it should go somewhere through South Darlington."

Baccus was told that this was only the initial phase and that the final trail system

would be citywide.

Ultimately, council voted to seek more bids for putting a first phase in place before taking a vote on the plan.

Another big recreation proposal was the subject of an executive session.

BOYD ON 3A



Newly elected City Council member Howard Nettles is sworn in by county coroner Todd Hardee. PHOTO BY BOBBY BRYANT

Darlington County Council officers for the new year are (right to left) Chairman Bobby Hudson (District # 4, Lamar), Vice Chairman Lewis Brown (District # 7, Hartsville/Kelleytown) and Chaplain Dannie Douglas (District #2, Society Hill). PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

County elects officers, receives clean audit

By Samantha Lyles

On Jan. 7, Darlington County Council convened their first meeting of 2020 and elected officers for the new year. By unanimous vote, Bobby Hudson (District #4, Lamar) was re-elected chairman, Lewis Brown

Hartsville/Kelleytown) was re-elected as vice chairman Dannie Douglas (District #2, Society Hill) will again serve as chaplain.

County administrator Charles Stewart presented council members with copies of the fiscal year 2018-19 audit, completed by accounting firm Mauldin & Jenkins. Stewart said the auditors



issued an "unmodified" opinion with no findings, meaning they found the county's finances in good order. He noted that this opinion shows marked improvement over the 2015 audit, which returned an opinion with at least 15 issues that needed to be addressed.

'Those (issues) have been chipped away at, but in this audit, there are no findings by the auditor of anything they think needs to be changed or done differently," said Stewart.

Financial highlights in the report included the following information:

"The assets and deferred outflows of resources of Darlington County exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2019, by approximately \$50.3 million (net position).

"At June 30, 2019, the county's General Fund reported a total fund balance of \$32.45 million. At the end

of the current fiscal year, the county's unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$23.1 million."

To view the full audit, including departmental revenues and expenditures, visit the county's website at www.darcosc.com. The audit can be found via the Finance Department tab under County Financial Statements.

From the regular agenda for this meeting, council held a title only first reading for the updated comprehensive plan, which includes data on population trends, economic development strategies, housing, land use, natural resources and other topics relevant to the county's growth. The full plan can be viewed by visiting the county's website, clicking the County Council tab, and navigating to the Jan. 7 meeting agenda.

COUNTY ON 3A

Darlington remembers Causey's career on the bench

When word spread that Judge Dan Causey had passed away on Jan. 4, it wasn't long before friends and colleagues began sharing memories of the man who served as Darlington's city judge for 30

"I first met Dan when I came back to Darlington in 1975 to practice law," recalls Bobby Kilgo, attorney and member of Darlington County Council. Kilgo remembers lawyer Causey as being "very zealous in his representation of his clients in family court" and very knowledgable on the application of the law.

Kilgo also shares that Causey was one of the last attorneys to use a fax machine for submission of court documents, mostly because he cannily observed that unscrupulous attorneys would use faxes to push through 11th-hour changes in attempts to wrongfoot opposing counsel.

"He detested (fax machines) and held off until

until the courts said that he had to have one," Kilgo says.

Darlington County Coroner J. Todd Hardee knew Causey as his attorney, mentor and friend. He credits Causey's

the last possible moment, counsel with shepherding the Billie Hardee Home for Boys from "a little foster home to one of the premier child care facilities in South Carolina."

CAUSEY ON 3A



Dan Causey FILE PHOTO

Teacher accused of sex with student

From Staff Reports

An employee of the Darlington County School District has been arrested and is being accused of engaging in "an inappropriate relationship" with a high-school student, the school district said Monday morning.

The employee, identified as Anna Elizabeth Jeanette Patton in arrest warrants released by the Darlington County Sheriff's Office, is accused of engaging in "sexual battery" with a 16-year-old high school student.

The warrants state that she engaged in sexual intercourse and other sex acts with the student "in the Lamar area"

between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 last year.

Patton had "direct supervisory authority" over the student, the warrants say. The warrants also allege Patton "disseminated harmful material to a minor" - depicting explicit nudity through social media – between Oct. 1 and Jan. 11.

Patton's position with the district was not officially identified, but local news media are reporting that she is a teacher.

"The district is cooperating fully with the law enforcement investigation. The employee has been placed on administrative leave, pending the outcome of the investigation. Due



Anna Patton

to privacy laws, the district cannot discuss personnel matters," district spokeswoman Audrey Childers said in a statement.



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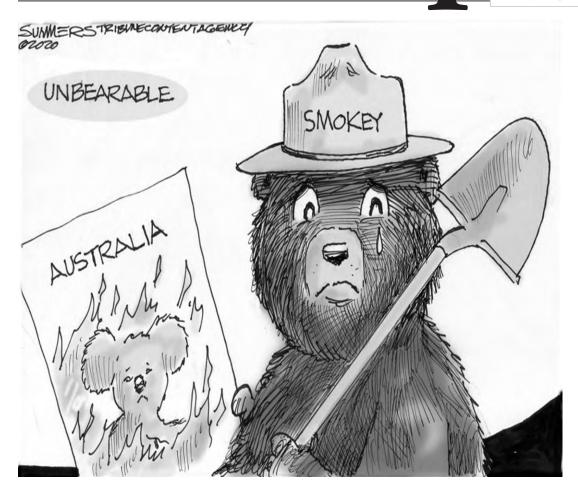
Word of the Week

glom - to take, steal, seize, or catch

Merriam-Webster.com

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OP-ED

A kinder world

By Bill Shepard

The world is in need of a little kindness!

I recall the words of the first George Bush speaking in one of his State of the Union addresses.

His words were "A kinder America!"

I believe that not only are those words needful for Americans but for all the world!

Kindness can be a far-reaching thing. Acts of kindness, words spoken in kindness, deeds done in kindness, all are hard to resist.

The word of one of the biblical characters says it best! Words fitly spoken are like apples of gold in pictures of silver. How beautiful are those words!

If I was an artist, I would paint that picture!

Good words! Kind words! Words spoken with respect for another's position can be great healers.

Those seem to be missing jewels in many of today's conversations! When politicians lose respect for other politicians, there can be little hope for agreement or compromise.

Another biblical question comes to mind that might be helpful.

The writer asks: "Can two walk together except they be agreed?"

I have experienced in my life of long years – the world gives back much like it receives. No, that is not the way it should be, but in reality, that is the way it is!

"If you kick my dog, I will kick your dog, or your cat!"

It has been said by many that America is the world's leader! Millions have looked to our great homeland and desired to become a part of it!

Why? The answer might lie in what they saw, heard, or read about our way of life!

Oh yes, there have been troubles aplenty, disagreements enough, problems to be solved, those things and more, but sensible men and women, elected to serve and guide the nation through uncharted and troublesome circumstances, have come together.

The words "United we stand, divided we fall" have been our guiding star!

They have proven true in two world wars and lesser wars and skirmishes.

There is hope they may prove true again!

I once read a story about a boy sitting on a seashore and building sandcastles.

A large man came hurriedly walking by. Without seeing the boy and his sandcastles, he stepped on them, tearing them down. Without a word, he hurried on.

The boy looked at his sandcastles torn asunder and started to cry. Another man came along. He stooped down and began helping the boy rebuild his sandcastles.

In a short time, the boy was laughing and enjoying his playing. He had forgotten all about his sandcastles that had been destroyed.

There is a great need in our world for men like the second one in our story. You can be like that second man!



OP-ED

The invisible people

By tom Poland

Clothes make the man, and when it comes to camouflage, it must make the man, woman, boy, and girl too.

Seems everyone wears camouflage year-round, but it's a rural, small-town thing. You don't see city people wearing camouflage unless you go to places like Sportsman's Warehouse and Walmart where you're apt to see most anything.

As the military goes, wearing camouflage can make the difference between living and dying. As hunting goes, it can make a hunt successful, but wearing it all the time? What kind of fashion statement is that?

When I return to my hometown, most mornings I go to the Huddle House for coffee and pancakes. That's when I notice that just about every patron is wearing camouflage. They look like they just left the deer stand.

They look as if they just broke camp from some deep woods outpost. They come in like they just scored a rack with the Boone and Crocket system. When they step outside and the wooded ridge beyond the Lincolnton Presbyterian Church cemetery rises behind them, presto, they're invisible.

I joke with my sisters about all the camouflage I see. Well, the joke's on me. Sister Benda gave me camouflage sweat pants for Christmas. I'll wear them when jogging.

I don't hunt, not anymore, but plenty folks do and they wear camouflage, be it mimicry camo like tree bark or breakup camo that hides the body's outline. There's even

3-D camo with fake leaves and grass. Sounds like something a sniper would wear.

Wearing camo while pursuing wild game goes back a long ways. Prehistoric men wore animal skins while hunting wild oxen.

We know this thanks to cave paintings.

Flash forward to today. The Wall Street Journal says camouflage prints have become a staple among men, that they're here to stay. I believe it.

Wearing camouflage says, "I'm a sportsman. I like the outdoor lifestyle."

Experts say camo establishes a bond among those who wear it. That is, if they can see each other, and when hunting let's pray that they do.

You may have seen that a father, 30, and his daughter, 9, were killed in Colleton County on New Year's day while deer hunting. Reports said it was unclear if they were wearing blaze orange safety clothing. I don't know if they were wearing camouflage.

Mistaken for deer, they were shot with buckshot during a deer drive. The accident happened on private property where protective clothing is recommended but not mandated, according to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Laws mandate the wearing of blaze orange on public lands. Seems to me wearing camouflage beneath a blaze orange vest cancels out camo's effectiveness. It's a curious pairing, and it's a curious thing to see folks wearing it in restaurants, but see it I do back home. All the time

Maybe I'll buy a matching top and cap and wear camo the next time I go to Huddle House.

Maybe the locals will bond with me, speak even.

Or I could make my own camo featuring coffee cups, pancakes, eggs, bacon strips, and napkins with matching upholstery and become invisible, an urban hunter on a quest for blueberry pancakes and coffee.

letter to the editor

Thanks,
Darlington,
for your
help with
Nativity

Thank you, Darlington community, for all your support and all the positive comments about the community Nativity set.

God has blessed us with caring people who helped make this vision possible.

We thank every person for all their help, and we hope they know how important each of them was and how important were the many prayers.

We hope this Nativity will bring about a change in all of our lives and cause us all to remember the importance of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection, not only now, but throughout the year.

Thank you again,

Darlington Community Nativity Board

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Boyd

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The city has the opportunity to use already-issued bond money to buy about \$600,000 worth of land off Harry Byrd Highway, about 1.25 miles from Darlington Raceway, which would be used for what Recreation Director Lee Andrews called a "recreational complex."

Throughout the council meeting and on council's agenda, this project was referred to as "land for ballfields." But Andrews said it's much more than that. "We're not just doing ballfields, we're doing something for everyone," he said. Possibilities for the recreation complex remain to be worked

But new softball and baseball fields will be a major part of the project, Andrews said. During an Oct. 1, 2019, council meeting, Andrews told council: "We're playing on ballfields that were built in the '70s, the '60s, with the same bathroom facilities '

After meeting in executive session, council voted to enter into an option with Olin B. Kirven to buy 111 acres off Harry Byrd Highway for roughly \$600,000, provided that the final deal satisfies the council. Council also voted to enter into an option with Evans Properties of the Carolinas to buy about \$50,000 worth of land adjacent to the other tract. A final deal on this property is pending as well.

Although the land is not in the city limits, annexation is not necessary for the purchase,

city officials said.

Andrews said he was pleased that council is moving forward on these projects. "I think we're in a really good spot (now)," he said. "We're trying to raise the quality of life in Darlington. We're trying to put tax dollars to work for everybody."

No one has ever really been against recreation, Andrews said, but it generally has not been at the top of the agenda. But Boyd "is a gym owner, so it's natural for him" to focus on these issues, Andrews said.

In other business:

-- Council received a clean audit of the city's books for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. This also means the city has eliminated its audit backlog and is current again after falling behind because of past problems with the companies handling the audits, officials have said.

-- Council approved a deal that will put \$41,000 worth of playground equipment at a softball field the city owns on Old Florence Highway. The arrangement was originally worked out by Boyd, before he took office as mayor, and Andrews. They were offered a 1-percent-interest loan by Pee Dee Electric CEO Mike Fuller to buy the playground equipment while it was still on sale for half-price. On Jan. 7, council OK'd that loan plan.

-- Council asked for more bids on replacing the failing heating and air conditioning systems at Harmon Baldwin Gym and A.W. Stanley gym and on replacing worn-out flooring at those gyms.

-- Council voted to table a first came up months ago,



Re-elected Darlington City Council members Bryant Gardner, left, and John Milling are sworn in Jan. 7 by Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee, right. John Gardner helps hold the Bible. PHOTO BY BOBBY BRYANT

proposal to move the Darlington Chamber of Commerce's office from the Public Square to the city's administrative building on Pearl Street. Council members wanted more information on the idea. City Manager Howard Garland told council the idea

when mold problems were developing at the chamber's current location across from the Courthouse.

Someone suggested moving the chamber's office to the administrative building, which would put it in the same place with Garland and city planner/Darlington Downtown Revitalization director Lisa Chalian-Rock. Also, this would let the city use hospitality-tax funds to improve the administrative building.

But when council asked chamber chief Harriet Hobbs to talk about the proposal, Hobbs said she couldn't, because she

Association hadn't been involved with any discussions about Councilman John Milling pointed out there was nothing solid enough right now for council to vote on and moved to table the issue until the city could put together a report for council to look at.

Causey

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"But his work with me did not stop there," Hardee wrote in a Facebook post. "As I grew older and began my life as an adult, he walked me through the legal process of buying my first house, buying several businesses, and establishing my first 'will' (that I received in the mail, along with a bill, and a note that said 'sign it, pay it, return it, you need it'!)

"When I became the county coroner years ago, Dan became my mentor. He taught me legal proceedings, he taught me the law. But more importantly, he taught me the art of compassion while holding a gavel. He was the master!

"My entire life has been spent with Dan Causey as my friend. There will never be a day, until I too enter the church triumphant, that I don't think of him or be reminded of his greatness. His family has lost a husband and a dad, this community has lost a pillar, the S.C. Bar has lost a real lawyer, the children of South Carolina have lost a huge advocate, and me, and a million others like me, have lost a dear friend."

Hardee also shared another memory with The News & Press – one that highlighted Causey's deft understanding of the law and helped put two murderers in jail for life. Hardee recalls that in 1993, while he was in the mortuary transport business, received a call from the Marlboro County coroner to transport a John Doe body found in a McColl swamp.

The body was taken to a Lexington funeral home for refrigerated storage, but the decomposition advanced made long-term cooler storage unfeasible. Some of John Doe's personal effects were left with Hardee, who boxed and buried them to preserve the items while isolating their powerful odor.

The Marlboro County coroner decided to have the still unidentified man cremated,

and it was later discovered that the man was James Jordan Sr., father of basketball superstar Michael Jordan. A murder investigation followed, and when SLED agents contacted Hardee regarding Jordan's personal effects, he placed an early Sunday morning phone call to his lawyer: Dan Causey.

"He showed up with a pajama shirt on, smoking a cigarette," Hardee remembers. "He told me that when SLED got here, I was to let him do the talking."

Causey then discussed procedural requirements with the SLED agents and ensured that the chain of evidence remained intact. When the case went to court, defense attorneys were unable to impeach the evidence and Jordan's murderers were sent to prison for life.

"I firmly believe that if Dan hadn't come down here that morning, those two men would not have gone to jail," says Hardee. "He stayed here half the morning in his pajama top, smoking, making sure that they did everything right so that the chain of evidence would be preserved. And when they were done and Dan got ready to leave, he just looked at me and said 'You're welcome."

Former Mayor Tony Watkins remembers Judge Causey as jurist who practiced a kind of "tough love" from the bench, doling out tough sentences with the aim of steering offenders onto the straight and narrow.

"Judge Causey was a person who meted out justice on a regular basis and would from time to time come under criticism from those who had come before him. During my time on council and while I was mayor I never heard a complaint that was well founded. I just think that the complaints were coming from some of the people who went before him, especially those who were sentenced by him for offenses they had committed. I always said that it couldn't be much fun to go before Judge Dan

Causey. I know that in reality he had a deep concern for those who were repeat offenders in the city's judicial system," says Watkins. "Those who knew Judge Causey knew him to be a man of fairness and integrity."

Many more people shared memories of Causey on the Tribute Wall of the Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home web-

"Dan Causey gave me my first job out of high school. He was a great person and employer who showed such compassion for others. I have many memories of the time I was with his law firm. He touched my life in so many ways as he touched the lives of all who had the honor of knowing him. He will be missed by so many! I send my condolences to Nancy and Daniel along with prayers for God to bring comfort and peace to your hearts," wrote Tammy Jones.

"I started my Law Enforcement career in 1994 and Judge Causey was there until 2017. This man taught me so much in those 23 years in the courtroom and outside the courtroom. Never did he NOT have time to discuss an issue or give advice. He was the BEST and he will be missed. Rest well sir!" wrote Michael Cooke, Capt. Darlington Police Department.

Daniel Beaufort Causey III was born in Conway, but spent much of his life in Darlington. He graduated from The Citadel in 1964, then served as a lieutenant with the United States Army, 31st Infantry Regiment. While stationed in South Korea following the Korean War, Causey led patrol missions along DMZ(Demilitarized Zone) and shared meals with Koreans living on both sides of the bor-

Causey graduated law school at the University of South Carolina in 1971 and moved to Darlington to work with State Sen. James Pierce "Spot" Mozingo III. He eventually opened his own law practice and was renowned for working with clients from every racial and socioeconomic background

In 1987, Causey was appointed Municipal Court Judge for the city of Darlington – a position he held for 30 years before retiring in

Causey also led the St. Matthew's Church Youth Group, and served as a Vestry Member and Senior Warden of the church. He is survived by son Daniel B. Causev IV and wife Nancy P. Causey.

Donations in honor of Causey may be made to the St. Matthew's Church Choral Fellowship by mail to P.O. Box 804, Darlington, SC 29540; or to the American Lung Association online http://action.lung.org/goto/ DanCausey.

County

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Council also approved leasing a T-Hangar at the County Airport to Gary Morrison for \$135 per month, approved the 2020-2025 Darlington County Airport Capital Improvement Plan, and okayed the 2020 Schedule of Meetings for County Council.

During citizens' comments, Agent in Charge Jack Witherspoon of Darlington County Probation, Pardons and Parole thanked council for recent improvements to the PPP offices on Russell Street in Darlington. Witherspoon said that when he took his post last May he was "astonished" at the lax security and noted that offenders could freely walk into and around the offices.

He requested help from the county and improvements were made, including walling off the lobby from the main offices, installing detectors and security lighting, and putting up new sheetrock. As gesture of thanks, Witherspoon presented each council member with a PPP challenge coin.

"We want to thank you for Highway in Darlington.



Jack Witherspoon PHOTO BY SAMANTHA LYLES

everything you've done to help us get a secure building, and helping us continue to keep the citizens safe in Darlington County," said Witherspoon.

The next scheduled meeting for Darlington County Council will be Monday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex at 1625 Harry Byrd

2020 Schedule of Meetings **Darlington County Council** 6 p.m.

Courthouse Annex/EMS Building 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151) Darlington, SC www.darcosc.com

Tuesday, January 7th	Monday, July 6 th
Monday, February 3 rd	Monday, August 10 ^{th (1)}
Monday, March 2 nd	Monday, September 14 ^{th (2)}
Monday, April 6 th	Monday, October 5 th
Monday, May 4 th	Monday, November 2 nd
Monday, June 1st	Monday, December 7 th

(1) SC Association of Counties' Annual Conference scheduled August 1-5, 2020 (2) First Monday in September is Labor Day Holiday

Joint Meetings

Darlington County's Municipal Councils, County Council, Board of Education, & Legislative Delegation 6 p.m. / Location: TBA Monday, March 30th - Town of Lamar/Host

Monday, June 29th - Town of Society Hill/Host Monday, August 31st - City of Hartsville/Host

SCAC Conferences/Institute of Government Classes

Feb. 19-20, SCAC Mid-Year Conference/Institute, Columbia Aug. 1-5, SCAC Institute & Annual Conference, Hilton Head Island Oct. 21-22, SCAC County Council Coalition/Institute, Columbia

Special Meetings/Worksessions Scheduled as needed

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Otis "Pete" Edwards

DARLINGTON - Otis "Pete" Edwards, 87, passed away Friday, Jan. 3, 2020. A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Darlington Moose Lodge, 1056 N. Governor Williams Highway, Darlington.

Born in Darlington County on June 11, 1932, Pete was the son of the late Alec Edwards and Margurite Gainey. He served in the Army National Guard Reserve for 10 years, then worked for Tucker Enterprise.

Pete loved his community and was involved in the construction of the Darlington Racetrack, was an avid NASCAR fan, and was a member of the Moose Lodge. He was a generous and selfless person who loved to help people, and would often contribute to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Surviving are his son, Otis "Skip" (Luise) Edwards Jr. of Orlando, Fla.; grandchildren, Cheri, Crystal, Candice, and Ashleigh Michelle; greatgrandchildren, Olivia Isaac, Sofia Isaac, Morgan Edwards, Miya Edwards, Jacob Edward Forst, Colton James Forst, Zachary Cullen Forst; and a daughter-in-law, Cheryl

He was preceded in death by his son, Mike Edwards; and a daughter, Sonja Edwards.

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

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

Sarah "Frankie" Harrell

DARLINGTON Sarah "Frankie" Frances Jordan Harrell, 84, passed away Monday, Jan. 6, 2020.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the chapel at Belk Funeral Home with burial at Philadelphia Southern Methodist Church Cemetery.

The family received friends at the funeral home and other times at the home of Ricky and

Janice Harrell, 132 Knotty Pine Road, Darlington.

Born Nov. 12, 1935, Frankie was the daughter of the late Charles Leslie Jordan and Mary Odom Jordan. She will be remembered for being a hard worker, loved taking care of her children and grandchildren, and loved classic country music.

Friends She attended Missions Church.

Surviving are her son, George Richard "Ricky" (Janice) Harrell Jr.; grandchildren, George "Doodle" Kevin Northcutt of (Tammy) Hartsville, Mark Odom of Michigan; great-grandchildren, Bridgette Northcutt (Bryan) Miller of Hartsville, Todd Northcutt of the home; great-great-grandchildren, Natalia, Colby and Kaynin, and Scarlet Miller soon to be born; siblings, Carolyn Broach, Charles W. "Sonny" Jordan, both of Florida, Billie Rae (Tommy) Jordan of Camden, Wendy Faye Baker of Sumter; son-in-law, Raleigh Harrington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Richard Harrell; daughter, Debra Oliver Harrington; sisters, Mary Lou Morrell, Rosie Kennedy; brother, Maxie Lee Jordan.

Memorials may be made to Friends Missions Church, 1915 Highway, Byrd Darlington, SC 29532; or to Branch Indian United Methodist Church, PO Box 456, Darlington, SC 29540.

A guestbook is available online at www.belkfuneralhome.com

Margaret Ann Middleton

DARLINGTON - Margaret Ann Middleton, 80, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020.

Funeral services Sunday, Jan. 12, at Bethea Baptist Community, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

The family received friends in the Fellowship Hall.

A graveside service was held Monday at Florence National Cemetery.

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Margaret Ann Bradley Middleton was born in Pine Bluff, Ark., the daughter of the late Thomas Eric Bradley Sr. and Margaret Payne Bradley.

She always valued education and the joy of learning. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree with Distinction from Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and her Master's of Education degree from Francis Marion College.

When her husband, Edward Middleton, became a Navy chaplain, Mrs. Middleton worked as board chairman of Camp Pendleton, Calif., Pre-Kindergarten School, president of Chaplain Wives at Camp Pendleton and Beaufort; Director of Religious Education for Seabee Chapel, Port Hueneme, Calif., and president of the Naval Officers Wives Club, Beaufort.

She served actively in the military chapels, churches and community.

She was a gifted pianist who could play by ear.

Serving faithfully alongside her husband, she was also a musician for the services.

Mrs. Middleton was an English teacher at Oxford (N.C.) Elementary School, Millbrook (N.C.) Elementary School, St. John's High School and Darlington High School.

She received four awards to write local history with her students from Project REACH, founded by the Rockefeller Foundation, and was named a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow.

An active member of First Baptist Church, Darlington, Mrs. Middleton served on the Church History Committee, in the Eloise Smyre Circle and a member of the Renny Johnson Sunday School Class.

A loving and dedicated mother, Mrs. Middleton is survived by her sister-in-law Donna Bradley of Southaven, Miss., and her four children: Beth Goodyear (Brett) of Surfside Beach; Jerry Middleton (Christina) of Darlington; Susan Davis (Gary) of Clinton; and Wendy Chico (Leonardo) of New York City.

She was a grandmother to

Lawson Grove

Hartsville. Sunday - Church

School at 9:45 a.m.; Worship

Service 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday.

Black Creek

Baptist Church

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

The church, 139 Mont Clare

Morgan Goodyear, Hayes Goodyear, Wyatt Goodyear, Leigh Ann Middleton, Erica McKensie Middleton, Carson Edwards, Taylor Middleton, Tyler Middleton, Austin Gardner, Gray Gardner and Gabrielle Gardner.

Her faithful husband of 61 years, Edward Middleton, and her brother Thomas Eric (Donna) of Bradley, Jr. Southaven, Miss., preceded her in death.

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

Wanda A. Williamson

DARLINGTON - Wanda "Candy" Atkinson Williamson, 66, passed away Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020. A graveside service was held Wednesday, Jan. 15, Darlington Memory Gardens. The family received friends Tuesday at Belk Funeral Home.

Born April 7, 1953, Wanda was the daughter of the late Willie E. Atkinson and Rowena Andrews Atkinson. She worked as a Pharmacy Tech for CVS in Darlington and Hartsville. She was of the Baptist faith and attended Mt. Elon Baptist

Surviving are her husband of 37 years, F. Walker Williamson Jr.; children, William "Bill" Jarrell of Spokane, Wash., Carey (Jack) Hatchell of Timmonsville, Trev (Amanda) Williamson of Bishopville; a number of grandchildren; sister, Shirley (Jim) Bruner of South Port, N.C.; brother, Scott (Kathy) Atkinson of Hartsville; a very close friend, Chrystal (John Ervin) Caston of Hartsville; sisters-in-law, Sylvia (Clyde) Lane, Judy Blackmon, Rose (Sidney) Howell, and Linda (Jimmy) Yarborough.

Memorials may be made to National Kidney Foundation, www.kidney.org.

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worship service, 9 a.m. church

school service, 10 a.m. morning worship. Covenant

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

Baptist Church

Mt. Zion Tabernacle **Ministries**

Mt. Zion Tabernacle Ministries, 426 W. Broad St. in Darlington, announces hours: 1st/3rd Sunday Pastoral Sunday: Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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Considering the cost

By Bill holland

When browsing in a bookstore, I'm sure certain titles grab your attention and you read the back cover because you want to know more about what the book is about.

The same is true for most people who research their direction before they begin traveling on a journey because they want to know more about where they are

Well, since this is a new year, I want to ask some questions that are intended for us to contemplate and decide if this is a direction we dare to take. My first question is: Are we interested about drawing closer to God?

It would seem reasonable to accept that individuals sensitive about the spiritual realm would understand that God is the meaning and purpose of life. You may have guessed what the next question is going to be; are we ready to take the step of faith toward God and commit to becoming the person we were created to be?

This is the point where, like those in the bookstore, we decide to either purchase the book or lay it down and continue seeking.

Most of us humans do not like drastic change because we do not want to let go of all the things that we love though many of them are bad for us. However, we really cannot afford to ignore our destiny because avoiding reality is like putting a Band-Aid on a broken arm.

The older we grow, the more set in our ways we become and to those who live in a satisfied state of mind, it's very difficult to surrender our will and become a brand new person.

This does not mean it's impossible for an old dog to learn new tricks, it just means that personal transformation includes a certain amount of sacrifice. It's sobering to consider that for many individuals who dwell in denial, the cost of changing is more than they are willing to pay.

We realize that it's pleasurable to hear devotions and read books about how God wants to continue blessing us just like we are. When we hear these words, it seems to imply that we have nothing to worry about and with no further need to be shaped or molded by the Potter.

Our nature loves this type of cozy message but unfortunately it's not true. As a minister and counselor, I often hear people say they just want to get their life together and be happy and then they will serve God, but this is putting the cart before the horse.

Spiritual peace and contentment can only be found when we fall in love with God



first. Others desire to be successful and respected but ignore the Lord.

It seems that mankind is always looking to make some type of deal or compromising agreement with God but this is not true covenant love. We've heard about the overcomers in the book of Revelation, but who are they and what does this mean? Basically, I believe this is referring to those who control their flesh and resist the

These are the individuals who are focused on Christ and love Him with all of their mind, strength, and soul. How determined are you and I to be awakened from our slumber? The answers to these questions separate the spectators from the participa-

Imagine the adventurers who boarded ships and sailed away in search for a new world. They waved goodbye while leaving those who were satisfied with mediocrity standing on the shore. When will we decide that it's our time to come aboard His vessel of unlimited possibilities? Will we remain the same or will we seek and fulfill our spiritual destiny?

Similar to making a decision to diet and exercise, our spiritual evolution has everything to do with desire. Impossible? Of course not! Difficult? Absolutely!

Charles Swindoll is quoted as saying, "We all are faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations." If we are not interested, we

will not succeed and it's as simple as that. Could today be the day when you ask God to begin a personal metamorphosis in your life?

Salvation, deliverance, forgiveness, and perfect peace is only a prayer away. Mark Twain is quoted as saying, "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Chur Ch News

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

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

Cherry Grove church

Cherry Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Darlington invites you to celebrate the M. Dewayne Mack on Feb. 15 \$15 per youth 12 and under. 7056; Brenda Goodson, 843-393-0261; Rebecca Hudson, 843-601-5230 by Feb. 7.

Church Prayer Line

Anyone who needs prayer is welcome to call Covenant Baptist Church Prayer Line at

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.

Main St. in Darlington. Phone: 843-601-3672.

New pastor at **Baptist Church** 3585 Lawson Grove Rd.,

installation of pastor-elect Rev. at 7 p.m. at the SiMT Building, Florence. Cost is \$25 per adult, Contact Janice Floyd, 843-621-

843-393-8555.

Second Missionary Baptist Church

Practice

Second Missionary Baptist Church, 212 W. Washington St., Hartsville, announces hours. 8 a.m. early morning

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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, freerange 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 Darlington: 2nd Friday of the month 10 a.m. - noon 398-4940

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

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

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.

Darlington **Kiwanis Club**

Every other Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Darlington Country Club. Members often come a little early for fellowship.

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.

City of Darlington **Board of Zoning** Appeals

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

Darlington Branch ÑAACP

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.

City of Darlington Design Review Board

Meets on an as-needed basis, coordinated through the Codes Enforcement Office

Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board

The Darlington County

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

Disabilities and Special Needs

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 Kiwanis Club Board Meeting

The Board of Directors for the Darlington Kiwanis Club will meet at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Taki's Diner or a board member's home.

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

Small Business Professionals Roundtable

Center.

These monthly Roundtable sessions, held on the second Tuesday of every month from 8-9 a.m. at the Greater Hartsville Chamber of Commerce, will give small business professionals an opportunity to explore best practices for tackling day-today issues and achieving long-

term business goals. The ses-

sions will be facilitated by Coker University's Business Administration Department Chair Melinda Norris.

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

Jan. 2020

Beautification Board

Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Connections at Breakfast - Habitat for Humanity

Thursday, Jan. 16 at 7:30-9 a.m. at the Darlington County Habitat for Humanity at 120 W. Washington Street in Hartsville. Connections events are held monthly. Chamber

members host these events in

their place of business so they can promote their products/services. Business cards are also collected from those in attendance and given to the host at the end of the event. Members who attend have an opportunity to be drawn to give a 60-second infomercial about their busi-

Darlington County Planning Commission Meeting

ness.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Feb. 2020

Darlington County Historic Landmarks Commission

Monday, Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Darlington County Council

Monday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. at Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington

Williamson Park Committee

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street, Darlington

Darlington City Council

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

City of Darlington Beautification Board

Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

City of Darlington Tree Board

Monday, Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Inside GSSM

INSIDE GSSM is a day of imagination, inspiration, innovation, and fun for the the whole family on Saturday, Feb. 29 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the South Carolina Governor's

School for Science and Mathematics in Hartsville.

March 2020

Darlington County Council

Monday, March 2 at 6 p.m. at Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington

Darlington City Council

Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Williamson Park Committee

Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street, Darlington

Speed & Feed **BBQ Festival**

It's back and better than before! Our annual Speed and Feed BBQ Festival has gotten an upgrade (with a new Spring date) and now has become a two-day festival filled with live music, a car cruise-in, entertainment, amusement rides, food trucks, and - the obvious a BBQ cook-off! Join us Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 at the Darlington Raceway.

City of Darlington **Beautification Board**

Wednesday, March 18 at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Joint Meeting of All City of Darlington **Boards**

Thursday, March 19 at 6 p.m., scheduled by the Planning Commission

April 2020

Darlington County Council

Monday, April 6 at 6 p.m. at Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington

Darlington City Council

Tuesday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Williamson Park Committee

Tuesday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street, Darlington

City of Darlington Beautification **Board**

Wednesday, April 15 at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

May 2020

Darlington County Historic Landmarks Commission

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

Darlington County Council

Monday, May 4 at 6 p.m. at Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington

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Four HHS student-athletes sign letters of intent

Four student-athletes from season after signing letters of intent last Wednesday.

The signing ceremony took play collegiate athletics next High Arena in front of the to play football. school's student body, administration, family and coaches.

Kevon Haigler signed with Hartsville High School will place inside of the Hartsville Appalachian State University

Justin Abraham will play football for Georgia State

Eric Brown Jr. will head to Carolina South

University to play football. Mac Waldrop will join the

tennis team at the University High School. of South Carolina – Sumter.

This marked the second signing ceremony for studentathletes this year at Hartsville will take place in May.

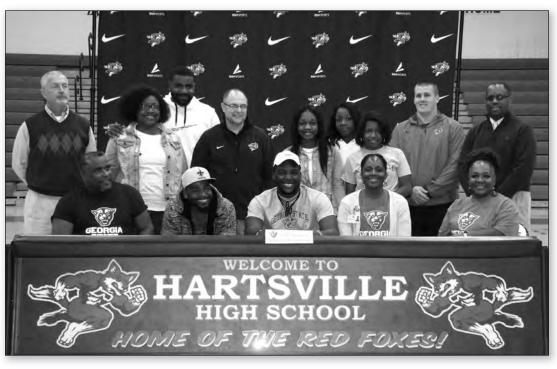
A third and final signing



Hartsville High students Mac Waldrop, Eric Brown Jr., Justin Abraham and Kevon Haigler all signed letters of intent Jan. 8 to play collegiate athletics next season.



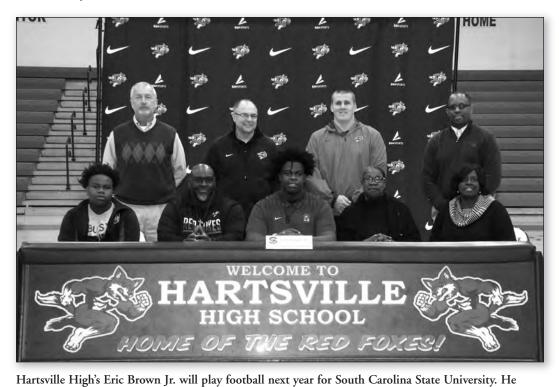
Hartsville High's Mac Waldrop will play tennis next year for the University of South Carolina - Sumter. He signed a letter of intent Jan. 8.



Hartsville High's Justin Abraham will play football next year for Georgia State University. He signed a letter of intent Jan. 8.



Hartsville High's Kevon Haigler will play football next year for Appalachian State University. He signed a letter of intent Jan. 8.



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The relationship between eating and exercise

vital components of a healthy lifestyle. While these components tend to be looked at separately, diet and exercise are actually interconnected.

According to the American College of Sports Medicine, adequate food and fluid should be consumed before, during and after exercise. Following that advice can help men and women maintain their blood glucose concentration during exercise, which allows them to maximize their performance and improves their recovery

Some people understandably may feel that eating before exercising seems counterintuitive, as food may contribute to feelings of sluggishness that would make it hard to maximize a workout. But what people eat, and drink, prior to working out is important, as the right foods can make a positive impact while the wrong foods can have the opposite effect.

Association and the ACSM rec-

prior to working out. The ACSM recommends drinking between two and three cups of water two to three hours before exercising. Adults accustomed to working out in the early morning can try to wake up earlier so they can give their bodies time to hydrate before they begin exercising. It's also important to continue hydrating during a workout, as the ACSM recommends drinking between 1/2 and one cup of water every 15 to 20 minutes during a workout (amounts can be adjusted based on variables such as the weather and individuals' body sizes). After a workout, the ACSM recommends drinking two to three cups of water for every pound lost during the exercise session.

Food also plays a vital role in maximizing a workout and improving recovery time. The AHA recommends fueling up on healthy carbohydrates, such as whole-grain cereals, wholewheat toast or low-fat or fat-American Heart free yogurt, two hours before exercising. Doing so might pose

Diet and exercise are each ommend hydrating with water a problem for early morning exercise enthusiasts, and in such instances the AHA advises eating a piece of fruit such as an apple or banana five to 10 minutes before beginning a workout. Avoid saturated fats and a lot of healthy protein prior to working out, as it takes longer for these fuels to digest in the stomach. Until foods are digested, muscles may not get all of the oxygen and energy-delivering blood they need during a workout, so it's best to stick with foods that the body can

digest more quickly. The Mayo Clinic notes that it's also important to make food a part of your post-workout routine. Eating a post-workout meal that contains both carbohydrates and protein can aid muscle recovery and replace glycogen stores that help increase energy levels after working out.

The most effective way to exercise involves healthy foods, which can improve performance and lead to quicker postworkout recovery.



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Why annual checkups are so important

Nutritious diets and routine exercise are two hallmarks of a healthy lifestyle. Combining the two can lower people's risk for various diseases and contribute to a high quality of life. But food and physical activity are not the only things people should do to improve their chances of living long, healthy lives.

Preventive care is important. One of the most effective principles of preventive care is to schedule an annual checkup with a physician. According to the Centers for Disease Control Prevention, routine health exams and tests can find problems before they start. During annual check-ups, doctors may notice some red flags, such as high cholesterol, that men and women won't detect on their own. These warning signs could be increasing people's risk for disease and/or discomfort. Many of these red flags are undetectable without proper screenings, which is why annual checkups are integral to maintaining one's health.

Annual checkups also serve as a great time for adults to be screened for certain cancers. The American Cancer Society notes that cancer screenings are used to find cancer before a person develops symptoms. That's a vital benefit of annual checkups, as cancers caught in their early stages are more easily treated. In addition, catching cancer before it has metastasized greatly improves patients' prognosis.

Another reason to schedule annual checkups is that they make perfect opportunities for patients to discuss their family histories with their physicians. This is especially important for adults over 40, as age and family history are significant risk factors for a host of conditions and diseases. Men and women concerned about conditions and diseases that their family members have had can discuss those concerns with their physicians during their annual checkups. Physicians can then recommend ways for patients to balance their risk, calming patients' concerns and giving them a road map to reduce their risk for conditions and diseases that seem to run in their families.

Annual checkups are as vital a component of a healthy lifestyle as nutritious diets and routine exercise. By scheduling annual checkups with their physicians, adults can closely monitor their overall health and potentially uncover issues before they escalate into major health

Bloodhound puppies sniff out names

From Staff Reports

The bloodhound puppies donated to the Darlington County Sheriff's Office finally have names.

Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis announced Friday that the puppies will be called Smokey and Bandit – the names that appeared to

be leading the pack among residents casting Facebook

The puppies will help "rescue children and find bad guys."

Other names considered for the puppies were Cash, Sully, Scout, Major, Colt, Ruger, Thor and Xander.

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Jane Windham's Fresh Tomato Pie

Ingredients:

- 1 frozen deep-dish pie crust
- 1 tbsp spicy brown mustard 2 lbs. tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 sweet onion, sliced thinly and sauteed slightly
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- cup fresh basil, 1/4 chopped
 - 1 tsp dried oregano 1 tsp dried dill weed salt and pepper

Directions:

1. Wash, peel, and slice the tomatoes. Lay the slices on 2 sheets of paper towel. Sprinkle the slices with salt and allow them to drain for at least 15 minutes. Take another sheet of

paper towel and dab any moisture from the top of the slices. This step is very important because you will end up with a soggy pie if you don't!

2. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Poke a few holes in the bottom and sides of the pie crust. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove pie crust from the

3. Spread 1 tablespoon of mustard in the bottom of the pie crust.

4. Layer the tomato slices in the pie crust and season with salt, pepper, fresh basil, and dried oregano.

5. Place the onion slices on top of the tomato slices.

6. Mix together the cheese, the mayonnaise, and the dried dill weed.

7. Spread the cheese mixture on top of the tomatoes

8. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes before slicing. roads.com.

25 minutes or until the top is lightly golden.

Serve warm.

See more from Jane 9. Let the pie rest for about Windham at cottageatthecross-



Officials including state Sen. Gerald Malloy (at podium) and state Rep. Robert Williams met Jan. 6 at the Darlington County Water and Sewer Authority's administrative offices to celebrate the prospect of clean drinking water for residents living near Society Hill. The citizens' current water supply is furnished by wells that yield a high iron content. The water is safe to drink, but is not clear to look at and discolors light-coled clothing when washed. The community began the quest for clean drinking water 15 years ago. A breakthrough came when Malloy was able to secure \$300,000 from the state General Appropriations Bill. Total project cost is \$499,858, with the Water and Sewer Authority funding \$199,858. The project is to be completed in February. PHOTO BY BOBBY BRYANT



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Marcie Blackwell, Patricia Boatwright and Joyce Adams (not pictured in order) were the lucky winners of \$100 cash prizes for shopping in Darlington during the holidays, courtesy of the Darlington Downtown Revitalization Association (DDRA). The contest encourages people to shop in Darlington this holiday season. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas, people were asked to shop at five different Darlington businesses, mail the DDRA copies of those receipts with an entry form, and then they would be entered into the drawing.

DCSD announces January Teacher Feature winners

Darlington County District's Teacher Forum has announced the Teacher Feature winners for January.

teacher from each school to honor excellence in education. Teacher Feature is coordinated by the district's Teacher Forum, which is comprised of each school's Teacher of the Year.

The purpose of the Teacher Forum is to foster professional growth and teacher leadership. The Teacher Feature program is sponsored by Better Homes and Gardens Segars

Honorees receive free meals at local restaurants and recognition in their schools. The January honorees are:

Samuel Fulmore. Brockington Elementary

Jennifer Greene, Brunson-Dargan Elementary School

Elementary School Mary Lesley, Carolina

County Institute of Technology Sophia Alfred-Swamidoss, Darlington County Intervention School

Jennifer Dixon-Hooks, Darlington High School Brandi Phillips, Hartsville

High School Heather Steen, Hartsville

Middle School Joshua Rogers, Lamar High

Jill Knight, Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology

Carol Freeman, North Hartsville Elementary School Kristel Gooding-Croyle, Pate **Elementary School**

Sharhonda Elmore-Rivers,

Rosenwald Elementary/Middle School

Maureen Brown, Southside Early Childhood Center

Kirby Hall, Spaulding **Elementary School** Nicole McCary, Spaulding

Middle School Niddreta Johnson, St. John's Elementary School

Kathryn Charleston, Thornwell School for the Arts Nicole Barefoot. Washington Street Elementary

Amber Gainey, West Hartsville Elementary School

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For more information call Tim Dargan, 843-861-5682.

The program recognizes one

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MLK Day march

planned in Lamar

The annual march honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day is

planned in Lamar for Jan. 20. The march will begin at 9 a.m. at Bethany Baptist Church, 205 West Pearl St., Lamar. Keynote speaker is the Honorable Cheveron Scott.

The event is open to the

weather the march will be canceled.

DCIT gets resource officer

Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis has announced the assignment of a deputy to serve as school resource officer for the Darlington County Institute of Technology. Previously, DCIT did not have an SRO designated to it and shared one with Darlington Middle School.

Deputy Matt Walters has been assigned to DCIT. Walters has over 19 years of law enforcement experience. Most recently, Walters served as a corporal in the Patrol Division at the Sheriff's Office.

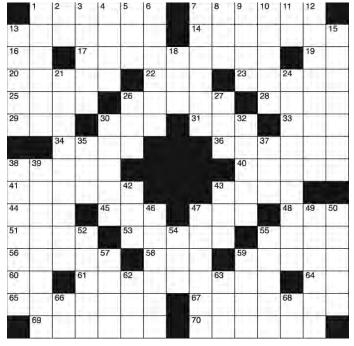
Walters was certified as a

school resource officer in 2016. "There is nothing more important to me than the safety and security of our children," said Chavis. "Adding an additional deputy to this large campus ensures we are providing a law enforcement presence that is necessary to protect the children and teachers."

"As we continue to focus on the security and safety of our students, we are very pleased to be able to partner with the Darlington County Sheriff's Office to provide a school resource officer to the Darlington County Institute of Technology," said Darlington School District Superintendent Tim Newman.



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Armed, masked men rob Waffle House

Two armed, masked men robbed the Waffle House on Highway 52 in Darlington early Sunday, police said.

At about 3 a.m., the men entered the business and demanded money from the employees, said Darlington Police Department Capt. Kimberly Nelson.

Surveillance video showed at least two customers sitting at the counter when the robbers entered. No one was hurt, Nelson said.

If you have any information you are asked to contact the Darlington Police Department at 843-398-4026.

The benefits of working with personal trainers

Goals can be a motivating force that help people realize their full potential. When it comes to personal fitness, goals are often an essential component of getting healthy.

Achieving fitness-related goals is not always so easy. A 2018 survey from Cision and Varo Money found that 45 percent of respondents resolved to lose weight or get in shape in 2018. Many of those people made those efforts part of their New Year's resolutions, which various studies have found have a high failure rate. In fact, one 2015 report from U.S. News indicated that 80 percent of New Year's resolutions don't survive to see the second week of February.

Fortunately, there are ways to clear the hurdles required to make significant lifestyle changes, particularly those associated with physical fitness. Whether they're looking to lose weight, improve their overall health and/or simply hoping to look better in the mirror, many people find working with personal trainers is a good way to get on track and stay on track. People on the fence about hiring personal trainers can consider these benefits to working with these highly trained fitness profes-

• Knowledge: Gyms often require their personal trainers to earn their personal training certifications, and many universities now even partner with specific certification pro-

become personal trainers can earn both their degrees and certifications. Knowledgeable, certified personal trainers can help their clients tailor their workouts around clients' individual goals. After meeting with a client and learning about the client's goals, trainers can design workout regimens specific to the individual. That personalization is not possible for people who design their workout regimens around gen-

eralized advice they find

online or elsewhere.

grams so people who want to

• Motivation: Personal trainers also can provide the motivation their clients need to keep going. That's valuable for anyone, but especially for people new to exercise of those who haven't been physically active for some time. Trainers can motivate clients to finish sets when weightlifting, but also track clients' progress between workouts. When delivered by a trained fitness professional, such progress reports can motivate people to keep working, especially during those times when they might be questioning their commitments to exercising.

• Variety: Many people quit working out due to something often referred to as "exercise boredom." That's the boredom that can set it when people perform the same exercise routine for weeks, months or even years at a time. Personal trainers can use their experience to

create exercise regimens that change often enough to prevent exercise boredom from settling in.

• Avoid injury: Perhaps the biggest benefit to working with a personal trainer is that doing so can reduce risk for or misuse of machines can lead injury. Personal trainers know the appropriate ways to use derail fitness goals. exercise machines and watch Personal trainers can be their clients closely to ensure invaluable assets for people

to injuries that can quickly

looking to get or stay healthy.

Hundreds of unfinished paving projects in S.C. despite huge gas-tax-hike surplus

By Rick Brundrett

Although nearly \$1 billion has been collected since the state gas-tax-hike law went into effect more than two years ago, the S.C. Department of Transportation has completed less than 20 percent of identified paving projects statewide with those funds, newly released agency records show.

The Nerve's latest review found that of a total 1,967 listed "pavements" projects in the state's 46 counties, 317, or 16.1 percent, had been completed through Nov. 30. Eight counties had completion rates of less than 10 percent, including the larger counties of Lexington (7.8 percent), Richland (7.5 percent) and Charleston, which ranked at the bottom at 2.04 percent.

Only one county - Saluda had reached the 50 percent completion mark over the 29month period, while more than half of the counties had completion rates of less than 20 percent, The Nerve's review found.

The total number of listed

"pavements" projects in South or rebuilding, and identified Carolina ranged from 16 in Saluda County to 126 in Orangeburg County.

Yet during the same period, the state collected \$963.5 million in total revenues under the gas-tax-hike law – \$124 million more than the estimated cost of all identified paving projects statewide, and which represented nearly 79 percent of the overall \$1.2 billion in project "commitments."

created with the gas-tax-hike bring about 16,800 miles of \$464.3 million, which represented about 48.2 percent of total collected revenues, according to DOT and state comptroller general records.

In passing the law, which raised the state gas tax 12 cents per gallon over six years and increased other vehicle taxes and fees, lawmakers promised that the money would go toward fixing deteriorating roads and bridges in their constituents' communities. DOT has said 80 percent of the state's approximately 42,000 miles of roads needs repaying 465 out of 750 "structurally deficient" bridges to be

DOT plans to complete about 2,300 miles of road repairs by the end of next year, though as The Nerve has previously reported, that number represents less than 7 percent of the approximately 33,600 miles of state roads that the agency has designated to be resurfaced or rebuilt. Under its As of Nov. 30, a special fund 10-year plan, DOT aims to

> The Nerve's latest review found that of 2,985 miles of identified "pavements" projects statewide, 711 miles, or about 24 percent, had been completed through Nov. 30 with gastax-hike funds. The lengths of completed projects ranged from a 19.3-mile stretch of S.C. 125 in Allendale County to a 0.002-mile section of U.S. 501 in Marion County, according to DOT records.

Despite lawmakers' promises to repair bad roads and bridges with gas-tax-hike

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money, DOT has designated \$247.2 million, or 20.2 percent, of the total \$1.2 billion in project "commitments" for interstate widenings. The agency began to more clearly acknowledge those plans following a January 2019 Nerve story.

In October, a state Senate panel, called the "Special Interstate Subcommittee," held its first public meeting to discuss accelerating interstate expansion. The panel was created by longtime Sen. Hugh Leatherman, R-Florence, who is chairman of the budget-writing Senate Finance Committee and a member of the State Transportation Infrastructure Bank (STIB) board, which over the years funneled several billion dollars to large construc-

tion projects in select counties. The South Carolina Policy Council, the parent organization of The Nerve, has contended the gas-tax-hike law, which took effect July 1, 2017, was written in a way to allow DOT to divert revenues to the STIB to pay off bond debts.

Following is a breakdown of the total number of identified "pavements" projects, with the number of completed projects in parentheses, by county as of Nov. 30, according to DOT records:

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Abbeville: 49 (9) Aiken: 117 (8) Allendale: 27 (4) Anderson: 76 (13) Bamberg: 44 (6) Barnwell: 47 (6) Beaufort: 38 (5) Berkeley: 49 (7) Calhoun: 42 (3) Charleston: 98 (2) Chester: 21 (9) Chesterfield: 47 (4) Clarendon: 36 (8) Colleton: 26 (8) Darlington: 29 (5) Dillon: 24 (9) Dorchester: 47 (14) Edgefield: 27 (11) Fairfield: 20 (4) Florence: 52 (8) Georgetown: 36 (6) Greenville: 44 (7) Greenwood: 63 (11) Hampton: 56 (3) Horry: 48 (6) Jasper: 27 (7) Kershaw: 24 (6)

Lancaster: 29 (4) Laurens: 32 (7) Lee: 17 (3) Lexington: 76 (6) Marion: 17 (7) Marlboro: 23 (5) McCormick: 21 (9) Newberry: 32 (7) Oconee: 34 (5) Orangeburg: 126 (4) Pickens: 41 (7) Richland: 106 (8) Saluda: 16 (8) Spartanburg: 48 (10) Sumter: 23 (10) Union: 18 (8) Williamsburg: 29 (7) York: 47 (7)

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Date of Death: 7/28/2019 Case No: 2019ES1600485 Personal Representative: Samantha Jones Address: 308 Kenwood Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550

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Date of Death: 12/11/2019 Case No: 2019ES1600599 Betty B. Williams Address: 416 Oakdale Drive. Hartsville, SC 29550

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Date of Death: 12/6/2019 Case No: 2020ES16-00003 Personal Representative: Henry M. Funderburk, III Address: 211 Green Drive, Darlington, SC 29532 Attorney: Albert L. James, III Address: P.O. Box 507, Darlington, SC 29540

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Personal Representative: J. Ronald Ware Address: 111 Alabama Drive, Darlington, SC 29532 Attorney: John Jay James, II Address: PO Box Darlington, SC 29540

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Address: 548 East Jackson Street, Lamar, SC 29069

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Date of Death: 12/10/2019 Case No: 2020ES1600001 Personal Representative: Justin Lee Jordan Address: 2582 Wild Heron Court, Dacula, GA 30019

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Case No: 2020ES1600012 Representative: James Boatwright Address: 2844 Timmonsville

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Gandy Date of Death: 12/23/2019 Case No: 2020ES1600013 Personal Representative: Sally Gandy Faile

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Estate: Lawrence Aaron

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Address: P.O. Box 58, Darlington, SC 29540 Attorney: Gena Phillips Ervin Address: P.O. Box 2527, Florence, SC 29503-2527 (27p3 leave in thru 1-29-20) NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Marilyn Simon Gregg

Case No: 2020ES1600009

Personal Representative:

Address: 1504 Meander

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Hartsville, SC 29550

(27p3 leave in thru 1-29-20) **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** OF ESTATES All persons having claims

against the following estates MUST file their claims on Form #371ES with the Probate Court of Darlington County, the address of which is Room 208 Courthouse, Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, within eight(8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Annie Taylor Date of Death: 11/30/2019 Case No: 2020ES1600010 Alton Taylor

Personal Representative: Address: 812 Havenwood Court, Hartsville, SC 29550 (27p3 leave in thru 1-29-20) **SUMMONS**

(Jury Trial Demanded) STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DARLINGTON

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS Civicl Action No.: 2019-CP-16-01322

Jamaal Webley, Plaintiff, v. Integrated Construction, LLC, John Doe Company No. 1 John Doe Company No. 2 and John Doe Company No. 3, Defendants. TO: THE DEFENDANT(S)

ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-MONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint on the subscribed, Mike Kelly Law Group, LLC., 1523 Huger Street, Suite A, Post Office Box 8113, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, within THIRTY (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service. If vou fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. Respectfully Submitted, MIKE KELLY LAW GROUP,

BY: s/Bradley D. Hewett Bradlev D. Hewett, SC Bar No. 77924 bhewett@mklawgroup.com 1523 Huger Street, Suite A Columbia, SC 29201 803/726-0123 Attorney for Plaintiff Columbia, South Carolina

December 12, 2019 (27c3 leave in thru 1-29-20) **DARLINGTON COUNTY** COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

MARCH 2, 2020 6 P.M. COURTHOUSE ANNEX/EMS BUILDING 1625 HARRY BYRD HIGH-WAY (SC HWY 151) DARLINGTON, SC 29532

Notice is hereby given that there will be a Public Hearing held before the Darlington County Council on the date and time above stated to receive comments on the following proposed ordinance: Updated Comprehensive Anyone wishing to present

an opinion on this proposed ordinance may do so at this Assistance will be provided

to accommodate the special needs of handicapped persons attending the meeting upon request. Special assistance requests should be made to J. JaNet Bishop, Clerk to Council, at 843-398-4100, seventy-two hours prior to the scheduled public

(27c1 leave in thru 1-15-20) **NOTICE OF SALE** 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 or Jessie Lee 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 Jane Doe; also any Unknown per sons 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) BY VIRTUE of a judgment heretofore granted in the

case of Vanderbilt Mortgage

est in the real estate

and Finance, Inc. vs. The Estate of Willie James County, South Carolina. Bacote; The Estate of Jessie TMS #: 039-00-02-035 Lee Bacote; South Carolina Department of Motor 29079 Vehicles; all Unknown Heirs of Willie J. Bacote, Deceased COUNTY TAXES or Jessie Lee 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 inter-

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, I, Benjamin D. Moore, Esquire Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on February 3, 2020 at 12:30 pm, at the Darlington County Courthouse, One Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, to the highest

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improvements thereon, situ-

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or lot of land, with any

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 825 Harrell Roaad, Lydia, SC

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

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

der). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded. the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale. but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveved by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale

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 10.33% per

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOL-LOW Benjamin D. Moore, Esquire

Special Referee for Darlington County B. Lindsay Crawford, III (SC Bar# 6510) Theodore von Keller (SC Bar# 5718)

Sara C. Hutchins (SC Bar# 72879) B. Lindsay Crawford, IV (SC Bar# 101707)

Email: court@crawfordvk.com Columbia, South Carolina Attorney for Plaintiff

(27c3 leave in thru 1-29-20) Notice of Sale C/A No: 2018-CP-16-00107

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., as Trustee for the POOLING AND SERVIC-ING AGREEMENT Dated as of September 1, 2004 Park Place Securities, Inc. Asset-Backed Pass-Through

WHQ1 vs. Carrigan O'Neal; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles: United Capital Housing, Inc., I the undersigned as Special Referee for Darlington County, will sell on February 3, 2020 at 11:00 AM, at the County Court House, Darlington County, South Carolina, to the highest bid-Legal Description and

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Property Address:

or lot of land, lying being and situate in the County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 3 on that certain plat of Rose of Sharon Park Subdivision made by J.E. Tucker, Jr., dated May 9, 2002 and revised May 10, 2002 and recorded in Plat Book 184 at Page 87, Darlington County records. Reference being had to said plat for a more complete and accurate description of metes and bounds. TOGETHER with a 2004 Fleetwood Mobile Home. Serial # GAFL434AB76925 located thereon. This being the same proper ty conveyed unto Carrigan O'Neal by Deed of Shirley A Carman dated July 22, 2004 and recorded August 2, 2004 in Book 1034 at Page 5604, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Darlington County, South 2147 Lazy Pines Road Darlington, SC 29540 TMS# 142-00-04-003.001 TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Three and 375/1000 (3.375%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders. other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid deposit with the Special Referee for Darlington County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to

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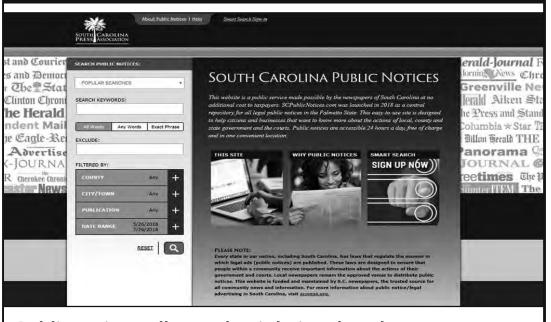
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FEATURE

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and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will

be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions Eugene P. Warr, Jr. Special Referee for **Darlington County**

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(27p3 leave in thru 1-29-20) NOTICE OF SALE BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Darlington County in the case of Dixies Federal Credit Union, Plaintiff v. **Ashleigh Paige Carnes** a/k/a Paige Carnes, Jessica Carnes, and

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

being a class designated as Richard Roe; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein and the State of South Carolina, Department of Revenue, Defendants, under Case No. 2019-CP-16-00526, I, the undersigned, as Special Referee for Darlington County, will offer for sale at the public outcry at 12:00 p.m., on Monday, February 3, 2020, at the Darlington County Courthouse, 1 Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532, the following described real property, to-

All that certain lot of parcel of land, wiht the buildings thereon, situate on the east side of Cleveland Street in the Town and County of Darlington, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 39 in Section A of prop erty owned by the

Darlington Manufacturing Company, as defined on a map showing a subdivision thereof, made by T.E. Wilson, C.E., dated May 10, 1939, and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Plat Book 9 at page 174, No. 37 in Section A; on the South 82 feet by Cleveland Street. For a more particular description referene is hereby made to plat above referred to. This being the same property conveyed to Betty S.

Carnes by Deed of Myrtle S. Hildreth dated October 4, 1994 and recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Darlington County in Book D-81 at page 111. TMS Number: 165-06-01-

Property Address: 126 Cleveland Street, Darlington, SC 29532 TERMS OF SALE: For cash: the purchaser shall be

required to deposit the sum of five (5%) percent of the amount of bid (in cash or equivalent) as earnest money and as evidence of good faith. If the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, the Plaintiff may, after paying the costs of the sale, apply the debt due upon its Mortgage against its bid in lieu of cash. Should the person making the highest bid at the sale fail to comply with the terms of his bid by depositing the said five (5%) percent in cash, then the property shall be sold at the risk of such bidder on the same sales date or subsequent date as the Special Referee may find convenient and advantageous. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the terms of his bid within thirty (30) days of the final acceptance of his bid, then the Special Referee or his designated representative shall re-

advertise and resell the property on the same terms on a subsequent date at the risk of such bidder. The purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to sate of compliance with the bid at the interest rate contained in the Order.

Note: Deficiencey Judgment was waived, therefore, the sale be final. Note: If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the scheduled sale of the abovereferenced property, then the sale of the propety will be null, void and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Note: This sale is also made subject to all Darlington County taxes and existing

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January 10, 2020

of record.

Florence, SC 29503 Attorney for Plaintiff (27c3 leave in thru 1-29-20)

Clemson researchers provide vital tiger conservation research

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The work of two Clemson University graduate students is bringing valuable new insight into the global fight to save tigers in the wild. Working at both the Ph.D. and master's levels, their research projects examine how people and politics affect tiger conservation in different ways.

Publications from these graduate students are being used by the Tigers United University Consortium to further its work to save the few tigers remaining in the wild from extinction. The consortium consists of four landgrant, tiger mascot universities working collaboratively on this issue, two of whom are facing each other in the upcoming College Football Playoff National Championship game -Clemson University, Louisiana State University, Auburn University and the University of Missouri.

Devyani Singh's doctoral dissertation focuses on the perceptions of and support for conservation and tourism across a variety of stakeholder groups in two tiger reserves in India. Louise Orr's master's thesis explores how political beliefs influence what types of conservation messages are most likely to reach people from various backgrounds or motivate them to take action.

According to Brett Wright, consortium director and dean emeritus of Clemson's College of Behavioral, Social and Health Sciences, the work of Singh and Orr demonstrates the need for the research and the complexity of the global issue.

"Dr. Singh and Louise have tackled the tiger conservation

issue in two very different ways, with both making an equally significant impact on the knowledge base in the field," Wright said. "Devyani's research is focusing on what can motivate people living in or near tiger reserves to help with conservation efforts, while Louise's research is tackling how to motivate people who don't live around tigers to help these animals from half a world away."

Singh's work will inform both management and policy in and around protected areas in India by ensuring conservation decisions consider the needs of affected nearby communities.

"Protected areas in India benefit their nearby communities in many ways – supporting both biodiversity and the human populations that depend on them, and becoming popular tourism destinations," Singh said. "We know research supports the involvement of local communications in conservation and tourism efforts, so I took that a step further to find out what nearby residents thought about those efforts and to gauge their level of support."

Now that her doctoral program is complete, Singh is hoping to continue to explore the challenges of coexisting with wildlife, especially carnivores, either as an academic or part of a research organization.

"I hope that my work can help find new solutions to the challenges involved with conservation and coexistence, empower future conservationists to critically assess issues from multiple perspectives, and educate more people about the tiger and its importance in the wild," Singh said.

Orr, on the other hand, is



Devyani Singh conducted her research with community members living in or near two tiger reserves in India. CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

hoping that her research can refocus the global discussion about tiger conservation. Her study found that simply informing Americans about what is happening to tigers around the world is not enough to convince them to take action.

Instead, people who feel connected to tigers in some way – through either first-hand knowledge or experiences with the animal or as fans of a team with a tiger mascot – could be more likely to want to help. This group is also more likely to respond to messaging that focuses on values that are important to them personally, such as care, fairness or sanctity of life.

"Most people have never seen a tiger in its natural habitat and aren't likely to in their lifetime, making tiger conservation an issue that simply doesn't resonate with many Americans," Orr said. "However, if we can message the importance of saving tigers in a way that matches a person's political ideologies and moral foundations, we could be more likely to motivate them to



Devyani Singh at Clemson University's Graduation Ceremony in December. CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

take action."

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Orr's conclusions also verify that the Tigers United University Consortium's primary focus on engaging students, faculty, staff and alumni at their respective universities is more likely to successfully

motivate those people to help with tiger conservation, rather than trying to reach the country as a whole. Her conclusions will also help the consortium's universities better target their calls to action to specific audience groups.

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