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

EDMUND BURKE

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CORONAVIRUS BRIEFS

EMERGENCY ORDER EXTENDED: Gov. Henry McMaster has extended his State of Emergency order. This is the fourth state of emergency McMaster has issued for the COVID-19 pandemic.

"South Carolina continues to fight this deadly virus with every asset and resource available," said McMaster. "While we are making progress, we must remain vigilant with expanding prevention and testing efforts."

"Our state is also facing an economic disruption and emergency the likes of which we've never seen, and we are working tirelessly to get our businesses back up and running and our people back to work as soon and as safely as possible."

The governor's "stay home or be at work" order is separate from the State of Emergency, and it has now been lifted.

DMV UPDATE: Starting this week, the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) will expand operations by reopening all 66 branch offices to increase convenience for customers. The additional office openings will allow the SCDMV to service more customers on a daily basis while still adhering to social distancing recommendations. All offices will operate by appointment only, which can be scheduled on the SCDMV website at SCDMVonline.com.

All SCDMV branch offices, with the exception of Allendale and McCormick locations, will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The Allendale and McCormick locations will continue to be open only on Wednesdays during this shift in operations.

TRINITY-BYRNES TO REMAIN CLOSED: Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School in Darlington County is following Gov. McMaster's mandate that schools remain closed for the academic year.

Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate, which transitioned to Distant Learning in March, will continue to conduct classes virtually through the end of the spring semester.

Families have found the transition to online learning has not diminished the standard or quality of instruction students are receiving, the school says. Students have continued to attend class lectures, complete homework and projects electronically while at home through Google Classroom.

FREE MEALS: The Darlington County Council on Aging will be providing emergency meals to seniors 60 and older during the coronavirus crisis. Meals will be available for drive-through pickup at Council on Aging locations throughout Darlington County from 10 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

Seniors will be provided a box of free meals, on a first-come, first-served basis, at Hartsville, Darlington, Lamar and Society Hill. Check out Facebook or call 843-393-8521.

Seniors, family members or a caregiver may pick up meals by providing the senior's ID and required information. You must be a senior citizen (60-plus) or taking the meal to a senior citizen; you must be a resident of Darlington County; you must provide name, address, phone number and a nutrition survey at time of pick-up; two meal boxes per car; individuals are only permitted one pick-up per week. Each eligible senior must provide a state-issued ID to receive a box.

Locations: Darlington Fitness World, 1032 Pearl St.; Hartsville Senior Center, 1103 S. Sixth St., Butler Building; Lamar Nutrition Center, 628 Carterville Highway, Robert L. Grooms Building; Society Hill Nutrition Community Center, 223 Hall St.

COMPILED
BY BOBBY BRYANT



Herald Group to chart News & Press' future

From Staff Reports

The Herald Group has assumed ownership of The News & Press effective May 1 to continue delivering quality local news and trusted advertising to the people of Darlington County.

The acquisition was the perfect fit for The Herald Group and the Jordan family, who own The Dillon Herald, Dillon County's oldest continuously operating business, hav-

ing been established in 1894.

The Jordans have a unique understanding of the importance of having a local, family-owned newspaper in a community, rather than a cookie-cutter newspaper owned by a large group based in another state.

"Local news matters," said Thomas Jordan, president of The Herald Group, "and we wanted to ensure that the people of Darlington County will continue to have a true local

newspaper to read about their local government, education, events and news about their friends and neighbors that they can't get anywhere else from a staff who knows, understands and cares about the community."

Daily operations will be overseen by Johnnie Daniels, the General Manager of The Dillon Herald.

Bobby Bryant will continue to serve as editor. Stephan Drew will continue as advertis-

ing director/graphic designer and Samantha Lyles will continue as reporter. Nancy Shepherd will serve as office manager.

In addition to the services they have been providing, the office will soon offer copying services and serve as a UPS drop-off location.

There will be a greater social media presence and expanded advertising opportunities to help support local businesses and get their names

before the public.

"We're excited about the opportunity to help continue the tradition of providing the best local news and advertising to the county as the Thomas family has done for 65 years," said Jordan.

"We will appreciate the support from the readers, advertisers and the community as we move forward in this new venture."

Thomas Family stewardship of News & Press ends after 64 years

By Samantha Lyles
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May 1 marks the end of an era in Darlington County as The News & Press leaves the hands of the Thomas family for the first time in 64 years. As ownership moves to The Herald Group (another family-owned newspaper business), we take a moment to appreciate the steady hand on the till provided by the Thomas family.

The patriarch of local journalism, Morrell Thomas Jr., ran The News & Press for half a century. Born in Spartanburg, he served in the Army during World War II, then earned English and Journalism degrees at Wofford College and received his master's degree from Emory University. Thomas was just 23 when he

took the reins at The Lancaster News, becoming South Carolina's youngest newspaper editor and winning numerous awards.

A stint in politics followed, and Thomas' duties as executive secretary for Lancaster district Congressman James P. Richards took him to the House floor in Washington and the United Nations in New York City. But the newspaper business soon called him back.

In 1956, Sara Coffee, then publisher of The News & Press, asked Thomas if he'd be interested in a move to Darlington. He thoughtfully accepted the offer, viewing the move as a sort of homecoming. Thomas' grandfather, A.P. Turner, was minister of Mt. Elon Baptist Church in Lydia, and Morrell Jr. had spent childhood summers in Darlington County



Morrey Thomas

planting tobacco and honing his entrepreneurial spirit by selling hard candy to fellow field workers.

Thomas took to Darlington

immediately, settling into a small house on Orange Street and starting a family. He and wife Margaret Ann had already welcomed son Morrell III (aka Morrey, then only 2 months old), and daughter Ann Boyd would soon follow.

As he guided The News & Press into a new era, Morrell became known for his boundless energy. A typical day might involve writing and editing reams of copy, sweeping the building from stem to stern, lunching with a civic club or taking a meal in the boisterous dining room at The Lunch Box, attending a Carolina Bank board meeting, then covering a local government assembly to cap things off.

By 1966, Thomas had bought full ownership of the newspaper from Coffee and

her sister, Susie Green. Thanks to a thriving tobacco market, business all over Darlington was booming and advertising dollars flowed in steadily. The News & Press became a keystone of the community.

"Back then, the newspaper industry was so vibrant, it was electrified," says Morrey Thomas. "If somebody had an event or if an announcement was made, The News & Press was the first place they called."

Thomas did not take that responsibility lightly, and the paper won scores of awards from the South Carolina Press Association. That commitment to excellence was shared by Margaret Ann, who won a number of writing awards from the SCPA.

Over the decades as

THOMAS FAMILY ON PAGE 7

3 NASCAR races! But fans must stay home

By Bobby Bryant
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The coronavirus crisis is giving local NASCAR fans both a dream and a disappointment.

The dream: Three NASCAR races are to be held at the Darlington Raceway in a four-day period between May 17 and May 20 as NASCAR relaunches its season, which had been shut down by the virus pandemic.

The disappointment: Fans won't be allowed at any of those races to protect them from possible exposure to the

virus. All three races will be run amid empty stands and an empty infield. (The races will be televised on FOX and FS1, a FOX-owned cable sports network, and can also be followed online and by radio.)

"As our nation restarts, I can think of no better place for NASCAR to drop the green flag than at Darlington Raceway in South Carolina," Gov. Henry McMaster said. "Team South Carolina stands ready to help NASCAR restart the season at Darlington Raceway with three races (this) month that can be enjoyed by fans from home on

television, radio and online."

Raceway President Kerry Tharp said in a statement: "It's an honor for Darlington Raceway to resume the 2020 NASCAR season in just a few short weeks with three races in four days. Darlington is one of the most iconic and historic tracks in the sport and will be a tremendous backdrop when NASCAR returns to racing. We certainly appreciate the support from our state's leadership in working with NASCAR to allow us to host these events."

Here's the lineup for Darlington, confirmed last

week by NASCAR:

Sunday, May 17: NASCAR Cup Series race, 400 miles, starting at 3:30 p.m., televised by FOX, also broadcast by FOX Deportes, MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Channel 90.

Tuesday, May 19: Xfinity Series race, 200 miles, starting at 8 p.m., televised by FS1, also broadcast by MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Channel 90.

Wednesday, May 20: NASCAR Cup Series race, 500 kilometers, starting at 7:30 p.m., televised by FS1, also broadcast by MRN and SiriusXM NASCAR Channel

90.

Four other races are planned at Charlotte this month, one each day from May 24-27. A total of seven races are planned for this month as NASCAR makes up for time lost to the virus shutdown.

"NASCAR and its teams are eager and excited to return to racing, and have great respect for the responsibility that comes with a return to competition," Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR executive vice president and chief racing develop-

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Virus threat won't delay June 9 primaries

From Staff Reports

South Carolina's June 9 statewide primary elections and June 23 runoffs will go on as planned – but officials advise that you wear a face mask and "be patient."

The State Election Commission said last week that it would not postpone the Democratic and Republican primaries because of the coronavirus crisis.

"The SEC has no authority to delay the primaries or deviate from current law in conducting elections," the commission said. "Voting options

remain unchanged. Voters should prepare now to exercise their right to vote by choosing the best option for them."

Still, state election officials advise qualifying voters to vote absentee if possible to reduce the risk of being exposed to the virus. Those voting absentee by mail should apply now, officials said. In-person absentee voting at county voter registration offices begins May 4.

Among the qualifications for voting absentee: Being 65

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Candidate for sheriff takes campaign online

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With the June 9 primaries drawing near and social distancing restrictions still in place, some political candidates are replacing traditional stump meetings and fundraisers with virtual town hall events. James Hudson, who is challenging incumbent Sheriff Tony Chavis for the Democratic nomination, held an online gathering last week

to answer questions about his candidacy.

Hudson has served as Police Chief in the City of Hartsville, Chief Deputy with Darlington County Sheriff's Office, and Patrol Commander with Lee County Sheriff's Office. During the town hall broadcast on Facebook and Instagram, he responded to emailed questions, Facebook posts, and

CANDIDATE ON PAGE 4

Online-learning debate shows a sharp divide among parents

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With Gov. Henry McMaster's decision April 22 to keep all South Carolina public schools closed through the end of the academic year, Darlington County students face several more weeks of classes by computer – online learning.

For some students and parents, this is welcome news. Others fear a disaster.

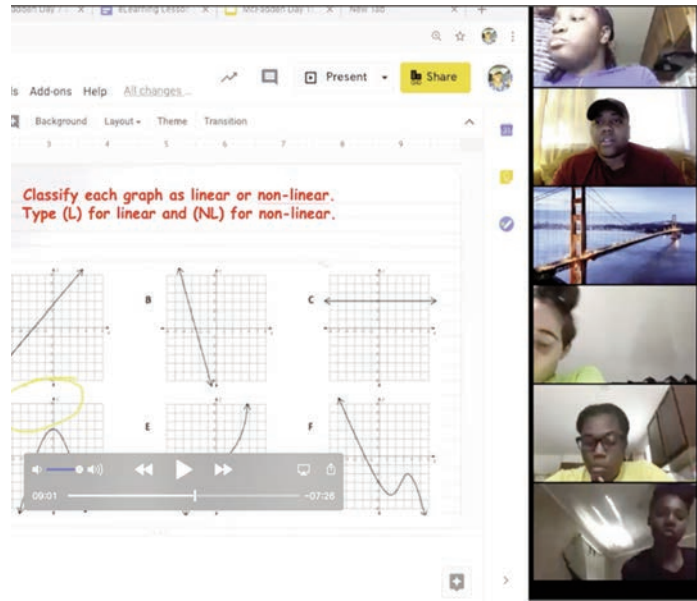
After nearly a month of students learning from home to avoid risking spreading the coronavirus through classrooms, hallways and cafeterias, some members of the Darlington County school board began hearing parents say this was a great idea and was working well. Other parents told board members it was a nightmare.

"We've got kids that have taken to this eLearning, and those that it's just been such a shock to them that they're basically just shut down and not turning in anything," board member Richard Brewer said in an April 6 board meeting. But, he added, "Thank the good Lord that we were prepared for (this crisis) as much as we could be."

More recently, parents

have posted comments on the school district's Facebook page that show in much greater detail exactly how they feel about the district's online-learning program, and why. The online comments, from dozens of parents, show

all they can to help the students to continue their education. This isn't just hard on the students and parents, it's also hard on the teachers. ... The teachers are always available to answer any questions and they have worked with us.



a sharp divide among Darlington County families about taking classes by computer.

Here are some excerpts from their posts:

"I appreciate teachers more than ever! I feel they are doing

Thank you, teachers, for caring about our kids!"

"All that has been accomplished in this household is an ADHD honor roll student who was learning with leaps and

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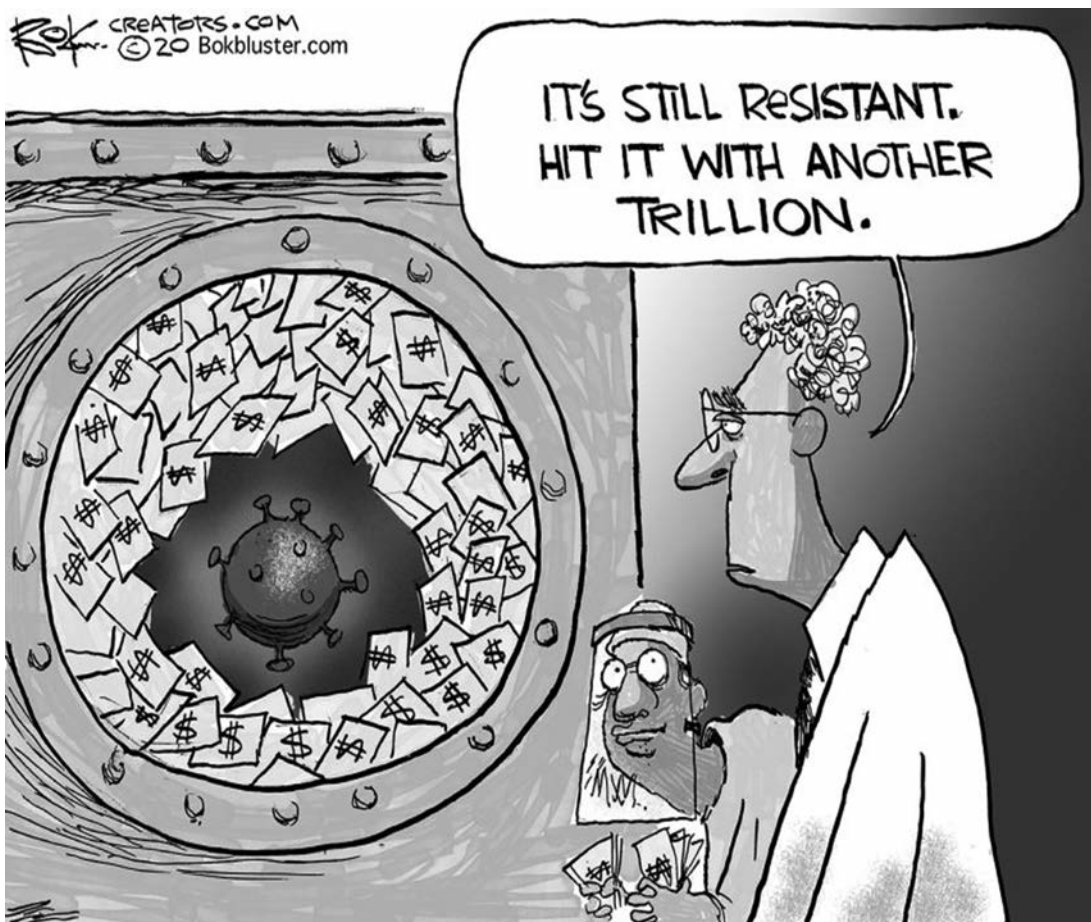
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Word of the Week

promulgate -- to make (an idea, belief, etc.) known to many people by open declaration : proclaim
-- Merriam-Webster.com

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OP - ED

Buzzard luck

By Tom Poland

A searing, sweaty summer day ... just as my friend leaned over to pick up his dropped keys, his glasses slid onto the asphalt and cracked. "Damn. If it weren't for buzzard luck, I'd have no luck at all," said he.

You've heard it. Maybe uttered it. Man sees the buzzard as a harbinger of ill fortune, a bird deserving pessimism, suspicion and phobias. I plead guilty. My journeys take me past picturesque dead trees across Georgialina, and I see buzzards in them.

Buzzards love things dead, trees included.

Buzzard luck atop buzzard luck, and more abuse for a bird that keeps rotting carcasses from spewing out pathogens. The buzzard, what a hero, yet so many hold it in derision, deeming it evil even.

Well, cart off that dead deer yourself. Pitchfork that rotten possum into yonder ditch. Drag off that greenish, gummy, curdling cur. Hold your nose!

We'd be in a fix without turkey vultures, which sparked colorful sayings. "All the buzzards will come to the mule's funeral." Heard that one? It means all the relatives will attend a rich person's funeral.

Writers find the derided bird symbolic and thus the noble bird flew into Southern literature.

In "Blood Meridian," Cormac McCarthy wrote, "They climbed up through rolling grasslands where small birds shied away chattering

down the wind and a buzzard labored up from among bones with wings that went whoop whoop whoop like a child's toy swung on a string and in the long red sunset the sheets of water on the plain below them lay like tidepools of primal blood."

In "Under Buzzards," James



Dickey imagined buzzards in "heavy, heavy summer ... tell me black riders, tell me what I need to know about my time in the world."

These circling winged creatures have long fascinated me. As a boy I stared spellbound into the Georgia blue watching buzzards until dizziness took hold. Seems I saw more buzzards in my days of roaming pastures and fishing farm ponds. When I think of youth I see buzzards, hear whippoorwills, and taste fried chicken. Feathered all.

A few years back, down yonder in South Georgia, near

Valdosta, I drove down a dirt lane and stirred up a wake of buzzards feeding on a wild hog carcass. A committee or volt, as some call it, burdened pine limbs as the wake fed and a kettle circled overhead. Most buzzards I've seen in one spot.

From my deck one afternoon I enjoyed the fragrance of a tea olive. Then lazily circling buzzards honed in on a house across the street.

"Something's dead," I thought.

Later they drifted afar but they gave me a notion, a story about buzzards that smell cancer and circle victims' homes, perching on the roof as prophets of doom. If true, people would be aghast to see buzzards. "God, here come those black-feathered bald demons."

Superstitions fly alongside buzzards. If you see a lone buzzard, make a wish before he flaps his wings; it'll come true. If you see the shadow of a buzzard without seeing the bird itself, expect visitors. If you see buzzards flying on high, a storm's coming and they aim to rise above it.

When I see buzzards, I see nature's recycling of life runs on unabated. So, carry on, you carrion-eating, black-feathered bald birds. Carry on and keep our Southland clean. Haunt our roadways. Circle in our skies, and if some woman eats your brown-spotted eggs as I've heard, more power to her.

Maybe, just maybe, she's found the antidote to buzzard luck.

OP - ED

Living on the West End: Wash day at the ditch

By Bill Shepard

There are two kinds of ditches; one is made by man and the other by the Creator of all things. Two ditches of the latter kind ran the full length of the village where I lived all my childhood years.

The ditches were formed when and where underground springs of water broke through the surface and began to cut a path in a southward direction. The small stream of water takes the path of least resistance; thus, the zigzag path is formed. Starting at the far end of what was once a large part of the Mill Village, the little streams flowed the full length of the village before finally reaching their rendezvous with Swift Creek.

At a spot near the end of the village, the two ditches met and became one ditch. It is at that point that my story has its beginning.

The water furnished at the millhouses had so much iron that it could not be used for washing white materials. Even some dishes would turn yellow, after being washed for a time in the water. Bedsheets and pillowcases would turn yellow and the color would be permanent. For that reason, a lot of women would do their family's clothes washing at the ditch.

The family would have their own crudely built wash bench. It would accommodate three large No. 2 tin washtubs. Nearby the bench was a spot where the large black cast-iron wash pot was located. The tubs and the pot were filled with water from the ditch before the washing began. That is where I came in.

Mama's washday was on each Monday morning. After Dad had left for his long day at the mill, and my brothers were off to school, Mama would gather all the clothes that needed washing. She would strip the beds of their sheets and pillowcases and tie them in a bundle.

She would tie the boys' overalls and shirts, along with Dad's, in another bundle. Lastly, she would get a box of Octagon Washing Powders and a large chunk of lye soap and place it inside one of the bundles. When she had it all together, I would place it on my wagon and be ready for our trip to the ditch.

Most likely, there would be another family or two there already. Each of the families had their own water bench. Sometimes, a new family moved to the village and would ask permission to use another's bench.

At the point where the two ditches joined to become one, the men had dug a deep hole in the center of the stream

that was large enough to set a tin tub. When the small stream had filled the tub, one could dip the water and fill their bucket to be carried to the wash bench and emptied in the tubs there.

Of course, Mama would help in bringing the water from the ditch. When I had filled the three tubs and wash pot, it was time to start a fire



around the pot.

In the springtime and summer, I enjoyed playing in the ditch. I would search for the crawfish, tadpoles and chase after the small minnows that would try to hide from me. In the early spring, the blue violets would spring up, all along the edges of the ditch. I would pick Mama a bouquet and take it to her.

Mama did all her washing by hand. Sometimes, Mama's hands would bleed after a long time of scrubbing the clothes on the tin washboard. In the winter, when the water would be very cold and Mama's hands would bleed, I

would feel sorry for her.

It would take all morning to get the clothes washed. After the first washing, Mama would rinse some of the clothes a second time. When all was finished, Mama would tie the clothes in a bundle, and I would empty the black washpot and put the fire out. We would be ready to start for home.

Before leaving for the wash place, at the ditch, Mama would have left a pot full of lima beans simmering on the stove.

Back at the house, Mama would hang her clothes on the long wire that Dad had stretched at the edge of our yard. The clothes would be dry by the end of the day. Tomorrow would find Mama at her ironing board, ironing the wrinkles from most of the clothing. There were no electric irons and washing machines to be had in those long-ago times.

Dad, later on, built a system of getting the iron out of the water at the house. That made wash day easier for Mama and me, but I missed the fun I had wading in the ditch, chasing minnows and bugs and picking Mama's bouquet of violets in the springtime!

Note: The two ditches still flow, but the place where they come together is all grown over with trees and brush. I still own the black washpot. Mama gave it to me many years ago. I glance at it now and then and allow the memories to flow!

DHEC provides WIC participants access to increased food choices during pandemic

In response to demand for nutritious foods during the COVID-19 pandemic, DHEC is providing additional food items to South Carolina WIC participants.

"Currently there is no disruption to the food-distribution supply chain; however, some participants have experienced food item shortages due to people purchasing more food items than normal," said South Carolina WIC Director Berry Kelly. "By expanding food options on WIC approved items, our WIC families will have more flexibility and increased access to nutritious foods."

Until further notice, participants will have more purchasing options for milk, yogurt, fruits and vegetables.

The following changes will go into effect:

Participants can purchase 1 percent milk, non-fat milk, 2 percent milk, lactose-free 2

percent milk, lactose-free 1 percent milk, lactose-free non-fat milk or soymilk.

Participants can purchase any fat content of yogurt (Whole, Low-fat, or Non-fat).

Participants who choose to receive Cash Value Benefits (CVB) instead of infant baby foods can purchase fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables.

This latest expansion is another way that DHEC is helping South Carolina's WIC participants stay well during the pandemic. In March, WIC expanded food items that participants could purchase at stores where supplies were running low and began offering 100 percent of WIC nutritional services over-the-phone in early April.

"Year-round, our WIC program is focused on helping pregnant women, infants and children eat healthy, nutritious meals," said Kelly. "Unique cir-

cumstances, like COVID-19 have challenged us to find new and creative ways to continue providing services and nutritious foods to our state's WIC participants."

These changes were made possible by programmatic waivers issued by the United States Department of Agriculture in response to COVID-19 and product shortages.

DHEC encourages South Carolina families who are experiencing loss of income related to COVID-19 to apply to the WIC program.

Since March, more than 4,000 new participants have enrolled in South Carolina's WIC program. To apply for WIC, call 1-855-472-3432 to make an appointment. If you are a WIC participant and have questions or concerns, contact your local WIC office.

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PETS OF THE WEEK



hasn't let his past dim his sunny outlook. Paul looks only to the future and the forever home he knows is out there for him. This fun loving guy is a huge fan of playing fetch and loves to retrieve the ball. He has met other dogs both male and female and been courteous and social with all. Paul is a happy, friendly guy who has a lot of love and tail wags to offer to his new person. Perhaps that person is you! 5 years old; 55 pounds; male; bully mix.

Kenzo is a cutie. He is a sweet little guy who just wants a best friend! VERY cuddly and affectionate, he likes to go on walks but would rather lounge around in the sun and get belly rubs. This guy wants to be someone's couch potato! Please give him a chance and ask for Kenzo! Male; 1 year old; 61 pounds; lab mix.

Paul is a very sweet boy despite having a past that wasn't so great. He came to the shelter by way of a court case, but this gem of a guy



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

Please check with the appropriate clubs/organizations to make sure your meeting is still being held.

Weekly Events

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous will hold an open meeting of big book and traditions studies weekly at 8 p.m. Monday nights at Trinity UMC on Pearl Street. Use Orange Street entrance. Info: 843-395-6897. Al-Anon is a fellowship of adult relatives and friends of alcoholics for mutual support. Visitors are welcome. Childcare is not available. Al-Anon meetings: Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Hartsville AA Hut, 310 S. McFarland Street. Info: 843-992-2981.

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Board of Zoning Appeals

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

Business Network International

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

Centennial Farmers Market

This market features fresh, organic gourmet foods, free-range eggs and homegrown, healthy foods including home-made 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 7:30p.m., Darlington Elks Lodge is located at 836 Timmonsville Hwy. For more info: 843-393-1451.

Darlington Library Programs

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

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.

Monthly Events

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

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 NAACP

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

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 Disabilities and Special Needs Board will meet on the following dates and times in 2019. All meetings will begin at 2 p.m. The agenda and meeting location will be posted monthly.
Meetings: April 30, May 28, June 25, July 30, Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 26.
No meeting in December.

Darlington County First Steps

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

Darlington County Historical Commission Meeting

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

Darlington 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.

DCCAA/Head Start

Darlington County Community Action Agency Board of Commissioners will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5 p.m., 904 South 4th St., Hartsville. Call 843-332-1135. Darlington County Community Action Agency Head Start Policy Council will meet on the fourth Monday of each month, 5:30 p.m., Butler Head Start Center, 1103-C South Sixth St., Hartsville.

Small Business

Professionals Roundtable

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-to-day issues and achieving long-term business goals.

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.

May 2020

City of Darlington Tree Board

Monday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Williamson Park Committee

Tuesday, May 12, at 5:30 p.m. at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street, Darlington

Darlington County Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, at 9 a.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

City of Darlington Beautification Board

Wednesday, May 20, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

June 2020

Darlington County Council

Monday, June 1, at 6 p.m. at Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington

Darlington City Council

Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Williamson Park Committee

Tuesday, June 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street, Darlington

City of Darlington Beautification Board

Wednesday, June 17, at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington.

July 2020

Darlington County Council

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

Darlington City Council

Tuesday, July 7, at 6:30

p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Williamson Park Committee

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

Darlington County Planning Commission Meeting

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

August 2020

Darlington County Historic Landmarks Commission

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

Darlington City Council

Tuesday, Aug. 4, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Darlington County Council

Monday, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m. at Courthouse Annex/EMS Bldg., 1625 Harry Byrd Hwy. (Highway 151), Darlington

Williamson Park Committee

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

City of Darlington Beautification Board

Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

September 2020

Darlington City Council

Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

Williamson Park Committee

Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at Harmon Baldwin Recreation Center, 300 Sanders Street, Darlington

Darlington County Council

Monday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. at Courthouse Annex/EMS Building, 1625 Harry Byrd Highway (Highway 151), Darlington

Darlington County Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

City of Darlington Beautification Board

Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

City of Darlington Tree Board

Monday, Sept. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 400 Pearl Street, Darlington

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Shelby Jean Carter

DARLINGTON – Shelby Jean Carter, 83, passed away Friday, May 1, 2020. A graveside service was held Sunday, May 3, at Fair Hope Presbyterian Church in Lamar, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 5, 1936, Shelby was the daughter of the late William Perry Carter and Emma McDonald Carter. She retired from the Department of Social Services in Charlotte. Shelby was a member of Fair Hope Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are her cousins, Janice C. (Jim) Pigate of Timmonsville, Bud (Becky) Copeland, Jeanette Carter, all of Lamar; second cousin, Amy (Dale) Law; special friends, Sandy (Edward) Knight, Syreeta Gooch and many other family and friends.

Memorials may be made to Fair Hope Presbyterian Church in care of Connie Weatherly, 213 S. Cartersville Highway, Timmonsville, SC 29161.

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

Raymond L. Galloway Jr.


DARLINGTON – Raymond "Ray" L. Galloway Jr., 71, passed away at home on Saturday, May 2, 2020.

A graveside service was held Monday, May 4, at Philadelphia Southern Methodist Church Cemetery, directed by Belk Funeral Home.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we observed social distancing regulations during the service. Anyone who wishes to pay their respects to Ray, or sign the guestbook, may do so Sunday between 3-6 p.m., or send an online condolence at www.belkfuneralhome.com.

Mr. Galloway was born in Darlington County, the son of the late Raymond L. Galloway and Elizabeth Goodson Galloway. He was a graduate of St. John's High School and Clemson University with a degree in agriculture education.

Ray taught school for five years, and then returned to farm with his father, where he worked happily for his remaining years with his sons.



SC 29532; or to a charity of one's choice.

Elsie Marlowe

DARLINGTON -- Elsie Marlowe, 68, of Darlington died Thursday, April 30, 2020.

Friends paid their respects between noon and 5 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at Kistler Hardee Funeral Home.

The funeral will be private.

Elsie was born in Darlington.

She was the daughter of the late Ira and Marie Dority Truett. She was a member of Darlington Pentecostal Church for many years.

She was a longtime employee at Dixie Cup in Darlington. She enjoyed fishing and playing cards (she always cheated!).

Elsie loved shoes (she filled three closets with her collection) and she made the best banana pudding, according to her family!

Surviving are her loving partner, Richard; her children, Amy Smith and husband Mike, Shelia Smith and husband Russell; her granddaughters, Courtney Marie Griggs and Madison Smith; and her loving, faithful cat, Bubba.

Memorials may be made to the Darlington County Animal Shelter, PO Box 1655, Hartsville, SC 29551.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.kistlerhardeefuneralhome.com.

Linda W. Moody

LAMAR – Linda W. Moody, 65, passed away Sunday, April 26, 2020.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, April 28, at Lamar Memorial Cemetery, directed

by Belk Funeral Home.

Born July 29, 1954, Linda was the daughter of the late James "Boopie" Welch and Helen Smith Welch. She loved fishing and cooking out with family and friends.

Surviving are her daughter, Kim Jackson (Brad Davis); son, Tim (Debbie) Crowley, all of Darlington; grandchildren, Emily, April, Courtney, Dylan, C.J., Riley; great-grandchildren, Sa'riya, Nolan, and Wyatt; siblings, Mitchell (Tessie) Welch of Lamar, Susan Perkins of Darlington, Chuck Grooms of Charleston; special nieces, Michelle (Larry) Duke, Jennifer (Robert) Windham, and their families, and special great-nieces and nephews.

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

Ronald "Ronnie" Williams

DARLINGTON – Ronald "Ronnie" C. Williams, 65, passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

Anyone wishing to pay their respects was invited to do so Friday, May 1, between 1-5 p.m. at Belk Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 5, 1954, Ronnie was the son of the late Shelton and Louise Williams. He was a veteran of the Navy. Ronnie worked as a deliverer for Merita Bread for over 40 years and was known as "The Bread Man."

Surviving are his wife, Elaine Pope Williams; son, Lance Williams; daughter, Amy Williams; grandchildren, David, Fallon, Jaxon and Carsyn Williams.

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

Living on Purpose

God sees, God hears, God knows

By Bill Holland

The God of the Bible is not only the creator of all things, but He also has the ability to see everything at the same time, and to know everything from the past and the future.

One of His attributes is being omniscient which means He understands everything including where you are, what you are going through and what you are thinking. John Bunyan, who wrote "Pilgrim's Progress," was visited by a minister in prison and he told Bunyan, "Friend, the Lord sent me to you, and I have been searching for you in half the prisons in England."

"No, that cannot be," Bunyan said. "For if the Lord had sent you to me, you would have come here at once, for He knows I have been here for years."

God loves you more than anything and has a beautiful plan for your life. The Bible is filled with God's promises such as this one found in Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Today, Christ wants you to know that He knows where you are, and is waiting for you to trust Him. Remember, Jesus talked to His father in the Garden of Gethsemane when He was struggling with accepting His fate of dying for our sins.

He also had a moment on the cross when He thought His Father forgot about Him. He said these words as He hung on the cross: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46) However, His heavenly father had not forgotten about His only begotten Son. God had a wonderful plan just like He has an incredible destiny for you.

A minister of a church named "Almighty God Tabernacle" told this incredible story.

It was on a Saturday night when this pastor was working late in his church office and as the normal routine his wife always wanted him to call her before he left for home.


It was not unusual for him to burn the midnight oil as it was a perfect time to spend some quiet time praying and writing as this way the message would be fresh on his mind for the Sunday morning service.

That particular evening around 11:30, he called his wife, but for some reason she was not answering.

He let it ring for probably 20 times and thought it was very odd that she didn't pick up. He decided to wrap up a few things, turn out some lights, and that he would try again in a few minutes. This time when he dialed the number, she answered right away.

He asked her why she hadn't answered before, and she confidently replied this was the first time it had rang all night.

They were both puzzled, but brushed it off as maybe an error in the phone system



Bicyclist dies in collision

From Staff Reports

A Darlington man was killed last week as he was riding a bicycle on Timberlake Drive, officials said.

Joseph Aubrey Rush, 75, of Palmetto Shores, died April 28 when he collided with a Ford

Fiesta, according to Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee and the state Highway Patrol.

The patrol said Rush went left of the centerline and struck the car head-on. The patrol said Rush was not wearing a helmet.

2 shot, officials say

Two people were shot about midnight Saturday on Resolution Lane in Darlington County, the Sheriff's Office said.

The two were taken to local hospitals with unknown injuries. Darlington County sheriff's deputies are investigating.

Candidate

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live questions from viewers.

Concerns included increasing transparency, understaffing at the DCSO, ways to increase patrol efficiency, the need for a dedicated animal control officer, and how to get communities more involved in fighting crime and drugs.

Hudson said that since residents are the first to notice when something is going on or seems out of place, he would prioritize establishing more community watch groups, which would empower citizens to take a proactive role in making their neighborhoods safer.

"What I would do ... is to go throughout the county and find out what communities need or want a crime watch, and to help them implement those in their community. By doing that, you would get a safer community because you could police your own community," said Hudson.

Areas plagued by illegal drug sales and the accompanying threat of violence would receive special attention from community response teams, Hudson said.

Regarding understaffing and how to maximize efficacy by deputies on patrol, Hudson said that he would reassign officers from other duties to

cover patrol shortfalls, and revive interest in the reserve officer program. He also proposed breaking the county into sectors based on population and assigning officers to learn that area's needs.

"You will have an officer who works those areas and will get to know the citizens of that particular community, and the citizens will get to know that

On the topic of animal control, Hudson said he would make sure the department kept a Class 1 officer on staff to deal with complaints regarding dangerous or mistreated animals. This officer would be empowered to answer calls, sign warrants, and prosecute his or her own cases.

One viewer asked how Hudson would improve trans-

Darlington County Council, he would provide detailed monthly activity reports to Council. Hudson added that such reports were routinely provided to Hartsville City Council when he served as Chief of Police there from 2011 to 2015.

For more information on this candidate, visit www.jameshudsonjr.com.

At this time, South



James Hudson CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

officer. That builds a relationship between the sheriff's office and the community," said Hudson, adding that officers would rotate out periodically.

parency for the DCSO's activities and budget. He replied that while the budget is already available to the public and requires the approval of

Carolina's primary for federal, state, county and municipal elections is scheduled for June 9. Runoffs are scheduled for June 23.

Darlington woman arrested in death of unborn child

Sheriff Tony Chavis says investigators with the Darlington County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit have arrested a Darlington woman who gave birth to a stillborn child in October of last year.

"Through a thorough and intensive investigation, my investigators were able to gather evidence and establish probable cause to show the mother's drug use led to the death of the child," stated Chavis.

Investigators arrested Alanta Wayde Feagin, 27, of Darlington last week.

Feagin is charged with homicide by child abuse.

Investigators allege Feagin intentionally and knowingly ingested cocaine, benzoylcegonine and methadone while 40 weeks pregnant with the victim.

Feagin was denied bond by a Darlington County magistrate and remained in custody at the W. Glenn Campbell Detention Center.



Jordynn Odom, "Puppy Eyes" CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Tatum Clontz, "Steampunk"



Trinity Robinson, "She will be loved"



Navaeh Garcia, "Rainbow City"

DCSD announces 2020 Art in Business grand prize winners

The Darlington County School District has announced four grand prize winners of its annual Art in Business program. The district also announced 18 other school winners.

Art in Business creates partnerships with local businesses and organizations to celebrate the school district's best visual artists.

The 18 school winners will hang in sponsoring businesses for a year before returning to the district, while the four grand-prize winners will hang permanently in the district's administrative offices.

The four grand prize winners, who span four predetermined grade ranges, are:

•Nevaeh Garcia, Cain Elementary School, Grades K-2

•Jordynn Odom, Brunson-Dargan Elementary School,

Grades 3-5

•Trinity Robinson, Darlington Middle School, Grades 6-8

•Tatum Clontz, Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology, Grades 9-12

Those students' art teachers are Jhemar Sabido (both Garcia and Odom), Nena McConnell and Lyn O'Donnell, respectively.

Each school selected its school winner. A pool of judges composed of sponsors, art educators from other South Carolina school districts and professional artists selected the grand prize winners through an online balloting system. Each school winner will be mailed a \$50 prize check and a ribbon. Each grand prize winner will be mailed a grand prize ribbon, and their art teachers will each receive \$200 for art sup-

plies.

The individual school winners are:

•Brockington Elementary Magnet School – Cassidy Menasco

•Brunson-Dargan Elementary School – Jordynn Odom

•Cain Elementary School – Nevaeh Garcia

•Carolina Elementary School – Lindsey Shuff

Darlington County Institute of Technology – Jasmine Haynes

•Darlington High School – Sofiya Saranchuk

Darlington Middle School – Trinity Robinson

Hartsville High School – Stella Tew

Hartsville Middle School – Joelle Wood-Mount

Lamar Elementary School – Sailor Rodgers

•Lamar High School –

Amber Melton

•Mayo High School for Math, Science and Technology – Tatum Clontz

•North Hartsville Elementary School – Clara Sullivan

Pate Elementary School – Ta'Mya McClain

Rosenwald Elementary/Middle School – Shahquan Pendergrass

Southside Early Childhood Center – Charli Privette

Spaulding Elementary School – Starr Williams

Spaulding Middle School – Zy'Eaire Clark

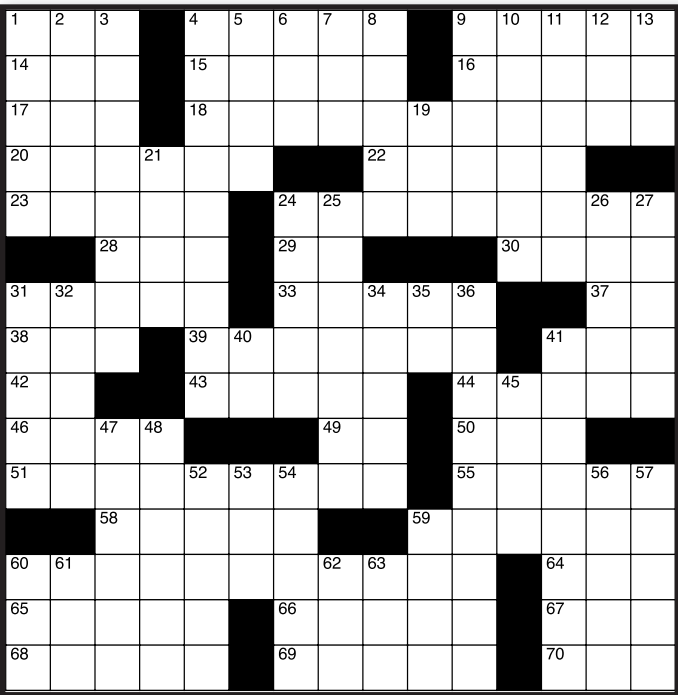
St. John's Elementary School – Elizabeth Reed

Thornwell School for the Arts – Camron Allen

•Washington Street Elementary School – Nala Gee

West Hartsville Elementary School – Kinsleigh Myers

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ACROSS

- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Not bad
- NYC Mayor
- Essays
- Walk lightly
- Those who utilize
- Actress Judd
- One-time community of nations
- Norwegian river
- Unconscious states
- Make muddy
- Unit of volume
- Consciousnesses
- Envision
- When you aim to get there
- Electronic data processing
- Passports are some
- Snakelike fish
- Military flyers (abbr.)
- Popular computers
- Ecological stage
- Wings
- Used in combination
- Laid back
- Princess's headgear
- Musical composition
- Famed Falls
- Reiterations
- Eras
- Track event

DOWN

- Defensive nuclear weapon (abbr.)
- Instead

- Gifts for the poor
- A type of gin
- Torments
- One point south of due east
- Actor Pacino
- Feline
- Chinese dynasty
- Short cries for help
- Straits can sometimes be this
- Further
- Variety shows
- Supernatural
- A university in Connecticut
- Atomic #27
- Of I
- We all have one
- Religious guilds
- This can sting
- Sunscreen rating
- Brew
- Religious leader
- Indigo bush
- Burn with a hot liquid
- Jr.'s father
- Ray-finned fish genus
- Morning
- Straight line passing from side to side (abbr.)
- S-shaped line
- Small bunch of hay
- Ripened
- Crater on Mars
- Humanities
- Of the ears
- To the ___ degree
- Wood
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School district announces online 4K and 5K registration for new students

Online registration for traditional 4-year-old kindergarten (4K) and 5-year-old kindergarten (5K) for the 2020-21 school year will be held May 1-15.

This online registration period will only be for students who are new to the district. Returning students will need to register later in the summer during the district's normal registration period. Please visit the district's website at www.dcsdschools.org to get started.

In order to register a child for 4K, the child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020. A child must turn 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2020,

in order to register for 5K.

Please visit the district's website at www.dcsdschools.org to begin registration.

After accessing the registration page, click "Create a New Account" and enter your information. The following documents are required for registration. You can upload documents or you can provide them to the school this summer during normal registration.

-- Proof of residency: A tax notice, a landline telephone bill, a bill for cable service that is connected to the residence or a utility bill such as water, gas, electric, etc., that contains a street address will be accept-

ed. A cellphone bill and/or a driver's license cannot be used as proof of residency.

-- Immunization record

-- Birth certificate

-- (For 4K only) Proof of income or S.C. Healthy Connection Medicaid Card. Proof of income can include a check stub or income tax return.

The S.C. Department of Education created this year an online tool for families to pre-determine if their child is eligible for 4-year-old kindergarten programs in their area: <https://bit.ly/2uZUUXo>.

A hotline will be set up for each school via telephone support. Hotline hours will be

established Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. If you have any questions, contact your zoned school.

The schools are listed below:

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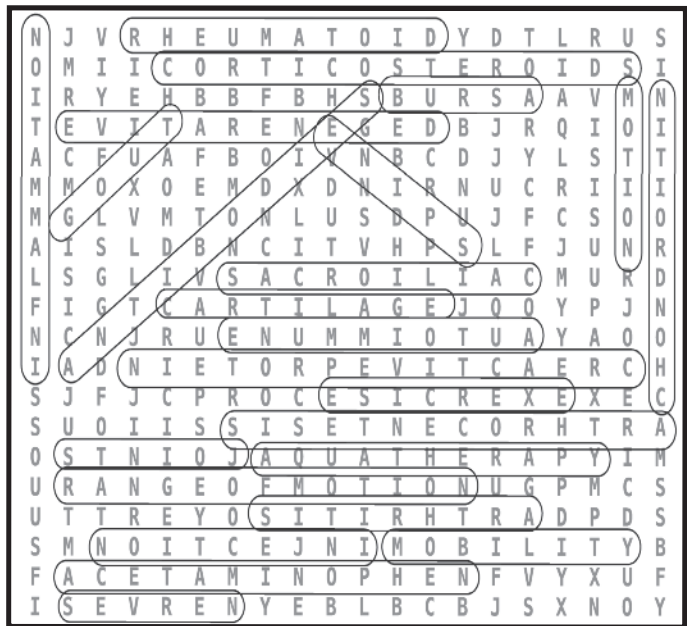
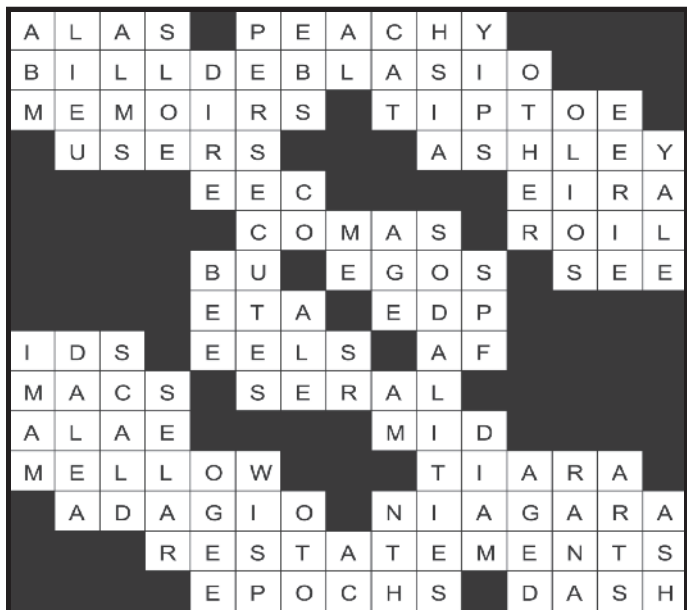
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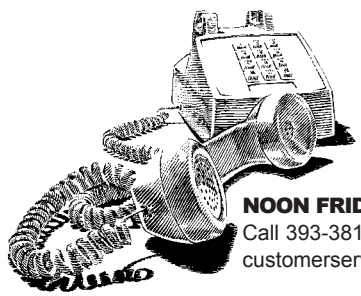
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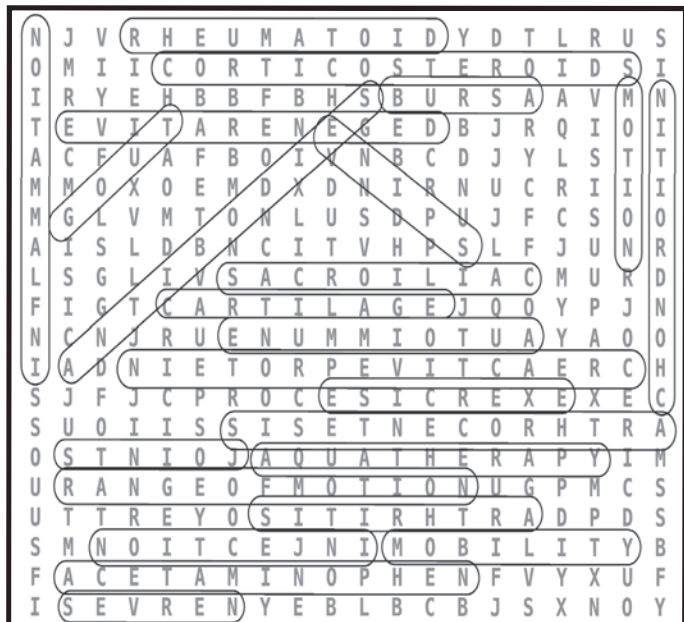
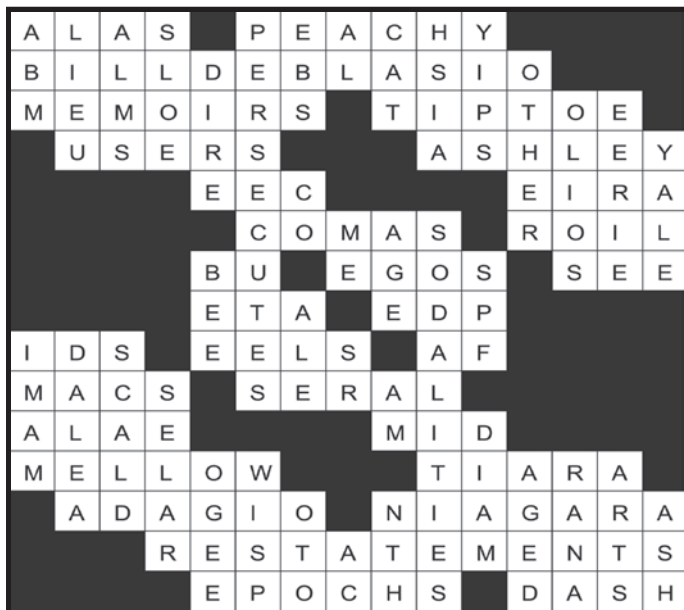
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Ann Boyd Thomas

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A graduate of the University of South Carolina, Ann Boyd loved golfing, dogs, equestrian life, and her hometown, which she served by maintaining high standards for The News & Press. Tragically, her health failed after only a few years; in 2008 cancer ended her life at the age of 45. During her illness, the Thomas family called on Morrell III to help keep the paper running.

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“I believe in my heart that community newspapers like The News & Press will always have a place because we’re going to cover things that a daily newspaper doesn’t. Little League games, daddy and daughter dances, the sweet things about life in your hometown – a community newspaper satisfies those needs,” says Morrey. “We also serve as a community watchdog, making sure people know what’s going in with their government, things that would otherwise go unchecked.”

Thomas hopes that Darlington County will welcome new publisher Johnnie Daniels with open arms as he and the Jordan family usher The News & Press toward its future.

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With the transfer complete and the course dialed in, there seems to be only one thing left to say to the Thomas family for all their years of dedication to our community ... Thank you.

Thank you to Morrell and Margaret Ann and Ann Boyd and Morrey, for your hard work, your judicious ethics, your generosity and your unflagging love for Darlington County.



Morrell & Margaret Thomas

cerns. He understood how to cover pivotal world events and controversial local stories without burning bridges, and he passed that journalistic diplomacy on to his children.

When Morrell passed away in 2005 at the age of 80, his daughter Ann Boyd stepped up from graphic design into the role of publisher. Under her

and papers that averaged 80 pages. He tried splitting time between the Beacon and News & Press, but it soon became clear that something had to give. When his sister passed on, Morrey decided to move home to Darlington and carry on the family tradition.

During his 12-year tenure as publisher, Morrey took an

**FLATS POLICY COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING
CHANGE OF LOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Florence Area Transportation Study (FLATS) Policy Committee will hold a public meeting at **10:30 A.M. on Monday, May 18th, 2020** in a virtual meeting format. The items for discussion are:

- DRAFT Public Participation Plan
- DRAFT Unified Planning Work Program (FY2020 & FY2021)
- DRAFT Transportation Improvement Program (FY2021-FY2027)

These documents will be available for public viewing along with a meeting agenda on the FLATS MPO Webpage which is located at <http://florenceco.org/offices/planning/flats>. A link to register for public access to the online meeting will be available on the website listed above, before the start of the meeting

This meeting was originally scheduled to take place at the Florence County Complex on May 18th, 2020. Do to the Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing requirements set in place by the Governor, the meeting has been moved to an online format. If you need assistance with registering for the meeting, have any questions about the format being used, or would like to sign up to address the Policy Committee, please contact staff using the contact information provided below.

Please submit any questions or comments to: **Florence County Planning Department, 518 S. Irby St., Florence, SC 29501 ATTN: FLATS**. If you would like to contact us by phone, please call (843)-656-1503 or (843)-656-1501. FLATS does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability in the admission of access to FLATS documents or projects. Assistance will be provided to accommodate the special needs of disabled persons, upon request.

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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

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Address: 106 Spain St., Darlington, SC 29532
Attorney at Law:
Parker E. Howle
Address: Howle Law Firm, 88 Public Square, Darlington, SC 29532 (41c3 leave in thru 5/06/20)

Darlington man arrested; drugs and guns seized



Darlington County Sheriff Tony Chavis has announced the arrest of a Darlington man after an investigation into the selling of methamphetamine from his home on Spring Street.

According to Chavis, investigators with the Drug Enforcement Unit and deputies assigned to the

Special Incident Response Team served a search warrant at 713 Spring St.

“Investigators obtained the search warrant based on probable cause they gained through evidence of an individual selling methamphetamine from the residence,” stated Chavis. “During a search of the residence, inves-

tigators located 22 firearms, methamphetamine, a weight scale and other narcotics.”

Investigators arrested Madison Tarrant Coleman III, 51, of Darlington.

Coleman is charged with two counts of distribution of methamphetamine, 1st offense.

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Trinity-Byrnes athletes sign with colleges



Some seniors at Trinity-Byrnes Collegiate School in Darlington County have signed to play college sports next year. Kershaw Sturkie signed to play baseball for USC Sumter. Sturkie plans to major in business. Seen in photo: Sturkie (front) with father Alan Sturkie, sister Hadley Sturkie and mother Sandra Sturkie.



Jordan Jones signed to play basketball for Coker University. Jordan played point guard for the varsity basketball team at TBCS during which time the team was twice runner up for the state championship. Jordan has received many awards including invitations to play in all-star games, all-tournament games invitations and MVP awards. Shown: Front row, Saran Jones (mother), Jordan Jones, Lacie Jones (father); back row, Tarewyn Dawson (girlfriend), Zhana Jones (sister).



Teal Howle signed with Mills College to play soccer. Teal played goalie and sweeper for the varsity soccer team at TBCS and was a three-time SCISA All-Region player, as well as an All-State player. Shown: Teal Howle (middle), Carson Howle (sister) and Alice Howle (mother). CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Online

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bounds and having no issues getting his work done and loving school is now regressing at warp speed with little success at getting the work done. I'm ready to throw in the towel for him!"

"We have had a great experience with digital learning. The school asked what could be done a little better. I asked for more videos helping my daughter with her lessons. The next week, they had videos. We have had a couple of bumps here and there, but overall it has been great.

"My kids are at home where they are safe. My daughter's teacher has been available and has responded to me within

five minutes of texting her each time. Thank you for all that you are doing to keep our kids safe and continuing their education as best as you can!"

"I don't know about anyone else, but I'm about to throw my hands up and say forget this crap. I'm a parent that has always been on my child about her grades, but we (are) about to see some failing grades if the next six weeks or so stay like they are.

"The workload is ridiculous and NOT only an hour of work for each subject like I've been told by the teachers. That's a bunch of bull. It takes my child almost two hours for one subject. I want to recognize the parents who have no help and still work full time. Y'all are amazing, because right now, I'm only working part time and

I have help, but we (are) still struggling."

"So many ungrateful parents on here. ... So busy bashing the district, etc., when there was barely any time to prepare for this. Nobody knew for certain things would get this bad. Yes, it's stressful to have to be an adult, parent and now a teacher as well. But that's what being a parent means ... stepping up and ensuring your child is SAFE and HEALTHY!

"We live in the age of technology. If you're struggling with how to handle it all, reach out to others, Google resources, YouTube ideas. Stop passing the blame. They are your kids, so ultimately they are your responsibility! I'm just glad the district/state cares enough about my child's health

to keep the schools shut down so this doesn't spread any worse than it already has."

"Dear Dr. (Tim) Newman, just call the year. End this torture and let's be done. How many kids who were already 'just barely making it' are now really suffering because they don't have parents at home helping them or pushing them through it?"

"So many kids are going to be behind and not really understanding what they are learning. Just end it. These teachers are going to have to reteach and spend a month next year getting everyone back up on the same page and understanding as it is."

"I'd rather my kids get some instruction even if it's not top-notch than nothing at all. I see

how my kids struggle to get back (on) track after summer vacation so I can't imagine how hard it would be with extended time of no lessons. I will admit that I'm exhausted with being the educator plus trying to keep up with my normal duties as a wife and mother."

"(At) least lessen the load of work. We are drowning over here! I am so DONE!!"

Newman, the county's education superintendent, said in late March, shortly after the computer classes began, that officials were aware of how big a change online instruction was going to be.

"It is different than what we're used to," Newman said in a video address to students and parents. "We're used to being in a classroom with a teacher that

works with us face to face and can talk with us on a regular basis. We've had to change that mode of instruction. ... We're working through all the bugs and kinks in this process."

"We are carefully trying to balance rigor and then what is reasonable," Newman added. "We realize that this new method of delivering instruction can be pretty intense. If anybody has taken distance-learning classes before, or online courses, you know there's a lot more material than is typically involved in a face-to-face class. We're aware of these issues, and we're working through those with you."

In a more recent video chat with parents and students, Newman indicated that the workload would slowly begin to taper off as the end of the semester approached.

NASCAR

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ment officer, said in a statement. "NASCAR will return in an environment that will ensure the safety of our competitors, officials and all those in the local community."

Official word of the Darlington race schedule came last Thursday as more and more rumors, reports and leaks from unnamed sources piled up on the Internet and in some S.C. newspapers.

Two days before the official announcement, McMaster dodged a question about the races by saying, "That would be wonderful."

Darlington Raceway has never hosted three Cup Series

races in a single season.

The last time the track hosted two NASCAR Cup Series races in the same season was 2004, when Jimmie Johnson won both events, the raceway said in a news release.

"This is going to look unlike any NASCAR season in our history — by a mile," Chris Gabehart, the crew chief for driver Denny Hamlin, said during a "NASCAR on NBC" podcast.

Gabehart was interviewed after a purported NASCAR race schedule leaked onto the Internet.

That schedule showed two races in Darlington, one on Sunday and one on Wednesday (no mention of the third one on Tuesday).

Gabehart said he was concerned about going into one race on a Sunday and another on Wednesday.

"If we go Wednesday racing, not only are we not going to get (to) practice or qualify, but our prep time's cut in half because you'll be racing Sunday, then Wednesday, then Sunday, then Wednesday," Gabehart said on the podcast. "It's just a lot of differences."

NASCAR and the Darlington Raceway emphasize that Darlington's signature event, the Southern 500, is still scheduled for Sept. 4-6.

NASCAR says neither of the Cup Series races planned for Darlington this month will replace the Southern 500 on the schedule.



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Primaries

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or older; having a disability (which includes illness and injury); and attending to a sick or disabled person.

Officials are working to safeguard both voters and poll managers from exposure to the coronavirus. If you're voting in person June 9, expect to see poll managers wearing masks, face shields and gloves; sneeze guards in use at check-in stations; hand sanitizer available for voters and poll workers; and cotton swabs available for making selections on the touchscreen.

Check-in stations and voting equipment will be spaced at least 6 feet apart, officials say.

Some polling places might be relocated or consolidated because of the pandemic.

If you're voting in person, officials advise you to:

- Bring a photo ID (or voter registration card).
- Check your polling place at scVOTES.org before going to the polls.
- Wear a protective mask if you have one.
- Bring your own pen for signing the poll list.
- Practice social distancing by spacing yourself at least 6 feet apart from others.
- Be patient.

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