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City Of Dillon Police Investigating Break-In At McKellar Pawn & Loan

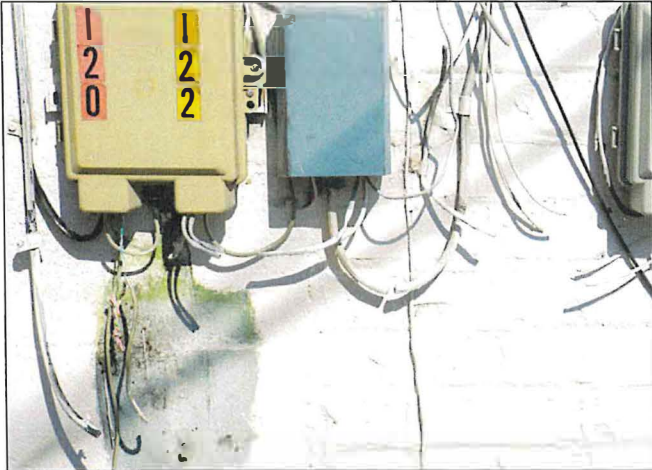


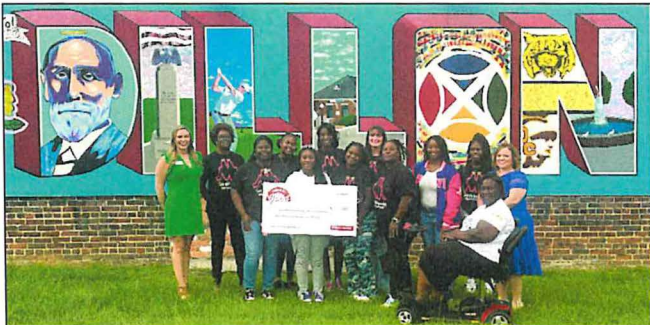
Photo of the AT&T lines cut outside McKellar Pawn & Loan during the break-in.
 Photo By Landry Collins

A break in occurred on Sunday Night according to City of Dillon Police Chief, David Lane. The incident took place at McKellar Pawn & Loan. The

location is on S. MacArthur Avenue. The City of Dillon Police Department is requesting any assistance from the Public in this matter. Please

contact the City of Dillon Police Department at (843) 774-0051 or the Non Emergency Number (843) 841-3707 with any information.

First Bank has awarded a \$1,000 Power of Good Grant To Girls With Knowledge Mentoring Group In Dillon



Girls with Knowledge mentoring group receiving Power of Good Grant from First Bank
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First Bank has awarded a \$1,000 Power of Good grant to Girls With Knowledge Mentoring Group in Dillon, SC. Girls With Knowledge empowers young individuals through a transformative program that helps shape their values and become strong, confident leaders of tomorrow. This Grant will help provide a space for girls to access this program, receive mentorship and connect with their community through various volunteer efforts. Amber Suggs, Branch Manager of the First Bank in Dillon said of the

Grant, "Being able to help organizations like Girls With Knowledge Mentoring Group warms my heart and really speaks to what First Bank stands for, helping not only our customers but also our community."

First Bank has given over \$235,000 in Grant funds to various organizations and educators within the Carolinas in the last year through its Power of Good Grant program. There have been 2 rounds of Grants awarded to 42 organizations. Applications for Grants will open again in late August

2024 for another round of Grant awards. For more information you can visit localfirstbank.com/power-of-good-grants/.

Additionally, First Bank is taking nominations for its Out of this World Educator Awards through August 18th. These awards honor 10 extraordinary educators in the Carolinas, giving \$5000 to each and celebrating them at an awards ceremony in October. Enter a nomination at localfirstbank.com/out-of-this-world-educators-awards/

Dillon VFW Post 6091 Invites Veterans And Their Dependents To Luncheon

Dillon VFW Post 6091 invites all Veterans and their dependents to attend a luncheon at Fresh Beginnings Christian Center, 2220 Highway 9 West, Dillon, SC 29536, on August 28, 2024, from noon to 2:00 PM. This event aims to pay tribute to Veterans and their families by offering a free delightful meal and providing crucial information about various Veteran Affairs resources. Experts will be on hand to assist with mili-

tary disability claims, US Department of Veteran Affairs Healthcare eligibility/enrollment, SC Department of Veteran Affairs programs, the military discharge characterization upgrade process, and educational benefits for Veterans and their dependents. Northeastern Technical College will present an overview of its veteran services. This luncheon presents an invaluable opportunity to access these essential resources while honoring the

service of Veterans and their families. Kindly reserve your seat by calling 843-506-8084 if you plan to attend.

Organizations interested in contributing, partnering, or hosting a luncheon are encouraged to contact us at 843-506-8084 or via email at qmvfw6091@aol.com with any inquiries. VFW Post 6091 holds tax-exempt status, and contributions are tax-deductible.



Photos of the road washed out on State Park Road, near Blow Horn Place.
 Photos By Landry Collins/The Dillon Herald

State Park Road Near Blow Horn Place Washed Out In The Aftermath Of Tropical Storm Debby



Who To Contact For Damage To Home From Tropical Storm Debby In Dillon County

By Vickie Rogers
 Emergency Services Director
 Daniel Moody advised if you have damage to your personal

living space in Dillon County due to Tropical Storm Debby, please call 843-774-1458 or 843-774-1400 so the county can

send someone to assess the damage. See Page 3A for additional photos on State Park Rd.

McLeod Health Dillon Emergency Department Receives National Award

McLeod Health Dillon has received the prestigious APEX Patient Experience Award for its outstanding commitment to delivering exceptional patient care. This national award recognizes organizations that demonstrate superior performance in enhancing the overall experience of their patients. The APEX Patient Experience Award, presented by TeamHealth, is a highly esteemed honor in healthcare, celebrating teams who go above and beyond in creating positive and impactful patient interactions. McLeod Health Dillon was selected for this award based on rigorous criteria that include patient feedback, innovative practices, and overall service excellence. "We are truly honored to receive the APEX Patient Experience Award," said Dr. Amid Hamidi, Medical Director of Emergency Medicine at McLeod Health Dillon. "This award reflects the dedication

and hard work of our entire team who consistently strive to provide the highest level of care and compassion to our patients. It is a testament to our commitment to not only meeting but exceeding patient expectations." Dr. Manny Gupta, TeamHealth Regional Medical Director, presented the entire Dillon Emergency Department team. He was joined by McLeod Health local and corporate leadership, physicians and board members to celebrate the team's success.



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community/obituary

The Teacher's Honor Roll

The Teacher's Honor Roll All the schools in our Pee Dee region have started back after a time out for summer vacation. My wife and daughter are educators, and they have enjoyed their time away from the classroom. Nevertheless, there seems to be in them and other educators an anticipation and excitement to get back to the classroom. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why they have been teaching so long. I want to consider and share with you what it takes (in my opinion) for a teacher to make The Teacher's Honor Roll. Remember these qualifications are based upon my personal observations and evaluations of my wife, daughter, and a few others who have stood the test of time as teachers and educators.

By Bishop Michael Goings,
Guest Columnist



Sr. Pastor, Outreach Family Fellowship, Dillon/Florence

If one is going to make The Teacher's Honor Roll, he or she must first see teaching as a calling and not a job. Although, in a technical and professional way, it is a job. However, anyone who expects to have effectiveness and staying power as a teacher who deals with students, whether they are five or eighteen years old, must believe that they have been called by God to do it.

You Must See It as a Calling and Not a Job

You Must Love What

You Are Doing
As in most professions, those who excel love what they are doing. The teachers I know who have been teaching for many years love being teachers. It was not the salary nor the prestige that came with the position that kept them in the field of education. It was because they loved what they were doing. If you love what you are doing as a teacher, you are a candidate for The Teacher's Honor Roll. You Must Not Have Favorites Any teacher who has favorites has disqualified themselves from making The Teacher's Honor Roll. Growing up as a student at Gordon Elementary and Gordon High School in Dillon, I had teachers on both sides of the equation. There were some who had favorites and others who treated everyone equally and fairly. I remember the ones who did not have

pets or favorites. They were the most effective and competent teachers. You Must Establish That You Are in Charge of the Classroom Believe it or not, there are some teachers who are very gifted at instructing their students in the area that they teach. Nevertheless, many of these talented and qualified teachers will never make The Teacher's Honor Roll. They lack the ability or courage to control and maintain order in their classrooms. To paraphrase the words of Dr. James Dobson, "Teaching is not for cowards." Although in most classrooms (especially in public schools) there are teacher's assistants who are to help the teachers in anyway they can. However, at the end of the day, it is the teacher who must establish who is in charge of the classroom.

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Obituaries

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Funeral service for Joyce Quintella Bethea will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 1:00 PM at Bowling Green United Methodist Church in Dillon, South Carolina. Burial will follow in the Rest Haven Cemetery in Dillon.

Ms. Bethea passed on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at McLeod Medical Center in Florence, South Carolina. Bartell Funeral Home, LLC of Dillon, SC is in charge of these arrangements. The family is receiving friends at 1302 Blake St., Dillon, SC.

Email obituaries to
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The Platinum Rule
You may have heard that there is a new and improved version of the Golden Rule, called the Platinum Rule. The Golden Rule, as almost everyone knows, says that we should do unto others as we would have done unto ourselves. The Platinum Rule says that we should do unto others as they would have done unto themselves. In other words, the Golden Rule is somewhat self-centered in suggesting that others would like the same things as we do, whereas the Platinum Rule is other centered and suggests finding out what the other person wants. . We may love fig newtons and think that everyone must love fig newtons and therefore I will make a gift of fig newtons to my friend. But perhaps your friend doesn't like fig newtons. How much better it would be to ask your friend what his favorite cookies are and to make a gift of them. We all have our own tastes, concerning which it makes no sense to argue, so start following the Platinum Rule and doing unto others what they would like.
-Christopher Simon
"The platinum rule mindset is, I'm going to treat others the way they want to be treated. My attention to who this person is and how they show up, and what their preferences are and my tolerance, my patience, my kindness-it all shows up differently with that mindset of the platinum rule versus the golden rule." -Scott Keller

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Essential Tips and Guidelines For Driving Safely on Flooded Roads

Flooding can transform roads into dangerous obstacles, turning a routine drive into a perilous journey. Understanding how to navigate these treacherous conditions is crucial for ensuring safety and preventing accidents. Here's a comprehensive guide to driving safely on flooded roads. Evaluate the Situation Before Driving

The first step in driving safely in flood conditions is to assess the necessity of your trip. Check weather reports and flood warnings before setting out. If possible, avoid driving in severe weather conditions altogether. Roads may be impassable, and driving during a flood can put both you and rescue workers at risk.

Prepare Your Vehicle

Before you drive, ensure your vehicle is in good working condition. This includes checking tire tread and pressure, as well as making sure your brakes and lights are functioning properly. A well-maintained vehicle is less likely to suffer mechanical failures in challenging conditions. Additionally, keep your gas tank at least half-full to avoid running out of fuel, which could leave you stranded.

Drive Slowly and Cautiously

Speed is a major factor in accidents during floods. Water reduces traction and increases the risk of hydroplaning, where your tires lose contact with the road and slide over the water's surface. Reduce your speed to

maintain control and allow yourself more time to react to unexpected obstacles.

Avoid Driving Through Water

If you encounter flooded roads, do not attempt to drive through them unless you are certain of their depth. As a rule of thumb, do not drive through water that is deeper than six inches. Water deeper than this can stall your engine, and even shallow water can hide dangerous debris or road damage.

Watch for Signs and Hazards

Flooded roads can obscure road markings and traffic signs. Stay vigilant and use your vehicle's lights to increase visibility. Look out for indicators of deeper or moving water, such as

debris, currents, and changes in the road surface. Avoid areas where the water appears to be flowing rapidly, as these areas are likely to be unstable. Maintain a Safe Distance

Increase your following distance from other vehicles. Flooded roads can cause vehicles to lose control, and keeping a safe distance gives you more time to react if a vehicle in front of you experiences difficulty. Avoid sudden maneuvers and be prepared to stop if necessary.

Avoid Stalling

If your vehicle begins to stall while driving through water, do not attempt to restart it. Turn on your hazard lights and call for roadside assistance. Restarting a stalled engine in waterlogged

conditions can cause severe damage to your vehicle's engine and electrical systems.

Be Prepared to Turn Around

If you're unsure about the depth of the water or if it seems to be rising rapidly, it's safer to turn around and seek an alternative route. Backtracking may be inconvenient, but it's better than risking your safety by continuing on a potentially dangerous path.

Stay Informed


Keep yourself informed about weather conditions and road closures through reliable sources such as news outlets or GPS navigation systems. Being aware of real-time conditions can help you make better decisions about your route and safe-

ty. Emergency Preparedness

In case of an emergency, have a basic survival kit in your car. This should include items such as a flashlight, bottled water, non-perishable food, a first aid kit, and a phone charger. These supplies can be crucial if you become stranded and need to wait for help.

Driving on flooded roads requires heightened awareness and caution. By following these guidelines, you can enhance your safety and reduce the risk of accidents. Remember, no destination is worth jeopardizing your safety—when in doubt, stay off the road.





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August Community Calendar

NOTICES:

A-Men Prayer Breakfast, Thursdays at 7:00 a.m., Latta Baptist Church, 202 North Marion Street, Latta.

Celebrate Recovery Meeting (Christian based 12-step program), Fridays at 7:00 p.m., N. Mullins Baptist Church, 202 E. Meyers St., Mullins, SC.

Fishers of Men Prayer Breakfast, Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m., First Baptist Church Fellowship hall, 400 North Fourth Avenue, Dillon.

The Dillon County AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) Group meets on Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. Call 843-445-7119 for information or visit <https://www.aa62.org/groups.php?group=112439>.

The Dillon Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the B&C Steak & BBQ, 829 Radford Blvd., Dillon.

The Dillon Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Twin Lakes Country Club, 141 West Country Club Rd., Hamer.

The Dillon Rotary Club meets on the first and third Wednesday at the B&C Steak & BBQ, 829 Radford Blvd., Dillon, at 12:00 noon.

The Dillon City Police Department will be conducting traffic checkpoints during the months of July and August 2024.

The Dillon Area AARP Chapter #5336 meets on the second Monday of the month, excluding July and August, at 1:00 p.m. at the Council for the Aging, 205 East Main Street, Dillon.

The Dillon County Sheriff's Office will be conducting traffic checkpoints in Dillon County during the months of July and August 2024.

The Senior Citizens of Kemper Baptist Church hold a meeting every third Tuesday of every month at

6:00 p.m. in the old Schoolhouse building.

The Latta Police Department will be conducting traffic checkpoints in throughout the Town of Latta during the months of July and August 2024.

Latta Rotary Club meets weekly on Tuesdays at noon in the top floor of the Latta Rotary Club building, 111 West Main Street, Latta.

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meets on Sundays from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. For more information, visit <https://www.narcotics.com/na-meeting/god-box-group-2/>.

Senior Sunday Dinners by Detrice Dawkins takes place every fourth Sunday of the month. Limited dinners are available. Dawkins will serve seniors a homecooked meal. If you are interested or know a senior who would like to have a meal, please call or text your name, phone number, and address to 843-506-5700.

The Soup for the Soul Community Health Education, Leadership, and Resources Outreach Program meets on the second Wednesday of the month at Manning Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 12n to 1:30 pm. RSVP for Soup and Lunch the Monday before the event. Dr. Carolyn Covington 803-250-9150 or hopeforahealthierworld@gmail.com; Mrs. Clareth Whitfield 843-506-0030 manningbaptistchurch308@gmail.com

The Walk with PRIDE for Life Community Walking Program takes place at 12n and 6 pm every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at the Dillon Wellness Center indoor and outdoor walking trails. A doctor's permission is required. Participants will meet at the front desk, sign in, fill out the application and consent, and weigh in to get started. Come on Dillon County Let's Get Healthy TOGETHER! Contact Dr. Carolyn Covington 803-250-

9150 hopeforahealthierworld@gmail.com; Mrs. Clareth Whitfield at 843-506-0030 manningbaptistchurch308@gmail.com

Bring The Noise MS Support Group, Group meetings at the Dillon County Library, 600 E. Main Street, Dillon. Please contact group leader Latasha Sellers for more information. This group is open to all affected with MS. Come meet others to talk about your experiences and find support. For information or to RSVP, contact: Group Leader: Latasha Sellers, Email: sellerstasha87@gmail.com, Call or text: 843-621-0096.

Blessed Hope Church, 2770 Highway 34 West, Dillon has service each Sunday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

AUGUST 19
The Dillon District Four School Board will meet on Monday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the district office located at 1738 Highway 301 North, Dillon.

AUGUST 20
The Dillon County Board of Education will meet on August 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the Dillon County Board of Education office, 401 West Main Street, Suite 305, Dillon

AUGUST 25
Centenary Memorial Methodist Church will celebrate its seventy-fourth annual Homecoming on Sunday, August 25 at 11:00 a.m. Kay McGirt, lay lead from Rowland, will deliver the message and music will be provided by Jane Hale. There will also be special music prior to the service beginning at 10:30 so please plan to arrive early. Bring a chair and your favorite dish for the picnic immediately following the worship service. Everyone is welcome. Centenary is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and is located at 2585 NC Hwy 130 East, Rowland, NC.

AUGUST 28
The Dillon County Council will meet on Wednesday, August 28, at 5:00 p.m. at the Dillon County Administrative Office, 109 South Third Avenue, Dillon.

KIDS CORNER

Being Left-Handed: What's Special About It?

Did you know that most people use their right hand for things like writing, throwing, and eating? But some people, called left-handed, use their left hand instead! Only about 1 out of 10 people are left-handed, which makes them unique.

When someone is left-handed, it means they feel more comfortable using their left hand for most activities. For example, they might hold a pencil in their left hand when they write or use their left hand to throw a ball. Sometimes, being left-handed can make things a little tricky because many tools, like scissors or school desks, are made for right-handed people.

Famous Left-Handed People
There are many famous left-handed people! Some of them are artists, like Leonardo da Vinci, who painted the famous "Mona Lisa." Others are athletes, like tennis player Rafael Nadal, who uses his left hand to play. Even some U.S. presidents, like Barack Obama, were left-handed.

Being left-handed doesn't stop people from doing amazing things!

Why Are Some People Left-Handed?

Scientists are still trying to understand why some people are left-handed. They think it might be because of the way a person's brain is wired. Our brains are divided into two parts, the left side and the right side. Each side controls different things. For most people, the left side of the brain controls the right hand. But for left-handed people, the right side of the brain is stronger, so they use their left hand more.

Challenges For Left-Handed People

Sometimes, being left-handed can be a little challenging. Since most people are right-handed, many tools and gadgets are made for right-handed use. Left-handed people might find it tricky to use these tools. For example, cutting with regular scissors can be tough because they are made for right-handed people. Some left-handed people even learn to use their right hand for certain things!

Cool Things About Being

Left-Handed

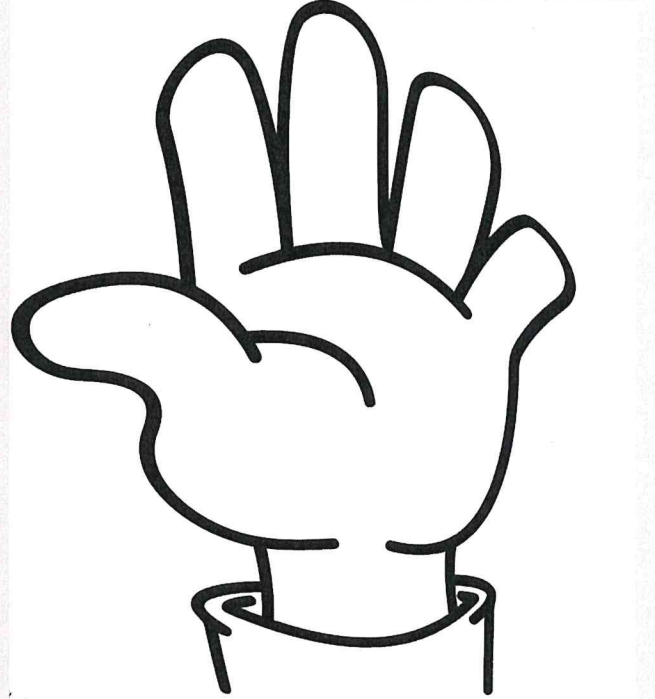
Even though being left-handed can be challenging, there are some cool things about it too! Left-handed people are often very creative and good at solving problems. They might be better at sports like baseball or tennis, where using the left hand gives them an advantage.

Fun Facts About Left-Handed People

International Left-Handers Day: There's a special day just for left-handed people on August 13th. It's called International Left-Handers Day, and it's a time to celebrate being left-handed.

Left-Handed Animals: Did you know that some animals are left-handed too? Some parrots use their left claw more, and some cats use their left paw more!

Being left-handed makes a person special in their own way. While it can sometimes be challenging, left-handed people can do anything right-handed people can do—sometimes even better! So, if you are left-handed, remember that you are part of a unique and talented group of people.



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SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Bureau of Land and Waste Management
Notice of Department Decision

Topic: Proposed Expansion of the Dillon County Class 2 Landfill

Location: 901 Landfill Road, Dillon, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Environmental Services has made a final decision that the proposed expansion of the Dillon County Class 2 Landfill is consistent with the requirements of the DON regulations, the Dillon County and state solid waste management plans as a commercial landfill, and the buffer requirements. The Department also confirmed receipt of a zoning approval letter.

Notice of this decision can be found on the Department's website at:

<https://epermweb.dhec.sc.gov/ncore/external/publicnotice/info/3010843322066710199/details>

This decision becomes the final agency decision thirty (30) days from the date of the mailing of the decision (August 15, 2024) unless an appeal is made in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. § 48-6-30(D)(2), which states:

Within thirty calendar days after the mailing of a decision [pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 48-6-30(D)(1)], an applicant, permittee, licensee, certificate holder, or affected person desiring to contest the department decision may request a contested case hearing before the Administrative Law Court, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act.

If anyone has questions regarding the Department Decision on the proposed expansion of the Dillon County Class 2 Landfill, contact Justin Koon, Manager of the Solid Waste Permitting and Monitoring Section, at (803) 898-1339.

DSS Announces Latest Grant For Child Care Providers

DSS Announces Latest Grant for Child Care Providers August 13, 2024 - The South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) is offering a onetime Expansion/Operating grant for child care providers. The grant is primarily designed to support increased child enrollment, staff and educator retention, and child care center operating expenses. "Our goal is to support child care providers in their efforts to expand and enhance the quality of care for children across our state," said DSS State Director Michael Leach. "This grant is just another example of significant steps DSS has made over the last four years towards ensuring more families have access to affordable, high-quality child care." Funds from the Expansion/Operating grant may be used to retain current staff through salary increases or retention bonuses. Other

allowable expenses for the grant include: • paying facility expenses, including rent/mortgage payments, utility bills, and personnel costs • classroom materials • playground repairs or upgrades • technology equipment and services • goods and services • cleaning or sanitation costs The grant, made possible by federal funds received by DSS as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), is available to eligible licensed or registered child care centers, family child care homes, group child care homes, Head Start programs, and license-exempt programs. Providers must also be in compliance with Child Care Licensing requirements and fire codes, remain within licensed capacity for the facility, and have at least a provisional license as of July 1, 2024.

Tackling Mosquitoes After Tropical Storm Debby

Tropical storms Debbie left behind a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The City and County has taken several steps to curb this problem, including two trucks spraying at night (See Tuesday's Upcoming issue of The Dillon Herald for additional story.) The accumulation of water from heavy rains creates ideal conditions for these pests to flourish, raising the risk of mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile virus, Zika virus, and dengue fever. As the floodwaters recede and cleanup begins, addressing mosquito control becomes a critical task. Here's a comprehensive guide to effectively manage mosquito populations in the aftermath of a tropical storm.

Assessing the Situation
The first step in dealing with mosquitoes post-storm is to assess the extent of water accumulation and potential breeding sites:

Survey Your Property: Walk around your property to identify areas where water may have collected. Pay close attention to low-lying areas, containers, and debris where water might linger.

Check for Standing Water: Inspect gutters, downspouts, flowerpot saucers, birdbaths, and any other receptacles that could hold water. Even small amounts of stagnant water can become breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Evaluate Flood Damage: Assess any damage caused by the storm that could lead to water pooling, such as broken pipes or damaged irrigation systems.

Immediate Actions
Addressing the mosquito

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problem quickly is crucial to prevent a spike in their population:

Remove Standing Water: Drain or remove any standing water immediately. This includes emptying containers, overturning items that can hold water, and ensuring that rain barrels are properly covered.

Clean Gutters and Drains: Clear out gutters and drains that may have become clogged with debris during the storm. This helps to prevent water from pooling and becoming a breeding site.

Disinfect and Dry: After removing water, clean and dry any containers or surfaces that held water. This helps to eliminate any mosquito eggs that may have been deposited.

Long-Term Mosquito Control
Effective mosquito control involves not only immediate actions but also long-term strategies:

Landscape Management: Maintain your yard by keeping grass trimmed and eliminating overgrown vegetation. Mosquitoes use dense foliage as resting spots, so a well-maintained yard can help reduce their numbers.

Use Larvicides: Apply larvicides to water that cannot be removed. These products target mosquito larvae before they mature into adults. Common types include mosquito dunks or pellets that release a bacterial agent toxic to larvae.

Install Mosquito Barriers: Consider using mosquito barriers such as nets or screens around outdoor areas where you and your family spend time. This includes patios, porches, and decks.

Mosquito Repellents: Utilize mosquito repellents for personal protection when outdoors. Products containing DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus are effective.

Community Efforts
Mosquito control is often more effective when approached on a community level:

Join Local Programs: Many communities have mosquito control programs that conduct spraying and other control measures. Participate in or support these initiatives to help manage mosquito populations in your area.

Educate Neighbors: Share information about mosquito prevention with your neighbors. Encourage them to also remove standing water and take precautions to reduce mosquito breeding sites.

Report Problem Areas: If you notice persistent mosquito breeding sites in public areas, report them to local authorities. They can take action to address these issues and prevent widespread mosquito problems.

Innovations in Mosquito Control

Advances in mosquito control technology can provide additional tools for managing mosquito populations:

Mosquito Traps: Modern mosquito traps attract and capture mosquitoes using various attractants. These can be effective in reducing local mosquito populations.

Biological Control: Researchers are exploring biological control methods, such as introducing natural predators of mosquitoes into affected areas. This can help to keep mosquito populations in

check.

Genetic Approaches: Genetic modification techniques, such as releasing genetically modified mosquitoes that are designed to reduce populations or reduce their ability to transmit diseases, are being tested and implemented in various regions.

Preparing for Future Storms
In anticipation of future tropical storms, take proactive measures to minimize mosquito breeding conditions:

Improve Drainage: Enhance the drainage systems around your property to ensure that water is efficiently channeled away from areas where it can pool.

Use Mosquito-Resistant Plants: Plant mosquito-repellent plants such as citronella, marigolds, or lavender around your home. These can help to naturally deter mosquitoes.

Secure Containers: Ensure that any containers that may collect water, such as rain barrels, are tightly sealed or fitted with mosquito-proof covers.

Dealing with Mosquitoes after a tropical storm requires a combination of immediate and long-term strategies. By assessing and managing water accumulation, using mosquito control products, and participating in community efforts, you can effectively reduce mosquito populations and minimize health risks. Proactive preparation for future storms will further help in maintaining a mosquito-free environment. With these measures in place, you can better enjoy your home and outdoor spaces, free from the nuisance and dangers of mosquitoes.

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Contact: Zoning Administrator
843-841-8836

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- 8/23 Scotland County
- 8/30 Socastee
- 9/6 Wilson
- 9/13 Marion
- 9/20 Hartsville
- 10/4 Loris
- 10/11 Aynor
- 10/18 Marlboro County
- 10/25 Waccamaw
- 11/1 Georgetown

2024 JV SCHEDULE



- 8/29 Socastee
- 9/5 Wilson
- 9/12 Manning
- 9/19 Hartsville
- 10/3 Loris
- 10/10 Aynor
- 10/17 Marlboro County

JV: 6:00 PM Home Away VARSITY: 7:30 PM

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FOOTBALL

2024 VARSITY SCHEDULE

- 8/23 East Columbus
- 8/30 Marion
- 9/6 McBee
- 9/13 Mullins
- 9/20 Green Sea Floyds
- 10/4 Carvers Bay
- 10/11 Hemingway (Homecoming)
- 10/18 Lake View
- 10/25 Hannah-Pamplico
- 11/1 Johnsonville

2024 JV SCHEDULE



- 9/4 Andrews JV
- 9/11 Lake View JV
- 9/18 Hemingway JV
- 9/25 Carvers Bay JV
- 10/2 Carvers Bay JV
- 10/9 Hemingway JV
- 10/16 Lake View JV
- 10/23 Hannah-Pamplico JV
- 10/30 Johnsonville JV

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FOOTBALL

2024 VARSITY SCHEDULE

- 8/22 Marion
- 8/30 Mullins
- 9/6 Open
- 9/13 Scotts Branch
- 9/20 Johnsonville
- 9/27 Hemingway (Homecoming)
- 10/4 Hannah-Pamplico (SR Night)
- 10/11 Carvers Bay
- 10/18 Latta
- 11/1 Green Sea Floyds

2024 JV SCHEDULE



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- 10/9 Carvers Bay
- 10/16 Latta
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- 10/30 Carvers Bay

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- 8/23 Florence Christian
- 8/30 Lee Academy
- 9/6 Carolina Academy
- 9/13 Open
- 9/20 Trinity Collegiate
- 9/27 Hilton Head Prep
- 10/4 St. John's Christian (Homecoming)
- 10/11 Bethesda Academy
- 10/25 Christian Academy
- 11/1 Pee Dee Academy (SR. Night)

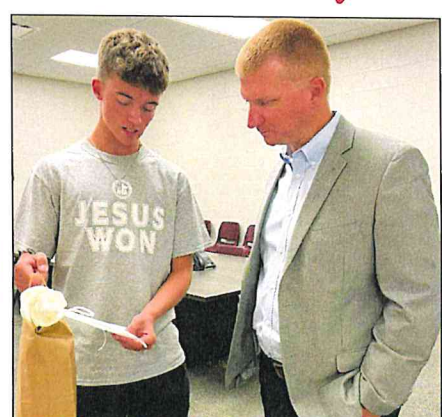
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City Of Dillon Council Meeting Focused On Tropical Storm Debby: Preparations, Challenges, And Future Plans

By Vickie Rogers

At the Dillon City Council meeting on Monday, August 12th, the primary topic of discussion was Tropical Storm Debby and its impact on the community. Mayor Tally McColl addressed the council and residents, highlighting the storm's effects and the city's response during his Mayor's Report.

Mayor McColl began his report by acknowledging the serious nature of Tropical Storm Debby and its impact on Dillon. "Anytime we have a weather event like that, it really impacts our community and the City of Dillon, and it's taken really seriously," McColl stated. He emphasized the city's vulnerability due to its low-lying geography, which inevitably leads to flooding during heavy rainfall.

Despite the preparedness, McColl acknowledged that some homes experienced water intrusion and localized flooding. He emphasized the city's commitment to addressing these issues promptly, stating, "Any time that a single citizen has to move out of their home, then that's one home too many."

McColl noted that while the city's infrastructure—both old and new—could only handle a

limited amount of water at a time, the damage from the storm was less severe than anticipated. He credited the relatively mild impact to a combination of factors: the storm was less intense than expected, and the city was well-prepared.

McColl detailed the extensive efforts made by the city in response to the storm. He praised City Manager Glen Wagner and departments for their exceptional work in preparing for and managing the situation. The city mobilized quickly, coordinating with county and state emergency management officials. Regular meetings were held to discuss the evolving situation and plan for various scenarios.

The city also hosted two swift water rescue teams at the City Fire Department to assist with emergencies. Crews worked diligently to clean and re-clean storm drains, ensuring that water could flow as intended and reducing the potential for flooding.

McColl expressed gratitude to the community for their patience and support during the crisis. He highlighted the hard work of city employees and encouraged residents to thank them if they encountered them. He also praised the collective efforts of the community, not-

ing, "By the grace of God, we were spared what could have been a very devastating event if we had more rain."

City Manager Glen Wagner provided insights into ongoing and future efforts to improve the city's resilience against flooding. Wagner reported that the Office of Resilience had awarded Dillon \$4 million a year and a half ago, which recently increased to \$8 million. Despite these funds, the projected costs for necessary improvements are estimated at around \$14 million. The project is nearing the bidding stage, with a meeting scheduled to review details on Thursday.

Wagner and his team conducted a thorough inspection of the city following the storm. They observed that some areas, such as Lucius Road and South Fourth Avenue, drained effectively, while others, like the area around 11th and Calhoun behind City Hall, faced significant challenges. Crews spent extensive hours pumping water from these problematic areas using a three-inch pump.

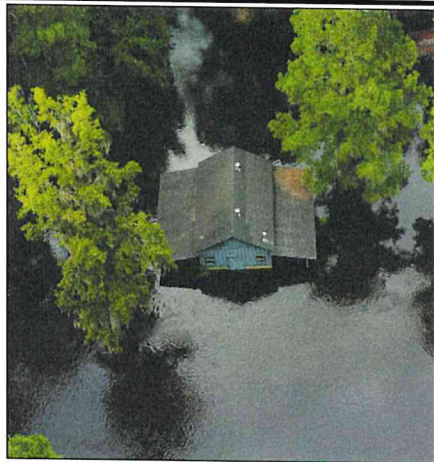
Wagner proposed exploring the use of dewatering bypass pumps, which can significantly accelerate water removal. These pumps, capable of handling up to 1,000 gallons per minute, could be rented or pur-

chased to address particularly stubborn flooding issues. The estimated cost for a four-inch pump is \$100,000, and a 14-inch pump is \$200,000. Wagner suggested that acquiring two of these pumps could enhance the city's ability to manage floodwaters more effectively.

The storm delivered approximately eight and a half inches of rain from Tuesday to Thursday, with five inches falling in just six hours. This intense rainfall contributed to the flooding challenges faced by the city.

The Dillon City Council meeting highlighted the city's proactive and comprehensive approach to managing the impacts of Tropical Storm Debby. While the storm presented significant challenges, the city's preparation, quick response, and ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure and flood management demonstrate a commitment to safeguarding residents and minimizing future risks.

As Dillon continues to recover and plan for future storms, the focus remains on leveraging available resources, exploring new technologies, and enhancing resilience to ensure the safety and well-being of the community.



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