District 5 News

Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Marlboro and Williamsburg counties

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Darlington employees help one of their own

Mary Chapman, an employee in the Darlington Maintenance department, had her home badly damaged by a severe wind storm that passed through the area on April 25.

The storm severely damaged the roof and broke out windows of her home among other things.

The employees of Darlington Maintenance held a luncheon to help raise funds for her to recover from the destruction of her home.

Mary and Darlington employees enjoying the food and fellowship.

Dillon Maintenance honors three employees

Neil Carmichael, **Maxie Wright**, and **Ed McCall** of Dillon Maintenance recently retired. Together , they had over 75 years of experience at SCDOT.

In honor of their service, a luncheon was held in the Dillon Maintenance Shop.

Their presence will be missed in Dillon!

ABOVE: Neil Carmichael and Maxie Wright pose for a picture. Ed McCall, inset, could not make the luncheon due to an illness.

LEFT: Dillon employees and guests enjoyed a meal at the retirement event.

Got news?

Contact Michael Miller at 843-661-4710 or by emailing him at MillerMW@scdot.org

Michael Miller

Letters we liked

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to tell you about our experience today involving the SCDOT Incident Response team in Florence. My daughter was traveling through Florence from her honeymoon at the beach and was headed home to Alabama. She stopped in Florence to get some ice. She laid her wallet on the back of the car and drove off.

Within the hour I was notified by **Robbie Ard** that he had found the wallet and gathered up her belongings. Soon we met at a nearby business in Florence and he returned to me checks totaling more than $250 as well as credit cards, her driver's license, and $78 in cash. Mr. Ard took the time to call one of the people who had given my daughter a check as a wedding present, and he called me from Charlotte, allowing me to get in touch with Mr. Ard.

Robbie Ard

I was amazed by Mr. Ard's honesty and his willingness to go the extra mile to get these belongings to my daughter. I tried to give Mr. Ard some money for lunch because we were so thrilled to get the contents of the wallet, but he declined, citing that it was against work policy to take gifts for assistance. I am so glad that the state of SC has such an assistance program in place, yet I know that it was nothing short of a miracle that tonight my daughter has in her possession, valuable ID papers as well as her money and checks.

Words cannot express our gratitude to Mr. Ard for his thoughtfulness and honesty. I could not show my appreciation to Mr. Ard for his kindness, but I encourage you to. He was most kind. Please, again, express to him our heartfelt appreciation for his kindness. It might be said that he was just doing his job, but, he could have just stuck the money in his pocket and forgotten the rest. He did the right thing and we are most appreciative. I want you to know that we were direct beneficiaries of the actions of a wonderful state employee.

Kyle and Karen Brown,
Gastonia, NC

Dear Sir/Madam:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation to you and your staff for the response I received to my recent request to have the weeds in the ditch and bank in front of Aberdeen County Club on Highway 9 bush hogged. Also, the next day you came back and scooped out the ditch to remove the eight or nine yards of fill and debris that had collected.

The water is now draining and the front entrance looks extremely nice. Your personnel could not have been more understanding, helpful and courteous.

I have made numerous requests of your division concerning weeds, ditches, and curbs over the past 10 to 11 years and you and your personnel have responded with great care and concern and in a most timely manner. You and your staff perform a yeoman's task.

Thank you again. With great respect,

Bruce D. Rutherford