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New Members

Clarios, Florence

Platinum Pacesetter (upgrade)



Clarios, formerly Johnson Controls Power Solutions, is a world leader in advanced energy storage solutions. It partners with customers to meet increasing market demand for smarter applications, on a global scale. The company's 16,000 employees develop, manufacture and distribute a portfolio of evolving battery technologies for virtually every type of vehicle: technologies that deliver uniquely sustainable, next-generation performance and bring reliability, safety and comfort to everyday lives. Clarios adds value at every link in the supply chain, contributing to the progress of the communities it serves and the planet we all share.

Davis & Floyd, Florence

Bronze Pacesetter (upgrade)

What began as the dream of two engineers in 1954 has grown into a talented team of approximately 175 professionals across five offices in Charleston, Columbia, Florence, Greenville and Greenwood, SC, passionate about developing innovative engineering, planning and landscape architecture solutions to improve our communities. Davis & Floyd focuses on construction engineering and inspection, environmental, federal, industrial, local government, private development, stormwater, transportation and water and wastewater markets. Because they work where they live, they are good stewards of our resources and proud to see others in our communities enjoying their award-winning projects.

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The Montessori School of Florence

The mission of the Montessori School of Florence is to make available to the children and families of Florence and its surrounding area both pre-school and elementary education of the highest quality, consistent with the methods and principles of Montessori education. The school is an independent, non-denominational, not-for-profit corporation operated by a Board of Directors. The Montessori School of Florence accepts students without regard to race, gender, religion or national origin.

For more information, visit www.florencemontessori.org or contact Dave Wysong at director@MSFedu.org.



**Montessori School
of Florence**

Member News

Ax throwing range opens in Florence’s Seminar Brewing

Article obtained from the Morning News and written by Matthew Robertson.

The latest addition to Florence’s brew pub scene is cutting edge. No, really.

“We train people to throw axes,” said Ben Ranson, one of the owners of Blade and Bull Axe Throwing, which has opened a six-target ax-throwing range inside Seminar Brewing at 551 W. Lucas St. in Florence.

“Each individual who signs up, we go through safety instruction and a technique tutorial. We train you to throw axes,” Ranson said.

The goal, he said, is to interest people in competitive ax throwing.

The targets sit in the front eastern corner of the building, which is also home to restaurant Downtown Southern Funk as well as Seminar brew pub and brewery.



The business had a soft opening prior to its grand opening. For the grand opening, Ranson said, the business had about 50 people who had registered to throw on the company's website.

Florence is the company's third location and fourth range — there are two ranges in Charleston, and the company has a mobile range that does

about 25 events a month, according to the business's website.

"We had our eye on Florence since day one," said Ranson, a native of Andrews.

The range is built with safety in mind, with throwers aiming at yellow-pine targets that are moistened before the session. The targets are built in such a way that wild throws and misses don't bounce back at the thrower.

Staff members are also trained with safety in mind.

"Staff goes through alcohol-awareness training, same as bartenders, to ensure safety," Ranson said. "We're more strict than bartenders. If you're overly intoxicated we'll cut you off."

That is, not let you throw axes.

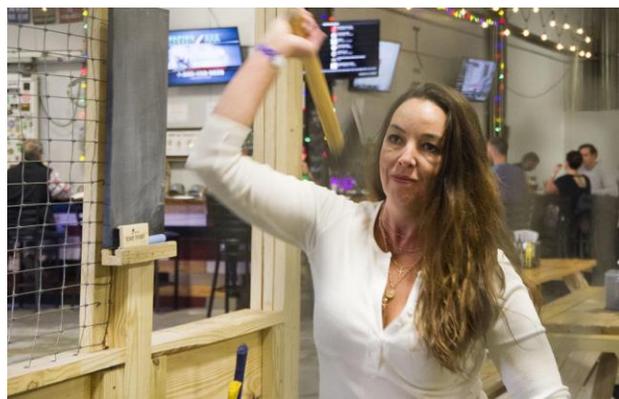
Sessions on the target cost \$20 an hour per person and can be booked online at bladeandbull.com.

Ranson said walk-ins are welcome and will get to throw on a first-come, first-served basis.

Would-be throwers must be at least 10 years old, and the business does birthday parties.

Days of operation are currently Wednesday-Sunday with Monday and Tuesday blocked out for league play that could start at a future date, Ranson said.

Blade and Bull can be reached also on Facebook or by phone at 843-900-1483.



The School Foundation announces Dancing For Our Future Stars dance couples

A Pairings Party was held on January 9 at the Floyd Center at MUSC Health Florence Medical Center to formally announce the 2020 Dancing For Our Future Stars dance couples. The participants are:

- Ashley Christenbury (First Bank) and Tripp Taylor
- Dan Massey (GE Healthcare) and Tiffany Welsh
- Dr. Brian Hutcheson (HopeHealth) and Meggie Baker
- Dr. Jarrod Tippins (The Pharmacy) and Hannah Yarborough
- Dr. Vivek Vasuki (Carolinas Centers for Sight, P.C.) and Erin Haynes
- Dr. Will Jackson (McLeod Health) and Dr. Rachel Fenters
- Greg Johnson (Florence 1 Schools) and Alexis McDonald
- Joshua Smalls (Otis Elevator) and Kara Tanner
- Keisha Johnson (Assurant) and Chris Mixon
- Kyle Baxter (MUSC Health Florence Medical Center) and Mallory Baxley
- Les Echols (Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce) and Caroline Tanner
- William Schofield (Carolina Supply House, Inc.) and Connie Mixon

On Thursday, March 26 local celebrities and their professional dance partners will square off at SiMT for a chance to win the coveted mirror ball trophy at the 10th annual dancing competition. The reception will begin at 6:00pm and the competition at 7:00pm. Guests will enjoy food, beverages, fellowship and an opportunity to win a custom-designed jewelry piece donated by Lisa and Lex Matthews of Southern Jewelry Design.

After February 1, fans can vote online for their favorite couple(s) at DancingForOurFutureStarsOfFlorence.com for only \$10 per vote. The “People’s Choice” mirror ball trophies will be awarded to the three couples raising the most votes. A panel of judges will name one couple “Technical Skills Winner” based on the contestants’ overall skills. One couple will also be chosen as “Most Entertaining” by the judges. Dancers receiving the largest number of online votes will be awarded the “Social Stars” trophy.

The School Foundation Board Member Ed Love and local celebrity Audra Coble will serve as master and mistress of ceremonies. The 2019 celebrities will perform the opening act, and the KFA Fierce team will provide special entertainment throughout the evening.



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South Carolina Federal offers \$50,000 in scholarships

South Carolina Federal Credit Union is now accepting applications for its 10th annual scholarship program. The credit union will award \$50,000 to 12 students who will be attending a traditional or technical college in South Carolina for the fall 2020 semester.

In the spirit of the credit union's "Doing More Together" approach to personal finance management and community outreach, applicants are asked to write a short essay on how they plan to use their education to *do more* for others. Applications will also include students' work experience, volunteer commitments, academic marks and financial need.

Submissions are judged by an internal credit union committee and an external panel of educators and community leaders.

"Education is the best foundation for young adults who are starting to pave their own path," said Scott Woods, president and CEO of South Carolina Federal. "By easing the burden of college costs, we can help students across our state gain the knowledge and experience they need to prepare for long-term success."

To apply, students must be pursuing an undergraduate degree, have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and be a legal U.S. resident. Applicants must also be prepared to attend South Carolina Federal's Scholarship Luncheon and Annual Meeting on April 20.

Students can visit scfederal.org/scholarship to see a full list of rules and requirements and complete the online application. Applications are due February 14, and winners will be announced in April.

Upcoming Events

The CARE House of the Pee Dee
Mediterranean Wine & Beer Tasting
Thursday, January 23
 Florence Country Club
 6:30 – 9:30 PM



Link for tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mediterranean-wine-and-beer-tasting-tickets-86594176513>

**Florence County Progress
Annual Membership Luncheon**
Tuesday, January 28

SiMT

11:30 AM – 1 PM

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Bruce Yandle



Dr. Bruce Yandle writes and speaks on the economy and economic issues. Dean Emeritus of Clemson University's College of Business & Behavioral Science where he taught economics for 31 years, he is now distinguished adjunct fellow with George Mason University's Mercatus Center. While serving as Alumni Distinguished Professor of Economics at Clemson, he taught in graduate programs in France, Italy, Germany and the Czech Republic. He is author/editor of 17 books, including *Bootleggers and Baptists: How Economic Forces and Moral Persuasion Interact to Shape Regulatory Politics*, is a contributor to *The Hill*, *USA Today*, *Investors' Business Daily* and the *Washington Examiner* and is author of *The Economic Situation*, a quarterly newsletter distributed by George Mason University. He has been recognized for his leadership in promoting the free market system by Washington's Competitive Enterprise Institute and the Association of Private Enterprise Education.

Dr. Yandle served in Washington on two occasions, first as a senior economist on the White House staff during the Ford and Carter administrations and later as executive director of the Federal Trade Commission in the Reagan administration. Prior to entering a career in university teaching, he was in the industrial machinery business for 15 years. Bruce and his wife, Dot, live in Clemson, just across from the train station.

**Florence County Progress
Florence County Legislative Day**
Wednesday, February 26

Luncheon: Palmetto Club (Pacesetters only); 1 – 2:30 PM

Social: Mellow Mushroom (hosted by Young Professionals of Florence); 4 – 6 PM

Reception: Columbia Museum of Art; 6 – 8 PM



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COUNTDOWN TO SUCCESS
Supplier Summit and STEM Experience
The Bridge to Local, State, and Federal Opportunities

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
Trident Technical College
7000 Rivers Ave. | North Charleston, SC

MISSION: Supplier Summit

- Meet small business specialists from all NASA facilities
- Explore partnerships with NASA and prime contractors
- Connect with contractors in the B2B Networking Lounge
- Engage with local, state and federal government representatives
- Receive agency-wide support
- Take a ride in an autonomous shuttle
- Keynote Speaker: General Charles E. Bolden, Jr.



Major General Charles E. Bolden Jr.
 USMC (Ret.)
 Former NASA Administrator

MISSION: STEM Experience

Students will:

- Interact with NASA staff, local companies, and STEM professionals
- Meet college representatives and military recruiters
- Engage in hands-on STEM activities
- Discover the pathway to a STEM career
- Learn about internships and scholarships



MISSION: Sponsorship Opportunities

Artemis Level - \$7,500

- Exclusive sponsor: Keynote Speaker
- Sponsor's promotional materials distributed to all attendees
- Two tickets to VIP Reception
- Plus Mercury Level benefits

Apollo Level - \$5,000

- Exclusive sponsor of: VIP Reception OR B2B Networking Lounge
- Sponsor's promotional materials distributed to all attendees
- Two tickets to VIP Reception
- Plus Mercury Level benefits

Gemini Level - \$3,000

- Exclusive sponsor: STEM Experience OR Supplier Summit
- Two tickets to VIP Reception
- Plus Mercury Level benefits

Mercury Level - \$1,000

- Two Supplier Summit tickets (Includes lunch)
- Exhibitor Booth
- Name/Logo on all promo materials

Ask about customizing a sponsorship

Important Info

- To Register, go to <http://bit.ly/CountDownToSuccess>
- Contact Kevin Limehouse at 843.958.4012 or klimehouse@charlestoncounty.org
- charlestoncounty.org/nasa.php



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