

Advance

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New Members

Wholly Smokin', Florence

Wholly Smokin' was founded in 2012 by the late Bill Travis. The operation was in place before that time as a hobby for about three years. As time progressed, Mr. Travis increasingly received requests and orders for the food he smoked. Mr. Travis began entering competitions, and after several placings, was recognized by those not only outside of his local fan base but by BBQ enthusiasts statewide. In 2012, Mr. Travis retired from his profession of 25 years in the jewelry industry and converted his hobby into a restaurant business. Shortly thereafter, Wholly Smokin' BBQ was placed on the S.C. BBQ Trail. In 2014, Wholly Smokin' BBQ & Ribs made a major move to take it to the next level. Today, they are excited to be located in the historic district of downtown Florence. They are happy to be a part of the revitalization of downtown Florence, as they are certain these efforts will bring growth and new life to the downtown area.

Whether you are a native Florentine or just passing through, Wholly Smokin' encourages you to stop by for lunch or dinner. Even if BBQ isn't "your thing," they have something for everybody!

For more information, call 843-407-7545 or email whollysmokin@gmail.com.



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Member News

Davis & Floyd

Bronze Pacesetter

Davis & Floyd was awarded the 2020 Engineering Excellence Award.

The American Council of Engineering Companies of South Carolina (ACEC-SC) is a member collective that sponsors the Engineering Excellence Awards each year in order to recognize the top leaders in the industry and to highlight original or innovative projects across our great state.

Davis & Floyd was named ACEC finalist, one of the top six coveted awards in the competition. A distinguished panel of judges reviewed many entries from member firms to determine which firms would receive the prestigious Engineering Excellence Awards for 2020.

For the expansive \$19 million project submitted, Davis & Floyd provided the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER); project management; surveying; design; permitting oversight; bidding services; construction administration; full-time, on-site representation; start-up assistance; and Operations and Maintenance (O&M) manual.



First Bank

Bronze Pacesetter

First Bank is pleased to announce that Ashley Christenbury has been promoted to business development officer and welcomes Malorie Steadman as branch manager for the Florence, S.C. branches.

“First Bank continues to invest in the Florence community,” says First Bank Senior Vice President and Area Executive Paul Seward. “I am very proud of Ashley’s continued growth as a banker. She takes pride in building relationships and helping her clients reach their financial goals. We are very proud to have Malorie join our Florence team, and I know she will be successful given her past experience in relationship management. “

Ashley joined First Bank in March 2018 as branch manager. Her new role consists of building relationships with small business and commercial clients. She is a huge advocate of being involved in the local community and sharing the First Bank story.

Malorie is a Turbeville native and recently moved to Florence. She is ecstatic to begin a new role with a company devoted to service excellence. She is looking forward to getting involved in the Florence community and promoting all First Bank has to offer.

First Bank has \$6 billion in assets and 102 branches across North and South Carolina. First Bank has two Florence locations - 2170 West Evans St. and 452 2nd Loop Road. For more information about First Bank, please call 843-669-4257 or visit www.localfirstbank.com.



Ashely Christenbury



Malorie Steadman

Green Frog Social House now open in Lake City



Upcoming Events

Job Fair

Tuesday April 21

The Continuum: 208 W. Main St, Lake City

Priority access including veterans: 9 – 10:30 AM

General Admission: 11 AM – 1 PM

Adults must register with SC Works Online services on site or in advance to participate. Visit www.jobs.scworks.org to create your account in advance.

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**Florence County Progress
Pacesetter Cocktails**

Thursday, April 30

Comfort Inn and Suites: 527 Woody Jones
Blvd., Florence
5:30 – 7:30 PM

Pacesetters only.



**CARE House of the Pee Dee
Capes for Kids**

Saturday, May 2

1012 Congaree Drive, Florence
5K/10K: 8 AM
Fun Run: 9:30 AM

All proceeds will be donated to the CARE House of the Pee Dee, in memory of a Carver student who lost her life due to child abuse, and will directly benefit abused children in our community.

To find out more information, or to register, please visit CapesForKidsRun.itsyourrace.com. If you have any questions, please email ssweeney@thecarehouse.com.



McLeod Activity Center for Kids Camp Rock Summer Camp

June 1 – August 7

McLeod Health and Fitness Center: 2437 Willwood Drive, Florence

The McLeod Activity Center for Kids (MACK) is ready for an amazing Camp Rock Summer Camp full of games, activities and challenges for children ages 3 to 13 years. Our energetic and skillful counselors ensure your child will have a safe, happy and fun camp experience. Each week, campers will participate in various activities centered around the camp theme. The campers will also participate in swim sessions, indoor/outdoor activities, arts and crafts and much, much more! This is a very active and physically challenging camp. Campers will be divided according to age and skill level.

Registration: PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. The registration form is included in the parent packet. (Please see next section.) Please return the registration form with a \$50 non-refundable registration fee** per child to the McLeod Activity Center for Kids. This fee covers camper's t-shirt, snacks and supplies. Please complete one form per child. Note: t-shirt sizes are not guaranteed after May 8 and shirt sizes cannot be exchanged.

Registration Deadline & Fees: Up to May 15***: \$50/child (non-refundable/non-transferable) May 16 - May 31***: \$55/child (non-refundable/ non-transferable) June 1 – August 7***: \$60/child (non-refundable/non-transferable) ***Subject to Availability. If camp is full, camper will be placed on a waiting list.

Parent Packet: The parent packet can be picked up at the McLeod Activity Center for Kids, faxed, or emailed. The parent packet includes a parent letter (including camp expectations & lunch options), registration form, medication form, waiver and sick child policy.

Before Camp Care: Before camp care is provided from 7:30 am until 8:00 am at no additional charge.

**The \$50 non-refundable registration fee will be applied toward the first full week of attendance.

For more information, please call 843-777-3030 or visit www.mcleodhealthfitness.org.