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‘GRATEFUL TO BE OPEN’



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Kalyea and Wade Holt, owners of Lincoln Brews, at their new Second Loop drive-thru location.

Mobile coffee shop opens new drive-thru

EMMY RIBERO
Staff Writer

FLORENCE — Kaylea and Wade Holt, owners of Lincoln Brews, have opened a spot in South Florence on Second Loop Road. Their coffee truck looks a little different there.

Customers can now order their coffees, and three new options of breakfast sandwiches, from their cars at their new brick-and-mortar drive-thru.

“We were ready for something different,” Kaylea said. “A natural progress of things is to create something

we haven’t done before.”

Lincoln Brews started three years ago as a trailer pulled behind a vehicle. After that, they moved to the trucks that customers have been seeing at Eats On The Creek seven days a week. They thought the next step would be to have a brick-and-mortar drive-thru location.

The drive-thru soft launched on Sunday, May 24 for a couple of hours. The site is now fully operational and the Holts said Florence showed up for them.

“We love this community,” Kaylea

said. “I got on Live yesterday and talked about this, but we cannot say thank you enough to this community. ... We just found our place in Florence, and the people have just supported us so well, and we are so grateful.”

They have customers who have supported them since the beginning. The most rewarding part of opening the brick-and-mortar location has been serving the customers that witnessed their progression.

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Florence closer to \$193M grant

Money would improve water system faster

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FLORENCE — The City of Florence advanced to the next round of consideration for a \$193 million grant from the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act through the EPA.

The grant matches what the City of Florence is already planning to spend on improvements over the next five years.

It will take approximately nine months to get the final approval, Florence Utilities Director Michael Hemingway said.

Hemingway said the city submitted a spreadsheet as part of the application process detailing all \$138 million worth of projects it is doing or plans to do over the next five years. Also included in the application is what the city would do if awarded the WIFA dollars.

The city is seeking a \$193 matching grant from WIFA. That was calculated based on the money the city plans to spend on the project: a \$138 million revenue bond for the utility improvements plus money from the city’s capital fund.

Projects that the city would have been able to complete down the line will be expedited if the city is awarded the grant, Hemingway said.

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FLORENCE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

107 homes planned for former Claussen Crossings

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FLORENCE — A 71.11-acre subdivision is planned for the former Claussen Crossings Golf Course. The plan was recently approved by the Florence County Planning Commission.

The 71.11-acre subdivision called Olde English Development will host 107 residential lots. Developer John Curl hopes to break ground within the next three to four months,

but exact timelines are subject to change.

The average lot size will be half an acre. Larger lots larger were recently approved in other subdivisions, according to Ethan Brown, deputy director of planning and building.

Curl said this is because the developers are following regulations for septic systems.

“The reasoning for the larger lot is sewer is not available out there, and they said the same as the Crossings (development)

adjacent,” Curl said. “There’s not sewer, so to do septic systems you have to have at least a half-acre lot. That’s the reason.”

The subdivision is going to be on the site of the Crossings Golf Course, which is no longer in operation, Brown said. But the Olde English Trail golf course is open in the area.

The site was chosen because the original owners sold the remaining parts of the golf course and approached Curl about

developing it. Curl has been developing since 1989 and is based in Florence.

About 25 years ago, the site was the Claussen Crossings subdivision around the golf course called Claussen Crossings and was “all master-planned.” But different groups that had different ideas on what they wanted to do and held on to the property, Curl said.

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Deputy charged, on admin. duties Woman also charged in baseball incident

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A Marion County Sheriff’s Office school resource officer is on administrative duties following his arrest on a third-degree assault and battery charge.

The S.C. Law Enforcement Division charged Deputy George “Eddie” Edwin Page, 64, of Mullins, on Thursday.

That charge stems from a March 25 incident where he allegedly put a 17-year-old student in a headlock and struck the teen on the side of the head with his department-issued Taser.

The incident was recorded on video and occurred at Pee Dee Academy following a baseball game.

A 44-year-old Bishopville

woman was charged with breach of peace, non-aggravated in nature, related to the same incident.

The MCSO said in a statement, it “recognizes the concern this incident has caused within our community. We are saddened that what should have been a time for families to make positive memories on the baseball

field instead became the source of conflict and controversy.”

The statement continued, “In light of this recent development, Deputy Page remains reassigned within the MCSO to administrative duties but with no traditional law enforcement authority. Page will remain in

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