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**Snow, OK. Rain, yuck.** Saint Nick is used to driving the sleigh in snow and ice on his treks from the North Pole, but riding in the rain in the Clinton Christmas Parade? He needs a little protection from the elements. Parade participants and audience lining the route through Clinton Saturday morning braved a steady shower and cool temperatures to usher in the Christmas season for the community. More photos on Spotlight in today's issue.

- Photo by Vic MacDonald



**Beach, boogie and blues in Clinton.** Pat Patterson, DJ for the top beach music and more show on the internet for 2013 and top FM show for 2014, sits at the controls of WPCC 1410, the AM station in Clinton that he and wife Robin re-activated on Thanksgiving. "The New Voice of Laurens County" in the same location on Hwy 72 will have more in store for its listeners after the first of the year, the new owner said. - Photo by Vic MacDonald

## Christmas comes to Laurens County

By Vic MacDonald

Staff Writer

According to the Clinton Elementary Honors Chorus, Santa has decided to get lean and mean for Christmas 2014, making that trip from the North Pole around the world a little less stressful on his rotund body. Santa's been saying lately:

"More pilates, Ho Ho Ho;

"More calories, No No No."

The Honors Chorus and the popular steel drum band, The Panjammers, ushered in Christmas Thursday in uptown Clinton. A good many hearty souls braved the rain Saturday for the Clinton Christmas Parade, and Laurens kicked off its holiday with a tribute to veterans on Friday.

Parades also were staged during the weekend in downtown Laurens, Gray Court, Joanna and in the Mt. Olive

community, near Waterloo in western Laurens County.

In Thursday's uptown Clinton activity, the Clinton High Devil Regiment gave Santa an escort into the city, with St. Nick riding in the cab of a city fire truck.

At the Depot, the Jolly Elf sat in the wooden sleigh he would ride in during Saturday's parade to welcome youngsters

**Christmas, 12A**



**Christmas-time treat.** A horse-drawn wagon carries some of the large crowd that gathered Thursday at the Clinton Museum for carriage and wagon rides around the uptown Square. Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy on North Broad Street is in the background.

- Photo by Vic MacDonald

## Patterson breathes life back into WPCC

By Vic MacDonald

Staff Writer

"The New Voice of Laurens County" sputtered to life on Thanksgiving. Successful beach music DJ Pat Patterson says three people were listening.

Patterson and the engineer who volunteered to come in to install a key piece of equipment delivered the day before - and Patterson's wife Robin who shares his vision of an earth-bound station to complement their worldwide-listened-to beach, boogie, blues and beyond radio program.

Patterson is realizing a dream of owning and programming his own radio station since his gig at 91.1 ended with the station's sale to another company.

Patterson wants WPCC to be a throw-back — an un-corporate radio station where the same information isn't on the air at the same time of the hour - hour after hour after hour.

For now, an automated program complements Patterson's popular 4 to 7 p.m. live show. "We have future plans," the station's new owner said Thursday. "After the first of the year, we want things to be bigger and better."

Slowly, Clinton residents are starting to realize 1410 AM is broadcasting again. "We want Clinton High sports and Presbyterian College sports to return to their home," Patterson said.

The listeners of 1410 AM are joining a worldwide audience. Through the internet, listeners of The Large Time Network regularly contact Patterson from California and Colorado. He can

count on a call or e-mail nearly everyday from a listener in Leeds, England.

With a single keystroke, Patterson can activate a customer-tracking part of his radio show's website. A red dot signifies a listener - the United States is covered in red, and the next highest concentration is Europe.

The music of South and North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia's coastlines, clearly, has legs.

"Three times a year, 30,000 members of SOS (Society of Stranders) come to Myrtle Beach. In the spring many of them stay the whole 10 days. The Shag is the state dance of South Carolina. I've often wondered by PRT (South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism) doesn't get on board and promote it," Patterson said. "As an entrepreneur, I see it as a great opportunity."

And now, the opportunity is centered in Clinton. It opened when WPCC and WLBG in Laurens ended an operations agreement, and WPCC fell silent earlier this year.

As 2015 lies ahead, with Robin (a lifelong Clinton resident) and Pat Patterson at the helm, an important part of the beach music scene shifts to Clinton.

"Robin and I want to extend our sincere thanks to Sandy and Rhonda Cruickshanks for this opportunity. It has been a dream of mine to tie all that - the internet station - to a terrestrial station," Pat Patterson said. "Like a chemist, Robin and I have developed a formula (for music programming) and it is very, very successful."

For Pat Patterson, a trip to the Wax Museum set his course in radio.

He was in junior high school, listening to beach and oldies on the radio, already deciding he wanted to be a disc jockey, and his mom took him to the legendary store for vinyl records in Charlotte.

"I was doing our junior high sock hops," Patterson said. "I loaded up" on vinyl records in the beach and boogie genre.

He has been a DJ and radio personality ever since.

His goal for WPCC is to have a morning DJ, an afternoon program and then have loyal listeners tune in for his 4-7 time slot. "People are going home from work, they're getting home and turning it on, they're eating," Patterson said of the attraction of late afternoon - early evening. "In the summer, they are around the deck, eating outdoors."

During the Drive at 5 segment of the program, Patterson unveils five super-rare songs from the mid-1940s to the late '50s - "that's the most popular segment," he says.

It carries some listeners back to their youth.

It carries younger listeners to a place contemporary music can't take them. Beach and The Shag are popular on the college scene, nearly every Town Rhythms in Clinton has college and high school-age young people in attendance. Most of the time, they don't show off their shag skills, but they are there, soaking up the beach.

Patterson said the internet

**WPCC, 12A**

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**Supervisor of the Year:** Chad Gambrell, right, is the SC Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services Supervisor of the Year for 2014. Gambrell, of Clinton, has been with SCDPPPS 23 years. He is shown with Regional Director Derek Brown.

## Chad Gambrell supervisor of year in South Carolina

Laurens County Agent-in-Charge Gambrell, a 23-year veteran of the SC Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, has been named the 2014 Supervisor of the Year.

The award was presented in a ceremony held recently in Columbia by SCDPPPS Director Kela E. Thomas.

"I am truly honored and humbled to receive this award. I am also so proud to have the opportunity to lead such an excellent staff as well as represent Laurens County," Gambrell said. He previously has been Acting AIC of Greenwood County, Assistant AIC in Spartanburg County, Team Leader and an Agent with PPP.

Gambrell is married to Kristy Gambrell, the practice administrator with Family Healthcare in

Clinton.

They have two children, Mason-Paige and Trenton. Gambrell graduated from Spartanburg Methodist College and the University of South Carolina.

He is a member of Clinton First Presbyterian Church and is currently serving as elder and clerk of session.

"AIC Gambrell has shown himself to be an excellent supervisor whose county performs in an exemplary manner," said Thomas. "He and his staff are performing a critical service for the people of South Carolina that reflects extremely well on our department."

There are 11 staff persons assigned to the Laurens County office and more than 650 employees working with SCDPPPS.

## Crocker gets state award for advocacy

Injured Workers' Advocates, formerly the Association of South Carolina Claimant Attorneys for Workers' Compensation, presented Virginia "Ginger" Crocker with its 2014 Friend of the Little Man Award.

Crocker, a native of Clinton, recently retired from the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission. She is a graduate of Clinton High School and Columbia College.

The Friend of the Little Man Award is the most prestigious honor that Injured Workers' Advocates bestows on a legislator in recognition of their efforts to advocate for the rights of South Carolina workers injured on the job.

The Executive Committee of Injured Workers' Advocates decided to honor Crocker for her lifetime of work in protecting workers' rights.

"For over 20 years Ginger Crocker has worked tirelessly to help injured workers and their families. As a former legislator, former commissioner, former judicial director of the Workers' Compensation Commission and now as a mediator, Ginger has dedicated herself as a compassionate advocate for working people to ensure they receive the benefits, justice and respect that our laws allow," said Legislative Committee Chairman David Pearlman, when presenting the award. "Injured Workers' Advocates is pleased to recognize Ginger's efforts on behalf of the common man and woman by awarding her our highest honor."

In recognition of the award, Crocker was also presented a concurrent resolution passed by both the S.C. House of Representatives and the S.C. Senate.



**Crocker honored:** Injured Workers' Advocates presented Ginger Crocker with its 2014 Friend of the Little Man Award. At the awards presentation, are, from left, Injured Workers' Advocates President Gary Christmas, Legislative Committee Chairman David Pearlman and Crocker.

In the senate, the primary sponsors of the resolution were: Senators Larry Martin, Joel Lourie, Thomas McElveen, Luke Rankin, Vincent Sheheen and Tom Young.

The primary sponsors in the House were: Representatives Greg Delleney, Bakari Sellers and Murrell Smith.

After receiving a degree in Speech and Drama and a minor in Political Science from Columbia College, Crocker joined the staff of Gov. John C. West.

She served as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives representing Laurens County from 1978-

1984. While serving in the House, she was assistant director of admissions and director of special projects at Presbyterian College.

In the House, Crocker served on the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, the State House Committee, and as House Majority Whip. She was awarded the Legislator of the Year Award from both the South Carolina Education Association and the South Carolina School Boards Association for her contributions to the Education Improvement Act of 1984.

Gov. Richard W. Riley appointed her to the Workers Com-

pensation Commission in 1984 where she served until 1992. While on the commission, she served as vice chair.

The resolution says Crocker was instrumental in reforming the policies and procedures of the commission and writing the current rules and regulations.

In 1996, she was named executive director of the House Democratic Caucus where she worked with then Caucus Leader, Rep. Jim Hodges. In 1998, she joined Hodges' gubernatorial campaign staff. In January 1999, she was named Gov. Hodges' director of intergovernmental and community relations, where she served throughout his four years as governor.

In 2007, she returned to the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission as the Judicial Director in which position she remained until May 2014.

"In this role, she is credited with reducing the time in which claimants waited for hearings to be set from nine months to less than 30 days," the concurrent resolution says.

She currently serves on the Richland Memorial Hospital board as vice chair. She is an honorary alumna of PC, where her nephew, Nathan Crocker, is a member of the tennis team.

Injured Workers' Advocates is a South Carolina non-profit association of attorneys who are dedicated to protecting and advancing the rights and legal remedies for South Carolina workers who are victims of occupational injury or disease.

For more information about Injured Workers' Advocates, contact the association office at (803) 799-0080 or visit [injuredworkersadvocates.com](http://injuredworkersadvocates.com)

## Local teenager helping foster families

By Vic MacDonald

Staff Writer

A new ministry for Laurens County will help resource foster families meet the needs of children that come into their care.

Named Heartstrings, the ministry is designed to meet the needs of foster children. The ministry has issued "wish lists" for donations to assist with children from infant to 17 years, and donations appropriate for all ages.

Mackenzie Thompson, 16, created Heartstrings. The high school junior's family has been fostering children for three years, "so I have seen first-hand the needs of foster families and foster children."

Thompson said, "Upon the placement of a child in a foster family, Heartstrings will provide the family with a bag of necessities and a personal gift for the child, as well as a meal. With the help of local churches, businesses, schools and other organi-



**Donations for foster families.** The Young Professionals Organization and Laurens County Chamber of Commerce collected items for donation to Heartstrings during Thursday's Business After Hours event at Robin's Nest, Laurens. - Chamber photo

zation, we hope this will be a great help to these families."

Thompson said she began Heartstrings as a Girl Scout Gold Award project, developing a sustainable project with at least 80

hours of work. "I knew I wanted to do something with foster care because we are a foster family," she said.

"That is something very close to my heart. When children are placed into DSS custody and into a foster home, they usually have nothing but the clothes on their backs. It is really stressful for the family getting a new child and having nothing for them, because a lot of times you have no time to prepare for their arrival.

"For instance, we got my sister right out of the hospital an hour after they called us to see if we would take her, so we literally had nothing for her."

Thompson said she loves being part of a foster family, and helping children in need. The family has been able to adopt two of their foster children, "and will hopefully be adopting a third soon," Mackenzie said.

"We have been getting donations from different people in the community for Heartstring but could always use more. Everything we have and give away is

donated to us. We also need more volunteers to help with meals."

Heartstrings of Laurens County has more information about its efforts on behalf of children and foster families on its Facebook page, Thompson said.

The Heartstrings wish lists are:

0-3 years: diapers/pull-ups, wipes, diaper rash ointment, burping diapers, bibs, baby lotion, baby wash, toys, stuffed animals, blankets.

3-10 years: toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, hairbrush/comb/hair things, coloring and activity books, crayons and markers, toys, stuff animals, blankets.

10-17 years: toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, hair care, notebook, journal, pens and pencils, nail polish, cards, teen items, blankets.

All ages: age-appropriate Bible, pillow and pillow case, blanket, clothes - new or very gently used.

For more information, e-mail: [heartstrings648@gmail.com](mailto:heartstrings648@gmail.com)

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# Humane Society offers brick pavers for new adoption center

By Vic MacDonald

Staff Writer

A "Bricks for Best Friends" fund-raising effort has been announced by the Laurens County Humane Society as a fund-raiser to support its no-kill adoption center under construction in Clinton.

Brick pavers are being offered for sale to pave the front porch of the adoption center. These engraved bricks can be personalized to honor an animal lover or to commemorate a lost pet. Businesses also can advertise their support for this one-of-a-kind in Laurens County animal adoption center.

"What a wonderful way to become a permanent part of

Laurens County's first and only no-kill Animal Adoption Center," said Dr. Brooke Spatta, Humane Society co-director and coordinator of the Bricks for Best Friends fund-raiser. "One hundred percent of the funds raised from this campaign will go toward the outfitting and operation of our facility that is being built right now."

For on-line ordering go to [www.bricksrus.com/order/laurens humane](http://www.bricksrus.com/order/laurens humane).

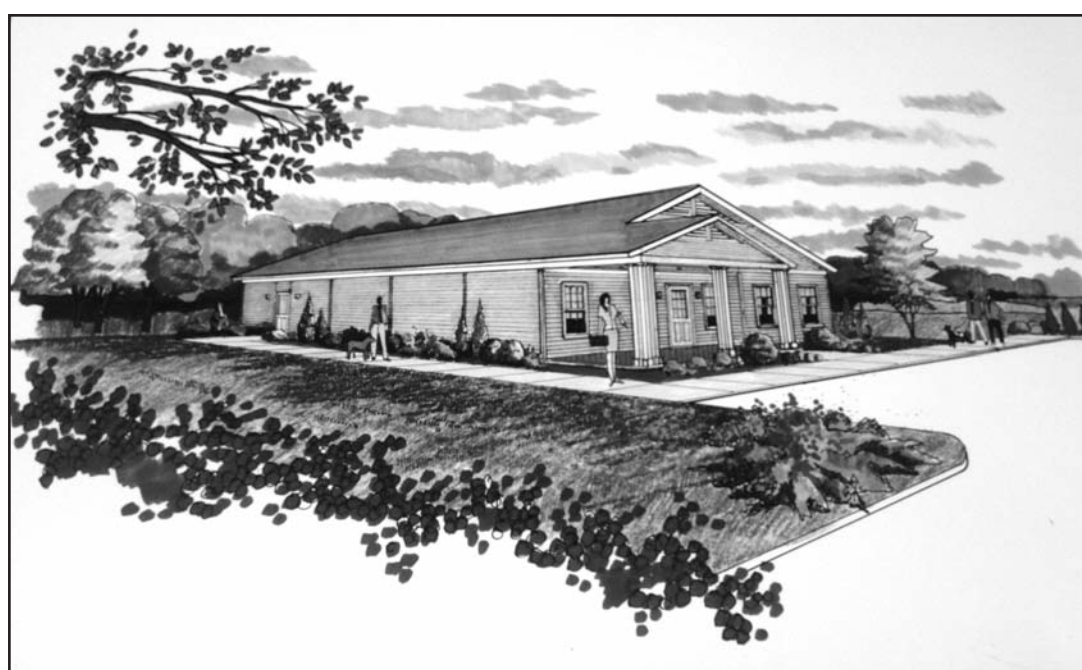
"Your lifetime-guaranteed, laser-engraved brick will be used to pave the front porch of our Adoption Center," Spatta said. "You will also have the option of purchasing a felt-backed 'donor brick' or 'souvenir brick' to keep or present as a gift. LCHS will send a complimen-

tary 'certificate of appreciation' to those whom you have honored with your donation."

The Laurens County Animal Adoption Center is scheduled for spring 2015 completion at 793 Poplar St., Clinton. This will be Laurens County's first and only no-kill facility for dogs and cats. LCHS is a registered 501c3 non-profit, and all donations are tax deductible.

The all-volunteer Humane Society is relying 100 percent on donations to build and operate the no-kill animal adoption center.

The Humane Society's mailing address is LCHS, PO Box 964, Laurens, SC 29360; or call (leave a voice mail) 864-984-6484. The website is [www.laurens humane.org](http://www.laurens humane.org).



**County's first no-kill animal adoption center.** The artist's rendering shows what the no-kill adoption center envisioned by the Laurens County Humane Society will look like on a site the group owns on Poplar Street in Clinton. The Humane Society also is undertaking a brick pavers project in which donors can memorialize a person or a pet of importance to them. - Humane Society illustration



**Christmas music:** A Christmas Carol Gallery, a cantata featuring sacred songs of the season, will be held Sunday, Dec. 21 at First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, at 11 a.m. The music will be arranged and orchestrated by Larry Shackley and will feature four suites of beautiful and inspiring music for choir woven together as medleys of familiar and not-so-familiar carols of the advent and Christmas seasons. A small instrumental ensemble will accompany the adult choir. The public is invited.



## Health Events

### Meet the Midwives

Tues., Dec. 16 • 6-8 p.m. • Greenville Midwifery Care

Learn about GHS' nurse-midwifery program and how a midwife can enhance the birthing process. Free; registration required.

### Skate for the Fun of Fit

Thurs., Dec. 18 • 6-9 p.m. • Ice on Main

Stop by for prizes and skating tips from local figure skating coaches. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 children age 12 and under. Includes skate rental.

### Metabolic Syndrome

Mon., Dec. 29 • 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. • GHS Life Center®

Learn risk factors that make up metabolic syndrome and how you can prevent or control diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Free; registration required: Call 455-4010.

### Resolution Run

Sat., Jan. 10 • 9 a.m. • Travelers Rest High School

Take part in this half-marathon or 5K. To register, visit [ymcagreenville.org/resolution-run](http://ymcagreenville.org/resolution-run).

### Nutrition Class for Cancer Survivors

Tues., Jan. 13 • 3-4 p.m. • Cancer Society of Greenville County

Cancer survivors and caregivers are invited to attend this free class. To register, please call 232-8439.

### Girls on the Run

Feb. 11-May 12 • Times and locations vary

This program combines training for a 5K with esteem-enhancing workouts for girls ages 8-15. Registration opens Jan. 1. To register, visit [ghs.org/girlsontherun](http://ghs.org/girlsontherun).

To register, for more information or to see a full schedule of events, please visit [ghs.org/healthevents](http://ghs.org/healthevents) or call 1-877-GHS-INFO (447-4636).



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## New city fire fee starts Jan. 1

By Larry Franklin

Publisher

Beginning Jan. 1, the City of Clinton will charge to provide certain fire services under a fire services fee approved unanimously Dec. 1 by city council.

The money from the fees – estimated to be at least \$20,000 per year – will be placed in a separate account and will be used only to provide fire services.

The fees are set for motor vehicle accident responses, vehicles fires and Hazmat responses according to FEMA guidelines. Structure fires, wildfires and service calls would not be charged a fee.

City Manager Frank Stovall said the city is faced with rising costs and a loss of revenue to provide fire protection in the city and the 5-mile area around the city limits.

The city has cut costs, the city manager said, including reducing staffing in the fire division by one third. Staffing on each shift was cut from four full-time employees to three, putting the city below the recommendations of the National Fire Protection Association.

The position of assistant fire chief has been eliminated as well as the city fire marshal.

Maintenance on the Depart-

ment of Public Safety building on North Broad St. – 49 years old – has been deferred, fire truck maintenance has been put off and fire truck replacement has been eliminated, Stovall said.

Some of the fire-fighting gear used by firefighters is beyond the recommended life.

As a result of the cost-cutting measures, the city manager said, the city's ISO rating has dropped from a 3 to a 4, costing city residents and businesses more in insurance premiums.

A study last year by city staff identified \$3 million will be needed in the next 10 years to reduce equipment maintenance and replacement backlogs and for the city to continue the current level of fire protection.

Stovall placed most of the blame for the city's declining revenue on the South Carolina General Assembly, which has not fully funded the Local Government Fund since 2008, although it is required by law to do so.

"In the past two years, (the reduction in Local Government funding from the state) has resulted in an operating fund reduction of over \$80,000," Stovall told city council. "Each year, the shortfall continues to grow and the requirement to provide services does not."

The shortfall this fiscal year will be \$52,473, he said. "That is

enough to add firefighters," Stovall said.

The impact of the new fee will be primarily on travelers on I-385 and I-26 and the cost will be paid by insurance companies, the city manager said.

"It is important to keep in mind that a majority of our accident responses occur on the interstate and involve providing free services to those individuals who are passing through our community..." Stovall said.

The new fee will be billed to insurance companies the way EMS does, Stovall said.

The revenue will also be used to provide "better trained personnel, more advanced equipment and better maintained equipment and facilities," he said.

Incidents that are subject to the new fee will be billed on an hourly rate based on the equipment and supplies used. The clock starts when the initial alarm is sounded and continues until the last equipment returns to service. All time is rounded up to the nearest hour.

Also at the Dec. 1 meeting, council voted unanimously to amend the city code to provide guidelines for planting and maintenance of trees on both public and private property and to create a city tree commission.

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# No one charged in Laurens County wrecks resulting in four fatalities

By Vic MacDonald

Staff Writer

No criminal charges have been announced by the SC Highway Patrol resulting from the investigations into four deaths on highways in Laurens County since late November.

A brother and sister from Clinton died Dec. 1 in a wreck on US 76 near the entrance to Lakeside Country Club. A Laurens woman died from injuries received in a Nov. 20 wreck west of Laurens, also on US 76. A single-vehicle wreck Nov. 29 near Gray Court resulted in one fatality.

Victims of the Dec. 1 two-vehicle wreck were Katie Ann Berry, 18, and her brother, Brandon Henry Berry, 27, both of Clinton. A third person was in

the vehicle driven by Katie Ann Berry that was rear-ended by another vehicle, but the Highway Patrol did not identify that person.

Berry's mother, Mary Berry, said in an interview after the wreck the person with Katie Ann and Brandon Berry was a friend. She was airlifted from the scene and hospitalized.

Katie Ann and Brandon Berry were pronounced dead at the scene of last Monday morning's collision, which occurred near the intersection of US 76 and Calvin Bridges Road.

Driving the 2000 Ford SUV that collided with the 1999 Mitsubishi Katie Ann Berry was driving was 38-year-old April Guess, of Laurens, and a 14-year-old male passenger was in Guess' vehicle, who was not identified by the Highway Pa-

trol. They were transported and treated locally.

Mary Berry said her husband died seven years ago, and on Dec. 1 she lost her only two children.

Katie Ann Berry was not a student at Clinton High School, but officials said he had attended District 56 schools in the past. CHS Principal Maureen Tiller issued a statement that read:

"The Clinton High School community was saddened to hear of the fatal car accident involving Katie Berry this morning (Dec. 1). Katie has been a student in our school district since elementary school. Although Katie was not a current student at Clinton High School, she was known and loved by many students and teachers at our school.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the Berry family during this very difficult time."

The wreck remains under investigation, the SC Highway Patrol said Monday. All five people in the two vehicles were wearing seatbelts, the Patrol said.

No charges have been filed in a Nov. 20 wreck that claimed the life of Linda Putnam, 68, of Laurens, the driver of 2009 Kia SUV, one of five vehicle in a collision west of Laurens.

The wreck, also on US 76 near Chestnut Ridge Road, sent four other people - one occupant was in each of the five vehicles, the Highway Patrol said - to Laurens and Greenville hospitals. Drivers of the other vehicles were identified as:

- David Prince, 44, of Gray Court, driving a 1997 Interna-

tional truck, he was not wearing a seatbelt, the Patrol said, and he was airlifted for treatment;

- Rella Mitchels, 72, of Waterloo, driving a 2005 Dodge and transported by EMS;

- Jackie Newton, 59, of Laurens, driving a 1999 Dodge pickup and transported by EMS; and

- Stephanie Brownlee, 38, of Laurens, driving a 2009 Honda and transported by EMS. Putnam was transported to Laurens County Memorial Hospital where she died, the Highway Patrol said.

The wreck remains under investigation, the Highway Patrol said Monday.

On Nov. 29, the Patrol investigated a 3:15 a.m. single-vehicle wreck on Hwy 92 near Gray Court. Driver of a 2005 Dodge Ram pickup, Phillip Hudson,

43, of Fountain Inn, was traveling west on 92 when he crossed the center line, overturned and struck an embankment. He was ejected, and airlifted to a hospital where he died, the Patrol said.

A charge was filed Nov. 12 in connection with an earlier fatality in Laurens County. Authorities said Jonathan Merchant, 21, of Laurens was arrested and charged with reckless homicide.

Merchant was driving a moped that collided with a vehicle on US 76 near Lakeside Country Club, between Clinton and Laurens. The Sept. 25 collision injured Julie Dempsey, 17, who died at a hospital.

Dempsey reportedly was living in a local motel at the time of the wreck, and had family in Florida.

# Field: Water plant will be "the biggest thing we'll ever do"

By Vic MacDonald

Staff Writer

It will not be constructed and brought on-line for several years, but the newest source of safe drinking water for Laurens County has taken a giant step forward.

"This is the biggest thing we've ever done, the biggest thing we'll ever do," said Jeff Field, Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission executive director, about the board's decision Nov. 25 to hire a consultant.

The consulting firm, Goodwyn, Mills and Crawford, has advised on and directed water treatment projects in 35 states. It has a construction branch and a company-within-a-company that provides trained water treatment plant operators.

The company will direct LCWSC through the intricate details of applying for a FERC (Federal Energy Regulation Commission) permit to draw water from Lake Greenwood.

The draw must be sanctioned by Greenwood County, owner of the lake, and the plans must pass the inspection of SC DHEC (the Department of Health and Environmental Control).



The consultants have experience, since 1947, in all these areas and more. "This is one giant step forward," Field said.

Company representatives Kevin Laird and Bobby McClure met with the LCWSC board last Tuesday. Their company was one of three finalists, drawn from nine companies that submitted applications, for the job of designing LCWSC's proposed water treatment plant on Lake Greenwood.

LCWSC has the in-take site property. It has tentatively approached Greenwood County for key approval of the in-take. It will send outlines of the work it wants to perform to FERC and DHEC.

After designs are approved and environmental regulations met, construction will be bid

and done. Then, Laurens County will have a new source of drinking water.

LCWSC currently buys

water from the City of Clinton, Laurens Commission of Public Works and Greenville Water System.

The commission's board already has put into place a charge for each of LCWSC's 14,000 customers designed to pay the debt it will incur to build the water treatment plant.

With Goodwin, Mills and Cawood, LCWSC has joined forces with a consulting firm of more than 300 employees with 11 offices in five states (mostly in Alabama), including an office in Greenville. Its "footprint" is in the Southeastern United States, and firm specializes in water treatment plants

the size LCWSC will work to bring on-line - 4 to 12 million-gallons-per-day.

"They have experiences with a lot of technologies," Field said. LCWSC's application to the federal energy regulators will be the fifth such permit the company has worked to obtain. SC DHEC has a new set of regulations that public water agencies have to comply with to do this kind of project, the LCWSC board was told.

The board agreed last Tuesday to have its Lake Greenwood project designed and permitting done by Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood. The project is Lake Greenwood WTP

(water treatment plant) Phase I.

LCWSC board members and officials traveled to water treatment plants in Alabama, Georgia, and North and South Carolina to see the work of the three finalists for the consulting contract.

Board members were told once the design contract is awarded, the company will begin working on what kind of technology will be best suited to draw water out of Lake Greenwood and treat the water for sale to the customers and Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission.



**Veterans Day program:** During the Veterans Day program at Clinton Elementary School, DAVA Shands/Lanford Unit #52 Junior Warden Kiara A. Wesley, donated pins on flags to veterans, classmates, teacher Brittney Wilkbanks, second grade teacher. The teacher and her classmates sent her a thank-you card and a letter of appreciation for her participation.

- Photo provided

## Designer of new water plant has both expertise and knowledge

"We are extremely pleased to partner with LCWSC on this project. We've had the opportunity to design numerous water treatment facilities and intakes throughout the Southeast, similar in size to this one, and four of which involved FERC permits. Our experience leading projects of this caliber, in addition to our familiarity with the complex permitting process, provides a tremendous advantage and will allow us to make this the most successful project possible for Laurens County and its citizens," said GMC (Goodwyn, Mills and Gawood) Project Manager Kevin Laird, PE, in a statement issued by Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission.

"GMC's combination of expertise and breadth of knowledge regarding water treatment facilities this size proved to be the right choice for LCWSC. This was a big decision for us, and we spent countless hours debating the merits of each of the prospective firms. When it came down to it, we knew GMC was the right choice," said LCWSC Executive Director Jeff Field, PE.



**Bible Verse Contest winner:** Patrick Mann of Clinton, left, was the winner of The Chronicle's Bible Verse Contest for Week #7. He is shown receiving \$50 and a new Bible from Chronicle Ad Representative Michelle Ardel. The Chronicle and the Bible Verse Contest sponsors have given away \$23,200 and 471 Bibles since the contest began in 2006. The contest continues this week.

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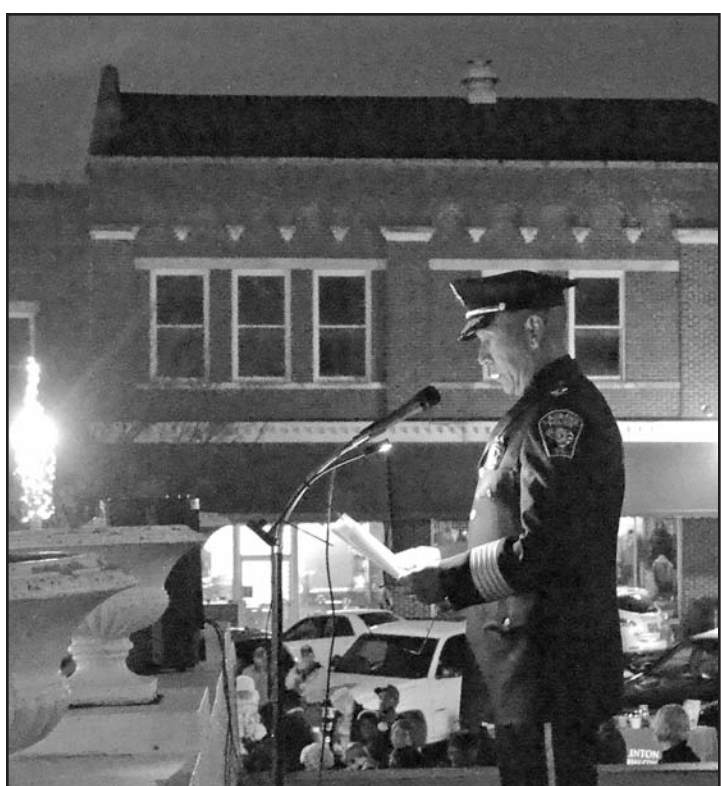
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**Holiday buying, selling.** Broad Street United Methodist Church played host Saturday morning to a community flea market and crafts fair in Richardson Hall. Vendors came out in the early morning to set up as shoppers came through during the morning and afternoon to find unique



gifts for Christmas giving. Proceeds from the crafts fair benefitted Project W.A.R.M., Broad St. UMC's weatherization and repairs ministry for Clinton residents whose houses need preparation for cold weather. Work will be done around the city Jan. 2-3, 2015. - Photos by Vic MacDonald



**A time of memory.** As twilight envelops the sky over Laurens Friday evening, Police Chief Sonny Ledda, himself a veteran of military service, reads the in-memory names for the annual Hall of Heroes Tree-lighting at the historic courthouse in downtown Laurens. Donors to Laurens County Hall of Heroes purchased lights on the city's Christmas tree in honor of active service military personnel or in honor or memory of veterans. Names of the honored and memorialized soldiers and veterans were read to the audience attending a patriotic program. - Photo by Vic MacDonald



**Holiday spirit in music.** The popular Panjammers steel drum band from Clinton Elementary School joins with the school's Honors Chorus, with Clinton Mayor Bob McLean at far right, at The Depot entertaining with Christmas favorites for Christmas in Clinton Thursday night. -- Photo by Vic MacDonald



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# Sports

## Red Devil boys give up 107 at Laurens; CHS girls lose by 7

By Vic MacDonald

Staff Writer

Behind 57-15 at halftime, the Clinton High boys basketball team could not stem the tide of points from Laurens in the second half, losing Friday to the 4-1 Raiders, 107-53.

Laurens' fast-breaking style put Clinton in a hole from the beginning. The Raiders guard-the-rim defense foiled Red Devil attempts to drive for the basket.

The Raiders' reserves came off the bench with 4:30 until halftime and LDHS comfortably ahead, 42-10, playing at home.

Tay Cook led Clinton's scoring with 12 points, including 10 free throws. Jalen Cook scored seven points, and Shakeam Dowdy and Jay Fuller added six each. Ty Madden and Davon Boyce scored 17 each leading five Raiders who scored in double figures.

The Red Devils fell to 1-2 on the season.

The CHS girls hung tough with the Lady Raiders until the end, as Laurens won 51-44 to improve to 2-2 on the season. Clinton is 0-4.



**That's blocking?** Denaisha Floyd (4) takes a forearm to the midsection, and is called for a blocking foul in Friday CHS girls action at Laurens, with Clinton's Kalen Richardson (23) shouting from the bench. - Photos by Vic MacDonald

A Shauna Goforth basket with 2:40 left in the game cut the Laurens lead to 43-40, but a Raiders three-point shot and a Clinton turnover gave Laurens some breathing room with 1:21 on the game clock. Laurens had gotten the lead to seven, 39-32, with two fast-break baskets at the 5:16 mark. The game was 26-21 Laurens at the end of the first half.

Goforth scored 16 points to pace Clinton, with Cynthia McHam adding 12 and KT Speaks scoring 11.

Clinton played Laurens at the CHS gym Tuesday night (results too late for this issue).

The Red Devils have on the road rematches with Byrnes Thursday and Newberry Friday before playing host to McCormick on Monday.

Over the holidays, the Clinton boys are scheduled to play in the Newberry tournament and the Red Devil girls are set for tournament action at East-side.



**Aiming for the basket.** Kiah Young (10) releases the ball in Friday action for the Clinton Red Devils playing in the near-capacity Laurens District 55 High School gym. The Red Devil student fans are in the upper section (background).



**Hand up.** Clinton guard MK Kelly (14) contests a shot in the Red Devils 51-47 loss Friday playing at Laurens, with Shauna Goforth (10) coming down court in background.



**Hemmed In.** Clinton guard Tay Cook (5) is surrounded by Laurens players as he looks for a lane to the basket, scoring 12 points for the Red Devils in a 107-53 loss Friday playing at Laurens.

## Clinton High JV boys suffer first loss of season to Laurens

The CHS JV boys lost Monday to Laurens, 47-39, for the junior Red Devils first loss of the season. Clinton rallied to cut the Laurens lead to two with one minute to play, but the junior Raiders made their free throws down the stretch. Shimeek Gaskins led Clinton with 13 points, Tashymen Boyd scored 11.

The JV boys basketball team continued its hot streak Thursday, going to 4-0 on the season with a 46-41 home win over Laurens.

In JV girls action, Laurens won, 35-26.

Tashymen Boyd and Shimeek Gaskins scored 12 points each to lead the junior Red Devils. Zay Hurley added

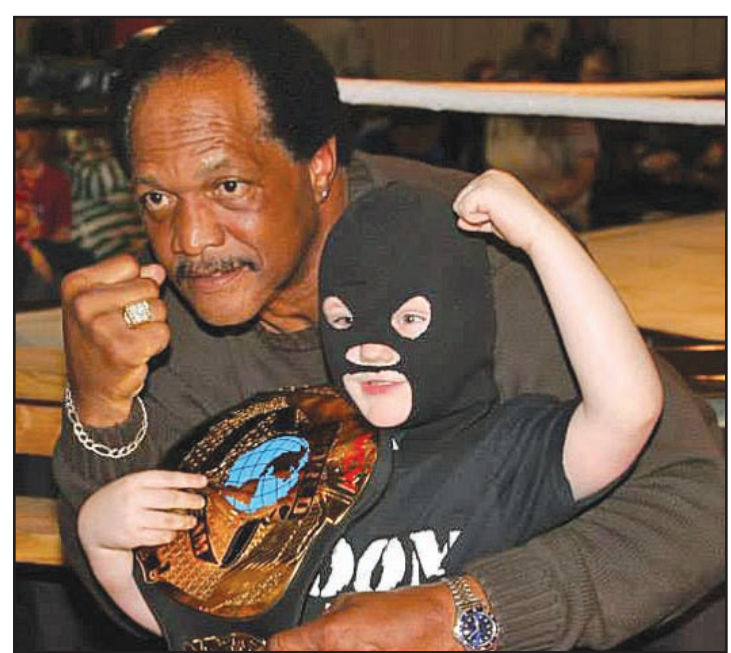
seven, Josh Williams six, Dante Reeder four, King Price three and Koko Richey two to round out the Clinton scoring.

The Clinton High JV will play Thursday against Newberry, Friday against Christ Church, and after the holiday break, Jan. 6 against Union County, all at home.



**Surrender? Never!** Poor Joe Gagnon, a reporter for FOX Carolina, is overmatched by a Gloom professional wrestler in Friday night's Christmas for Kids benefit wrestling program at the Laurens Exchange Building. Eventually, Gagnon and Laurens County Sheriff Ricky Chastain were able to take the win over Gloom and Chastain's arch-enemy, Rikki Regal, but not before some high-flying and chair-smashing action. College football and pro wrestling Hall of Famer Ron Simmons, shown with Little Gloom, was on hand to meet the fans, and an undercard of pro wrestling bouts made for a full evening of action, benefitting the Sheriff's Office's program to make Christmas brighter for local children.

- Laurens County Sheriff's Office photos via Facebook



## Free basketball clinic at YMCA December 15

The Clinton Family YMCA is offering a free basketball skills clinic in anticipation of its upcoming Youth Basketball Program for all youth, 9 - 12.

Any youth in the community wishing to sign up for the Clinton YMCA Youth Basketball Leagues or just want to learn and sharpen their basketball skills are encouraged to attend the Youth Basketball Clinics on Monday, Dec. 15, 5:30 - 7 pm at the YMCA gymnasium.

The clinic will be for both boys and girls ages 9 - 12 and will be led by Ricky Martin and a host of YMCA adult volunteers. The clinic is free to all participants. To sign up, call the YMCA at 833-1555 to register for the Free Youth Basketball Skills Clinic.

The YMCA is offering basketball league play for ages 5 - 12 with five different ages groups being offered. Basics is for ages 5 - 6; Mini-Mite ages 7 - 8; Jr. Mite ages 9 - 10, Mite League ages 11 - 12 and a Girls League ages 9 - 12.

The YMCA is offering financial aid and assistance for anyone wishing to register for YMCA basketball.





**All-County Red Devils.** Clinton High football players named to the Laurens County Touchdown Club's All-County Team are Aaron Hughes, Justin Baker, Shakeem Dowdy, Chandler Todd, Daniel Moore, Hezekiah Simpson, Elvis Fitz, Donaven Blackmon, Dee Jennings, Drequan Dendy and Tay Cook. Photos by Vic MacDonald



**Top award winners.** Laurens County TD Club Co-Players of the Year are Dalton Sward, LDHS, left, and Chase Brewington, Laurens Academy, right, with Coach of the Year Chris Liner, in his first season as football head coach at Laurens District High School.

# Laurens players, coach honored as Touchdown Club wraps up

By Vic MacDonald

Staff Writer

Laurens Raiders football head coach Chris Liner was not expecting to hear his name called.

When it came time last Wednesday for the Laurens County Touchdown Club to announce its 2014 Coach of the Year, and it was Liner, the Raiders' head man accepted the award, and then tried a hand off.

Walking to Presbyterian College football head coach Harold Nichols, Liner extended the plaque with a question. "Were you eligible?"

Everybody at the TD Club's annual meeting banquet chuckled. In his first season at LDHS



**Top Laurens County players.** Laurens District High School, Laurens Academy and Clinton High football players join together last Wednesday' annual meeting of the Laurens County Touchdown Club as the All-County Team for 2014.

"These are excellent kids, and in 10-15 years if they aren't doing right we (coaches) can jump on them again."

King said the Clinton players like to come to the every-other-Friday Touchdown Club luncheons during the regular season because they get to miss third block. "Luckily, we can still get you out of class, and you can make it up," King said. Nichols could not bring PC football players to the annual meeting dinner - they were all in study hall for exams.

"The players enjoy coming," King said, "and they appreciate what you do for them."

Laurens Academy head coach Todd Kirk said of football, "I like it because it's hard. If it's not hard, you're not doing it right."

Kirk said his 8-man team showed improvement as demonstrated by a jamboree loss to Greenwood Christian followed several games later by a 64-60 with four seconds on the game clock win over their Greenwood rivals.

"We were up by 16 points, and then somehow I figured out a way to get us tied (at 60)," Kirk said. "We had just learned the day before we were not going to the playoffs. It was one of those seasons like the last guy holding the chalk was going to go to the playoffs."

The Laurens Raiders had four losses of a touchdown or less on their season, Liner said, and the 2014 players will be remembered as setting a foundation.

"We are turning this thing around, and I know you have heard that before, many times before. I promise you, this is the last time you're going to hear it," Liner said. "You (Raiders players this season) are the match that is going to start this fire."

coming over from Ninety Six, Liner led the Raiders into the first round of the Class AAAA state playoffs.

But he also knew Nichols had led his program to a break-out season - 6-5 overall record, wins over Furman and Western Carolina; competitive home losses to Coastal Carolina and Liberty, the teams that tied for the Big South title; and "money games" at FBS programs Northern Illinois (conference division winner), N.C. State (winner over its rival, North Carolina), and Mississippi (winner over then No. 4 in the nation Mississippi State).

"It's great to celebrate football here in Laurens County," Nichols said to the post-season gathering of the Touchdown Club, an affiliate organization of the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, at Lakeside Country Club.

In addition to Liner as Coach of the Year, the Touchdown Club announced Co-Players of the Year, Dalton Sward of LDHS and Chase Brewington of Lau-

rens Academy.

Clinton High senior defensive end Hezekiah Simpson was a finalist for Player of the Year.

The All-County Team is, Clinton High - Simpson, Aaron Hughes, Justin Baker, Shakeem Dowdy, Chandler Todd, Daniel Moore, Elvis Fitz, Donaven Blackmon, Dee Jennings, Drequan Dendy, Tay Cook; Laurens - Sward, Ben Santos, Hunter Medlin, DQ Floyd, Kezario Whitmore, Tae Simpson, Jalin Walker, Chuck Johnson, Zed Anderson, Thomas Jones; and Laurens Academy - Brewington, Robert Williams and Ryan Holmes.

"This is a bunch of good Red Devils," Clinton High's departing head coach Scott King said of his players. After a season-ending loss in the Class AAA playoffs to undefeated Greer, Clinton had "a lot of heartbroken young men," King said. "They laid it on the line every week. We hope they can come back and live in this town, and send their kids to be Red Devils, too."



## What's Right in Health Care

### GHS Oncologist Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

W. Larry Gluck, MD, medical director of the GHS Cancer Institute, recently received the Dr. Charles Townes Individual Lifetime Achievement Award from InnoVision. Named after Greenville native Dr. Charles Townes, this prestigious award is presented annually to an individual who exhibits a commitment to the advancement of technology and the betterment of South Carolina. Dr. Gluck was nominated for his ongoing efforts to find and develop innovative ways to improve all aspects of cancer care delivery.

### Greer Memorial Awarded for Stroke Care

Greer Memorial Hospital has garnered the Gold Plus Achievement Award from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With the Guidelines® program. Greer earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated time.

### Baptist Easley Wins Beacon of Excellence Award

Baptist Easley Hospital, of which GHS is part owner, won the 2014 Beacon of Excellence Award by Press Ganey Associates, Inc. The Beacon of Excellence Award recognizes top-performing facilities that maintain high levels of excellence in patient satisfaction. The award was for patient satisfaction in the ambulatory surgery area.

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2014-15 Blue Hose

## Blue Hose men rally from 11 down; buzzer beater hits the rim

The Presbyterian College men's basketball team dropped a well-fought, close game to UNC Greensboro on Saturday afternoon 55-53 at the Templeton Center.

The Blue Hose drop to 3-6 on the year, while the Spartans improve to 2-6. PC hosts Montreat Saturday for an afternoon matinee at 2 p.m.

The Spartans got out to a 9-2 lead and saw its largest lead of the half at 9:34 when they hit double digits with an 11-point 18-7 lead. PC trimmed the deficit to just 3 points on three occasions during the remainder of the half, but headed into the locker room down 33-28 at intermission. Will Truss (Vestavia Hills, Ala.) scored 10 points in the half and Jordan Downing (Huntersville, N.C.) tallied six points of his own.

PC kept it close in the second half, coming within just one point of UNCG near the 5 minute mark and again at 3:47 on a floater by Markus Terry (Johns Creek, Ga.) to cut it to 53-52. Neither team scored again until 3.2 left on the clock when Kayel Locke scored on a put-back to give the visitors a 3-point lead.

UNCG smartly fouled Terry to avoid a probable 3-pointer by PC to send him to the line for a one-and-one situation. Terry made the first foul shot, but purposely threw the ball off the rim for the second as it bobbed in the hands of Ruben Arroyo-Felix (Richmond, Va.) who tried to bat it up for a basket.

The ball bounced out to the corner where Terry threw up a last-chance shot that hit off the rim, but was no good as the

Blue Hose lost 55-53.

Truss finished the game with a game-high 17 points, eight rebounds, and three blocks. Downing registered 13 points and seven rebounds. Terry had 12 points and four assists, while Austin Anderson (Piedmont, S.C.) dished out six assists.

Locke ended the game with a game-high 20 points and eight rebounds for the Spartans. RJ White came up with 11 points and 10 boards for a double-double. Nicholas Paulos also scored 11 points for UNCG.

PC shot 39.2% from the field in the loss, compared to 43.6% for the Spartans. The visitors also held a 35-30 rebounding advantage. PC was on the high side of turnovers with eight, compared to UNCG's six errors.

## PC women jump out to big lead then hold off G-W rally for win

The Presbyterian College women's basketball team held off a late comeback bid from Gardner-Webb and gutted out a victory in its Big South Conference opener with a 55-50 result over the Runnin' Bulldogs on Tuesday night at the Templeton Center.

PC (4-3, 1-0 Big South) led by 11 with 1:23 to go in the game, but eight straight points from Gardner-Webb (3-4, 0-1 Big South) made it 53-50 with 12 seconds left. A foul sent true freshman Janie Miles (Clemson) to the line and the rookie made her second free throw for her game-high 11<sup>th</sup> point. On the other end, a missed Runnin' Bulldog trey gave Rebecca Walker (Snellville, Ga.) her team-high fifth rebound and the sophomore iced the win with a free-throw in the closing seconds.

Tuesday's win marks PC's fourth in its last five games. The lone loss came by two points at Xavier last Wednesday.

Miles led PC with 11 points while playing a career-high 34 minutes. Aianna Kelly (Newport News, Va.) added eight points and a season-high five assists while Cortney Storey (Fayetteville, Tenn.) poured in eight points as well. Kiera Currie paced Gardner-Webb with 11 points and seven rebounds while Jessica Heilig chipped in 11 points as well.

PC raced out to a commanding 16-2 lead with 10 minutes to play in the first half, but the Runnin' Bulldogs gradually trimmed their deficit to five points with a minute to play before Walker sank a foul shot to give PC a six-point, 25-19 lead at halftime. Miles had seven points for the Blue Hose in the first half and Aianna Kelly tallied six points and two assists.

The Blue Hose turned over the ball 14 times in the opening half but cut that number nearly half in the second while forcing a season-high 22 turnovers. The home side also scored 24 points

off the bench to Gardner-Webb's 13 and shot 44.4 percent while holding the visitors to 31.3 percent.

Gardner-Webb came back from the halftime break guns blazing, tying it up 27-27 with 15:17 to play. The Runnin' Bulldogs tied the game two more times, the last at 33-33 with 10:20 on the clock. Jameka Braden (Shelbyville, Tenn.) made two crucial back-to-back three pointers near the four-minute mark to give the Blue Hose an 11-point, 50-39 lead. Keyonna Allen (Forest Park, Ga.) played only 14 minutes due to foul trouble but made her impact with three rebounds and four points in the second half, including a layup to restore the double-digit lead.

Alexus Hill converted a layup of her own before back-to-back threes from Mayhana Dunovant and Hill made it a three-point game to set up the deciding final seconds.

### Miles named Big South Freshman of the Week

Presbyterian College freshman guard Janie Miles (Clemson) was named the Big South Conference Freshman of the Week on Monday.

Miles led PC in scoring for both games last week, tallying 11 points against Gardner-Webb and 15 on Saturday against High Point. The rookie helped PC knock off Gardner-Webb on Tuesday by going three-for-five

from the field and playing a career-high 34 minutes.

Against High Point, Miles dished out three assists and hit four-three pointers to keep PC within striking distance of the Panthers. Miles also proved reliable from the free-throw line, hitting four of six against High Point and hitting two of three against Gardner-Webb.

Miles played a combined

11 minutes over the season's first two games but has started the last five, logging 34 minutes against Gardner-Webb on Tuesday and 31 on Saturday at High Point.

She ranks second on the team with 8.9 points per game (only one point behind leader Keyonna Allen) and leads the team with 12 steals and 15 three-pointers on 37 attempts (40.5 percent).

## Lee is contest winner; Bowl Contest this week

Annette Lee of Clinton is the winner of The Chronicle's Football Contest in the Dec. 3 issue.

She missed four games and will receive the \$40 prize.

The Bowl Games contest — the final contest of the 2014 season — is in today's paper. The winner will be determined after the bowl games and will receive

an \$80 prize.

The deadline for Bowl Games contest is Friday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.

## Blue Hose men will host 14 tennis matches

The Presbyterian College men's tennis will compete in 14 home matches as part of the 2015 spring schedule, as they look to defend their title as 2014 Big South Conference Regular Season Champions, head coach Adam Herendeen announced.

"We are very eager to get started with our spring slate. With Big South Conference play promising to be more competitive than ever, and the addition of several new teams, this is a challenging schedule.

The team finished the season with a 14-1 record at home last year, looking to have another successful season at the Templeton Tennis Courts.

"Last year we had such great crowds with our 'Pack the Pondo' promotions going on and we are looking forward to having even more people out this year," Herendeen said.

The spring slate begins with a trip to Orlando for the North vs. South Challenge before returning home to host the Citadel and Dalton State on Saturday, January 17.

"I am really looking forward to hosting the first North vs. South Challenge down in Orlando," Herendeen said. "This will be a great chance for our guys to get some matches against strong competition before we get into our dual matches."

The Blue Hose will play on the road for the next six matches, starting with a two-match Saturday in Atlanta against SCAD Atlanta and Georgia State on January 24. PC then travels to Boone, N.C. to take on Appalachian State on Friday, January 30 and then to Kennesaw State on Sunday, February 1. PC wraps up the streak of road games with two matches on Saturday, February 7 against Spartanburg Methodist and Davidson.

Presbyterian hosts USC Upstate (February 11) before traveling to Elon to take on the Phoenix on Saturday, February 14. The squad returns home for a match against East Carolina (February 20) and opens Big South Conference play at the Templeton Tennis Courts against UNC Asheville on

February 26.

The Blue Hose take on Wright State and Clemson on the road on Sunday, March 8 before hosting four home matches against Limestone and Campbell (both March 13), Lamar (March 16), and NJIT (March 18).

PC then hits the road for the rest of March, starting in Virginia at Longwood on March 21 and Liberty on March 22. The Blue Hose take on both Radford and Bluefield on Saturday, March 28, and then head to Gardner-Webb on Tuesday, March 31.

The Blue Hose then return home for five straight home matches at the Templeton Tennis Courts against Coastal Carolina and Pfeiffer (both April 4), College of Charleston (April 7), North Greenville and Winthrop (both April 10).

The Big South Conference Men's Tennis Championships will begin on Saturday, April 18 at UNC Asheville in Asheville, N.C. and will conclude with the title match on Tuesday, April 21.

## PC women's tennis at home 11 times

The Presbyterian College women's tennis team will host 11 home matches and travel to Orlando, Fla. as part of the 2015 spring schedule, announced by head coach Catherine Dunagan.

"I am very excited about our schedule this spring. We will start early with a couple double headers and some tough competition that will prepare us for conference play in February," Dunagan said. "We welcome students and fans from our community to come out and support. We are in the process of planning some promotional events that will make it a great experience for everybody."

The spring season begins in Greensboro, N.C., with a match against NC AT&T on January 24. The Blue Hose return home on January 31 with matches against NCCU and Savannah State at the

Templeton Tennis Courts.

PC then heads to UNC Charlotte for a match on February 4 before coming home to Clinton for two matches against Limestone (February 7) and USC Upstate (February 12).

The Blue Hose hit the road again for matches against Appalachian State on February 14 and kick off Big South Conference play on February 18 at Gardner-Webb. The team then has a string of three home matches against Western Carolina (February 21), Georgia Southern (February 22), and Winthrop (February 24).

The squad will take on Coastal Georgia on February 28 before heading south to Orlando for Spring Break matches against Clark University and Mt. Saint Mary's (both March 1) and then

Saginaw Valley St. (March 3). The Blue Hose will head up the road to Spartanburg to take on Wofford on March 11.

The team will host Campbell on March 14, then NJIT on March 19, and Big South competitor Coastal Carolina on March 22. PC will be on the road for the rest of March with conference matches against Charleston Southern (March 24), Longwood (March 28), and Liberty (March 29). The squad will kick off April with a match at Radford on April 3.

The team wraps up the regular season at home with a conference match against UNC Asheville on April 8 before competing in the Big South Conference Tournament over April 15-18.

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# Property owner thanks firefighters for response and help

By Vic MacDonald

Staff Writer

The owner of rental property in the Poplar Springs area of Laurens County has praised the efforts of county firefighters in assisting a burned-out family.

Ken Cousar made the remarks Nov. 25 during the public comments time at the Laurens County Council meeting. He said volunteer firefighters who responded during a recent Sunday rainstorm were professional in putting out the fire and compassionate in their approach to the family.

"These people lost everything. It really makes you think," Cousar said. "I have great admiration for Laurens County fire service and their training."

Firefighters asked the adults for children's sizes, and Cousar said one firefighter called his wife from the scene to have her bring children's clothes right away. "He told her, 'Bring the kids' clothes over here. They need them.'"

Cousar said Greg Lindley, di-

rector of the Laurens County Fire Service, came to the fire scene and, although he was not dressed out as a firefighter, Lindley immediately began providing assistance.

"The firefighters were bringing out of the house what they could salvage for the family," Cousar said. "Greg told me, 'I've already called the Red Cross.'"

The regional branch of the American Red Cross responds to local requests for disaster and emergency assistance, including providing temporary stays in motels for families burned out of their homes.

"Thank you for your comments," council member Joe Wood said to Cousar. "I was with my son when (Western Laurens) got that call, and it was pouring down rain and cold. They are on top of it all the time."

In other business, Laurens County Council

— gave final approval to an ordinance amending the county's original principal amount of \$300,000 taxable special source revenue bond,



now outstanding in the amount of \$3,059,731.39 for ZF Transmissions Gray Court. The plant is in Owings Industrial Park, a joint Laurens/Greenville County industrial area in which fees-in-lieu-of-taxes paid by industries that locate there are distributed 99% to Laurens County and 1% to Greenville County. The

county operations, the county's industry reinvestment fund and District 55 are designated as beneficiaries of development in Owings Industrial Park. Council was told the action allows the county and the school district to get their money more quickly.

— gave final approval to an ordinance allowing Anderson

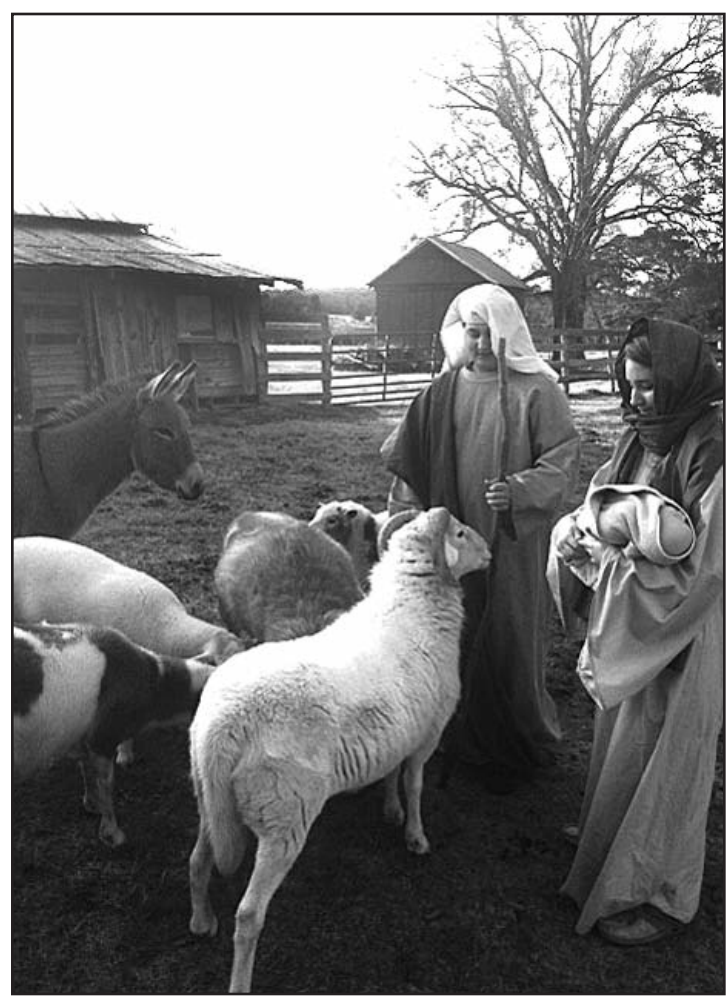
Hardwood Floors LLC and Laurens County to add an additional sponsor affiliate, in this case BF Shaw, to the FILOT agreement for Anderson.

— gave the second of three required approvals to an ordinance outlining incentives designed to attract Project Lambeau, an as-yet-unnamed

company that is considering building a plant in the Owings II Industrial Park. The company is a supplier to ZF Transmissions Gray Court, and council previously was told it is a \$4.5 million investment on 10 acres in Owings II to employ about 30 workers. The incentive and accompanying FILOT requires one more council approval Dec. 9.

— approved three re-appointments to the Laurens County Public Library Board: Dr. John W. Womack, Laurens; Velma M. Austin, Clinton; and Rose A. Blackstone, Gray Court. Their terms expire Dec. 31, and all three have agreed to continuing serving, according to a letter from Library Director Ann R. Szyplowski.

— agreed to have one meeting in December, on Dec. 9, and not have its regularly scheduled meeting on Dec. 23 (a called meeting is possible for urgent action), with the first meeting of 2015 set for Jan. 13, when a public hearing about consolidating fire service throughout the county will be held.



**Live nativity:** First Presbyterian Church of Clinton, East Carolina Street, will host the 70th annual Live Nativity December 22-24. The Live Nativity will be performed on the lawn of the church by the youth of First Presbyterian along with a cast of farm animals. On Dec. 22 and 23, the Live Nativity will take place at 7, 7:30 and 8 pm. On Christmas Eve the worship service will begin at 5 pm with hot chocolate and the Live Nativity at 6:30 pm. The animals will be available after each performance for petting. The public is invited.

## Sewer lift station near hospital will be replaced

By Vic MacDonald

Staff Writer

More than \$600,000 - \$350,000 of which will be a grant - will be spent by Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission on a replacement wastewater lift station that serves an area of Hwy 76 between Clinton and Laurens.

The lift station failed as a result of a storm, and that failure was one of the reasons LCWSC faced a sanction from SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.

LCWSC Executive Director Jeff Field remembers precisely when it happened - two years ago, on the night of the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce banquet (January, 2013) during a thunderstorm and then a rain downpour. The storm felled a tree that toppled onto a power line, cutting electricity to the lift station, and rain water washed out the county-maintained road providing the only access to the lift station's driveway.

A LCWSC technician could not get there to flip the switch on a generator. Wastewater spilled from the lift station because it could not be pumped. SC DHEC cited this as "an overflow" for LCWSC (the City of Clinton has a similar sanction against its sewer system for an overflow). "It came up in the consent

order," Field told the LCWSC board Nov. 25. "The discussion was a help in getting this grant."

The commission will receive \$350,000 from the state's Rural Infrastructure Authority toward the \$679,000 estimated price tag to completely redo the North Creek Lift Station. The station takes wastewater from the Johnson Detention Center (its largest sewer supplier), Laurens County Memorial Hospital and the Professional Park area that includes the Chamber of Commerce building and the Higher Education Center.

LCWSC Engineer Kevin Anderson said everything in the North Creek Lift Station is obsolete. The above-ground concrete building and piping will be scrapped. Everything in the new lift station will be below-ground, except the control panel. The lift station will have a new, self-activating generator that will turn on as soon as electricity is interrupted.

Now, and when the overflow occurred, the lift station has a generator on-site. That generator had to be turned on by a technician flipping a switch, all the other large lift stations operated by LCWSC have self-activating generators.

Field said some money will be taken from reserves to meet the cost of replacing the lift station, but he is working on other grant funding sources to cover

some of the expense.

The county road to the lift station's driveway, Cross Creek Road, has been repaired by Laurens County. Anderson said on the night the road was damaged, the dirt underpinning was washed away and a thin slab of asphalt was left making it appear the road was still intact. Driving on the road in a rainstorm, a technician drove a LCWSC truck over the asphalt (going to the power-less lift station), and most of the vehicle made it over safely.

Then, the road collapsed and the truck's back axle was stuck on the fallen asphalt and what was left of the dirt underpinning. The technician was not injured.

Eventually, the tree that fell on the power line was cut away and power was restored to the lift station. Field said it was decided there was more work to be done at the lift station than just installing a self-activated generator.

The LCWSC board was told it is a 1987-model lift station, and its capacity is not overloaded. The commission owns enough property on the site to install a submerged (under the ground) lift station - a more modern technology.

In another report, LCWSC board heard the FY14 audit gives the commission's finances an unmodified (clean) opinion.

The audit shows the commis-

sion with more than \$65 million in total assets, up about \$3 million from 2013.

Its operations costs and revenues are on target with FY13 audited numbers, and the commission ends the fiscal year with \$8 million in total cash, operations and restricted funds.

LCWSC board members unanimously approved a motion accepting the FY14 audit as presented.

The board approved a policy that allows Field to move forward with obtaining the services of a third party financial service to prepare a "continuing disclosure" document that will be presented to the Securities Exchange Commission.

Field said the policy outlines how LCWSC will make disclosures to the financial markets, an important step in borrowing money at the most favorable interest rates for long-term projects.

One aspect of the disclosure tells financial institutions when the commission loses a large water/wastewater customer, as it did when the textile mills and the Timken manufacturing plant closed. It will cost the commission about \$1,500 a year to have the report done, and the first report using figures from the FY14 audit is scheduled for 2015.

"When we go to the markets in the future," Field said, "this can only help us."

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Questions regarding this proposal may be addressed to: Joey Meadors, Administrative Services Director City of Clinton 864-833-7500 during normal working hours.

## Area company named to health care Top 100 list

Health Related Home Care in Greenwood has been named to the Top 100 of the 2014 Home-Care Elite, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States.

Now in its ninth year, the HomeCare Elite identifies the top 25 percent of agencies and

highlights the top 100 and the top 500 agencies overall.

Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, process measure implementation, patient experience (Home Health CAHPS), quality improvement and consistency,

and financial performance. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least one outcome in Home Health Compare. Out of 9,994 agencies considered, 2,501 are elite.

Health Related Home Care, with 102 employees, has approximately 800 patients in Abbeville, Anderson, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Edgefield and Saluda counties.

Health Related Home Care Administrator Sharon Norryce, RN, BSN, credits the entire staff's dedication with the agency's ability to be ranked as the only Top 100 home health agency in this area.



Sharon Norryce

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## Editorial

### The Rodney Dangerfield of US presidents

On Dec. 4, New York Times opinion writer Timothy Egan wrote a piece about the lack of respect that President Obama receives from right-wing conservatives.

It went beyond the pale – as if it wasn't there already – when a staffer for a Tennessee congressman took the Obama children to task for being children. She issued the requisite non-apology apology (“I’m sorry if I offended anyone”) and then resigned.

But she went beyond criticizing the Obama girls for the way they dressed and behaved during the turkey-pardoning ceremony – it’s hard to imagine someone would care enough to get mad. She felt the need to be critical of the Obamas as parents. “...Your mother and father don’t respect their positions very much, or the nation for that matter, so I’m guessing you’re coming up a little short in the ‘good role model’ department.”

How can anyone possibly say the Obamas are not good role models for their children? At least in public – and that’s all we can go on – they have been caring, loving parents.

In the New York Times, Egan put it this way, “The subtext (of her criticism), consistent with Republican treatment of the president since day one, is the idea that he and the first lady are not decent or normal people – expressed here as failed role models who have tarnished the positions they hold.”

But the congressional staffer is far from being alone in her disdain for the President and other members of the First Family. Michelle Obama is criticized for wanting people to exercise and eat healthy. How dare she!

Has there been a hint that the two Obama girls have misbehaved in public or private? No.

In the Times, Egan mentions that the disrespect toward the President has gone on since he was first elected. Remember Joe Wilson screaming to the President during Obama’s first State of the Union. The people of Wilson’s South Carolina congressional district have rewarded his boorish behavior by re-electing him twice since then.

The insults and disrespect began before Obama was first elected. Where was George Bush born? Or John F. Kennedy? Were they ever asked to produce their birth certificates to prove they are American citizens?

The conservatives will say it’s because Obama’s father was a Kenyan. That’s just a bad excuse for bad behavior.

People – including many folks from Clinton – have written things on social media about President Obama that are hateful, obscene and racist. For some unknown reason, they think this is acceptable.

And, for many of their conservative brethren, not only is it acceptable, but it’s also proper and legitimate criticism.

A congressman from Georgia, Egan reports, has said Speaker John Boehner should not invite the President to give his State of the Union speech in January (despite the President being required by the constitution – even pocket-sized ones – to give periodic updates to congress).

Do you notice a pattern about the congressional idiocy? Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia.

Egan ends this column this way. “You can call Obama a weak leader. You say he’s too aloof. You can disagree with his policies. You can suggest he’s acting like a king...but for those who can’t even see the humanity in the man because of his race, try to respect the title that comes before his name.”

It’s a nice suggestion. But, it’s not going to happen.

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## What happens when leaders listen

“We the people” slammed the brakes last week on a proposal to register and inspect all the rental property in the city limits.

Whether the plan that received 6-0 first reading approval in November is good or bad can be debated. The fact that people showed up to protest – peacefully in a council meeting – and council listened and reacted deserves comment.

Some background. For a number of months in a row, residents of Oakland Street have attended the monthly city council meetings to complain about problems in a mobile home park in their neighborhood.

The residents say police officers are called to the location almost daily. They say they can’t be outside their houses without being subjected to excessive noise and misbehavior. They want council to declare the mobile home park a nuisance and shut it down.

Council told City Manager Frank Stovall to see what can be done to provide these citi-

### Franklin’s Corner

By Larry Franklin

zens the relief they are asking for. The staff came up with a permitting and inspection process for all rental property in the city.

Before council considered second and final reading Dec. 1, the people showed up to voice opposition.

Twelve of the 13 people who stood up to oppose the plan are people who own rental property in Clinton.

The plan is being couched as a tool to provide better code enforcement as a way to respond to complaints from renters and neighbors about housing in disrepair.

Information given to city council from Stovall indicates that up to 50% of the residences in Clinton are rental

properties.

After hearing from the landlords last Monday, council voted to table the second reading and to hold a workshop to receive more information and talk to current and former building officials.

One thing that several landlords talked about is the cost of the new permitting and inspections plan. One estimated it will cost the city \$200,000 a year – conservatively.

Information from Stovall said there is no way to estimate how much the program will cost, but the inspection fee (\$10 per unit per year) is “necessary to cover the cost associated with providing additional inspections on a reoccurring (sic) basis.”

Delaying the implementation of the new plan was wise. I see it becoming a nightmare to put into practice. But there has to be a way for the city to deal with the problems the folks on Oakland Street are having and there needs to be a way to force all property owners – whether they are landlords or homeowners – to keep

their houses safe and attractive.

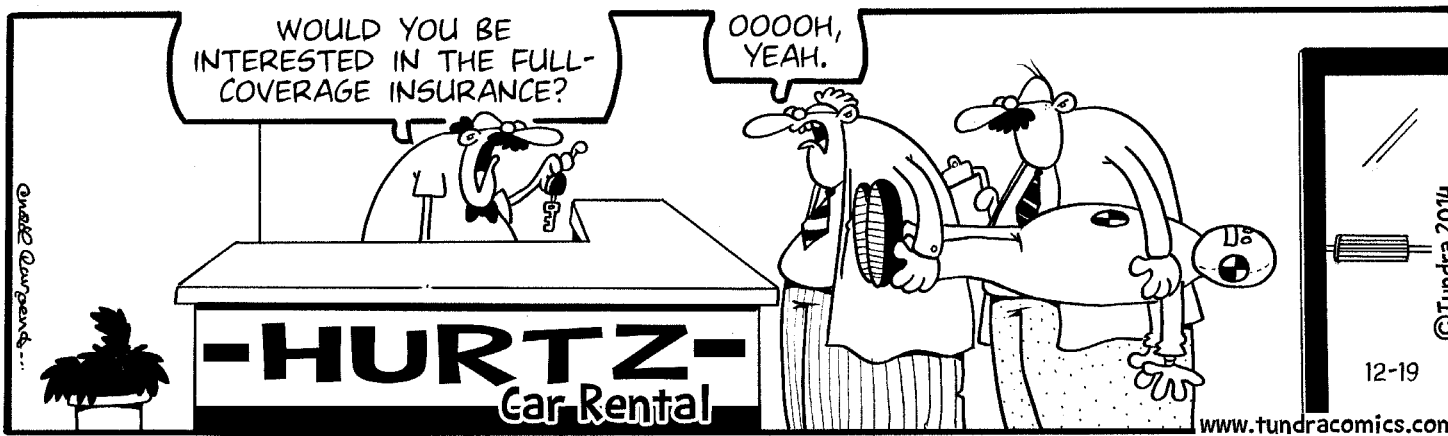
One of the landlords who spoke against the plan was quick to post a social media plea for landlords to continue the vigil. Facebook Congressman was just as quick to offer encouragement and support.

“The Progressive don’t understand market forces – the renters can and will only pay so much for a mill house,” he wrote.

Pretty sure he wasn’t using progressive as a compliment to city council for being forward-thinking. But Eddie McGee a progressive? Really? Or Bob McLean? Or Danny Cook? Wow.

On Dec. 1 at the Clinton City Council meeting, government worked the way it should. Others would do well to take note of that fact.

(Larry Franklin is publisher of The Chronicle. His email address is lfranklin@clintonchronicle.com. Franklin’s Corner can be read online at www.clintonchronicle.com.)



## Letters to the editor

### The editor:

Faithful readers, have you ever said, “I don’t know why I did that or why I said that” after you had said or done something you regretted? I have, and we all have because we are human.

None of us are perfect—none good. Remember when God created this world, He would look and say that is was good. But notice when He made man. He never said that is was good. He made the great seas, and they keep their bounds—the sun, the moon keep keep their course. But man is ever seeking to do things his way.

Jesus even said, “There is none good but one. That is God,” in Matthew 19:17. After the flood, God said He would not again destroy everything because of man’s evil. He said man’s heart is evil from his youth. Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked. The Word tells us not

to justify the wicked. But we do. We glorify the wicked, we reward them, and so they repent not.

It is not secret that we know. God’s Word warns us “when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” We are fast becoming an evil nation, an unnatural, unholy, ungodly nation. Read Proverbs 30:11-14. See? Ungodly laws come from ungodly men, and they force them on every one. Not one righteous man stands up to rebuke.

Why have we held our peace? Because God is in control and all of this is part of His plan. His mercy is leaving this land that He brought forth to be His lighthouse to a dark and sinful world. We failed. Just as Israel failed.

And you surely know the price they paid. God help us, I pray. Not one stood up to rebuke when one imp of Hell had prayer removed from our schools. Not one stood up to

rebuke when the holy name of Jesus Christ is forbidden. God’s church is so worldly.

It is so cold, not God’s lighthouse anymore. The Holy Ghost goes away grieved. Can’t you see? Even some lukewarm Christians will believe the anti-Christ. He will do great miracles and act like a superman.

Read Revelation 13:14-14. Yes, dear reader, there is only one hope that is Christ Jesus. He died to save us all. He arose the third day forever to be King of kings, Lord of lords.

I beg you to repent quickly. Return to the old paths. Don’t be like those of time past who refused God’s pathway. Read Jeremiah 6:16.

I warn you, things will get worse, not better.

In His name,  
Tommie R. Nelson  
Clinton, S.C.

### School Talk



By Dr. David O'Shields

## My own grown up list for Christmas

When you read this article, schools will have eclipsed the halfway point between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Don’t think students are the only ones counting down the days until the start of the “Winter Holiday.” Friday, December 19, marks the last day in the Fall Semester.

No doubt plans are being made, cookies being baked, and presents being bought! Well, sorta...except for me. I am a notoriously late shopper. It seems I never get the spirit of commercial mirth until after school is over. Too many things to think about, far more to do. Or so I tell myself!

But if wishes were fishes, I know what I would wish for. And, no, it isn’t what Steve Martin (from Saturday Night Live fame) so hypocritically requested...world peace. You see, I believe world peace cannot be wished for, it must be earned.

You see from my limited perch I can’t aspire for world peace (as did Steve Martin in his comic skit) but I can desire the following:

Less technology and more personality. I have grown increasingly insular—or so says Terri—to my cell phone, my iPad, my iPod, and other techno-gadgets. Terri said she would have not married me

O'Shields, 11A

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# Examples of helping others in community can be inspiring

Since the School of Pharmacy was founded, it has had one mission - to serve others.

This mission can be broken down into several parts. First, it seeks to improve the health of South Carolinians and society in general by developing students with an unwavering ethical foundation. The School of Pharmacy also wants its students to focus on providing quality pharmacy care, dedicating their lives to service and providing enlightened leadership in addressing the health care needs of a diverse

patient population.

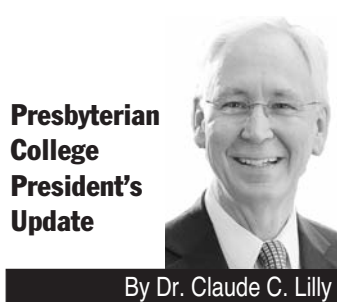
In this column, I am going to focus on two portions of the mission—dedication to service and serving a diverse population.

The PC Community Care Pharmacy and the PCSP Wellness Center are housed on the ground floor of the School of Pharmacy. The pharmacy and the wellness center are places where our students can learn and where faculty and students have an opportunity to serve in conjunction with the South Carolina Free Medical

Clinics, regional hospitals and local physicians.

This pharmacy initiative is premised on dedication to service and helping a diverse population. But, the School of Pharmacy does more than provide a community pharmacy; it also provides a variety of educational experiences.

All of us can talk about service and the infrastructure our society has in place to implement it, but it is far more impressive sometimes to talk about results, not infrastructure. recently received an



**Presbyterian College President's Update**

By Dr. Claude C. Lilly

email from Sarah Wagner who is an assistant professor in the pharmacy practice department of the College's School of Pharmacy. Dr. Wagner did an excellent job of explaining how important the School of Pharmacy's efforts are by providing a simple but moving story.

I shared her email with the trustees, and I thought it would be appropriate to share it with the entire Clinton community. Her email follows:

"I wanted to pass along a story that illustrates the impact that Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy's dedication to the under-served has had on someone's life. The other day during a diabetes education class we were discussing how important a support network is to one's health. I asked whom each person in the class leaned on for support. One patient said that all of us at the Wellness Center were a very important part of the patient's support system. The person began to cry and their voice began to crack as they shared their

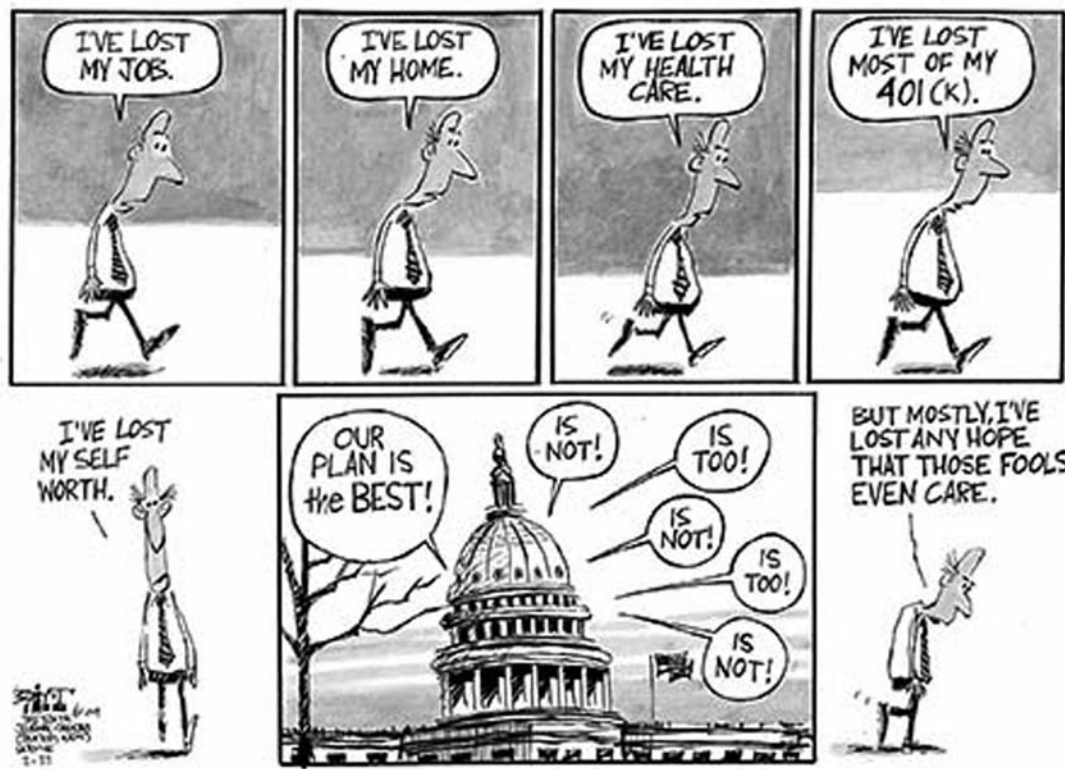
struggles with all of us in the class. The person said that they were planning to take their life when they first met with us. The individual said that we truly saved their life. Previously, at their first appointment, we had discussed the person's depression and quickly realized they needed a medication change. The physician took our recommendation. The individual said that now, after a few weeks on the medicine, they feel better than they had in years. They also mentioned one of the things that kept their spirits up was attending the class where they felt someone really and truly cared about them and their health. The others in the class had similar opinions about our program. One person said that being uninsured and having to navigate through the health-care system had often made him feel like no one really cared about him. He stated that PCSP was the first place he felt like his inability to pay was not affecting the care he got. Finally, another gentleman in the class said that the stories of these two individuals convinced him that he needed to speak to a provider about his own battle with feeling down. The class also expressed deep gratitude to the administration that has allowed them to receive care despite their financial constraints. I hope this story gives you the same pride and

inspiration it gave me. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I want to tell you how thankful I am that I can work with and learn from you each day. I am blessed to get to work with people like you. Have a wonderful weekend! Sarah"

I wholeheartedly agree with Sarah's sentiments. I too am blessed to work with people who are committed to the community, who care about giving to others and who want to make a difference in Clinton, South Carolina. It is easy to talk about how the community and the College should work together to improve health care, but as is the case in talking about any type of service, it often is better to talk about examples. Sarah's words conjure up a wonderful example of how the School of Pharmacy is helping our community. Her words explain how important the School of Pharmacy is in improving the lives of people in and around Clinton.

Note: The PCSP Wellness Center offers a variety of services to those in the community, both insured and uninsured. For more information, please visit our website <http://pharmacy.presby.edu/pcsp-wellness-center/> or call us at 864-938-3930 for more information.

(Dr. Claude C. Lilly is president of Presbyterian College.)



## O'Shields

From 10A

had we lived in the time of cell phones.

Unfortunately, we have lost the most important part of communication—acknowledging people first. Gadgets are nice and provide service in their appropriate place. But now people reach out on Facebook, Twitter, and such (to masses of faceless individuals) and refuse to reach out to their neighbor or their own family. I wish for more “face to face” conversation. You see, nothing replaces that. And that leads to the next wish.

Less bad news and more good. Wow! People somehow have bought boundless stock in the misery index. Media rarely report the good. Sensationalism sells and we have no short supply of the tarnished,

the terrible, and the torn. The very social fabric of our country is a moth-eaten garment. We have seemingly met the enemy and capitulated without a fight. Negative feelings, mistrust, and “dis-ease” are demons with which we contend every day. I wish for us to accentuate the positive. I am not naive enough to think evil doesn't exist or you can even wish it away but I believe good ultimately triumphs over evil and we are able to achieve far more than we might ever think for good—if we but put our minds to it.

Less ignorance and greater awareness. This is where education is critical! Too often we fall into repeating what we hear or doing what we're told when the facts are still out. Education is all about dispelling ignorance. Learning is not limited to those in school;

life is a laboratory of experiences. We need to look for common ground when we can't and, if there's not any, work to build a bridge so there can be. We live in perilous times—racial tension, political infighting and name calling, and institutional distrust (You name it and someone will distrust it, I guarantee.). You see, I truly believe people choose to do good or bad. It is a choice far more than we ever care to admit. Too many people have opted to play victim when opportunity is all around them. Granted, we aren't born with equal talents, abilities, or capacity; however, we are all born with an equal opportunity to employ and develop our own distinct talents. And schools are incubators of talent. Every day, thousands of students in our district have “the opportunity” to learn con-

cept, and, it is hoped, to build wisdom. We are dream makers in District 56. We work each day to help students make a positive contribution in their school, their community, and throughout their lives.

Less excuses and more responsibilities. We are the most “excuse-generating” generation ever! Students, parents, teachers, administrators, politicians, preachers—you name it—are well versed in finding an excuse rather than accepting responsibility. How many times have I heard these excuses—“The teacher doesn't like me!” or “The teacher gave me such-and-such a grade.” Parents far too often side with the child when the child (and often the parent) are in the wrong. I am not naive enough to think we educators aren't fallible. Certainly

we are but the vast majority of teachers and educators are compassionate, hardworking individuals who really want the very best for all of their students.

Finally, I wish for each of us to count the blessing we do have and not the ones we think we need. I think if we learn to be more grateful other things can take care of themselves. I believe we often launch headlong like lemmings into a vicious circle of wants and needs, often confusing the two. My dad had very little of the stuff people often think are hallmarks for success—a modest house, working automobiles, and such—but he taught me life is far more about people than things. Far far more!

And that's what I think we should be about this Christmas season...seeing to the needs of

those less fortunate, attending to the responsibilities of our fellow man, achieving a heightened sense of awareness in all of the good life is about, focusing and acting on the good we have within us, and reaching out actually to see people and not just through “The Facebook.”

So there it is...my wish list! But it will only be a wish list until we choose to act on each specified item. Once acted upon, it's a funny thing how wishes can be accomplished. And for that—we don't even need a Santa Claus. For that, we only need to do our part in making this a great Christmas.

Here's to wishing you a great Christmas, maybe the best Christmas ever!

(Dr. David O'Shields is superintendent of Laurens School District 56.)



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# Christmas

From 1A

with their Christmas lists. Horse-drawn carriage and wagon rides were available at the Clinton Museum. Following the holiday activities at the Depot, a large crowd waited its turn to make the rides around Clinton's uptown square. Inside, the Museum was festively decorated for its visitors, and across Broad Street, a Christmas tree shone from the front window of Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy.

The PC Music Department staged its annual Christmas at PC performances last weekend as the college's Christmas gift to the community.

"It would not be possible for us to be here if not for the men and women who went to battle for our freedoms," Laurens City Council member Richard Griffin told the audience at Friday evening's Veterans Affairs-sponsored tree-lighting in Laurens.

Speaking from the portico of the historic courthouse, program participants reminded those in attendance that many men and women in uniform did not return home from battle. "Find an opportunity to thank our veterans through this holiday season," State Rep. Mark Willis said.

Names of veterans and active duty servicemen and women honored with lights on the Christmas tree were read by State Rep. Mike Pitts. Veterans memorialized through purchases of lights were named by Laurens Police Chief Sonny Ledda.

The annual lights purchase and tree-lighting benefitted Laurens County Hall of Heroes. Among the veterans in attendance was George Fowler, 96, the county's oldest living World War II veteran.



**Getting the royal welcome.** The Clinton High School Devil Regiment escorts Santa Claus along Main Street Thursday night during Christmas in Clinton festivities, the official kick-off of the holidays for the city.

The Laurens County Museum on Sunday conducted a Pearl Harbor tribute program with WWII veterans in attendance. It was the 73rd anniversary of what President Franklin D. Roosevelt called "a day which will live in infamy," the event that sparked America's entry into the second world war.

Saturday morning's Clinton Christmas Parade was touch-and-go for a while, but parade participants were in good spir-

its even though they were processing in a steady drizzle.

The city's antique fire engine was pressed into service again for the mayor and city council, after undergoing repairs, and veteran city manager administrative assistant Dianne Wyatt served as the parade Grand Marshal.

Near the end of the parade route at Florida Street, Broad Street United Methodist Church conducted an indoor holiday flea market and crafts

fair for Christmas shopping.

The rain held down the parade crowd somewhat, but the Christmas spirit was conveyed through the music of the Bell Street Middle School and Clinton High School marching bands.

Santa made his second appearance in two days riding in his wooden sleigh under an umbrella but, nevertheless, bringing the Christmas spirit of giving to everyone in the Clinton community.



**Santa, not as young as he used to be.** For a guy who's been around a few hundred years, Kris Krinkel is holding up pretty well, but Clinton Department of Public Safety Director Robin Morse lends the Jolly Elf a hand getting down from the cab of a city fire engine Thursday during Christmas in Clinton at the uptown Depot. - Photos by Vic MacDonald

## WPCC

From 1A

version of his show is subtitled Beach, Boogie, Blues and Beyond because, every now and then, he will throw in something unexpected. It could be a country tune with a bluesy feel, or a throw-back sound from one of today's artists.

This is the music that set the foundation for John Lennon's work with The Beatles.

This is the roots music for Otis Redding, Ray Charles and James Brown, who used to say he was the inventor of rap. Jimi Hendrix played with Redding's band in London. The Platter and Sam Cooke fed the imagination

of Smokey Robinson, and all that musical vibe fed into Motown.

Patterson said WPCC in its new incarnation will display the music of 1946 through today's beach music scene.

And that vinyl that Pat Patterson still possesses, don't be surprised if he doesn't break it out one day. He did that on a radio show in Greenwood and a station owner told him to pull it - all that cracking and popping, didn't Patterson know music today is "digitally remastered"?

"I don't know, one of these Saturdays I might break out the turntable," Patterson says, "and have a good time."

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#### Parade Opens Holiday Period

Winning first place in the outstanding entry in Clinton's Christmas parade last Thursday afternoon was the float entered by the Kiwanis Club.

Runnerup was the unit entered by the First Presbyterian Church. Presbyterian College was third, and Whitten village came in fourth.

The floats won prizes of \$50, \$35, \$25, \$15, and \$12.50.

They were features of the parade that presented 40 units, including about 15 floats, five bands, Presbyterian College's ROTC unit, Boy and Girl Scouts, Junior Police, beauty queens, and other entries.

Observers pronounced the parade as the "best ever" and was witnessed by an estimated crowd of 12,000 people who lined South Broad Street from the point of entry from Calhoun Street to the business section, filling the entire square and converging streets.

#### Return of Christmas Seal Contributions Is Urged

Another report from the Christmas seal sales to combat tuberculosis shows \$3,468.31 raised thus far in Laurens County.

Sales Chairman F.P. Thompson, of Laurens, reported this total today as the envelope-opening committee prepared to meet again Thursday to open the returns of the past week.

#### Stores Close Later Beginning On Dec. 19

Stores in Clinton will remain open until seven o'clock each evening, beginning on Friday, Dec. 19. The program will be continued through Dec. 24 for the convenience of shoppers.

#### PC's Frank Jones Is Coach Of Year

Presbyterian College's Frank Jones has been named football coach of the year for the two Carolinas District 26 of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Jones led his 1958 squad to an impressive record of six wins, three losses, and a tie this year. The Blue Hose defeated East Carolina, Lenoir-Rhyne, Wofford, Elon, Appalachian, and Newberry. They lost to Davidson, Tampa, and The Citadel and tied Catawba.

#### Bailey Speaks On Textile Problems

Clemson—P.S. Bailey, president of the Clinton-Lydia Cotton Mills in Clinton, spoke to the Clemson Rotary Club Monday at noon on the textile industry, calling it the finest example of free enterprise and competitive philosophy in the country.

Mr. Bailey called for an immediate correction in the upgrading program for cotton, saying the mill man cannot use the present grades of cotton, which has been robbed of many of its physical properties in the ginning process. He said the industry is facing stiff competition from the synthetic fibers and the cotton farmer will lose in the end if the program is not changed.



**Neither rain nor cold ...** Hunkered down in coats and sitting under umbrellas, hundreds of Clinton residents braved rain and cold Saturday morning to usher in the Christmas season with the annual Clinton Christmas Parade. The event was part of the busy weekend that also included the Gray Court, Enoree, Laurens, Joanna and Mount Olive-Waterloo parades (Hickory Tavern parade was Nov. 22, Ware Shoals parade will be Dec. 13). The Clinton parade had as its 2014 Grand Marshal Dianne Wyatt, above, who has a career with city government of more than 40 years and directs the activities of the Clinton Business Association and the popular spring concerts series, Town Rhythms. The city's antique fire truck was back in commission, following extensive repairs, toting the Mayor and City Council along the wet parade route - from Maple Street near PC east along Broad Street across the railroad tracks - the parade again this year was stopped by a Saturday morning train - on to Florida Street. Bell Street Middle and Clinton High School bands provided the festive music, with the Devil Regiment announcing the arrival of Santa Claus. - Photos by Vic MacDonald

# Clinton Christmas parade 2014





**Gifts for hospice:** When Kaden Word, right, had his fifth birthday a few weeks ago, he asked that everyone bring blankets to his party "to give to the sick" in our community. Kaden and his brother Jordan Word presented the blankets to Hospice of Laurens County right before Thanksgiving. They were accompanied by their grandmother, Tina Fulmer, who is a hospice volunteer.

## City decorating contest judging dates set

The City of Clinton is once again sponsoring the 2014 "Spirit of Christmas" Decorating Award Contest.

Judges are selected to tour the City and select a "Spirit of Christmas" Award winner from each of the six City Council

Wards for their beautiful Christmas Decorations.

An award winner sign is placed in the front yards of the selected properties. Each winner will be recognized at the City Council Meeting in Janu-

ary and also receive a \$25 credit on their utility bills.

The City also recognizes one business winner each year. They receive a \$50 credit on their utility bill.

This year judging will be

done the evenings of Monday, Dec. 15, and Thursday, Dec. 18, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Dianne Wyatt at the M S Bailey Municipal Center at 833-7505.

## Red Cross stresses fire and cold weather safety

The American Red Cross is assisting 48 people who were among those affected from 13 home fires last week in South Carolina. Red Cross is meeting their immediate emergency needs which may include temporary lodging, food, clothing, mental and health services. Red Cross is also providing referrals to partner agencies for their long-term recovery.

People can help victims of fires and other disasters, by becoming a disaster-trained volunteer or by making a financial contribution. To contact the closest Red Cross office to you, visit <http://www.redcross.org/sc/columbia/palmetto-region/locations>.

On average, the American Red Cross, Palmetto SC Region responds to a disaster every 4 hours. Because of trained disaster volunteers and financial assistance from the community,

Red Cross was able to assist 7,118 individuals last year that were affected by disaster in S.C.

When heating systems are being run at full force many people resort to other sources to keep their homes warm. The Red Cross is urging these cold and fire safety tips:

### Fire Safety Tips:

- Never use a stove or oven to heat the home.
- If using a space heater, place it on a level, hard surface and keep anything flammable at least three feet away – things such as paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs. Turn off space heaters and make sure fireplace embers are out before leaving the room or going to bed.
- If using a fireplace, use a glass or metal fire screen large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.
- Use generators correctly – never operate a genera-

tor inside the home, including in the basement or garage.

Don't hook a generator up to the home's wiring. The safest thing to do is to connect the equipment someone wants to power directly to the outlets on the generator.

### COLD WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

- Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm. Gloves and a hat will help prevent losing body heat.
- Someone should seek medical attention immediately if they have symptoms of hypothermia, including confusion, dizziness, exhaustion and severe shivering.
- Watch for symptoms of frostbite, including numbness, flushed gray, white, blue or yellow skin discoloration, numbness, or waxy feeling skin.
- Don't forget family pets – bring them indoors. If they

can't come inside, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.

Avoid frozen pipes - run water, even at a trickle, to help prevent them from freezing. Open the kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals out of the reach of children. Keep the garage doors closed if there are water lines in the garage.

Keep the thermostat at the same temperature day and night to help avoid freezing pipes.

Download the Red Cross First Aid App for quick, expert advice on what to do in case of an emergency. This free app is available on the Apple iTunes or Google Play stores.

## Bookmobile

### Laurens County Library Bookmobile Schedule Dec. 10-16

**Wed., Dec. 10** - Summercrest Apartments, 3:40; Laurens Villas, 4:05.

**Thurs., Dec. 11** - Meadowbrook Apartments, 3:40; Laurens Terrace, 4:10.

**Fri., Dec. 12** - Deliveries:

Martha Franks Retirement Ctr, Laurelwood Apts.

**Mon., Dec. 15** - Gray Court on Main Street near Town Hall, 2:30.

**Tues., Dec. 16** - Lanford @ Hwys 92 & 221, 11:30; Joanna @ Dollar General, 2:30.

For more information, contact Leigh Tumblin at 864-681-7323.

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# Family literacy program expanded

Laurens County Adult Education has expanded its Family Literacy services. Family Literacy serves parents of children who are eight years old or younger. Parents can attend GED classes at the Church Street location in Laurens, MS Bailey Child Development Center in Clinton (ages 17-19 only), or the Laurens County Higher Education Center in Clinton. They may also be involved with Family Literacy if they attend ESL classes

at Ford Elementary School in Laurens. Family Literacy students must set goals to be reached each year, in addition to progressing towards earning their GEDs or exiting the ESL program. These goals include visiting the local library and checking out age-appropriate books for their children, reading to their children weekly, and purchasing books for their children. Other goals require students

to attend parent-teacher meetings at their children's schools and to participate in activities at these schools, such as Open House, Book Fair, etc. Parents also participate in transition services and parenting seminars. Transition services include working with job applications, writing resumes, and interviewing skills. Parenting seminars offer topics such as child nutrition, age-appropriate discipline, and how to help children with homework.

There is a limited number of child care spots available each year. Childcare is held at the Church Street location from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Monday through Thursday. Parents who want to participate in Family Literacy should contact Mrs. LaDell Adams at 984-5726 to set up an appointment to meet with her at the Church Street location.



**Water quality award:** Clinton Mayor Bob McLean, left, presents the AWOP Award to Dale Satterfield, the city's director of public works, at the Dec. 1 city council meeting. The award is given by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control to utilities which operate the water treatment facility "that substantially exceeds standard requirements for the quality of water produced." Satterfield said the water treatment plant operators could not accept the award because they were operating the plant, which is manned 24 hours a day. - Photo by Larry Franklin

## Piedmont Technical College to hold commencement Dec. 11

Piedmont Technical College will be holding two fall commencement exercises on December 11. Commencement exercises will begin at 3 p.m. for Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, health science and nursing graduates. A ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. for business and information technology, industrial technology and engineering technology graduates. Both commencement exercises will be held in the James Medford Family Event Center at Piedmont Technical College in Greenwood. Due to limited seating, tickets will be required for all guests attending the graduation

ceremony. Each ticketholder, including children, will be entitled to one seat. In recognition of their excellence and the stories they have told about their journeys in higher education, four graduating students will be speaking at the commencement ceremony - two in the afternoon and two in the evening. April Alexander of Ninety Six has spent 10 years working in health care and decided she wanted more. She will be receiving her Diploma in Applied Science with a major in Practical Nursing. She plans to return to Piedmont Tech to pursue her associate degree in nursing and then continue on for her bachelor's degree.

Wilda Hylton is a resident of Greenwood. She enrolled at Piedmont Tech after seeing PTC graduates on area billboards and deciding she wanted to be that successful person. She will be receiving her Associate in Arts Degree. She plans to return to Piedmont Tech to pursue her nursing degree. Kelly Arrington came to Batesburg from Pine Mountain, Ga., because it was a better location for her husband's job. As a survivor of domestic violence as a child, Kelly knew she wanted to help others like herself. She will be receiving her Associate in Applied Science Degree with a major in Criminal Justice. She plans to return

in the fall to pursue a human services degree and work with victims' advocacy. Carrie Lennox found her way to Gray Court from Michigan in search of a change. A variety of available locations led her to Piedmont Tech. She will be receiving her Associate in Applied Science Degree with a major in Business, Accounting Concentration. She plans to continue her education by pursuing a bachelor's degree and eventually a master's degree. A special feature of commencement exercises will be recognition of top graduates from Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties.

## January clinics scheduled

The Laurens County Humane Society, linking with Animals Allies of Spartanburg, will provide access to low-cost

spay/neuter clinics for residents of Laurens County on Tuesday, Jan. 13 and 27. An Animal Allies van will be at the Clinton Animal Hospital in Clinton at 6:30 a.m. on these dates to pick up animals to be spayed or neutered and transport them to Spartanburg where a team of expert veterinarians will perform the procedures. The van will return with the animals to Clinton Animal Hospital at 5:00 PM the same day. All animals must have required vaccinations. Animal Allies will administer these for \$13 if proof of such shots is not available. The cost of the spay/neutering per animal is as follows: male dog, \$57; female dog, \$62; dog over 75 lbs, \$77; male cat, \$32; female cat, \$47; feral cat, \$45 (this charge includes shots and ear tipping for feral cats only). There is no extra fee for an animal that is in heat or pregnant. Cash is the only payment accepted. Appointments are required (pets without appointments cannot be taken) and may be made by calling the Humane Society at 984-6484. Do not call Clinton Animal Hospital about this service as they are not involved with the specifics of the program. In November, 44 pets were spayed or neutered. This has prevented a conservative estimate of 440 offspring from being born during a year's time.

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# Community Bulletin Board

## Upcoming Events

### ~ DEC. 10~

FREE WORKSHOPS AT THE SC WORKS/18 HAZEL DR., CLINTON

10:00 AM Networkers - Topic "Behavioral Interviewing Techniques"; 1:30 PM "First Impressions"; 3:00 PM "Resume Clinic/Career Ready 101 Lab." Basic Computer workshops are offered everyday: Monday - Friday 3:00 PM. For more information call 833-0142.

### ~ DEC. 11~

THE LAURENS COUNTY ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the private dining room of the Presbyterian Community in Clinton at 801 Musgrove St. This caregiver support group is for all of Laurens County including Laurens and all the outlying areas. This month's topic is "Caring for the Caregiver." For questions call Debbie at: 939-0747.

### ~ DEC. 12~

FREE WORKSHOPS AT THE SC WORKS/18 HAZEL DR., CLINTON

10:00 AM "Job Search Navigation". Basic Computer workshops are offered everyday: Monday - Friday 3:00 PM. For more information call 833-0142.

### ~ DEC. 18~

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LAURENS COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP

will be held at Tumbling Shoals Baptist Center, Laurens. 6 pm- executive committee meeting; 7 pm- annual meeting.

### ~DEC. 20~

BICYCLE GIVEAWAY

Consolation Lodge is accepting new or used bicycles for giveaway during the Christmas holidays. To donate a bike or make a monetary donation, call William Valasco, 864-684-1671, or Costell Little Jr., 864-833-3457. The bicycles will be given away Saturday, Dec. 20, 10-am-3 pm at 130 Buice Circle, Clinton.

### ~DEC. 21, JAN. 4, 18~

COAT AND BLANKET GIVEAWAY

Broad St. United Methodist Church, 310 N. Broad St., Clinton. Sundays: Dec. 7, 21, Jan. 4, 18, 1:30-2:30 pm. Donations of gently-used coats and blankets can be made at Clinton YMCA and Wynn Enterprises (Stage-

coach Rd., Laurens).

### ~ DEC. 22-24~

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

For 70 years First Presbyterian Church, 410 E. Carolina Ave., Clinton has been sharing the Christmas story with the Clinton community. This year the youth will share the story during seven performances of the Live Nativity. These performances will be held on Dec. 22 and 23 at 7:00, 7:30, and 8:00 p.m. and on December 24 at 6:30 p.m. following the candlelight worship service. Performances include live animals, shepherds, wise men, angels, Herod, Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. The public is invited.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLINTON MUSEUM located at 400 N. Broad St., is open Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m. Free admission. Group tours by appointment, call 864-833-2549. The museum will be posting pictures and stories on the museum Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ClintonMuseumSC> THE CLINTON TEXTILE HERITAGE MUSEUM at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center, 211 North Broad Street, Clinton, is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

THE LAURENS COUNTY MUSEUM, 205 West Laurens St., Laurens, is open every Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Admission is free. For tours, call 984-3860 or 1-864-684-5639.

WILL YOU BE THE NEXT HABITAT HOUSE OWNER? You may qualify if: you are able to make an interest-free house payment of \$275-\$300 per month; you can provide three good credit references and three personal references; you (or your family) can put in 200 sweat hours on your house; you have been turned down for a home loan. Pick up an application at the Laurens County Advertiser, the Clinton Public Library or the Laurens County Library.

LAURENS COUNTY FARM BUREAU is accepting applications for several scholarships, not only for youth, but also for certified teachers. Farm Bureau membership is required. For information, contact the local Farm Bureau office, 984-0413 or apply at [www.SCFB.org](http://www.SCFB.org).

DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH PEOPLE? Do you have a few hours each month to help others fighting cancer in your community? Laurens County Cancer Association is accepting volunteers for the Road to Recovery through the American Cancer Society to provide transportation for people in Laurens to their cancer treatments. If you are interested, contact Volunteer Coordinator Patsy Taylor at 864-984-4009 for details or email [Lccancerassoc@gmail.com](mailto:Lccancerassoc@gmail.com).

LOOSE THREADS QUILT GUILD fundraiser for Laurens County Memorial Home. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing for quilt, on display at Jitters, on the square in Clinton, will be Dec. 18 at the Guild meeting. Tickets available at Jitters, L&L Office Supply, Laurens County Memorial Home, YMCA. The guild meets the third Thursday of each month at Broad Street United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For information, contact Ann Johnson, 864-684-1794 or Marilyn Cooper, 864-684-0070.

ALANON, for friends and families of alcoholics, meets Mon. a 8 p.m. at the Alconon Serenity Club on U.S. 221 south of Laurens.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets Tues. at 8 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in Clinton; Fri. at 8 p.m. at First Baptist in Joanna; Mon. Thursdays & Sat. at 8 p.m.; and Mon., Wed. and Sat. at 10 a.m. at the Alconon Serenity Club on U.S. 221 south of Laurens.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION program and services. For information, call 866-844-0995 or visit [www.alz.org/sc](http://www.alz.org/sc).

BRIGADIER GENERAL SAMUEL MCGOWAN CAMP #40, Sons of Confederate Veterans meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the SCV building, 206 Calhoun Street, Laurens.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER LITERACY TUTOR and change someone's life for the better. Call the Laurens County Literacy Council for more information. 984-0466.

CAMPBELL LODGE #44 AFM will conduct a regular communication each 3rd Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at South Broad Street, Clinton. All Master Masons in good standing are urged to attend. AFM members only.

CLINTON AMERICAN LEGION POST 56 meets the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at Bailey Manor.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, Shands-Lanford Chapter 52 and Auxiliary meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Senior Options Building located behind the Laurens County Memorial Hospital. All disabled American veterans are invited to attend. Chapter and Auxiliary members are urged to attend.

GIVE YOUR BABY A HEALTHY START. Free breast feeding classes will be offered the second Tuesday of each month at Laurens County Health Department. Classes begin at 11 a.m. For more information, contact Georgianna Martin at 833-0000.

GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission, Inc. has funds available for utility assistance at the Laurens CSBG office, call 984-5123.

GOOD SHEPHERD FREE MEDICAL CLINIC OF LAURENS COUNTY is offering free medical exams to qualifying patients at 245 Human Services Road behind the Laurens County Hospital. Laurens County residents who have no private or government health insurance should bring household income documentation to the clinic on Friday mornings from 9-10 a.m. to complete qualification. Please call (864) 833-0017 for more information.

HOME SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP. Christian Home Educators of Laurens County (CHELC) is a group for home schoolers which provides opportunities for field trips and enrichment classes for students as well as support and library resources for their parents. If you would like more information about home education or an application for membership, please visit our website at [www.chelc.net](http://www.chelc.net) HOSPICE CARE OF SOUTH CAROLINA is devoted to providing the highest quality care for patients living with a terminally ill disease. The coordinated program of comfort and supportive care provides physical, psychological, social and spiritual resources for the patient, as well as their family. Our local office is at 100 Plaza Circle near the hospital. We are available to speak about Hospice Care to church groups, senior or civic groups and community organizations. For more information, contact 864-833-3002.

IF YOU ARE BLIND or know someone who is blind or legally blind, contact the Bell Center of the Blind at 984-4714, 1103

North Harper St., Laurens, S.C. There are services available. Meetings days are the second Tuesday of every month at noon.

JAMES B. PARROTT CHAPTER #9 Order of the Eastern Star meets at Magnolia Lodge in Joanna on the third Friday of every month.

J.B. KERSHAW CHAPTER OF THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY meets quarterly in the homes of their members and invites any eligible women to visit a meeting. For more information, contact Eloise Verdin at (864) 682-3294.

JOANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS meets the second Tuesday of each month at the firehouse.

JOANNA LIONS CLUB meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 PM at Hurricane Baptist Church. All Lions and anyone interested in joining the Largest Service Organization in the World, while helping those blind and deaf, are invited.

KIWANIS CLUB OF CLINTON meets at 6 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at the House of Pizza, Musgrove St. in Clinton. Visitors are welcome to attend. The club's mission is serving the children of the world through service. For more information, call Linda Sparks at 833-5360 or 833-9622.

LAURENS AREA ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP will meet the third Tuesday of each month, 3-4 pm at the Assisting Angels Homecare office, 113 Laurens St., in downtown Laurens. For more information, call Lisa Yarber, 864-681-1123. LAURENS COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD meets at 6 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the Administration Building, 1860 Hwy. 14, Laurens.

LAURENS COUNTY HOSPITAL DIABETIC EDUCATION SUPPORT GROUP/CLASS are held every Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Diabetes Center located at 200 Plaza Circle, Suite D, Clinton. For more information, call 833-4800.

LAURENS COUNTY NETWORKER'S CLUB Wednesdays at Timken Center, 1840 Torrington Road, Clinton, S.C. 10-11:30a.m. Call 833-0142 or 938-9841 for more information. LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56 board of trustees holds monthly meetings each fourth Monday. Meeting times are normally at 7 p.m. Agendas are posted in all district building prior to meetings and the media is notified at least 24 hours prior to each meeting.

LAURENS COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS VAN SCHEDULE: The Laurens County Veterans Affairs will provide weekly trips to four locations on a first come, first serve basis. Call Veterans Affairs Officer Carey Bolt at 984-4041 to reserve a seat.

LAURENS "END OF THE ROAD" GROUP OF NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets every Tuesday and Saturday 8-9 p.m. at the Bethel AME Church, 19035 Hwy. 221 North (at the intersection of Hwy. 49), Laurens.

LOOSE THREADS QUILT GUILD meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Broad Street United Methodist Church, Clinton. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to attend. For information, call Ann Johnson, 684-1794.

LUPUS SUPPORT GROUP will meet the first Sunday of every month at 3 p.m. at Rocky Springs Presbyterian Church, 1063 Rocks Springs Church Rd., Laurens. 864-682-3627. For people who suffer with Lupus, their families and friends and anyone wanting more information about the disease. [www.RSPCLupusSupportGroup.info](http://www.RSPCLupusSupportGroup.info)

MORNING GLORY CHAPTER 191 OF THE EASTERN STAR

meets the first Tuesday at each month at 6 p.m. at Consolation Lodge #3, 130 Buice Circle, next to Hebron Baptist Church. Members are urged to attend.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (Courage to Change group) meets Mondays and Thursdays at Broad Street United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Meetings are held in Room 7 (second floor) in the Hodges Hall wing of the church. The church is located at 310 North Broad Street. Parking is located behind the church.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Laurens County meets the meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6-7 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Clinton. If you or a family member suffers from a mental illness or need help coping, you are invited to attend the meetings. For more information, contact Terri, 554-2659.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC., Laurens County Section, meets the first Saturday of every month at 11 a.m. in the Laurens County Hospital Board Room.

NEW BETHEL CHAPTER #195 OES meets the fourth Thursday or each month at 6 pm at New Bethel AME Church, New Bethel Church Rd., Clinton.

NEWCOMERS AND FRIENDS CLUB will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Clinton YMCA. Ladies who are new to the area and current residents are invited.

NU THETA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., meets the 2nd Sat. of every month at 11 a.m. in the Laurens County Hospital Board Room.

OPEN DOOR CHRIST CENTERED DRUG & ALCOHOL MEETINGS Mon.-Fri. at 8-9:15 am and Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri at 7-8:15 pm. All are welcome. For more information, call Rev. Charles at 864-923-16442.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meets Monday at 10 a.m. at Alconon Serenity Club, 3702 Hwy. 221 South, Laurens. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program based on support from others and appeal to a higher power. It is free except for any publication purchased.

SAFE HOME SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN IN ABUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS. The group meets weekly, off-site, and is open to women who are in abusive relationships or are recovering from an abusive relationship. Please call Kim Perry at 682-7270 for more information.

SOUTH CAROLINA FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LEADERS invite all interested persons to attend the following meetings: Heirloom Needle Arts, first Monday 10 a.m.; Oak Grove, third Monday, 12 noon. For more information, call Clemson Extension office 864-984-2514, or Linda Finley, 864-682-2374. UNITED MINISTRIES, located at Samaritan's Corner, 500 Academy St., Clinton, is now providing financial assistance on Mon. & Wed., 9-11:30 a.m. The number of clients may be limited. The Food Bank is open Tuesday and Thursday, 1-3 p.m. (No new applications accepted after 2:30 p.m.) United Ministries and USDA are equal opportunity providers and employers.

WINGS OF HOPE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets every third Tuesday evening 5:30 pm at the GHS Laurens County Memorial Hospital. The support group meetings provide opportunities for support, sharing, learning and finding HOPE through your journey from others facing cancer and other life altering medical diagnosis. For more information, contact the Laurens County Association office at 872-5464 or our website <http://www.hopeincommunity/>.

### WANT TO POST YOUR EVENT ON THIS PAGE?

Deadline for Bulletin Board items is 11:00 am Tuesday, the week of publication. All Bulletin Board information must be submitted in writing to: Bulletin Board, P.O. Box 180, Clinton, SC 29325. Email to: [news@clintonchronicle.net](mailto:news@clintonchronicle.net). Please include a name and daytime phone number.

# Obituaries

## Brandon Henry Ray Berry and Katie Ann Berry

CLINTON - Brandon Henry Ray Berry, 27, and his sister, Katie Ann Berry, 18, both passed away Monday, December 1, 2014 from injuries received in an automobile accident.

They were born in Clinton and were the children to Mary Campbell Berry of the home, and the late Danny Ray Berry.

In addition to their mother, Brandon is survived by a son, Brayden Ray Berry.

Funeral services were held December 7 at the Gray Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Sherrill Green officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made toward Brandon and Katie's funeral expense, C/O Gray Funeral Home, PO Box 125, Clinton, SC 29325.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.grayfuneralhome.com](http://www.grayfuneralhome.com)

Gray Funeral Home of Clinton



## Patricia Maude Childs Ferguson

SIMPSONVILLE - Patricia Maude Childs Ferguson, 71, died Saturday, November 29, 2014 at her home.

She was born to the late Columbus D. and Maudie Stoddard Childs on August 22, 1943. This couple established Childs Funeral Home, Inc., in

Clinton. She was educated in the Laurens County School System and graduated from Bell Street High School in 1961. She continued her education by graduating from Benedict College in 1965. She earned a masters degree in education from South Carolina State College in 1970.

Patricia taught in the Greenville County School system at Taylors and Wade Hampton Elementary schools and as a guidance counselor at Hillcrest High School. She served for over 27 years before retiring in 1994.

She was a member of Reedy River Baptist Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Patricia married her college sweetheart Harvey Ferguson in 1965 and from this union three children were born: Harlicia Ferguson-Farley, Hemion Elpatrick Ferguson and Heiron Edwin Ferguson, all of Greenville. She also has six grandchildren: Monica, Harrison, Ferguson, Elisha, Sarah and Jeremiah.

She is also survived by her sisters: F. Ann Gray Childs of Clinton and Gloria Childs of Richmond, Va.; a brother, Marcus (Charlene) Childs of Charlotte, NC; four aunts: Gladys Henderson and Louise Stoddard of Gray Court, Sadie Stoddard of Waterloo and Ruth Williams Stoddard of Simpsonville; sisters-in-law: Estell Durham and Cynthia Ferguson of Greenville and Charlotte Ferguson of Columbia; brothers-in-law: Fred Ferguson of Columbia, Earl Ferguson, Alton Ferguson, Thomas Perkins, all of Greenville, and Raymond Arnold of Spartanburg.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Columbus D. Childs Jr.

Funeral services were December 4 at Reedy River Missionary Baptist Church, Greenville.

Childs Funeral Home, Clinton

## Wilhelmina Harris Gault

CLINTON - Wilhelmina Harris Gault, 83, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014 at the National Health Care of Clinton.

She was a native of Clinton and a daughter of the late Brian William and Lois Marie Gault Harris.

Mrs. Gault retired from Clinton Mills, Lydia Plant and was a member of Hurricane Baptist Church.

Surviving are two sons, Jody Gault and wife, Kristie and Bryan Gault and wife, Carol Ann all of Clinton; a daughter, Wanda Kay Morrison and husband, Randy of Santuck; a brother, Roger Harris and one sister, Lillie Mae Frost of Union; eight granddaughters and nine great granddaughters.

She was predeceased by a daughter, Glenda Faye Gault, a sister, Hazel Minor and a brother, Lewis "Bud" Harris.

Graveside services were conducted Dec. 5 at the Hurricane Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Hurricane Baptist Church Missions Fund, 2763 Hurricane Church Rd., Clinton, SC 29325.

Condolences can be expressed online at [www.grayfuneralhome.com](http://www.grayfuneralhome.com)

Gray Funeral Home, Clinton

## Michael Wilton King

CROSS HILL - Michael Wilton King, 51, died Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at home.

He was born in Laurens and was the son of Beverly and William (Bill) Moore of the home and Wilton King.

Mr. King was an employee of Dish Network in Spartanburg.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his daughters Katie Jean King and Michelle King; his brothers, Maxie Reeder (Maria) and William (Billy) Moore II (Linda); his sisters Jane Lyons (Rodney), Dawn Allen and Kimberly Raimes (Tim); and one grandson.

Graveside services were held December 6 at Pinelawn Memory Gardens with Rev. Dan Compton officiating.

Memorials may be made to Gibbs Cancer Center, 101 E Wood Street, Spartanburg, SC 29303.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.grayfuneralhome.com](http://www.grayfuneralhome.com)

Gray Funeral Home of Clinton

## Kathleen "Buddie" Ledford

CLINTON - Kathleen "Buddie" Ledford, 87, widow of Wyatt I. Ledford, died Friday,

December 5, 2014 at NHC of Clinton.



December 5, 2014 at NHC of Clinton.

She was born in Abbeville County and was the daughter of the late William Edgar and Lucille Colvard Childs.

Mrs. Ledford retired from Whitten Center and later retired from Belk in Laurens. She was a member of First Baptist Church and the Faith Sunday School Class.

She enjoyed Water Aerobics at the YMCA and driving her dog, Snuggles, in her golf cart. She fed and loved three stray

cats, and was famous for her chocolate cake and peanut butter fudge.

She is survived by her daughter, Dianne L. Parker (Mike) of Statesville, NC; her granddaughter, Jan Smith of Clinton; her grandson, Jay Davis of Anderson; and her great-grandsons, Jake Smith, Marshall Davis, Wyatt Davis and Zeb Davis.

Funeral services were held Monday at the Gray Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Rosemont Cemetery.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the amazing love and compassion from all of the staff at NHC of Clinton.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Clinton, 301 S Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325 or Hospice of Laurens County, PO Box 178, Clinton SC 29325.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.grayfuneralhome.com](http://www.grayfuneralhome.com)

Gray Funeral Home of Clinton

## Baby Boomers: protect tour retirement nest egg

For the more than 70 million Baby Boomers approaching retirement, the road to their financial goals has become much cloudier than for previous generations. With benefits such as Social Security and employer pensions less certain, it is up to those approaching, or at, retirement, to choose the right strategy and information sources for making responsible decisions.

**Plan and Protect**  
Focus on protecting your nest egg via conservative investments. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, almost 20 percent of retiree income will be spent on health care.

**Think Conservatively**  
An easy rule of thumb is that you'll need to replace 70 to 90 percent of your pre-retirement income

**Choose Safely**  
For the portion of retirement savings you want to protect for near-term use, consider safer options.

It is important to consider an insurer's financial strength and to choose an annuity that allows you to customize it and access funds when you need them.

# Church News

## Springdale, Epworth UMCs

The combined choirs of Springdale United Methodist Church and Epworth United Methodist Church will present a Christmas cantata at 11 am on Sunday, Dec. 14 at Epworth, 305 Magnolia St., Joanna.

The work, which combines hymns, new music, and narration, is by Craig Adams and is entitled, "Ten Thousand Joys: A Celebration for Christmas." The choir will be directed by Joel Leckie and accompanied by Margaret Solomon, with narration by Rev. Jerry Pickens.

Lunch will be served following the program. The public is invited.

## Davidson Street Baptist Church

Saturday, December 13 - Pancakes with Santa in your PJs. 9 to 11 am (\$6 per ticket - breakfast & pic with Santa are included). Tickets can be purchased at the door ~ Call church office with questions All proceeds will go to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Sunday, December 14th - Christmas Cantata, 11 am. Adult and children's choir will lead in worship.

Wednesday, December 24th - Candlelight Communion, 6 pm. 30-min service.

The public is invited to all services.

## Mt. Cowell Baptist Church

Mt. Cowell Baptist Church, God's Pantry will be open on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. instead of Dec. 27.

## Evidence of Faith Worldwide Ministry

The first Family Conference will be held at the Evidence of Faith Worldwide Ministry, 112B Bolt Dr., Laurens, Dec. 18-20.

Thursday, Dec. 18, 7 pm, Pastor Chadrick Jordan, Hickory Tavern Church of God.

Friday, Dec. 19, 7 pm, Apostle Anthony Dawkins, Empowerment Christian Fellowship, Simpsonville.

Saturday, Dec. 20, Apostle Anthony Sinkler, Evidence of Faith Worldwide Ministry, strengthening the family at 11 am, close-out worship service at 5 pm.

Prayer for families nightly at 6:30 pm.

The public is invited. For more information, call 864-681-3798.

## Soup Kitchen of Laurens County

The Soup Kitchen of Laurens County will be feeding the hungry for Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 20. Volunteers are needed.

The meal will be served at Sanders Middle School, at 601 Green St, Laurens. On Friday the 19th at 6:00 p.m., volunteers will prepare for the mass feeding for Saturday, Dec. 20 at 8:00 a.m. For soup kitchen needs, call the church at 833-3377, Rev.

at 833-3377, Rev. Jim Swiger, H1S-SC License #412

Kennedy at 684-8197 or Ms. Williams at 371-9147.

## Hopwell, Sharon UMC

Hopwell UMC and Sharon UMC will celebrate a joint Christmas candlelighting service December 22 at 6:30PM at Hopwell UMC located at 1557 Hopwell Church Road, Clinton.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service. The public is invited.

## Miracle Church of God in Christ

Miracle Church of God in Christ, 205 Hampton Ave., Clinton, will have the annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, Dec. 14 at 2:30 pm.

The public is invited. Willie Fant is pastor.

For more information, call 864-200-0083 or 864-697-4506.

## Chosen Generation Ministries

The Angels Network Support Ministry - will hold the first session on Saturday, Dec. 20 from 9am - 11 am at Chosen Generation Ministries, 21282 Hwy. 76 East, Laurens.

This is a ministry to offer peer support to those that lost children by way of miscarriage, SIDs, or in any way.

For more information contact Church Administrator Mrs. Natalie Boyd at [Natalie.boyd1@yahoo.com](mailto:Natalie.boyd1@yahoo.com) or at the church 864-682-2467

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Please join us to honor your loved ones by lighting the candles that have been placed on their grave sites.  
Share with us the devotional message in our chapel mausoleum area. For more information, call 833-3413. In case of rain, event will be postponed until 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 2014.  
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## Indoor plants will brighten your home this winter

Got the winter blues? Or perhaps you're looking to brighten the ambiance in a room.

Indoor gardens are an inexpensive way to lift your spirits, change your decor, and bring a little sunshine to short winter days. And February is National Indoor Gardening Month, offering you the perfect opportunity to learn the basics to growing plants indoors.

Here are some helpful tips to get you started:

Before buying up the garden section of your local home improvement store, it's important to decide what you want to grow. House plants can grow under the relatively low light levels, but fresh herbs like basil and cilantro require a more direct sun or artificial light to thrive. And flowering plants like tomatoes and petunias require even more light—either a sunny window or grow lights.

Once you've decided what you want to grow, it's time to decide on a space for your garden. Consider things like potential drafts, floor and shelf space, access to water and room for grow

lights, if needed.

You should also consider how much time you have to nurture new life forms in your home. If you travel a lot or work two jobs, you may want to grow plants that need infrequent watering. If you're retired or a homebody, you can stock your home with more plants of greater diversity.

Just like their exposure to light, different plants need different amounts of water and types of nutrients. Slow growing plants need less nutrients and often less water. Fast growing plants like to be consistently damp. Trial and error and a bit of research will help in determining what's right for the plants you want to grow.

Or you can use innovation to your advantage. For example, a product called the AeroGarden is a soil-free, indoor growing system that lets you grow anything from tarragon to tomatoes.

## Environmental science 'an important field of study'

How can we continue to feed a world that adds the number of people living in Germany every year?

How can we reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, which have accelerated climate change and made weather more extreme?

How can we stem the loss of biodiversity, which could wipe out half the species on earth by the end of the century?

These are pressing problems, by anyone's reckoning.

"There can be no doubt that environmental science is an important field of study," said Associate Professor of Environmental Geology Dr. Dan Pardieck, who directs Lander University's environmental science program.

Lander's ES program is small, with an average enrollment of between 14 and 20 majors, but good things come in small packages. The program was recently featured in the WorldWideLearn.com article, "15 Environmental Programs That Just Might Save the World."

While the number of ES majors has remained more or less constant, Pardieck said he has seen an increase in the number of ES minors, many of whom are biology or chemistry students. He has also seen "a significant interest in environmental issues among Lander students in general."

There are plenty of issues from which to choose. The list includes sea-level rise, and the flooding associated with it; energy and mineral resource depletion; air and water pollution; human waste generation and disposal; water scarcity; soil erosion; deforestation; the loss of fisheries; damage to coral reefs; the spread of infectious diseases, including those caused by organisms that have developed antibiotic resistance; the evolution and spread of pests resistant to pesticides; and invasive species, such as fire ants and kudzu.

In recent years, Lander ES students have studied water quality in Lake Greenwood; ways of optimizing Greenwood's sewage water treatment plant; the benefits of organic



**Environmental science major Patricia Sorrow, of Abbeville, left, measures water temperature as part of an effort to assess water quality in Greenwood's Rock Creek. She is joined by Associate Professor of Environmental Geology Dr. Dan Pardieck, director of Lander's environmental science program; and environmental science major Daniel Frederick, of Florence.**

farming; causes of the decline of European honeybees, and many other issues of local importance. They've completed internships with Velux; Capsugel; the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC); Santee Cooper Electric Cooperative; Georgia Select Fish Farm; and other employers. Pardieck said several employers "actively seek interns from our ES program, but I cannot keep them happy because of the small size of the program."

Environmental Science graduates are in demand, Pardieck said, because an ES degree "requires competence in several disciplines, and the integration of insights from these disciplines to solve complex problems. This is a very high level of

learning valued by employers."

Pardieck said the number of careers available to those with ES degrees is "large, and growing." Lander ES graduates have gotten jobs as environmental technicians, chemists and analysts; DHEC employees; USDA researchers; state park rangers and staff members; and as safety, health and environmental specialists for local industries. Two have worked on environmental research projects for universities, one in the Caribbean and the other in New Zealand and England. One has completed a Ph.D. and is seeking work as a research professor in Britain.

"I am very proud of the highly successful history of placement of graduates of the ES program at Lander into discipline-related positions," Par-

dieck said.

ES program seniors Daniel Frederick, of Florence, and Patricia Sorrow, of Abbeville, are keeping an open mind on the subject of life after Lander. Frederick said he may continue his studies elsewhere. If he decides to enter the work force, he'd like to work for the Department of Natural Resources, DHEC, or as a park warden or ranger. "All these careers would go hand-in-hand with the preparation I've received through my experience at Lander," he said.

Sorrow, likewise, doesn't intend to hold out for a particular kind of job. "There are many directions I can take to reach my ultimate goal, which is to make an impact on the lives of others and help make the world a better place for the generations to come," she said.



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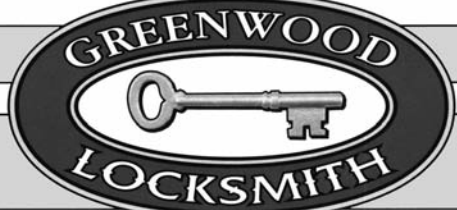


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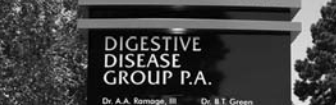


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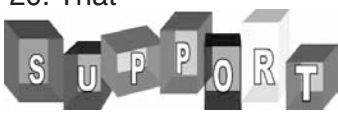
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LAURENS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT AND THE ABOLITION OF WATERLOO FIRE DISTRICT, GRAY COURT FIRE DISTRICT, CROSS HILL FIRE DISTRICT, AND LAURENS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE DISTRICT

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tection and Rescue District (together, the "Prior Districts"). All areas within the Prior Districts would be included within the New District. Accordingly, notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Laurens County Council Chambers, Courthouse Square, Laurens, South Carolina on January 13, 2015 for the purpose of determining whether the area described above shall be included in the proposed New District and the Prior Districts abolished. Pursuant to the provisions of the Enabling Act, there must be levied ad valorem taxes within the New District and there must be imposed rates and charges therein to the extent necessary as determined by the Council to defray the cost of operation and maintenance of the New

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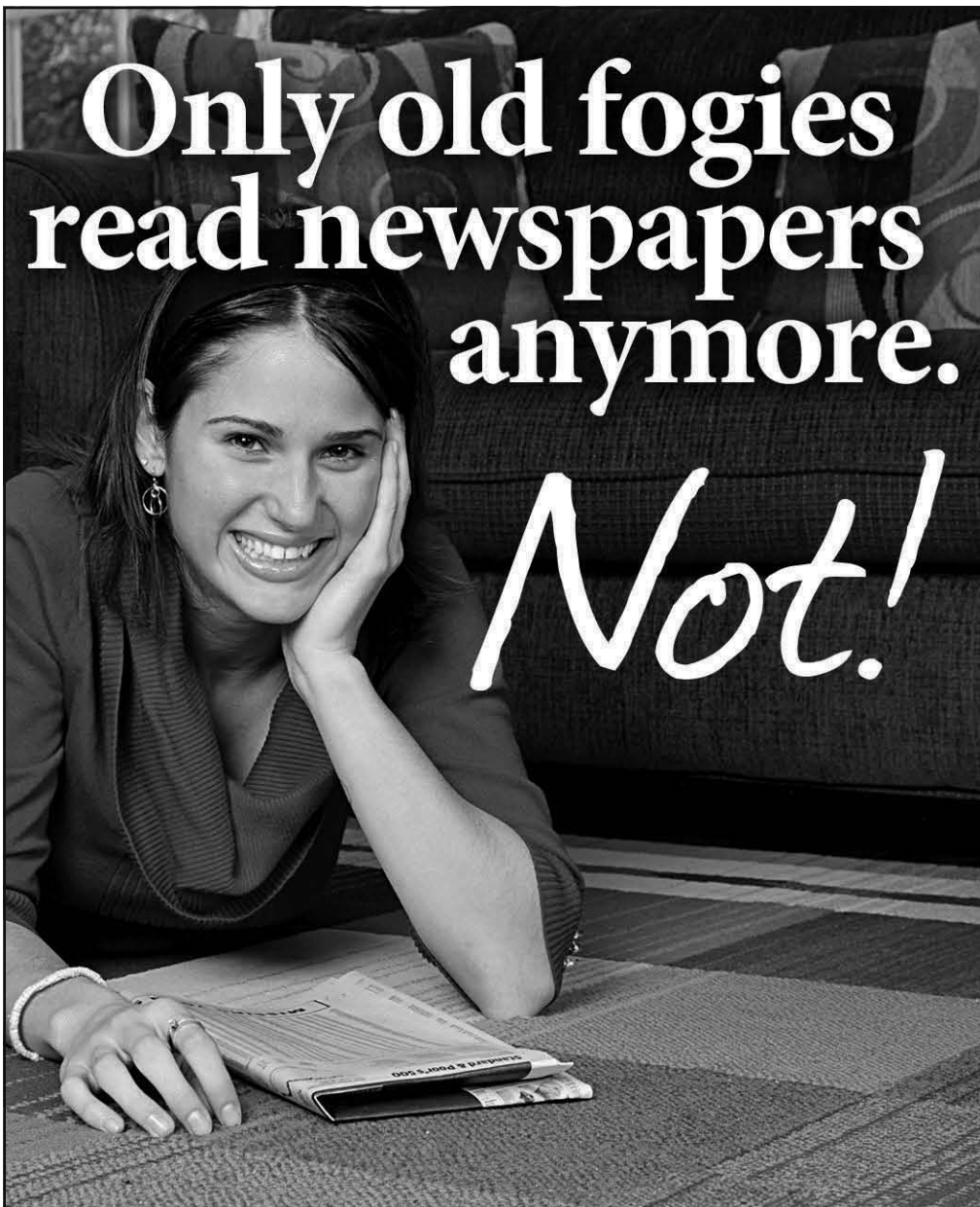
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**PTC, Lander create a new gateway into nursing:** Piedmont Technical College and Lander University recently signed an articulation agreement that will create a bridge program for nursing students who would like to begin their studies at PTC, and then transfer to Lander University. Signing the agreement at a recent ceremony are, front row, from left: Dr. Ray Brooks, president of Piedmont Technical College; and Dr. Daniel Ball, president of Lander University. Back row, from left: Dr. Jennifer Wilbanks, associate vice president for academic affairs at PTC; Paula Haynes, R.N. to B.S.N. coordinator at Lander; Tara Harris, dean of nursing at PTC; Dr. Jack Bagwell, vice president for academic affairs at PTC; Dr. David Mash, vice president for academic affairs at Lander; Dr. Robbie South, director of the School of Nursing at Lander; and Dr. David Slimmer, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics at Lander.

## PTC, Lander create a new gateway into nursing

As the need for more highly skilled nurses continues to rise, Piedmont Technical College and Lander University are joining together to help meet the demand for this profession in South Carolina. The two institutions recently signed an articulation agreement that will provide a new gateway for students with an associate degree who would like to continue their education with a bachelor's of science in nursing (B.S.N.).

This partnership will allow students to complete the associate degree nursing program at Piedmont Tech and then seamlessly transfer to Lander University's online Registered Nurse (R.N.) to B.S.N. option. This agreement will assist the state in achieving its goal of increasing the number nurses with a B.S.N.

to 80 percent by 2020.

"For many years, we have wanted to create a seamless transition to Lander University for our associate degree in nursing students," said Tara Harris, dean of nursing at PTC. "We want our students to graduate from South Carolina universities, especially when it's our neighbor. This is a big stride in the right direction."

"There is a goal within the nation to increase the number of bachelors-prepared nurses," said Dr. Robbie South, director of the School of Nursing at Lander. "We really wanted to work and have a smooth transition from the program at Piedmont Tech to our program so that we can increase the number of B.S.N graduates in Greenwood and the surrounding counties that we serve."

Students who are admitted to an associate degree program of study at Piedmont Technical College and meet minimum requirements will receive a guaranteed seat in Lander's online program. The agreement provides a greater degree of flexibility for students who wish to enroll in the R.N. to B.S.N. program.

"These two institutions have been noted to do many things together and this is just another excellent partnership between the two schools," said Dr. Daniel Ball, president of Lander University.

"I think the synergy between the two programs will give a unique perspective to the students who come through," said Dr. Ray Brooks, president of Piedmont Tech. "This will help the students and the community

and it will be good for the colleges."

The agreement between the nursing programs is just the first step Piedmont Technical College and Lander University are looking to take. The agreement is paving the way for more transfer options in the future.

"I look forward to this agreement for not only what it will do for our nursing program, but for how it will serve as a nice bridge for more of our programs in the future," said Dr. David Slimmer, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics at Lander.

To learn more about the PTC nursing program, go to [www.ptc.edu/nursing](http://www.ptc.edu/nursing) or call (864) 941-8724. For more information on Lander's School of Nursing, contact their Office of Admissions at (864) 388-8307.

## New research proves that it's better to give than receive

Happy birthday, congratulations, thank you, I love you, thinking of you. Each day, millions of gifts are exchanged by friends and loved ones.

According to research from Rutgers University, the presents we choose say a lot about who we are and how we're perceived. For instance, researchers found that those who send flowers are viewed as successful, caring and emotionally intelligent people.

"Our findings show that you can influence and change what people think of you in a significant way through the gifts you give," says Dr. Jeannette Haviland-Jones, director of Rutgers' Human Emotions Lab. "That news is particularly important to those interested in enhancing friendships and romances, even business relationships."

The study reveals that men and women who give flowers are perceived as happy, achieving, strong, capable and courageous people. The researchers also concluded that those who give flowers give the impression they can effectively express their feelings and take time to understand the feelings of others.

"Gift recipients experience compelling connections with givers, and the positive link is particularly evident in the exchange of flowers," says M.J. Ryan, author of the "Random Acts of Kindness" book series. "People truly and fondly remember when they get flowers, and you will continue to feel thanked throughout your relationship long after you send them."

According to Ryan, a simple call to the florist can make a big impact beyond conventional gifting occasions. With this in mind, here is a helpful list of her favorite unexpected reasons to

send floral gifts:

\* **One Who Makes a Difference:** Think of the car pool mom, scout leader, teacher or hairdresser who makes an everyday difference in your life. A surprise bouquet is a convenient, informal way to thank them.

\* **Best Friend Boosts:** Send a celebratory bunch to a friend who lands a dream job, a sibling who receives a promotion or friend who reaches a personal milestone.

\* **Moment of Calm:** Help someone dealing with a hectic time relax with a tranquil floral gift. Your florist can give you ideas on soothing colors and styles to deliver that "moment of calm."

\* **Lifeguard Reward:** Send flowers to your baby sitter or pet sitter as a surprise for safely guarding your most prized possessions.

\* **A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood:** Welcome new neighbors or delight an elderly neighbor with a colorful flowering plant or fresh flowers. It's a great way to break the ice or show you care.

\* **Fresh Squeeze:** Don't wait for Valentine's Day to say "I love you." Send your loved one flowers when least expected. Or, on your birthday, send flowers to mom to thank her for all she's done for you.

For more flower tips and a directory of local professional florists, visit [www.aboutflowers.com](http://www.aboutflowers.com).

"Flowers have evolved to activate positive emotional responses from people," says Haviland-Jones. "Each bloom has the potential to put a smile on our face and sway our opinion of a friend, colleague or loved one. That's powerful."

### Join Us in November to Celebrate National Hospice & Palliative Care Month.

Each November hospices across the country are reaching out to raise awareness about the important care issues for people coping with a serious illness.

**11/8/14: Community Wide Yard Sale**

Clinton & Laurens Hospice Thrift Stores ~ 8am - 12pm

**11/9/14: Annual Candle Lighting Memorial Service**

Laurel Hill Baptist Church ~ 3pm

**11/10/14: Pain Resource Nurse Training**

Educational Program

from The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care. Hospice of Laurens County Conference Room. ~ 8am - 5pm  
Registration is required. CEU credits available.

**11/11/14: Veterans Day Drop-In Lunch**

Hospice of Laurens County Conference Room ~ 11am - 1pm

**11/14/14: Consider the Conversation Documentary Screening**

Laurens County Public Library Meeting Room ~ 11am - 12pm

**11/17/14: Hospice 101 for Clinical Staff Training**

Educational Program from

The Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care. Hospice of Laurens County Conference Room ~ 8am - 5pm  
Registration is required. CEU credits available.

**11/19/14: Financial & Estate Planning Lunch & Learn**

Hospice of Laurens County Conference Room ~ 12pm - 1pm

**11/21/14: Grief Webinar**

Hospice of Laurens County Conference Room ~ 10am - 11am  
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