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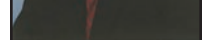
McLean wins city council seat

By Trevor Baratko
Staff Writer

Bob McLean defeated incumbent Truman Owens for the Ward 5 seat on Clinton City Council in yesterday's runoff election.

McLean received a total of 143 votes to Owens' 99.

In Clinton 1, McLean received 66 votes and Owens 60. In Clinton 2, McLean received 68 and Owens 36.



Owens

McLean received 9 absentee votes while Owens received 2.

The results will be certified Thursday by the Laurens County Election Commission.

McLean said it was a "satisfying" experience.

"I feel overwhelmed," he said. "It's been a long, hard process but I'm thankful for everyone who voted for me."

If the results are certified, McLean will be sworn in April 4.

Owens has served on city council for 41 years.



McLean

City utility rate increases proposed

By Bristow Marchant
Staff Writer

Clinton utility customers will see an increase in their monthly utility bills under the budget proposed to city council Monday night.

Electric rates are set to go up 8 percent in the suggested 2009-10 city budget, and sewer rates would go up 3 percent.

Electricity and water make up a major component of Clinton's revenue, City Manager Josh Kay said during the special budget session in the Community Building on East Ferguson Street. The utility fund makes up 72 percent of the city's \$23.4 million budget.

"We don't take in a lot from property taxes or permits, so we are almost completely reliant on utility rates," Kay said.

The city manager's proposal explains what the rate change will mean to the typical cus-

tom. The average electric bill of \$184 will increase by \$14.72 a month, an increased cost of \$176.64 annually. The average sewer bill is currently \$27.04, and with an increase of 81 cents per month would add \$9.73 to the annual bill.

The total effect on the average customer will be an extra \$15.53 a month and \$186.37 a year.

Utilities will also make up a larger share of city revenue this year because of reductions in revenue from other sources due to current economic conditions. Property and vehicle taxes, business licenses, permits and inspection fees, state-shared revenue and the local options sales tax are all down from last year.

Listed in the general fund as "other financing sources," utility rates generate 29 percent of all revenue, the largest single contributor to the city. In the proposed budget, utilities will provide an additional \$97,408

compared to the 2008-09 budget.

City property taxes, business licenses, permits and fees will not change in the proposed budget.

Electricity rates are particularly important for the utility fund, representing 73 percent of all revenue, or \$12.5 million, a projected increase of \$815,000 from last year.

Utilities are also projected to suffer from increased operations and maintenance costs in the next fiscal year. Electric expenses will increase by \$378,190, and water expenses by \$73,422. The sewer system, however, shows a savings of \$134,461.

To get a picture of how Clinton compares to surrounding municipalities, the city conducted a survey comparing rates of local utilities. With an electric rate of \$107.75 per 1,000 kilowatt hours, Clinton is slightly lower than the regional average of \$108.01. Broad River Cooperative has the highest rate of the

survey with \$133.50, and Gaffney had the lowest with \$88.01.

"When you look at Greenwood and Seneca" which have some of the lowest electric rates in the area, Kay said, "remember they're both on long-term contracts that expire next year. I'm willing to bet we see those rates jump considerably."

Water rates in Clinton are also average at \$24.27 per 7,500 gallons, compared to \$23.95 regionally. Property taxes in Clinton are set at 97 mills (\$389.20 per \$100,000 home) compared to an average of 96. Sewer rates per 7,500 gallons are \$42.10 compared to \$34.57 average, a disparity Kay chalked up to costs passed on by the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission.

The proposed budget also calls for a reduction of the equivalent of 10 fulltime positions. Kay said that would be handled by normal attrition of city workers.

SLED investigation over; solicitor won't file charges against CHS football coach

By Trevor Baratko
Staff Writer

The investigation of Clinton High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Andy B. Young has been closed by the State Law Enforcement Division and reviewed by the Eighth Circuit Solicitor Jerry Peace.

No charges will be brought against Young.

Peace said after reviewing the case, he didn't see any reason to go forward.

"Based upon my review, I couldn't see anything that would

be proven beyond a reasonable doubt," Peace said.

Jennifer Timmons, communications director for SLED, said the case was closed late last week.

The parents of a former CHS football player alleged their son was kicked and struck by Young during pre-season camp last August.

District 56 conducted an internal investigation, and the Clinton Department of Public Safety and Laurens County Sheriff's office both looked into the case before asking SLED to look into the matter.

By Trevor Baratko
Staff Writer

The Clinton High School Science Olympiad team won the state championship last weekend at Newberry College, their first in 25 years.

The victory means CHS will join Bell Street Middle School at the National Science Olympiad in Augusta, Ga., on May 15.

CHS earned a low score of 64.5 points, edging Dutch Fork by half a point. Dorman High School finished third with 67 points, and Irmo finished fourth with 72.

"Only two and a half points separated the top three teams," said Dr. David O'Shields, one of the coaches for CHS. "Twenty events had come down to a difference of a half point between the

first and second place teams. It was a miracle."

CHS placed first in the Fossils, Dynamic Planet, Trajectory, Elevated Bridge, Forensics and Health Science.

The squad placed second in Experimental Design, Electric Vehicle and Herpetology and third in It's About Time. Fourth place finishes included Disease Detective, Write It/Do It and Picture This.

CHS placed fifth in Astronomy, Ecology and Remote Sensing and sixth in Physics Lab.

O'Shields said the winner was not known until the final announcement during the awards ceremony.

"The entire team ran to the front to grasp the first place tro-

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phy," said O'Shields. "Normally, just seniors accept the award, but not this time."

CHS Principal Robby Roach said he was thrilled after hearing his school's team had won.

"This is what we're trying to accomplish here academically," said Roach. "We're going up against some schools that are traditionally seen as academic powerhouses and we were able to beat them."

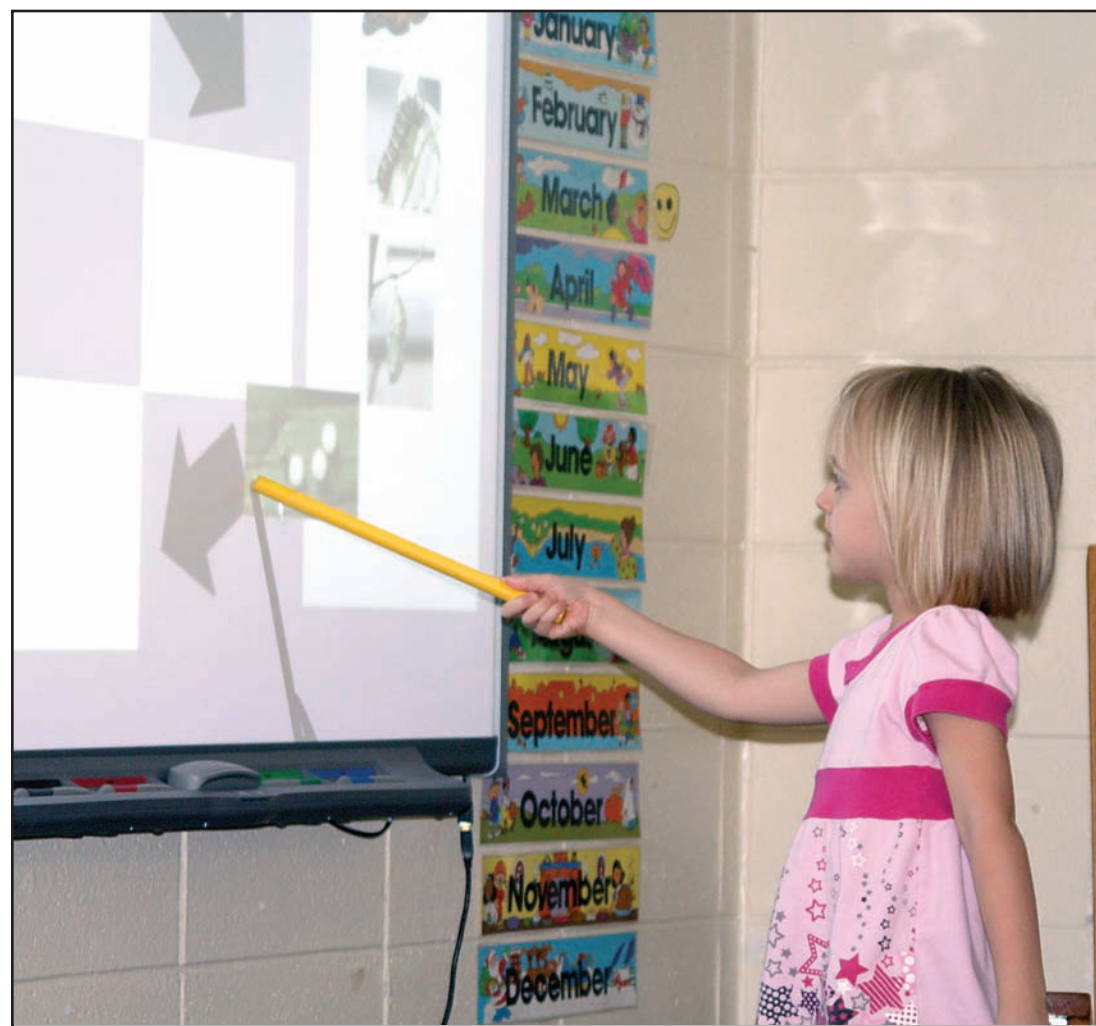
Roach said he credits the students and coaches preparation as the reason for the victory.

"A lot of time and effort went into this, and it's just great that we were able to come out on top," he said. "This just shows that Clinton is really an up-and-coming school and this district as a whole is

moving in the right direction."

Members of the CHS Science Olympiad team are Billy Amick, James Anderson, Shakeil Bates, Matt Beasley, Anna Dailey, Daniel Dendy, Jason Dendy, Grant Green, Catherine King, Kaitlyn Lollis, Katie O'Shields, Hailey Oxner, Christopher Rains, Blair Riddle, Drew Riddle, Amie Rischbieter, Tyler Snead, Laura Thorp, Jennifer Undari and Sarah Wicks.

Coaches were O'Shields, Kim Amick, Darren Atkins, Keith Avery, Kevin Cox, David Green, Ruth Green, Ken Hastings, Jimmy Jacobs, Michael Mack, Terri O'Shields, Diane Rischbieter, Mike Rischbieter, Dianne Summer, Stephanie Thacker, Elizabeth Zimmerman, Jacob Zimmerman and Ron Zimmerman.



Little learners: Abigail Cunningham, a student at M.S. Bailey Child Development Center, uses an interactive whiteboard during a lesson about the life cycle of a butterfly. Her teacher, Charmaine Wright, said the whiteboards expose students to images and videos they wouldn't see otherwise. — Photo by Trevor Baratko

Whiteboards help children look at learning as 'play'

By Trevor Baratko
Staff Writer

Part of a series

"I want to play, I want to play." That's what the students at M.S. Bailey Child Development Center said during a math lesson with their interactive whiteboard.

"For them, it's fun to use the whiteboards," said Charmaine Wright, a teacher at M.S. Bailey. "They look at it as playing, but they're definitely learning too. The whiteboards really do make it fun for them."

Wright said she uses the board several hours during the day to keep the students involved and active.

"With the young kids, they may have shorter attention spans than middle school students. The whiteboards keep their attention," said Wright.

Students as young as four are able to navigate the internet and use the whiteboards themselves, said Wright.

"It allows me to be helping a small group of students at one end of the class and another group can be using the whiteboard," she said. "They are able to help and teach each other."

Wright said she uses her smartboard for "all kinds of subjects," and it's especially helpful for writing and math lessons.

"There are so many different programs and applications available," she said. "There are thousands of ways we can use the boards."

Nancy Roland, coordinator at the child development center, said whiteboards are on every teacher's wish list.

"Before we had many of them, there were just a few teachers that really expressed interest in getting one," Roland said. "But now after everyone has seen how great they are, everyone wants one."

Roland said the boards will help lure quality teachers into the district.

"When teachers are considering coming to a district, they want to have the best technology in their classrooms," she said.

Last week, Wright read The Very Hungry Caterpillar to her class. After reading the story, she pulled up a Youtube video on the whiteboard to further explain the lifecycle of a butterfly and give the kids a better understanding of the process.

"It gives the kids more exposure to videos and pictures," Wright said. "As four-year-olds, they've had very few experiences. And it's so easy, all of the kids have a basic understanding for how to use the internet and the whiteboard."

The interactive whiteboard committee's goal is to raise \$450,000 for the purchase of 150 whiteboards.

Last week, the committee gave Brazell the funds to purchase the first whiteboard through the campaign.

To make a donation toward the purchase of a whiteboard, send checks to Whiteboards, c/o The Clinton Chronicle, PO Box 180, Clinton, S.C. 29325. All donations are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to School District 56 Whiteboards.

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Learning through: Members of the Laurens County Higher Education Committee held their annual meeting Thursday and reviewed how the Higher Ed Center is weathering the recession. Seated counterclockwise are Laurens School District 55 assistant superintendent Dr. Billy Strickland, Piedmont Tech president Dr. Ray Brooks, University of South Carolina representative Connie Parker, campus dean Dr. Peggy Prescott, and Lifelong Learning director Ken Alexander.

— Photo by Bristow Marchant

Economy is good news, bad news for education providers

By Bristow Marchant
Staff Writer

The recession presents educators with both a problem and an opportunity.

That was the message at the annual meeting of the Laurens County Higher Education Advisory Committee on Thursday. The different department heads at the Higher Education Center on Medical Ridge Road told the committee how the economic downturn has affected them, and how it could increase demand for their services.

Ken Alexander, Lifelong Learning Director at the Higher Ed Center, said he had seen a dramatic drop in the past year in the number of participants in the basic computer instruction classes offered to local industries. Last year's high of 90 students has dropped this year to two.

"That tells you where we are when that's not a priority," Alexander said.

Economic troubles can be a detriment to continuing education. So far this year, 52 students who registered for Lifelong Learning classes have failed to attend. Enrollment at Piedmont Tech is also down slightly to 384, from a high of around 500.

But the center's educators also said the economy could spur more people to sign up for classes at the center, because when surviving in a tough economy, education is critical. The center's GED program has enrolled 63 student this year, a good sized turnout according to Alexander.

"Because of the economy, they realize they have to come back and get their diplomas," he said, but added there's still a lot of work to be done.

"I don't remember the exact number, but there are thousands in Laurens County without a high school diploma, so we're just touching the tip of the iceberg."

"This is a huge potential

growth area for us," said Dr. Ray Brooks, president of Piedmont Tech. "We need to understand people's needs in this economy."

All branches of the Higher Ed Center work together to move students along. Once a student completes an adult education course or receives their GED from Lifelong Learning — which taught 925 people in one way or another last year — Alexander encourages them to continue with classes at Piedmont Tech or the local University of South Carolina branch.

"We've talked about starting a 'middle college' collaboration, where we could mix these people with students who are already taking college courses," said Dr. Peggy Prescott, dean of the Higher Ed Center.

"If we can establish that personal connection, then they can really encourage their cohorts to come to class. We might even be able to get them into some of our courses at the same time."

Members of the committee said they believe the possibility of a transition from GED-seeker to college student is an incentive for people to come to the center.

"They like to be able to tell people 'I'm going to college,'" Brooks said. "It's a status thing, and that's important."

The two colleges also reported an increase in the services they offer. Prescott said Piedmont Tech is offering more courses in health science, criminal justice and business this semester, and USC's Connie Parker said her school will soon begin offering a new four-year degree in organizational leadership.

Committee members concluded the meeting by voting to approve the fiscal year 2009-10 budget of \$218,679, with Piedmont Tech receiving \$154,725, USC \$39,112 and Lifelong Learning \$24,840. Members also voted to move up their next meeting to Sept. 24 to discuss budgetary and other matters, and to meet again Feb. 25, 2010.

For more information, contact Assistant City Manager Frank Stovall at (864) 833-7518.

City offers tree planting training

The City of Clinton will sponsor a workshop on Tuesday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church to teach residents the proper ways to plant and care for trees on their property.

The event is being funded in part through a grant from the South Carolina Forestry Com-

mission. Participants will receive training on tree planting, caring for trees, and will have the opportunity to practice their new skills by working with the city plant trees at Clinton Mill Park.

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Celebrate Clinton

Activities planned in April

By Trevor Baratko
Staff Writer

April is Celebrate Clinton month and city officials, Presbyterian College and several other organizations have compiled a near-daily slate of events for residents to enjoy.

Diane Wyatt, executive director for the Clinton Downtown Association, said it's important for people to realize they don't have to leave Clinton in order to have a good time.

"This city has a lot to offer and that's what Celebrate Clinton is all about," she said. "We're also focusing on making most of these events free so people can go out and enjoy themselves without spending a lot of money."

On the arts and culture side, the Senior Art Exhibition at Presbyterian College will be on display beginning April 1 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

On April 24 and April 25, there will be artwork on display downtown as well as demonstrations by various artists.

"We'll have some painters, potters and other artists out on the street and in some of the

shops showing off their work," said Wyatt.

Also on April 24 and 25, Musgrove Mill Historic Site will host a Living History Festival featuring a reenactment of the Revolutionary War.

The Laurens County Community Theater will be performing The Just So Stories on April 2, 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Florida Street Theatre. For tickets, call 833-LCCT.

The Clinton Museum on South Broad Street be open every Sunday of the month from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For music lovers, the PC Jazz Band will be performing April 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Belk Auditorium. PC will also host a classical music night on April 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Wyatt said the city worked closely with PC to plan many of these events.

"Presbyterian College is a major part of Clinton," she said. "They always are having events, but sometimes people in the community aren't aware of them. We're hoping this month will make more people aware of what's going on at PC."

Town Rhythms will kick off on April 23 on the PC campus

with Pops on the Porch at 6:30 p.m. Town Rhythms will move to downtown inside the depot the following Thursday.

"Town Rhythms was so successful last year. We hope to build on that and make it event better this year. We already have several different types of music lined up," said Wyatt.

City events include Clean up Clinton Day on April 4 beginning at 10 a.m. at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center.

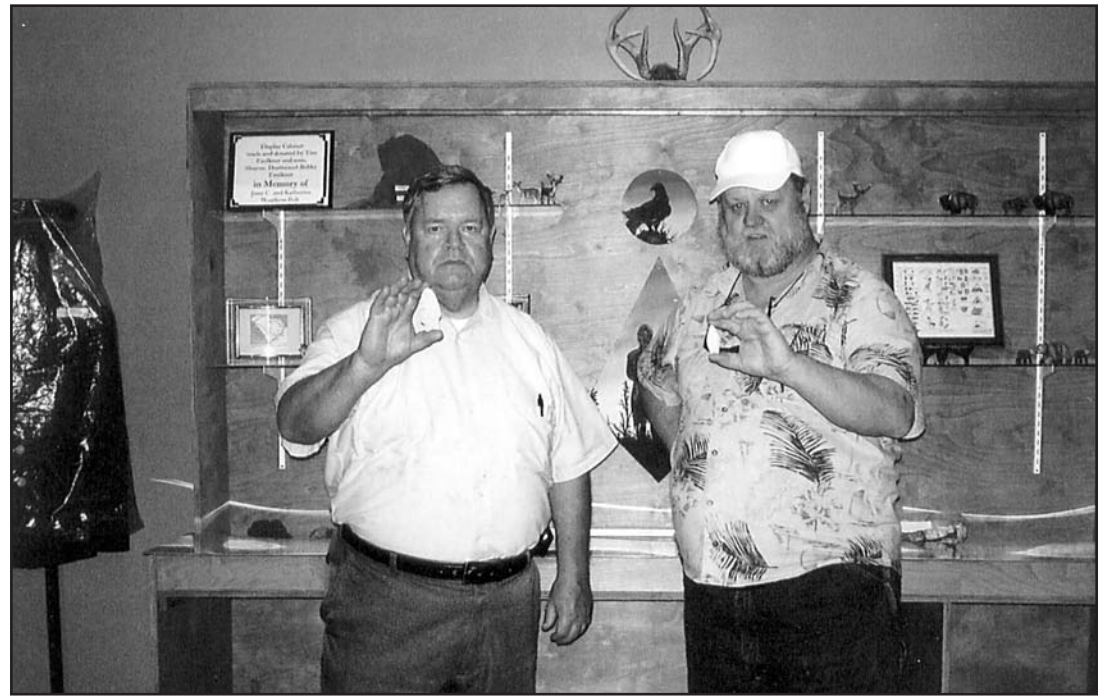
The first Easter Parade and Easter egg hunt will be held April 11 at 10 a.m. starting at the municipal building.

A community Easter sunrise service will be held April 12 at the Clinton High School football stadium.

On Monday, April 13, the city will hold the Clinton Focus 2013 unveiling celebration at the Broad Street United Methodist Church at 6 p.m.

Pamphlets with all of the events for Celebrate Clinton Month are available at M.S. Bailey Municipal Building and at The Chronicle office.

For more information on all events, contact Wyatt at 833-7505 or visit www.celebrate-clinton.com.



Timeline: The Laurens County Museum Association's quarterly meeting was held Thursday, March 19. The program featured Richard Sawyer, archaeologist from Greenville and Earl Bird, flint knapper from Easley. Sawyer presented program on the time line of the appearance of man in S.C. and surrounding states, based on archaeological research. Bird demonstrated how projectile points were made from various types of rock. The museum is open every Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and is located at 205 West Laurens St., Laurens.

Arnold Symposium next Tuesday

Presbyterian College's annual Arnold Symposium on Media and Technology will be held on March 31 on the college campus in Clinton.

This year's symposium will focus on the influence of the media and technology on politics, particularly how the two influenced the 2008 presidential race and how they might affect future national elections.

The symposium's keynote speaker, Peter Leyden, will kick off the event with a lecture on the Internet's role in elections at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 31, in Belk Auditorium.

An expert on technology and future trends, Leyden is the co-author of What's Next? and The Long Boom, a History of the Future. As the managing editor of the original Wired magazine, he followed the digital revolution that pioneered the early online world of the Web. He also worked at the Global Business Network, a think-tank on future trends and high-level strategy consulting firm that advises many top global corporations.

In addition to working as a special correspondent for Newsweek, he also has served as director of the New Politics Institute, a think-tank that helps people in politics understand emerging new technologies, new media, and the new demographic

reality of America. Leyden has master's degrees in comparative politics and journalism from Columbia University and is a summa cum laude graduate of Georgetown University.

At 7:30 p.m. on March 31, Leyden will join a panel discussion on what 2012 holds for new media and technology in politics. The event will be held in Edmunds Hall on the PC campus.

Joining Leyden on the panel are Dr. Scott Huffmon, associate professor of political science at Winthrop University and recent PC graduate Gray Brooks, who worked in national campaigns for both Howard Dean and Barack Obama.

Huffmon is the founder and director of the Social and Behavioral Research Laboratory at Winthrop, where he also directs the Winthrop/ETV Poll initiative. He has provided political commentary and poll results for CNN, "NBC Nightly News," ABC, MSNBC, the New York Times, the Washington Post, National Public Radio and other national news outlets.

He earned his Ph.D. in American politics and political methodology from the University of Mississippi in 2001. At Winthrop, he earned the Outstanding Junior Professor Award

in 2004 and serves as the faculty advisor to the award-winning Mu Pi chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, which named him one of three National Best Chapter Advisors for 2004-05.

Brooks is a 2007 graduate of PC who suspended his studies at the college for one year to volunteer for Dean's presidential campaign in 2004. Just after earning his degree in history, he worked in Obama's successful presidential bid as new media ombudsman by managing special projects for the new media director and as deputy director serving as a liaison with other departments. Since the election, Brooks helped coordinate the campaign "wind down" and is now beginning similar new media work at the Federal Communications Commission.

The Arnold Symposium is the cornerstone of PC's Russell Program and its yearlong examination of the media and a segment of culture. Nationally renowned media experts visit campus each spring to deliver lectures and to participate in panel discussions and workshops to enlighten and inform audiences. Since its inception in 1986, the Russell Program has brought to campus such luminaries as Bill Moyers, William Bennett, Gen. Wesley Clark, James Dickey, Linda Ellerbee, and Ben Stein.



Bible Verse Contest winner: Floyd Pittman of Clinton, left, was the winner of The Chronicle's Bible Verse Contest for Week #8. He is shown receiving \$50 and a new Bible from Chronicle Ad Manager Shirley Pace. The contest continues this week.

Lumus Byrd to preside at SCSU inauguration

Lumus Byrd Jr. of Clinton will lead the SC State family, alumni, stakeholders, friends and community in the inauguration of Dr. George E. Cooper, 10th President of SC State, on Friday at 11 a.m. in the Smith-Hammond-Middleton (SHM) Memorial Center.

Byrd is the chairman of the SCSU board of trustees.

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SAFE Home thrift store open on Academy Street

By **Bristow Marchant**
Staff Writer

The ribbon was cut Friday at the new site of Our Little Shop at 500 Academy Street in Clinton. Officially, it was the shop's grand opening, but in reality the thrift store for the Laurens County Safe Home has been in operation for a long time.

"We opened back in January," said Julie Fuller, the Safe Home's executive director, after the shop moved from its old location on Fleming Street in Laurens. "We were in Laurens for over 15 years, maybe longer."

The old store in a new place made the move in order to bring more attention to the Clinton side of the county.

"We wanted to serve Clinton better," Fuller said, standing between the racks of discount clothing in the Samaritan's Corner United Ministries building on Academy Street. "We also wanted to move in with United

Ministries, who have been fabulous in helping us, and so we thought we could help others here."

On the corner of Academy and Bailey streets, Our Little Shop will also have access to a lot of foot traffic, which Fuller says will help those without transportation.

All proceeds from the store go toward the Safe Home for victims of domestic violence, and all the items for sale — clothes, toys, furniture and more — are donated by the home's supporters.

"Anything that's donated to us, really," Fuller said. "You don't know what's going to be here day to day."

"There's literally everything from 10-cent books to a \$100 washing machine," said Dawn Ardel, the Safe Home's donation coordinator. "Where else are you going to find a two-year-old washing machine for \$100 negotiable?"

Many items at Our Little



New home: Our Little Shop, the thrift store for the Laurens County Safe Home, officially opened its doors at Samaritan's Corner at 500 Academy Street Friday. From left, Chamber of Commerce president Greg Alexander stood with Safe Home representatives Brenda Montjoy, Carl and Joyce Ellis, Kimbrey Crain, Janice Taylor, Jessica Wheeliss, Julie Fuller, Dawn Ardel, Connie Parker and the Chamber's Marlene Owings. — Photo by Bristow Marchant

Shop are brand new, like a refrigerator and name-brand clothing. "Children's shorts are 50 cents, and they've never been worn," Ardel said. "They were donated by a local business that supports us."

Still, Safe Home operators say there is always room for more, even in their somewhat larger new storefront. Furniture and appliances are especially in need.

"When people ask what we need, I tell them anything you use every day," Ardel said. "All our clients come here to get out-fitted so they don't have to go back into a (bad) situation to get their things."

"We recently had one woman come in who had to start over with furniture, with kids' clothes because the seasons were changing and her kids were growing," Fuller said. "We just gave her a coupon and said 'go to the shop.' It really helps to have this stuff here."

Part of plan focuses on recreation complex, new library

By **Trevor Baratko**
Staff Writer

Part of a series

The quality of life section in Clinton Focus 2013, the largest of the five, was divided into four sections — parks, gardens, water features and greenspaces; performing arts and library; recreation; and jubilees and festivals.

The subcommittee was co-chaired by Kay Addison, Jim Barton, Emilee Marchant and Gene Simmons.

Clinton Focus 2013 is a five-year strategic plan for the City of Clinton. City residents made

up five subcommittees — housing, economic development, quality of life, technology and marketing — and met several times a month over the past year to develop the plan.

Under the parks, gardens, water features and Greenspaces section, the executive summary states the need to "develop and landscape the area on the west side of downtown," to "seek 'Tree City USA' status," and "to make the entrances to the city more attractive."

Under the performing arts and library section, the summary recommends, "improving Clinton's public library and creating a facility to be used for various fine and performing arts."

Barton said a multi-purpose

community theater that could house a variety of events was a main focus for the committee.

"Many times, one of the criticisms of Clinton is that there's nothing to do," said Barton. "We want to place something here that will appeal to our residents and draw people from neighboring cities."

Barton said money and a small market are two challenges for placing a multi-purpose performing arts center in the city.

"In bigger cities, there's a much bigger group of people that are interested in plays and shows," he said. "But we think with Clinton being positioned right off the interstate, we can pull people from many different towns."

Under recreation, the summary lists the need to "improve the recreational opportunities of the citizens of Clinton, while also creating an opportunity to promote recreational tourism in Clinton," and to "improve the passive recreational opportunities for the current citizens of Clinton."

"Creating bike lanes and improving pedestrian access to connect Clinton to the Palmetto trail, implementing the Clinton Greenways Plan and locating and obtaining a sufficient amount of property to meet the requirements for construction of a multi-use sports complex" were also included in the summary.

Clinton City Manager Josh

Kay said he thought about 90 percent of the things listed in the report could be accomplished in the next couple years.

"I think the two biggest things in this section were the recreation complex and the performing arts center," Kay said. "Right now, we're working on funding for both of those projects."

He said he expects city council to begin authorizing action for these projects in this calendar year.

"We hope to locate both of these projects somewhere downtown, but obviously space is limited," Kay said. "Right now, we're really focusing on funding for the projects."

For jubilees and festivals, the

plan said the city should "increase community interaction and community and personal awareness through fellowship and community-wide activities."

The plan listed creating several events such as a "Healthy Choice Weekend" to coincide with Flight of the Dove, an "American Idol" type event, a gospel fest, a sports tournament and an arts festival.

Clinton Focus 2013 will be unveiled to the public on April 13 at 6 p.m. at Broad Street United Methodist Church as part of Celebrate Clinton Month.

Next week, The Chronicle will look at the technology section of the plan.

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School board gets interior looks at 'beautiful' new CHS

By Trevor Baratko
Staff Writer

The Laurens County School District 56 Board of Trustees on Monday heard a report from the facilities planning committee.

Norman Scarborough, the committee facilitator, presented an overview of the committee's charges, saying they were to make recommendations to District 56 concerning the best use of the facilities in the district.

"The committee met four times and one additional time where we toured the schools," said Scarborough. "These folks went out and talked to the teachers, talked to the principals and went in and observed classrooms."

The committee used different weighted criteria — including continuity of instruction, efficient size, academic excellence, cost and class size — to judge different building scenarios for the district.

The scenario that received the highest score calls for keeping the three existing elementary schools as they are (with some rezoning to balance enrollments), moving grades six to eight to the current Clinton High School, keeping 4K at M.S. Bailey Child Development Center, placing grades nine through 12 at the new CHS and moving maintenance, transportation and

technology to Bell Street Middle School.

In total, the committee scored nine different scenarios.

During the construction update for the new high school, Dr. Keith Bridges said in addition to all of the exterior work that can be seen from the road, there is "all kinds of infrastructure going up inside as well."

Interior designer Missi Youngblood showed renderings of each wing of the school as well as the gymnasium, auditorium and cafeteria.

Following her presentation, board chairwoman Linda Darby said the visuals looked beautiful.

"It's so good to see this," Darby said. "We've been in such a bad financial situation and had such bad news, it's good to see this progress and be reminded of what a beautiful school we're going to have."

During his report, Superintendent Dr. Wayne Brazzell recognized Chris Patterson who won the Media Assistant of the Year Award in the state. Brazzell also recognized several coaches of the Clinton High School Science Olympiad team, which won first place in the state last weekend and will participate in nationals in May.

"It's all the more impressive when you look at who we defeated," said Brazzell.

A few schools CHS defeated include Irmo, Dutch Fork and

Dorman.

The board voted to offer contracts for next year to 24 teachers in the district — Darren Atkins, Jennifer Bolt, Rebecca Burrow, David Rogers, Matt Stewart, Andrew Webb, Carla Cruickshanks, Talbert Glover, Hugh Pace, Dale Roth, Shawn Varner, Amy Link, Tarren Lindsay, Ashley Martin, Tammy Singleton, Ashley Young, Jennifer Brown, Heidi Desilets, Amanda Graham, Meghan Taylor, Cheryl Shealy, Ashley Washington, Shelly Calvert and Amanda Phillips. Per state law, all contracts are for one year.

The board also approved a price increase for driver's education at Clinton High School. The cost next year will be \$100, up \$50 from this year.

"This is still very cheap and a great deal for students," said Brazzell. "This is not a required course, and it has really been digging us into a hole financially offering it for \$50."

During the audience participation portion, Ali Rogers, Miss Teen Laurens County and a junior at Laurens District 55 High School, talked about the dangers of underage drinking and asked the board to sign a resolution against alcohol abuse.

Next month, the board will conduct an evaluation of Brazzell's performance as superintendent.



Buncha books: The Relay for Life team sponsored by Designed by Nature and Arthur State Bank will hold its third annual Used Book Sale Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church in Clinton. Hardbacks and paperbacks of all genres will be sold for low prices and in good condition. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. Pictured from left are team members Lucille, Patsy and Shelby Deitz. For more information, call Shelby Dietz at 833-2983 or 938-4140.

Relay for Life moves to Laurens District 55 stadium

Laurens District 55 High School football stadium will be the location for the 2009 American Cancer Society's Relay For Life on Friday, May 15.

This year, as in the past, registered cancer survivors and caregivers will be a part of the opening ceremonies and the first lap.

"The American Cancer Society's signature event, Relay For Life, is an event that is celebrated across the world," said Wendy Workman, 2009 Event Chair for the Laurens County Relay For Life. "It is an opportunity for Laurens County citizens to come together for a great cause, to celebrate our survivors and caregivers, remember those who we have lost, and fight back for those who are suffering and

for the generations to come. We are excited about the new location, Laurens District 55 High School football stadium, and the new date."

The event will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 15 and last through 7 a.m. Saturday, May 16. Last year's event raised a total of \$84,611 through the efforts of 35 teams and over 750 participants.

"Everyone involved will save lives, help those who are touched by cancer, and empower people to fight the disease not just in Laurens County, but all over the world," Workman said.

Teams and individuals can sign up to participate or donate at www.relayforlife.org/laurens. Participants can help the American Cancer Society and its lifesaving mission to prevent

cancer, diminish suffering, and eliminate cancer as a major health issue by making donations and/or taking part in events like Relay For Life.

"By raising funds and awareness, participants can help future generations survive in a world where cancer is no longer a major health issue. At the Laurens County Relay For Life, there is no registration fee for cancer survivors and they are encouraged to bring their caregivers," Workman said.

For more information, contact Harlan Thomson, ACS - Income Manager, Laurens County at 864-415-6262 or Wendy Workman at 864-984-8360 or visit www.relayforlifelaurens.org.

Five CHS classes to reunite May 16

On Saturday, May 16, CHS classes of 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967 will have a reunion at Presbyterian College in the Mabry-Smith-Yonce building.

The reunion will start at 6 p.m. with class pictures begin-

ning at about 7 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and a DJ will be provided.

Registration deadline is April 15 and the cost is \$40 per person with checks made payable to CHS Class Reunion and mailed to Mark King, 1298 Old Milton

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Class pictures can be purchased at the reunion for \$15, postage included.

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Jim's names Jim as Elite Dealer: Jim's Formal Wear, the largest Tuxedo wholesaler in the US, announced that Adair's Mens Shop in Clinton has been named an Elite Dealer for the sixth consecutive year. This award goes to a select number of dealers nationwide that excel in helping their customers meet their formal wear needs. Pictured from left to right are Jeremy Gilbreath, dealer relations representative for Jim's Formal Wear, and Jim Adair, owner of Adair's Mens Shop.

ATW one of 15 national winners

The South Carolina Department of Commerce announced that Trade & Industry Development magazine, the leading magazine dedicated to site selection, named American Titanium Works one of 15 national winners of its 2009 Corporate Investment Awards.

"This year the CiCi Awards are especially important as they recognize that despite certain challenges, many good things are still happening across the United States," said Scott D. Swoger, publisher of Trade & Industry Development magazine and president of Due North Consulting Inc.

"It's great to see Marvin Moss and Laurens County recognized with such a prestigious award. Marvin has been a great ambassador for Laurens County and it is good to see this recognition coming his way. Recruiting efforts to Laurens County's were phenomenal in 2008 with American Titanium Works bringing the largest investment in the County's history and this year is already off to a great start for Laurens County," said Joe Taylor, Secretary of Commerce.

In 2008, the South Carolina Department of Commerce recruitment efforts resulted in companies committing to create 18,993 new jobs and invest \$4.17 billion in capital investment. American Titanium Works was among the largest commitments from companies in 2008 to invest in South Carolina. American Titanium Works announced 320 new jobs and a \$422 million investment in Laurens County.

Medicare certified: Hospice of Laurens County is now Medicare certified to provide care in the 12-bed inpatient unit, the Hospice House. The community is invited to come and tour the facility during business hours. The Hospice House is available to eligible hospice patients and families when care can no longer be provided at home, or if the caregiver needs a respite for up to five days. For more information, contact Hospice of Laurens County 864-833-6287.



CPC gets CON to convert beds

The Clinton Presbyterian Community recently received approval from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to change the license of their skilled nursing home beds from institutional to community license. The change in licensure converted 18 of the total 66 nursing home beds at the community.

"Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina is excited to announce this change in licensure at the Clinton Community. This will be a great benefit for the residents as well as the Laurens County community," said Kathy Ligon, president and CEO.

To obtain the change in license, the Clinton Presbyterian Community had to apply and be approved for a Certificate of Need from DHEC. The approval allows the 18 nursing home beds to become part of the State Health Plan. There has been no cost involved in the conversion and no change in the skilled nursing rates. The Community has also applied for Medicare benefits for therapy and rehabilitation following a stay in the hospital.

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Job Fair brings hope to Renfro workers

The smiling faces and handshakes represented hope for 570 Renfro Corporation employees who are affected by the company's plans to shut down its Whitmire plant at the end of January.

Thirty-seven employers, community agencies and educational training providers attended a job fair recently at the Renfro facility in the small Newberry County town. Renfro, headquartered in Mount Airy, N.C., manufactures and distributes socks for Wal-Mart stores. Renfro also has a distribution center in Clinton.

The job fair was held in a large area in the back of the plant while employees worked. Renfro workers had an opportunity to discuss job opportunities, education and training options, and other services that are available

to job seekers.

Joint efforts by Renfro, the Upper Savannah Council of Governments (USCOG), the Newberry County One-Stop Workforce Center, the Employment Security Commission, Piedmont Technical College, and other workforce development partners are bringing hope to those losing their jobs.

"I feel like it has given the people in this facility hope," said finishing department manager Willie Crain. "It makes us feel like there are some opportunities to get back into the workforce. As a department manager, I appreciate everything that has been done here."

Kraft-Louis Rich of Newberry was among the employers on hand.

"We want, as much as possible, to service Newberry County

and surrounding communities by helping out these folks here in Whitmire," said Brian Williams, who is the hiring manager for Newberry County's largest employer.

"These guys are long-termers," Williams said. "This plant has served the Town of Whitmire for a number of years. One of our goals at Louis Rich has always been to take care of the surrounding communities by offering jobs with competitive wages."

Michael Williams, an Employer Relations Specialist with the S.C. Employment Security Commission, called Renfro's job fair an example of a "silver lining" in workforce development.

"We all had the opportunity to witness within our own state, our own backyard, the ill effects of what's happening with economy all over the United States," Williams said. "Companies are downsizing and more and more good hard-working people are being laid off on a daily basis."

The Arts



Just So: The Laurens County Community Theatre will present The Just So Stories March 27, 28 and April 2, 3, and 4 with 7:30 p.m. curtains at the Florida Street Theatre in Clinton. LCCT is not taking reservations for the open seating production. Pictured are cast members: front row, from left: Haley Kellner, Maggie O'Shields; second row: Abby Harwell, Anjali Naik, Allen Lollis; back row: Jessie Blakely, Dexter Simmons, Karley Young.

IWT funds available for area business, industries

Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) funds are available through the Workforce Investment Act to train currently employed workers in the Upper Savannah Area, which consists of Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties.

Businesses applying for funding must have at least one full-time employee and must be current on all state tax obligations.

Third party brokers may enter into IWT agreements on behalf of employers. Third party

brokers may include: business associations, industry councils, chambers of commerce, downtown development corporations, etc. Brokers cannot be involved in the training of the employees and cannot be reimbursed for administrative costs. City, county and state government agencies are ineligible for Incumbent Worker Training Funds.

Because funding is limited, a panel from the Upper Savannah Workforce Development Board will rate applications based on the cost-effectiveness of the investment. Priority for funding

will be given to 1) Businesses whose applications represent a significant upgrade in employee skills and/or employee wage increases as a result of training, 2) Businesses whose training applications reflect a significant lay-off avoidance strategy and provide retention opportunities, and 3) Businesses/Business Sites who have not received an Incumbent Worker Training Program award during the prior or current program year.

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MTV at CHS: Clinton High sophomore C.J. Brown sits for his on-camera audition for the MTV reality series "Made." Casting producer Nathan Johnson, right, visited the high school on Friday as part of a swing through South Carolina high schools looking for the show's next subject. "Made" follows a high school student as they pursue their dream, with the help of MTV. If a local student is selected, filming at the school could begin within weeks. — Photo by Bristow Marchant



Old home, new use: The historic Belfast House on Hwy. 56 will open in April as part of the new 4,664-acre Belfast Wildlife Management Area run by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. — Photo by Bristow Marchant

Stretching should be done when the muscles are warm

Flexibility is a joint's ability to move through a full range of motion. Flexibility training or stretching is working slowly and safely through the range of motion that your body will allow. This range of motion differs in every individual, as it is determined by genetics, previous injuries, and how much flexibility training you do on an ongoing basis.

The reasons for doing flexibility training are numerous. Whether you exercise regularly or not, flexibility training can decrease your risk of injuries, improve your posture, and reduce your risk of lower back pain. This is primarily because stretching decreases resistance in tissue structures. With proper stretching you can help reduce the effort it takes to achieve and maintain good posture in your daily life. The muscles that attach to the pelvis, namely the hip flexors, quadriceps, and hamstrings benefit greatly from

Fitness today



By Renee Wyman

stretching and can reduce stress to the low back.

The really good news about flexibility training is that it doesn't require any fancy equipment to do. You can stretch using your own body weight. Other inexpensive equipment that will facilitate stretching includes a stability ball, a resistance band or strap. Even a towel can be an effective tool for stretching.

Stretching should be done when the muscles are warm. It is ideal to stretch at the end of your workout. This ensures that there is adequate blood flow to

the muscles and joints to safely and effectively stretch.

Stretches should be held for 10 to 30 seconds and should be static. Don't bounce as this can cause muscle strain or tears.

If you aren't sure how to begin, join a stretching class or rent a DVD on stretching. You could also enlist the help of a personal trainer to give you some pointers. Stretching is not difficult, doesn't require much equipment, can be done in as little as 10 minutes and the benefits are numerous.

Above all, be consistent. It doesn't help to stretch for a few weeks and then forget about it. Find the time to integrate stretching in to your regular fitness program of cardiovascular (aerobic) and strength training, and your muscle and joints will thank you!

(Renee Wyman is the fitness director at the Clinton YMCA.)

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Historic Belfast House gets new life as part of SC DNR

Spring turkey season draw hunts scheduled for newly-acquired Belfast WMA —Historic Belfast Plantation, 4,664 acres along Highway 56 in Newberry and Laurens counties, is now a S.C. Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Management Area.

The area will be part of the draw hunt system for the upcoming spring turkey season. —Beginning Wednesday, April 1, five turkey draw hunts will be held on Belfast WMA. Three adult hunts are scheduled on Wednesdays, including April 1, 15 and 29. Two Saturday youth hunts will be held on April 11 and 25.

Applications can be obtained by writing SCDNR, PO Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202 or by calling the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at (803) 734-3886. Applications can also be found online. The application deadline is March 13.

"The Belfast Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is an exciting opportunity for turkey hunters who are looking to enjoy the outdoors in the Piedmont area of the state," said Buddy Baker, DNR regional wildlife biologist. "Draw hunts provide a quality hunting experience for novice and seasoned hunters

alike, both youth and adult."

DNR and The Conservation Fund acquired Belfast in October 2008. The property was historically managed by Champion Paper Company and later by International Paper as a demonstration forest and recreation area.

The Conservation Fund is holding title to the 2,436 acre southern half of the property while DNR secures additional funding to complete the project. The Conservation Fund is allowing DNR to manage its half in conjunction with the remaining area as part of the Wildlife Management Area program.

The tract includes various habitat types ranging from hardwood drains to upland loblolly pine forests. The historic Belfast Plantation house is also located on the tract. The property was settled in 1785 by Colonel John Simpson from Belfast, Ireland. It is believed that he built the home in the early 1800's. It is currently one of the oldest structures in Laurens County and is in excellent condition.

DNR intends to utilize this facility for educational and interpretive opportunities on natural resource issues and as a key area for promoting outdoor activities for youth.



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Police News

By **Bristow Marchant**

Staff Writer

On Friday, Clinton Public Safety officers arrested fugitive Ontario Kendrell Godfrey, 22, of 409 Havendale Dr., Fountain Inn, on several outstanding drug and gun-related charges.

Warrants allege that on Feb. 4, 2008, Godfrey sold a confidential informant an "off-white rock-type substance" identified as crack cocaine on Neighborhood Drive less than half a mile from the M.S. Bailey Child Development Center.

When officers moved to arrest Godfrey on April 1 on charges of distribution of crack cocaine and distribution within proximity of a school, he fled

from officers on North Bell Street and allegedly threw away a black KBI .380 cal. pistol during the pursuit.

Godfrey was apprehended on Friday, and in addition to the drug charges faces charges of resisting arrest and unlawful carrying of a pistol. Bond was set at \$10,000 for both distribution charges, \$5,000 for carrying a pistol and \$465 for resisting arrest.

More drug, gun arrests

On Thursday evening, Public Safety officers were investigating a hit-and-run on South Bell Street and stopped two men walking down the street who matched witnesses' descriptions.

Officers noted the men behaved suspiciously and evasive.

Because the suspects were in an identified drug area, officers performed a "Terry frisk" of the suspects.

William Curtis Robinson, 18, of Westchase Apt. H-2, Clinton, was reported to be carrying an SIG 22cal. Mosquito pistol, a gun that was later identified as having been stolen from Lawson's Outfitters. He was arrested for unlawfully carrying a weapon and possessing a stolen pistol.

Eirick Bernardick Vance, 19, of 307 Cypress St, Clinton, was reported to be carrying 20.86 grams of marijuana in 16 plastic baggies. He was charged with possession with intent to distribute marijuana and possession with intent to distribute within proximity of a school.



State champs: The Clinton High School Science Olympiad squad won first place in the state championships held at Newberry College last weekend. CHS edged Dutch Fork by half a point to claim the title. CHS will join Bell Street Middle School's Science Olympiad team at nationals in Augusta in May. See story, Page 1A

County planners continue cell tower talks

By **Bristow Marchant**

Staff Writer

Advances in technology could mean Laurens County will see the erection of more and more cell phone towers as wireless services expand, the county Planning Commission was told last Tuesday, adding extra emphasis to the question of land and height requirements for towers in Laurens County.

Commissioners heard from engineer Rich Sullivan with Piedmont Rural Telephone Company about the design and the uses of the company's cell towers.

When broadcast television completes the transition to all-digital broadcasting later this year, it will open up analog frequencies to cell phone and wireless 3G networks, and could pave the way to even faster 4G networking.

"4G means we'll have more towers," Sullivan said. "We'll

have towers between towers."

That could cause problems with the current county ordinance requiring cell towers be built at a "setback" from any property lines equal to its height. The average 300-foot cell tower, therefore, has to be built on a 600x600-foot property, or 2.6 acres. The total land area actually used by a PRTC tower is about 80x80 feet, Sullivan said.

Because of the difficulty in finding a suitable piece of land to meet the ordinance requirements and because of differing standards for tower design, PRTC often receives variances from the Planning Commission. None of its towers currently sit on a property of more than an acre, according to Sullivan.

"Variances have always been granted in this area, but the commission just thought there was something wrong with that," said Chairman Billy Abercrombie. "Either we needed to look back at this ordinance or not issue these

variances."

The equal-height setback is also unnecessary, commission members heard, because of the towers' design. All PRTC's towers are built to be "first yield," meaning the top-heavy peak, often loaded with several tons of antenna equipment, is designed to break away in high winds or a storm before it brings down the whole structure.

This makes the 300-foot setback superfluous, because the whole tower would not fall straight over, Sullivan said.

In response to a question raised at the previous commission meeting, engineering manager Kevin Anderson with the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission explained the applicable standards for constructing water towers as well. LCWSC towers are made to meet 1990 American Waterworks Association standards, the normal operating standards for the industry.

Upcoming Events

Bub Lollis Whitten Center Spring Ride

The annual Bub Lollis - Whitten Center Spring Ride will be April 5 in Clinton. Riders will meet at Copeland Plaza, Hwy. 76 West in Clinton at 12 noon. Food and drink will be provided by the Friends of Whitten Center. Bikers will depart for Whitten Center at 2 p.m.

Suggested items to bring for Whitten Center are: toiletry items, body wash, batteries (all types), and cash donations are encouraged. Checks should be payable to: Whitten Center Volunteer Services.

The Square In Laurens on Thursday, April 23, to sign copies of his book, "My Signments Exactly: Poetry and Musings."

The signing will be held 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Books may be pre-ordered by calling The Artist Coop, 864-984-9359.

Public comment sought in battlefield preservation plan

The public is invited to an informational meeting on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon in the Clinton Community Building to provide input on a preservation plan for numerous upstate Revolutionary War battlefields and associated sites.

In 2008, Musgrove Mill State Historic Site was awarded a National Park Service Ameri-

can Battlefield Protection Program grant to develop a preservation plan for sites that include:

- * Duncan Creek Presbyterian Church
- * Musgrove Mill State Historic Site
- * Blackstock Battlefield

The meeting will provide an opportunity to meet the project team, learn about the project, and to provide valuable input into the preservation plan that will be developed.

This project will rely on the involvement and support of the community, and the public is encouraged to attend this meeting. The Clinton Community Building is at the corner of Musgrove and East Ferguson streets.

For more information contact Brian Robson, park manager at Musgrove Mill State Historic Site, at (864)938-0100, or brobson@scprtc.com.

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Red Devil bats silent as Yellow Jackets bring the sting

By Bristow Marchant

Staff Writer

Clinton High baseball was dealt a cruel blow Friday when Greer handed the Red Devils a 10-0 home loss. Clinton falls to .500 with the loss, sporting a 3-3 record overall and a 1-1 start to the region.

The home team's batters managed only four hits off senior Yellow Jacket pitcher Jeff Witt in a shortened five-inning game. Witt struck out seven in a full-game performance and also reached base twice on two Clinton fielding errors and hit a 2 RBI double in the fifth.

The Red Devils used three pitchers in the match-up. J.E. Satterfield pitched three and two-thirds innings, gave up three hits and four walks, allowing five runs, three unearned, and struck out three.

Creighton Asbill came in in relief in the fourth inning, allowed four hits and two walks, and five Greer runners crossed the plate. He had one strikeout. Nick O'Shields closed out the fifth and faced one batter to get the final out on a fly to left field.

"We played two good innings and never had much offense," said Clinton Coach Lee Atkinson after the game. "I thought that the kids were ready to play. We weren't flat at the beginning and everyone had good expectations. The bottom line is that we did not execute on defense, which put us behind in the third inning."

Left fielder Bo Edmunds reached base for Clinton in the lead-off spot in the first inning,



Maximum firepower: Clinton High relief pitcher Creighton Asbill tosses a pitch in Friday's game against Greer. Behind the mound, shortstop Cody Simmons (2) tries to keep pinch runner Vance Powell from advancing. — Photo by Bristow Marchant

but was caught stealing at second. DH Quenton Cunningham was called out at first when he collided with Zach Shaffer in the second inning.

Greer started building their lead in the third when shortstop Brad Holliday hit a triple and then scored with two outs when a pitch got past Daniel Cunningham at the plate. Two more runs would cross the plate before the end of the inning due to fielding errors, giving the Yellow Jackets

a 3-0 lead.

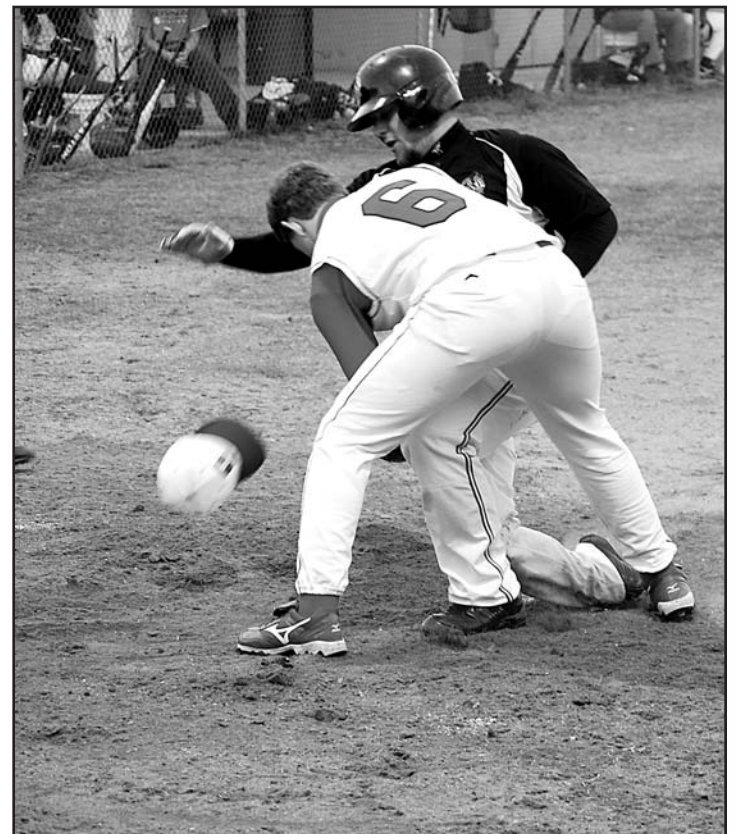
Clinton's other two outfielders, Ryan Underwood and Dillon Tucker, recorded hits in the bottom of the third and reached scoring positions before a strikeout and a throw out at first kept Clinton off the board.

It was the Red Devils' best scoring chance of the night. Second baseman J.T. Pitts reached on a single to lead off the fifth, but then watched two strikeouts and a 6-3 out at first end Clin-

ton's night.

For the Yellow Jackets, DH Bryan Carroll and center fielder Matt Holliday both had hits in the fourth and reached home on the Red Devils' third fielding error of the game, and catcher Tyler Montgomery batted in a sixth Greer run in the same inning.

With the bases loaded in the top of the fifth, Shaffer scored from third on another passed ball, and Witt and right fielder



Stealing home: Pitcher Creighton Asbill (6) is forced to guard the plate when Greer's Zach Shaffer makes a run for home on a passed ball in the fifth inning. Shaffer was called safe and the Yellow Jackets won a shortened game 10-0. — Photo by Bristow Marchant

Daniel Palka extended the lead to 10-0 with back-to-back doubles, bringing in the mercy rule to end the game.

"We all were disappointed at our overall performance," Atkinson said. "We know we are better than the 10-0 score (but) we will have to wait a few weeks to prove that to the Yellow Jackets."

Clinton has another tough week on the diamond this week,

traveling to Laurens, the eighth-ranked team in class 4A, on Thursday at 7 p.m. and hosting Union County, the No. 8 team in AAA, on Friday at 6 p.m.

The JV Devils also lost to Greenwood on Thursday, falling 10-0. The junior varsity then split a Saturday doubleheader with Greer, winning the first game 3-1 and losing the second 8-4.

CHS boys lose two soccer matches

By Bristow Marchant

Staff Writer

Red Devil boys soccer faced two tough losses this week; one because the game was so close, and the other because it wasn't.

Clinton lost to Mid-Carolina 5-4 in overtime on Wednesday. The game had been tied 2-2 at half-time and 4-4 at the end of regulation. Nevin Williams and Charlie Hernandez scored the two first half goals but were matched by Renato Rezk and Rett Chapman.

Sergio Hernandez and Matt Ligon scored for the Red Devils in the second half, but Chapman and Rezk both scored again and were joined by Jeremiah Hockman to give Mid-Carolina the win.

Clinton managed eight shots on goal in the game, while Mid-Carolina had 14. Red Devil goalkeeper Hampden Thomason had nine saves in the

game, and MC's Robert Gomez had four.

The Red Devils' Saturday match against Academic Magnet had a more conclusive outcome; an 11-0 win for the Raptors. Nine players scored for Academic Magnet and Clinton only had one shot on goal in the match. Thomason was again forced to save 10 shots, and Luke Dixon saved another four.

Clinton's JV girls team had a similarly rough week. The Lady Red Devils also lost to Mid-Carolina Wednesday 7-2. Abigail Davis and Mallory Simpson scored for Clinton, while Maggie Moore had seven saves in goal for the Red Devils and substitute Abby Waldron had one.

The next day, the JV girls faced Chapin and fell 9-0 to the Eagles. Clinton only got two shots on goal against Chapin. Waldron had six saves in the match, and Moore had four.

The boys drop to 2-4, and the girls to 0-2.



Berry best: CHS softball player Hailley Oxner signed a letter of intent Thursday to play softball at Berry College in Georgia. Berry intends to field its inaugural softball team in the NAIA next year, and Oxner, a Palmetto Fellow, will receive a presidential scholarship. Behind her, from left, is Coach Sean McCarthy and parents Ricky and Lisa Oxner. — Photo by Bristow Marchant



Leaps and bounds: Lady Red Devils Kamri Richey, left, and K'Teya Harp leap in the 400-meter hurdles recently in a meet against Laurens. Clinton placed the top three jumpers in the event. Richey came second with a time of 1:22, between Nikkee Fuller (1:18) and Annie Kellner (1:25). — Photo by Bristow Marchant

Junior Olympics skills competition April 18 in Laurens

The 2009 Jr. Olympic Skills Competition, hosted by the Laurens YCMCA, will be held Saturday, April 18 at 2 p.m. at the YMCA Sports Field Complex.

The competition is for boys and girls ages 8-13. The participants will compete separately in three different age groups: 8-9, 10-11, and 12-13 in the skills of basketball, soccer, tennis, and track and field.

The local qualifying event is free to all participants. The winners in each event and age group in this local competition will advance to a regional competition at a later date in May with the chance to compete in the national finals. Participants can register to compete in one, two, three, or all four events.

In 2008, 1.7 million youth

Jr. Olympics, 11A

Memories of an earlier Final Four

By the time this gets to you, the 65 hopefuls will be down to 16. Hope your brackets are better than mine are. Back in the day when peach baskets were nailed to trees, some buddies and I went to the Final Four. Three guys in a car with very little money, a clean shirt and plenty of cold beverages. The phone call that got this started was from a friend that just happened to be playing in the game.

Late one evening my dorm phone rang. "Hello. Hey man, what's happening?" (This was a few years back, so that's how we talked.) "You have three tickets to the finals? Cool. Sure, I can leave tomorrow afternoon. I'll see you at the game."

A 21-year-old senior can make these kind of spontaneous decisions. Class? Call the professor and tell him you are sick. Not a problem! The biggest decision was what to do with the other two tickets.

As I strolled to the parking lot to check my tires and the gas gauge, I ran across two of my classmates. "Hey, you want to go to Maryland tomorrow?" "Sure" came their reply. Now we are ready.

The next afternoon, map in hand and about \$30 between the three of us, we loaded the cooler, several large bags of chips, a bag of peanuts and struck out for College Park.

About the time we reached the city limit sign, it dawned on us that we had not thought about accommodations. Never mind, we will stop by my friends' house in DC and stay there.



Eye Formation

By Sandy Cruickshanks

Upon arrival in DC, we pull up to the townhouse of my friend. Lights are on, party is going and in walk the three of us. Hugs, kisses and more beverages. "Hey, you don't mind if we sleep here tonight do you?"

We crashed on the living room floor for about four hours. Then it was rise and shine, shower and off to meet Lefty for the tickets. My buddy had left instructions to meet Lefty since he was busy getting ready for the game that night.

Sure enough Lefty is on the steps waiting for us with three tickets. We dropped the tickets into a hat and drew them out one at a time. One of my buddies was in the rafters, the other was sitting over in the corner and I got the lucky draw: mid-court, front row!

Cinderella had come out of nowhere to get to the Final Four. If memory serves, they upset Iowa and Rupp's Wildcats to get there. Next up, the Bonnies and big Bob in the semis. Although we thought it would end that night, the slipper fit. If you know your basketball history you know the opponent for the finals was the Wizard of Westwood and his Bruins. They were al-

ways in the finals back in the day.

Could David slay Goliath? Well, early foul trouble for Big A coupled with a stout defense from the West Coast boys ended the dream with an 11-point loss.

Big A was a humble guy from the panhandle of the Sunshine State, a gentle giant that saw his first snow in Boiling Springs, was 7'7" with his Fro and finished his playing days with the Celtics. Big A's collegiate career was one of a kind. He may have been the first and last player in the NCAA to finish his playing days averaging over 20 points per game, over 20 rebounds per game and over 10 blocks per game.

Folks, that is an unbelievable feat. Check me on the stats, but that is how I remember it. Wow, what a trip that week! The memory of the experience is as vivid and brilliant as a summer sunrise.

Will Cinderella make another appearance this year and make it to the finals? Hope your bracket had Cleveland State, Oh, by the way, the championship game that year was actually played in the second week of March! It didn't conflict with spring training, spring practice, the NBA and the NFL combine. Dang, what a novel idea! These are student athletes, right? We might have to talk about that one-day. Until next time, goodbye and be a good sport.

(Sandy Cruickshanks is a Clinton attorney and former radio broadcaster.)

PC tops Radford in series finale to get first Big South win

The Presbyterian College baseball team scored two runs in the seventh inning and made some terrific defensive plays in the ninth frame to secure the 5-4 win over Radford Sunday afternoon in the series finale. The win marked PC's first-ever Big South Conference win.

The Blue Hose improve to 3-15 on the season and 1-7 in Big South Conference play. The Highlanders fall to 7-9 on the young season and 2-2 in conference play.

PC jumped on top in the first frame when Jesse Harmon led off the home team's at bat with a single. He swiped second and moved to third on a throwing error by the catcher. Harmon came home on Mack Hite's grounder to short for a 1-0 lead. Rookie Kenny Bryant's solo blast deep over the right field fence gave head coach Elton Pollock's team a 2-0 advantage after the first at bat.

With two outs in the third, Brett Mollenhauer doubled down the left field line. Will Freeman struck out Jeff Kemp, but the ball was in the dirt and Kemp reached safely at first.

Alex Gregory then singled home Mollenhauer, putting the score at 2-1.

PC got the run back in its half of the third stanza. With one away, Harmon singled to right. He moved to second on Hite's sacrifice bunt - and Hite reached safely on a fielding error. Hite was picked off of first, but Harmon scampered to third on the play before coming home on Cory Lyda's double to right center.

The Highlanders scored their second run of the day in the fourth. Mario Duarte reached on a fielder's choice and came around to score when Will Naylor was at bat. Naylor beat out an infield single and scored on an error by the shortstop.

Radford tied the game in the fifth frame when a wild pitch scored Reggie Keen. With two outs, Keen was hit by a pitch. He stole second and moved to third on a throwing error by the catcher before scoring. The visitors took the lead in the sixth when Ty Rivers came home on Mollenhauer's single, forcing head coach Elton Pollock to

make a pitching change. With the call to the bullpen, Pollock elected to go with Andrew Foushee, who induced a 6-4-3 double play to end the inning.

Things stayed the same until PC's at bat in the seventh. With the count 2-0, Jared Combs blasted a solo homer over the left field wall to knot the game. The team took a 5-4 advantage when Harmon doubled home Andrew Williams, who reached on a one-out single in the frame.

Foushee allowed just one base runner in the seventh and none in the eighth, cruising into the ninth stanza. Foushee squared off against Ty Rivers in the ninth, who was batting in the lead-off spot. Rivers sent an offering high and deep into right field, but it was curling foul. Harmon raced toward the ball, which was nearing the bullpen, but snagged it out of the air for the first out of the inning.

After Mollenhauer reached on a single, Rhinesmith snared a hard hit liner from Jeff Kemp. He quickly whipped it to Bryant, who touched first base for the win.

Foushee improved to 1-0 on the season with the win while Abram Williams took the loss. Foushee worked 3.2 innings while striking out two. Freeman pitched a terrific game for Pollock's squad, tossing 5.1 innings while giving up just two earned runs and striking out seven.

Williams worked a career-long 6.2 innings. He gave up five runs on eight hits while striking out seven.

Harmon went a perfect four-for-four in the game, driving in one and scoring twice. Hite, Lyda, Bryant, Combs and Williams all had a hit. Bryant, Combs and Williams all scored a run as well.

For the game, PC notched five runs on nine hits while committing three errors. Radford ended the game with four runs on 10 hits to go along with three errors.



Take two: PC third baseman Jared Combs drilled a double during Friday's loss to Radford. The Blue Hose picked up their first Big South win Sunday versus Highlanders.

— Photo by Trevor Baratko

Jr. Olympics

From 12A

across the country participated in this program.

"This will be the first time for the Laurens YMCA to host this event and we hope to continue to host each year as long as we have participants to register," said Event Director Donna Arnold. "I met with the physical education teachers in School District 55 and gave them the information on the program and asked for their support in encouraging their students to participate and possibly have some practice time in class. The program was well received and several of the teachers said they would volunteer on April 18 to help with the competition."

The skills to compete in will be: basketball-score as many

points as possible by making baskets from designated shooting areas, soccer-dribble and shoot accurately in the fastest time possible, tennis-serve a low compression tennis ball and continue to hit the ball against the wall and above the net as many times as possible in a 30 second time period, and in track and field perform the 50-meter sprint and standing long jump.

All events will be held at the Laurens YMCA. The basketball and tennis competitions will be held indoors and the soccer and track and field will be held outside.

Parents or guardians must register their child at the Laurens YMCA and bring a birth certificate by April 15. For more information call the YMCA 984-2621 or check with your school PE teacher.



On the attack: PC's Jordan Newberry (13) races up the field Friday during a match with Marist. The Blue Hose return home April 21 to host Davidson.

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Editorial

Clinton celebrates itself

OK, Clinton. Next month you get to celebrate yourself.

The Clinton Downtown Association has designated April as Celebrate Clinton month. Clinton City Council will follow suit with a Celebrate Clinton proclamation April 6.

Enough events are planned to last - well - a month.

"Clinton is a special place where you will find involved citizens, friendly neighborhoods and a high quality of life. The proud home of Presbyterian College, our city is nestled in the heart of Upstate South Carolina. Clinton's commitment to citizen driven strategic planning has resulted in a vibrant, enthusiastic community focused on enhancing all aspects of our hometown. Whether you are a football fanatic, history buff, or are simply looking for a wonderful place to raise your children, the City of Clinton has it all."

So proclaims a Celebrate Clinton brochure that includes a schedule of events. (The brochures are available at the M.S. Bailey Municipal Center (BMC) and at The Chronicle office.)

Clean-Up Clinton Day is Saturday, April 4. Volunteers should meet at the Bailey Municipal Center at 10 a.m. The event has been held for several years, but the number of people participating hasn't been anything to brag about. We can do better.

The PC orchestra will be on concert Tuesday, April 7 at 7:30 at Belk Auditorium. Like almost everything at PC, the event is free and open to the public.

Clinton's first-ever Easter parade will be Saturday, April 11 at 10 a.m. at the Bailey Municipal Center. The parade will be followed at 10:30 by an Easter Egg Hunt at BMC.

On Easter Sunday, April 12, a sunrise service will be held at Wilder Stadium at Clinton High School. The service is free.

Downtown merchants will offer special discounts on April 9 - one of the scheduled Thrifty Thursdays.

The city's latest five-year strategic plan - Clinton Focus 2013 - will be unveiled to the public on Monday, April 13 at 6 p.m. at Broad Street United Methodist Church.

A Living History Festival will be held April 24-25 at Musgrove Mill State Historic Site.

Town Rhythms 09 kicks off April 30 at 7 p.m. downtown at the train depot on Main Street.

The Clinton Museum, located at 400 North Broad Street, will be open every Sunday in April (as it is year-round) from 2-5 p.m.

There will be art displays at PC and downtown at The Depot, PC's bookstore on Musgrove Street.

Scheduled are theatre productions at PC and by the LCCT at the Florida Street Theatre.

Sporting events will be held throughout the month at PC and Clinton High School.

April will highlight what is good about living in Clinton and there is much to pat ourselves on the back about.

It was smart of the Downtown Association to include PC as such an integral part of the celebration of our city.

It should be remembered that of the four big development announcements in Clinton prior to last week's announcement that Force V has bought the Timken building - Avery-Dennison, BioGreen, Dunkin' Donuts and the PC pharmacy school - only PC has come through.

So here's to Clinton. There are many other events scheduled during April. Too many to list here. The Clinton Downtown Association has planned something for everyone.

To learn more, visit www.celebrateclinton.com.

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What happened to Myrtle Beach

Somebody's done gone and changed the Myrtle Beach of my youth to something I don't recognize - and don't like.

The First Wife and I were at MB last weekend to pick up some awards your newspaper won. Actually, I picked up the awards at an extremely-long banquet while TFW flirted with the room service guy who brought her lunch.

He offered to bring her a free breakfast the next morning until she mentioned with a giggle that her latest husband didn't have a morning meeting and would probably be hanging around.

As she went on and on about the room service guy - how cute and friendly and funny he was - I finally asked how old he might be.

"He might be 21," she said. "But he's probably retired and doing this for fun."

That really didn't quiet the jealousy beast. I'm almost old enough to be retired and doing room service "for fun."

The first time Mr. Room Service brought TFW some food, I was in and on La Toilet, but I was able to hear quite clearly that he had taken a shine to TFW.

Now, I know you're saying

Franklin's Corner

By Larry Franklin

to yourself, "(Insert your name here), is he kidding? How could he be jealous of a room service guy? TFW has to realize how lucky she is. She'd be a fool to even look at another man."

I agree with everything you just told yourself, but sometimes I weaken.

Speaking of being funny, one of the awards I picked up at MB was not for funny column writing. After two consecutive years of being the state's #1 funny man, I faltered. Actually, I failed.

The people in Mississippi who judged the 2008 SC Press Association news contest didn't find me funny. Not first place funny. Not second place funny. Not third place funny.

I sat at the same table as the lady who won third place. She was nice, but she didn't make me laugh a single time. Not

once. Not even a grin. In the meantime, I had everybody else at the table practically wetting themselves with laughter.

Back to the first sentence of this very funny column - after the long, long awards banquet was over, TFW and I became tourists. We shopped at the outlet mall and bought things for the grandsons. Funny - in a peculiar way, not a funny way - we didn't even think about buying anything for the children or children-in-law.

After seven hours of shopping, we headed to downtown Myrtle Beach. To the Pavilion and amusement park where we both had spent so many hours of our youths.

Not together, understand. TFW and I had not met yet.

But Jimmy Robertson, the Truly Great American, and I spent hour upon hour upon hour on the top level of the Pavilion talking about meeting girls. We never actually met any girls. To do that, we would have to talk to them. We were much more comfortable talking about talking to them than actually talking to them.

With that backdrop, TFW and I found a parking place a block off Ocean Boulevard, something unheard of back in

the day.

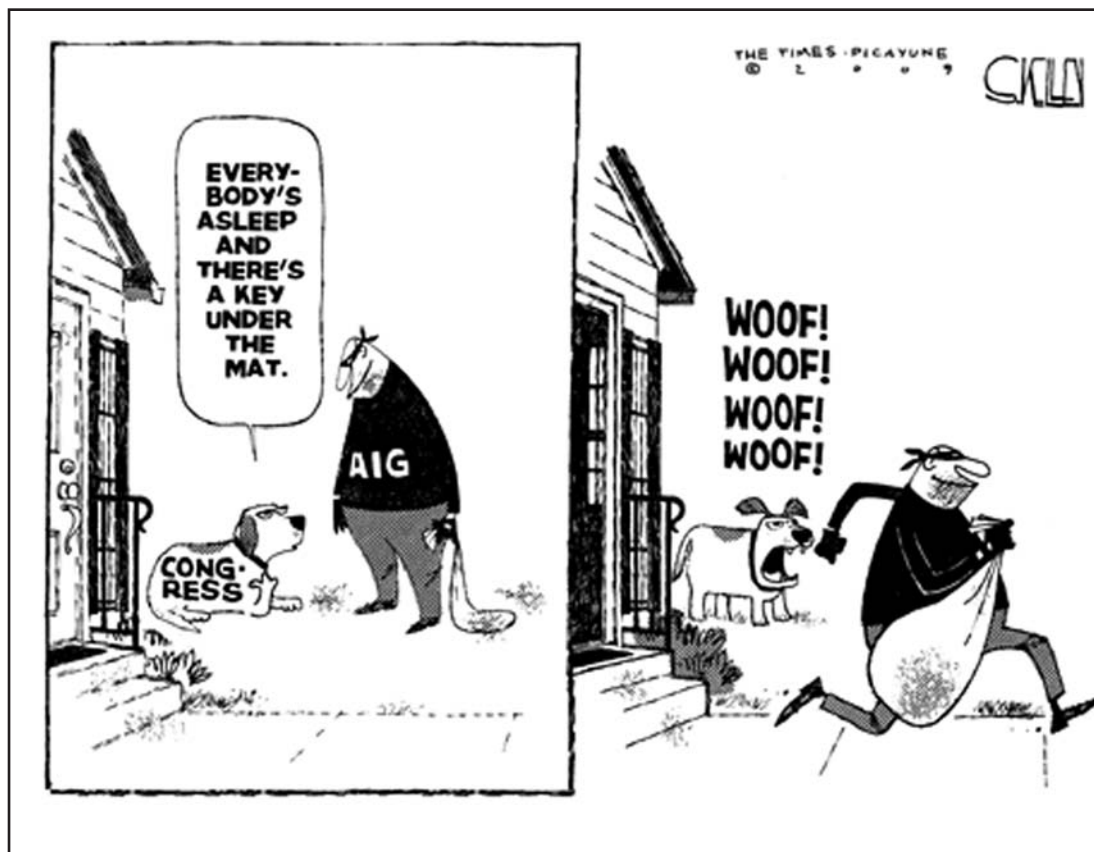
Then we saw it. Or didn't see it. The Pavilion was gone, replaced by grass. Ditto the amusement park across the street. Gone. Those wonders of our youth had been replaced by a group of people who, to put it kindly, appeared to be down on their luck.

The Gay Dolphin was still there and still open, but a quick glance in the window revealed only merchandise that would have to improve a bunch to become junk.

It was scary. The entire experience was disheartening. "Let's get the heck out of here," I told TFW. She agreed.

I guess those of my generation no longer want to get together on the top floor of The Pavilion and talk about picking up girls. Now, I guess we get jobs as room service guys and actually talk to attractive women who are married to unfunny guys.

(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.)



B'rat Packer

By Trevor Baratto

Goodbye to Clinton

I knew this day would come, but not so soon. I knew at some point I would sit down and say goodbye in 600 words or so.

March 31 is my last day as a staff writer for The Chronicle.

I spent 10 1/2 months at your weekly newspaper. Loyal readers may recall that on May 10, 2008, I was on College of Charleston's Cistern receiving my diploma. On May 12, 2008, I was taking orders from Larry Franklin - talk about being brought down a peg.

I've enjoyed my days here. Sure, there have been moments of utter boredom at transportation committee meetings, or times I've questioned whether my talents were being utilized, but overall, I was pleased with my first post-college job.

Clinton can be a tough town for a 22-year-old who doesn't know a soul, but I believe I made the most of it. In fact, I take pride in the relationships I've built and friends I've made, especially in the last few months.

I'd like to review some highlights from my stint at the paper.

- For the rest of my life, I'll be able to say the first college basketball game I covered was from press row at Cameron Indoor Stadium. The antics of the crazies, the post-game conference with Coach K and the aura of Cameron is something I'll never forget.

- I'll also never forget meeting Kate and Mary Ryan Howard (ok, their parents, too) in June 2008. When I think of touching stories, this immediately comes to mind. Having triplet cousins who were born premature and underwent many of the same struggles, this story moved me. Tim and Jennifer were welcoming and, though I've only talked with them a few times, they always make me feel like a friend. Thank you, and expect to hear from me one random day five years from now.

Baratto, 13A

Letters to the editor

The editor:

It is understood that when employers have under-performing employees on their payrolls, they must make the necessary adjustments to protect their interests.

It is another thing, however, when long-serving, faithful employees find themselves victims when their employers have, for years, been wasteful and exorbitant spenders for themselves and yet failed to fulfill promises made to these

employees, and then, without any conscience, terminate them.

We hear so much of this regarding our largest corporations, but it is certainly not limited to them.

It is not surprising that once upstanding businesses have lost respect and become suspect. Once a customer base has become aware of the mistreatment of employees who have given their very best day in and day out for many years,

they have every right to question the integrity of their own everyday dealings with such companies.

How is it that some businesses no longer adhere to long-held ethical standards and their word has become meaningless? Somewhere along the way, accountability must come into play.

E. Lowell Henderson
Joanna, S.C.

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Hospital CEO appreciative of getting a second chance

The Laurens County community is already attuned to my year's departure from Laurens County Health Care System. That is old news indeed that does not need revisiting. I will say upon my return last month, however; I came back with an overwhelming feeling of appreciation for the "new" job that awaited me.

Why? First and foremost, I came "home" to a responsibility and community I truly care about. There is no other place on the planet I would rather be and quite frankly; plan to be for the entirety of my healthcare career and thereafter.

As important, I have been given a second chance to lead my organization.

Very few CEOs get the chance to go away, learn, come back and have the opportunity to transform the organization. For that I am grateful. I remember a time in a former career as a professor looking forward to sum-

mer when I could take time away from the workplace for a few months to learn. This experience is called a sabbatical. My past year with the Greenville Hospital System as executive director of Systems Affiliations was a sabbatical in every way.

When you experience an opportunity such as this you do three things. First you research and then write papers. More importantly, you examine your own performance so when you return to your job you improve personal skills and bring back new knowledge to share.

What was my opportunity? I got the chance to look at my ability to lead the organization. I looked at the organization from the outside in, contemplated what we did well and realized what needed improvement.

The good news? Laurens County Health Care System has a strong, intelligent, and committed board of trustees. We also possess a well qualified and

Health Matters



By Rich D'Alberio

100% board certified medical staff. Excellent employees are included in the mix with a high rate of satisfaction for their jobs. Leadership inside the hospital is strong with the right professionals in the right places. Finally, a strive towards service excellence has created an improved community image.

What needs our attention and improvement? Job productivity needs fine tuning, our finances needs a stronger foundation, increased market share, and finally, employee and Medical Staff accountability systems put in place.

While at GHS I was also able to focus on where LCHCS needs to go in the future now that we have our independence.

The answer? We need to affiliate with others in situations where it benefits both partners. Affiliation is not ownership and control. Affiliation is having a relationship that brings something to benefit both organizations. For example, we have an affiliation with Self Regional in purchasing. We bring more volume to the table so we both have the advantage of lower costs in purchased goods and services.

Another future must is Clinical Integration. The goal of every community is to treat patients close to home. But when we can't provide those medical services, we need to develop relationships with those that can. Clinical integration starts with building a better relationship with your medical staff. Our incentive is to realign so we can

work better for the community. Next, we look for partners to fill the services which we do not provide.

For example, three years ago we had one radiologist, 24/7. Now we have 42. We have a contract- not ownership-with Greenville Radiology, P.A. Because of informational technology they are able to read x-rays from many locations. No one owns anyone. It's a contractual relationship. So, when you think about affiliation and clinical integration working together, our hospital will survive and thrive without ownership or control from an outside organization.

With the economic crisis facing our country hospitals are not immune. Elective procedures have decreased because patients cannot afford their deductibles. More people are visiting the emergency room because they have lost their health insurance. The hospital has a fixed overhead that depends on this rev-

enue. The good news is we monitor our expense level daily. Managers know they need to put in place mechanisms to flex worker' schedules which will help avoid a layoff. We learned recently Self Regional Hospital had a layoff for similar reasons. None of us in the business enjoy watching our colleagues go through this ordeal. To avoid such actions ourselves, we have processes in place at this time to maintain efficiencies and productivity.

The future ahead is challenging indeed. I look forward to sharing this experience with you as we progress and grow. And without any modesty, I thank you for my second chance to make Laurens County Health Care System the provider and employer of choice in our great community.

(Rich D'Alberio is CEO of the Laurens County Health Care System.)

Baratko

From 12A

- The first time, really the only time, I got a licking from the boss. This is noteworthy because of why I was scolded. In actuality, I got yelled at for not listening and not doing what I was told. But the event that triggered it? I didn't take a picture of Santa at the Christmas parade. Later that winter day, I called my Dad and said 'well, I really did it this time. I didn't take a picture of St. Nick. I think I'm getting canned.' Trust me, El Franko was in the right — there was a string of events that set it off. But I just like saying I got yelled at because I didn't take a picture of Santa.

- Covering PC's basketball program was awesome. I knew next to nothing about Presbyterian College before moving here. Suddenly I learn they're a Division I program. Imagine the thrill. I consider

myself a lifetime fan of Blue Hosi basketball.

In the last year, I've learned more about city and state government, hospitals, economic development and education than I did my previous 21 years. For that, I am thankful.

I'm opting not to compile a list of thank yous in fear of leaving someone out.

There are only two people I will thank. Actually, one person and one entity.

First the entity. Thank you Jacobs Highway Study Club. I've said it repeatedly, I probably would have packed it up several months back had the Club not been in Clinton. For a 22-year-old guy with nothing to do, Study Club was my getaway — my getaway from my apartment, my computer and my boredom.

Lastly, thank you Mr. Larry Franklin. I can't imagine the headaches he incurred my first

few months. I wasn't completely worthless, but I was close. Yet not once did Larry show aggravation or lose his patience. He has taught me more than I can explain, more than I know and more than he knows. His job is not an easy one — it's so much more than editorial content. It's dealing with advertising, budgets, and various organizations along with writing. That said, he does it seemingly with ease. Thanks El Franko for the opportunity to work with you.

So that's it. How do you end your final column for a paper you've grown to love? Like this.

(Trevor Baratko will become editor-in-chief of Centered Magazine in Spartanburg on April 1. His email address is tbaratko@centeredmag.com.)

Letters to the editor

From 12A

The editor:

On February 21, the Bell Street Science Olympiad team won the South Carolina State Championship for the seventh consecutive year. The team is very mindful that the only way such an accomplishment is possible, is because we have been able to learn from those who came before us.

On May 16, 2009, the team will compete in the National Science Olympiad to be held at Augusta State University in Augusta, Georgia.

The team would like to acknowledge with appreciation the achievement of all of the Bell Street Science Olympiad teams who have come before us. This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Science Olympiad.

Bell Street Middle School

has been an active member of the Science Olympiad since it's start in 1985.

If you, or someone you know were ever a member or a coach of the team since we started, would you please get in touch with me?

We would like to have an accurate record of all the past Bell Street Science Olympiad teams and we would certainly like to express our appreciation for all you have taught us.

You can reach me by calling or writing Bell Street.

Thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,

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The editor:

I am a fourth grade student at Discovery Elementary. I am in a gifted and talented program called P.E.A.K.S.

I am gathering information on South Carolina. It is for the Long Term Project, L.T.P. This project lasts about four or five months.

I will need as much information as possible. These items could be pamphlets, brochures, maps, books, pictures, posters, magazines and old newspapers.

Please send all items to my teacher Mr. Closson in care of Justin Tran.

Sincerely,

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Don't Miss: Clinton Museum

Located in the historic Griffin House at 400 North Broad Street, the Clinton Museum features exhibits and special events that celebrate the heritage of the City of Clinton. From a railroad village to a textile town, the museum chronicles the past through a unique collection of artifacts. Open every Sunday from 2 PM to 5 PM.

April 24—25

Arts Downtown. Experience the arts in historic downtown Clinton and enjoy two days of special events and demonstrations in our restored central business district. For more information call (864) 833-7505.

Don't Miss: Run Your Heart Out

April 25th 5K Run & Walk to benefit the American Heart Association. Presbyterian College Contact Stefani Thacker for more information. (317) 727-6234. 9:00 AM

April 30

Town Rhythms. Downtown Concert 7:00 PM. At the historic depot on Main Street in Downtown Clinton. (864) 833-7505.

Celebrate Clinton at These Events

March 30 - April 3

31st Annual YMCA Youth Prayer Breakfast. 7:00 AM. First Baptist Church. 301 S. Broad Street (864) 833-1555.

April 21

Clinton Elementary School. Family Arts Night. 5:30 PM. 800 Chestnut St. (864) 833-0812.

April 22 & April 29

Farm Animal Day at Thornwell Farm. Presented by the Joe Adair Outdoor Education Center. 9:00 AM. (864) 984-5492.

Events You Shouldn't Miss

April 4

Clean Up Clinton Day: Participate in a day of volunteer service to the community. M.S. Bailey Municipal Center. 10:00 AM. (864) 833-7505.

April 9

Thrifty Thursdays: Special Discounts at Downtown Merchants on April 9.

April 11

Easter Parade: 10:00 AM. M.S. Bailey Municipal Center. 211 North Broad Street. FREE EVENT. (864) 833-7505.

Easter Egg Hunt: 10:30 AM. M.S. Bailey Municipal Center. 211 North Broad Street. FREE EVENT. (864) 833-7505.

April 12

Easter Sunrise Service: Clinton High Stadium. North Adair Street. FREE EVENT. (864) 833-7505.

Arts & Culture

April 1—April 26

Senior Art Exhibition at Presbyterian College 12 PM—5 PM. Elizabeth Stone Harper Gallery. Presbyterian College. FREE EVENT. (864) 833-8317.

Arts Downtown. Presbyterian College Art Display in Downtown Clinton in the Depot. Presbyterian College Bookstore. Musgrove Street. FREE EVENT. (864) 833-8317.

April 2—4

The Just So Stories. Musical. Laurens County Community Youth Theatre. 7:30 PM Florida Street Theatre. 600 East Florida Street. (864) 833-LCCT.

April 24—25

Don't Miss: American Revolution Living History Festival. Experience the American Revolution at Musgrove Mill State Historic Site. (864) 938-0100.

Musical Events

April 7

Jazz. Firecracker Jazz at Presbyterian College. 11:00 AM. Belk Auditorium Presbyterian College. 503 South Broad Street. (864) 833-8317

April 26

Gospel. Gospel Singing Sunday Afternoon. At the historic depot on Main Street in Downtown Clinton. (864) 833-7505

Celebrate Clinton Athletic Events

April 1—April 26

Presbyterian College Athletic Events: Softball, Baseball, Football, Women's Lacrosse, Men's Lacrosse, Women's Tennis, Men's Tennis. (864) 833-8240.

Full List of Events: www.celebrateclinton.com



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From The Chronicle

Miss Clinton Pageant Set April 17

The Miss Clinton Pageant is scheduled to be held on April 17 in Belk Auditorium, according to announcement by officials of the Clinton Jaycees, sponsoring organization for the event.

Entrants must be from 18 to 28 years of age, single, a high school graduate by September, a resident or college student of the community.

Directories

Delivery of the new telephone directory for Clinton is scheduled to begin March 16. Bob Simmons, Southern Bell's manager in Clinton asks that anyone who doesn't receive his directory by March 22, call the telephone company business office at 833-0100 and one will be sent right away.

Appointed

Congressman James Mann has been appointed to the Select Committee on Crime, U.S. House Speaker Carl Albert announced Tuesday.

The committee was created during the 91st Congress to investigate all aspects and elements of crime in the United States. The 11-member committee is chaired by Rep. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.). It includes six Democrats and five Republicans.

Club Council Meets Monday

The Clinton Council of Federal Garden Clubs will have their spring meeting Monday at 3:30 p.m. in the Community room of the City Hall. Members are urged to attend and bring guests.

Rain, Rain

Clinton's already-soggy landscape was drenched by two inches of rain Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Bob Wickham, in charge of the U.S. Weather Observation Station at Thornwell, said that during the past week, the Clinton area has received 3.83 inches of rain.

Y's Owl Club Formed

A club, the Y's Owl, is now open for students of junior high to college age. It is run by the students with adult supervision.

It will be open on weekdays after school from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and there will be occasional dances. Speakers will be invited frequently.

Harlem Stars in Laurens

The Harlem Stars of Compton, California and the Laurens County All Stars will battle at the Laurens High gym. Thursday night, March 11 at 8 p.m. The Laurens Jaycees are staging the event. The Harlem Stars travel in the United States and 20 foreign countries yearly and have compiled a record of 650 wins and only five setbacks.

YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFASTS

March 30-April 3



Mike Minter

**Monday, March 30
Mike Minter
Carolina Panthers**

Mike Minter has been a pillar of the Carolina Panther defense since joining the team in 1997. An all-pro safety and team captain, Minter has lived the highs of playing in the Super Bowl and the lows of a team that won only one game in 16.

However, his newfound success as a businessman and philanthropist will soon rival his fame on the field. As a motivational speaker, Minter's insights are unique, his delivery is impeccable and his credentials are unparalleled. He makes his listeners laugh and think while encouraging them to find their true purpose in life.

At a time when free agency reigns and swapping teams for higher salaries is expected, Minter's loyalty to one team is rare. A second round draft pick, the All-pro safety officially retired on August 7, 2007 but not before becoming the Carolina Panthers' all-time leader in forced fumbles and was ranked among the team's leading tackles almost every season. (For complete stats, visit www.mikeminter.com).

As an aspiring pastor, Minter gives all credit for his accomplishments to God. "You know that you are doing everything for His glory, and not yours," Minter stated. This man with a reputation for unprecedented integrity takes his faith with him wherever he goes, the football field, the alter and the boardroom.

Minter's ability to share his testimony with others has recently led him to the First Assembly Christian School in Concord. In fall 2008, Minter will step into the role of Head of Football Operations, overseeing all middle and high school football teams. "It's about more than developing skills," said Minter. "This is an opportunity to coach these young people in football and life. I want to help them become the best people they can be."

The Clinton Family YMCA is presenting the 31st Annual YMCA Youth Prayer Breakfasts March 30-April 3 at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. The breakfasts begin each morning at 7 a.m. and are sponsored by all of the local churches and civic clubs in the greater Clinton area as well as the YMCA.

Weekly tickets for students are \$10.00 and \$2.50 for a daily pass. Adult tickets are \$15.00 for the week and \$3.50 daily. Financial aid is available for special groups, families and individuals.

Transportation will be provided to Bell Street Middle School and to Clinton High School for those students needing transportation.

For additional information call Gene Simmons, Executive Director of the Clinton Family YMCA, 833-1555 for details.

**Tuesday, March 31
Frank Reynoso**

Frank Reynoso grew up in the streets of New York City, as a runaway. He turned to a life of crime, alcoholism and drug abuse which caused him to be incarcerated and fight for his life in drug wars. In 1991, in Orlando, Florida at the age of 23, Frank accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. This decision radically changed his life. He then responded to a call to serve in ministry.

His ministry experience began as a street preacher in the ghettos of Orlando with Answer to Life Ministries. He also served in jail ministry for nine years which including becoming the chaplain for the juvenile detention center and overseeing nine different juvenile delinquent programs. He then served as a youth pastor for five years, where he was licensed and ordained. From 1999-2005, he joined the House of Hope and served as their campus pastor. During that time he was the director of the Last Wave Club and is a staff member as an area representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Frank currently serves at Body of One Ministries, with his wife of 21 years, and their daughter, Frances.



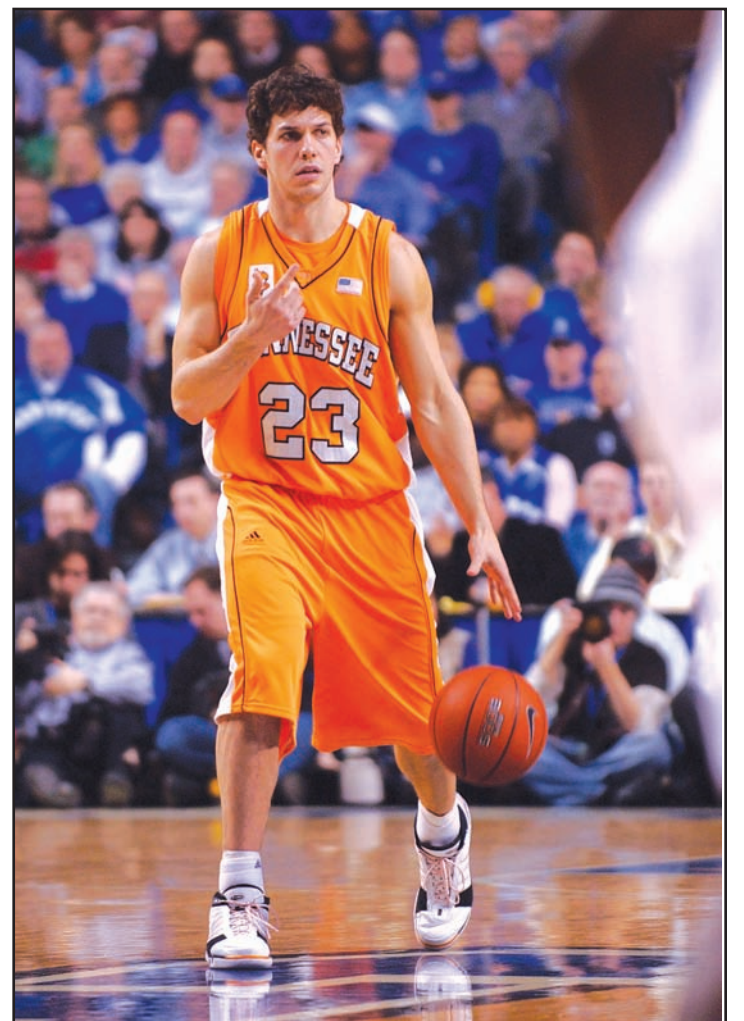
Frank Reynoso

*In memory of
Bill Shealy*

The 2009 Clinton YMCA Youth Prayer Breakfasts are dedicated in the memory of Bill Shealy.

Bill was a loyal supporter of the YMCA Prayer Breakfasts, the Clinton Family YMCA, First Baptist Church, his family and the greater Clinton community.

Bill Shealy set an example for us all as a dedicated husband, father, and a true Christian and community leader.



Dane Bradshaw

**Wednesday, April 1
Dane Bradshaw**

Dane Bradshaw is a former player for Bruce Pearl and the University of Tennessee Volunteers basketball team. He won the hearts and minds of Tennessee fans with his clutch shots in big games and humble attitude. It is impossible to keep records for the size of a player's heart, toughness, intelligence, grit or just what he has meant to a program. If there were, Bradshaw's name wouldn't just be at the top of the list, the awards would be named after him. The six foot four player from Memphis has a lot to be proud of in his four years at the University of Tennessee. He became one of the most versatile players in the nation by starting at power forward and serving as the backup point guard for a team that has earned national rankings in both his junior and senior seasons.

As a junior he played with a torn ligament in his shooting wrist while leading the Vols to the SEC Eastern Division championship. As the lone senior on the 2007 team he led the Vols to win over four nationally ranked teams.

In 2006 he was named to SI.com's All-Glue team, a squad picked by Sports Illustrated's Seth Davis to recognize the players who do the little things that make teams stick together. Davis also named Bradshaw the captain of the eighth annual All-Glue team. Off the court he has been equally as impressive, earning his communication degree in three years.

After finishing his college career with the Vols, Dane wrote a book titled Verticle Leap, which gives an inside look at the rise of the University of Tennessee's basketball program.

He accepted a job from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Clemson University. In the fall of 2006 Brad felt God call him into full time ministry at New Spring Church. He has served on staff at New Spring as the Student Pastor for the last two years. He has a passion to see this generation reached for Jesus Christ.

**Thursday, April 2
Barbara Kennedy-Dixon**

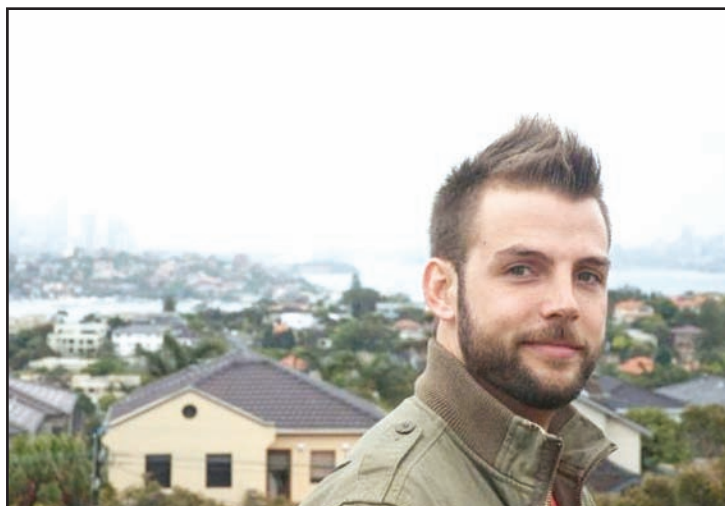
Barbara was born in California but spent most of her life in Rome, Georgia where she attended and graduated from East Rome High School in 1978. She enrolled at Clemson University in August of 1978 and was a member of the Clemson Lady Tigers basketball team. Barbara earned two degrees from Clemson University and they are a Bachelor of Science degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management and a Masters degree in Guidance and Counseling.

Athletically, her accomplishments were many. She was the first female in Clemson's history to be inducted into the Clemson Ring of Honor; she is the only female in the history of Clemson women's basketball to have her jersey retired. She has been inducted into Clemson's Athletic Hall of Fame and into the South Carolina State Hall of Fame.

In 1987, she joined the Clemson Women's Basketball Coaching Staff and served as an assistant coach. In 1992 she was hired at Clemson as the Minority Ombudsman. Then in 1994 Barbara rejoined athletics as an Athletic Academic Counselor. In 1999, she served as Assistant Director of Compliance Services for the athletic department. She returned to women's basketball in 2000 as an Assistant Athletic Director to Women's Basketball Operations and also served as the color analyst for the Clemson Radio Network. In June 2005, she was named the Associate Athletic Director and Senior Women's Administrator for Clemson athletics. Barbara serves for the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame.



Barbara Kennedy-Dixon



Brad Cooper

**Friday, April 3
Brad Cooper**

Brad Cooper is the student pastor at New Spring Church in Anderson. Originally from Hendersonville, N.C., Brad went on to pursue his undergraduate degree at Furman University where he also played baseball and football. Following his undergraduate degree, Brad ac-



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PC production features local students

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Tickets are \$5 and \$10 and are available through the college's fine arts box office at 864-833-8317.

"Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris" is a cabaret-style evening of theater with songs of love, loss, despair, and hope. The show will be performed at 7:30 p.m. March 26-28 and April 2-4 in the Harper Theater on the PC campus.

The original off-Broadway revue features songs written by the late Belgian singer-songwriter Jacques Brel, whose popular works has been covered by Joan Baez, David Bowie, Belinda Carlisle, and Ray Charles.

Directed by professor of theatre arts Lesley Preston, the cast of "Jacques Brel" includes: Katie Ball, a junior from Asheville; John Mark Elliot, a freshman from Green Sea; David Galloway, a senior from Clinton; Taylor Randall, a junior from Clinton; Nick Roosevelt, a senior from Clinton; Rachel Smith, a junior from Salem; and Zach Williams, a senior from Nichols. Accompanying the cast is assistant professor of music Dr. Jun Matsuo.



Girl Scout Day at PC: Presbyterian College held its first-ever Girl Scout Day recently. More than 100 girl scouts in grades K-8th took part in the day. While in the Templeton Center, the girls were taught skills and were able to perform them in various sports. Coaches from the PC volleyball team, golf team, women's soccer squad and cheerleading team were all represented. In addition, each squad had student-athletes helping raise awareness and hopefully invoking a wide-range of interests for the youth. The Girl Scouts were all members of the Mountains to the Midlands Region of South Carolina. Approximately 60 athletes participate along with the head coaches from each sport. Each girl received a PC Sports Day patch and a water bottle.

PTC honor society gets new members

Fifty-six new members were recently inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Piedmont Technical College. Phi Theta Kappa was established in 1918 to honor two-year college students and boasts more than 1,200 chapters today. The Carolinas region includes 75 active chapters in the two-state area.

Piedmont Tech's Omega Chi chapter became the first among South Carolina's technical colleges in 1974.

Laurens County representatives are Michael B. Bolt of Laurens; Johanna M. Crisp of Cross Hill; Cynthia D. Kuykendall, April D. Price, Lisandra Rice, Richard D. Semino and Brittany S. Wilkes, all of Clinton.

Old faithful...

...fruit, that is

Most people see the yellow fruit at the end of the produce aisle each week in the grocery store and never give it a second thought. We are so used to adding bananas to our shopping list it seems like they are grown locally.

However, bananas originate far from our area. Most are grown in Central and South America and the Caribbean due to the fact that they require tropical climates to grow efficiently.

We often think of bananas as growing on trees. But in reality, they grow on a large perennial plant. A large leafy stalk grows up from a rhizome. And, from that stalk grows a flowering stem. As the bud of the stem blooms, there are rows of flowers that become visible. These flowers are what will develop into bananas. One flower (banana) is called a finger. And a row of flowers is called a hand. Each stem will have up to 10 hands on it, weighing around a total of 100 pounds.

The vast majority of bananas available in the grocery stores are the Cavendish variety. But lately, there are more specialty varieties available, such as red-skinned bananas and miniature bananas. The mini bananas are great choices for kids for snacks or lunch boxes.

Nutritionally speaking, most people recognize a banana's claim to fame as being high in potassium. But there are other great things about the fruit, too. One medium banana has only 110 calories and provides 20 percent of

Around the Table



By Rhonda Matthews

your daily requirement of vitamin B6. Bananas are also fat free, cholesterol free, sodium free and have 4 grams of soluble fiber. Numbers like that stack up to make bananas easier than ever to choose as a snack.

Sometimes, shoppers purchase more bananas than they are able to eat before the fruit becomes too ripe. There is an easy way to alleviate this problem: cold temperatures. Try these options to make use of your extra fruit:

Put your extra bananas in the refrigerator. This slows the ripening process and the bananas will hold a few extra days. But be warned, the peel will turn dark brown.

Put your bananas in the freezer. Drop the unpeeled bananas into a freezer bag and place the bag in the freezer until you're ready to use the fruit for yummy items such as banana bread, banana pancakes, banana-rice pudding, or banana milkshakes.

(Rhonda Matthews is a Clemson University Food Safety and Nutrition Educator. Her email address is rhonda@clemson.edu.)

Bookmobile

Laurens County Library Bookmobile schedule March 30-April 2

Monday, Mar. 30 - Tender Thoughts Day Care 10 a.m.; Crossroads Express on Hwy 101 12 noon; Greenpond Fire Station 1 p.m. Hanson Circle 3:30 p.m.; Independence Ave. office 3:45 p.m.; Laurens Glen Apartments 4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 31 - Carrot Stew Day Care 10 a.m.; National Health Care in Clinton 11 a.m.; Whitten Center 12:30 p.m.; Glendale Manor 1:30 p.m.; Pres-

byterian Home 2:05 p.m.; Landau Apartments 3:15 p.m.; Countryside Apartments 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Apr. 1 - Tender Loving Care Day Care 10 a.m.; Poplar Springs Baptist Church 11 a.m.; Wasson's Store 1:30 p.m.; Hickory Tickory Tots Day Care 2:15 p.m.; Rabun Creek Baptist Church 3:15 p.m.

Thursday, Apr. 2 - Laurens Memorial Home 9:40 a.m.; Mother Goose Day Care 10 a.m.; Lanford Station 12 noon; NuWay in Waterloo 3 p.m.

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PRE-NATAL CLASS
Mar. 3 & 10, 6:30 p.m., Laurens County Hospital. Call 833-9450 to register. FREE.

REACH TO RECOVERY TRAINING SESSION
Mar. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Laurens County Hospital Education Classroom. Reach to Recovery offers one-on-one visits for women with breast cancer who will have or have had a lumpectomy, mastectomy or recurrence. The visit is made by a breast cancer survivor who has been carefully chosen and trained. Each patient is given a Reach 'kit' containing a soft prosthesis for mastectomy patients, exercise support, literature and local resource information. Call 833-7962 to register. FREE.

LOOK GOOD...FEEL BETTER
Mar. 16, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church in Clinton. Look Good...Feel Better is a free program for women undergoing cancer treatment. It is designed to help improve appearance and self-image by teaching hands-on beauty techniques that overcome the appearance related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatment. Each attendee will receive a free box of make-up valued at over \$300. Please call 833-7962 to register. FREE.

MEDICAL EXPLORERS MEETING
Mar. 16, 6:30 p.m., Laurens County Hospital Education Classroom.

COOKING WITH CLASS
Mar. 16, 12 p.m. & 6:30 p.m., Diabetes Center, 200 Plaza Circle, Suite D in Clinton. Menu: Pecan-Crusted Fish with Pepper and Squash. Call 833-4845 to register. Must register by March 13. Cost: \$6.

HEARTSAVER AED CPR CLASS
Mar. 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Diabetes Center, 200 Plaza Circle, Suite D in Clinton. Call 833-7962 to register. Cost: \$20.

ACTIVATE LAURENS COUNTY WEIGH-IN DAY
Mar. 20, Laurens YMCA, Clinton YMCA, Gray Court YMCA.

LAURENS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE
Mar. 26, 2:00-7:00 p.m., Laurens County Hospital. Blood mobile located near the Emergency Entrance. Donors receive a FREE t-shirt.

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Searching for the perfect cercie

The cercie or surcy is a truly southern phenomenon. I remember finding out about the surcy when years ago a friend came over and brought me a small gift just for fun. She claimed that she "brought me a sirsee to make my day a little better." Since then surcies have been a part of my life and I love giving circes.

As you can see there are lots of spellings for those little gifts that we call cirsis. As far as I could find out, it is not often a word that is spelled but a word that is spoken.

I don't think it is in any dictionary. It is part of our southern oral history. Where did the word come from? How did it become part of the southern female ethos?

The French have the word souci which means taking care or taking a little trouble, having the thought.

The Scots/Irish word is sussie which translates to care or to bother oneself. Maybe this little gift giving tradition sifted down over time from our ancestors.

However we obtained this tiny custom, for us southerners it is all about the thought of another person, the surprise element and the hope for lighting up someone's day.

Sometimes I have been out shopping and found just the best little gift that yelled out someone's name. Or other times I see a cute little thing that I buy and keep until that time I want to give a surcy. But the surcy with the most love and care is one that I make.

Some people can knit, or take pictures or can draw. I can't do any of these wonderful things but I do love to cook. I love to cook for friends, neighbors, family, and who doesn't like to have someone leave a tart or bread or sweet at their door.

A quick, easy and delicious sursee is what our family calls Preacher Cookies. Thus named because when you see the preacher coming down the road you can whip them up before he gets to your front door.

Eating these always reminds our family of sitting in their grandmother's kitchen in Virginia. She made them every time she knew we were coming.

- Preacher Cookies**
 1 stick butter
 2 cups sugar
 1/2 cup milk
 1 tsp vanilla
 2 cups oatmeal
 1/2 cup chopped nuts
 1/2 cup cocoa

Chef Janet On Food

By Janet Henley



Boil the butter, sugar and milk for 3 minutes (no more, no less). Add to the oatmeal and cocoa, stirring til well mixed. Add the nuts and vanilla. Drop on wax paper and let set until cool and hardened. Put in a small bag with a bow and give them to a friend. (Don't make these on a humid day as they won't set as well.)

Chinese Fried Walnuts - Wonderful!
 6 cups water
 4 cups walnuts
 1/2 cup sugar
 vegetable oil
 salt
 Heat water to boiling then add walnuts. Heat back to boiling and cook 1 minute. Rinse walnuts under running hot water. Drain. Wash pan and dry well. In a large bowl, gently stir warm walnuts with sugar until

sugar is dissolved. Meanwhile in the same pan, heat the oil to 350 degrees F. With a slotted spoon, add about half of the walnuts to the oil. Fry 5 minutes or until golden, stirring often.

With slotted spoon, place walnuts in coarse sieve over bowl to drain; sprinkle very lightly with salt. Toss lightly to keep walnuts from sticking together. Transfer to paper towels to cool. Repeat with remaining walnuts. Find a cute tin and place walnuts in it for a great sercey.

Hot Chili Vinegar
 6-12 hot chili peppers
 vinegar
 garlic
 Rinse, stem and dry 6 to 12 fresh hot green, yellow or red peppers. Slit open with a knife. Drop peppers in 2 clean decorative bottles or jars and add 1 garlic clove into each. Fill to the brim with distilled white or rice vinegar and cover tightly. Allow to steep for 3 to 4 weeks, depending on flavor strength desired. Makes a beautiful small cercey to take to a friend.

(Janet Henley is co-owner and chef at The Farmhouse at Bush River in Clinton.)



Rotary member: Cliff Fuhrman of Clinton, left, is the newest member of the Clinton Rotary Club. He is being presented the new member package from Rotary Club President James Martin, who was Fuhrman's member sponsor. Fuhrman is the new associate dean of academic affairs at the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy.

Education News



Receives masters degree: Mary W. Marshall of Joanna has earned a Masters of Science in Education with a specialization in training and performance improvement from Capella University, an accredited, fully online university headquartered in Minneapolis. She completed her coursework on December 31, 2008. Since the university's inception, more than 13,000 students have graduated from Capella's bachelor's, master's and doctoral online degree programs.

Free income tax help available for needy and elderly

Free income tax preparation by AARP Tax-Aide will be available at Clinton First Presbyterian Church's Christian Life Center, located at the corenr of South Owens and Centennial Streets, on Mondays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Feb. 2 through April 6, and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. beginning Feb. 6, through April 10.

Call 833-1062 to make appointment. Tax Aides request those making appointments bring a copy of their 2007 tax re-

turn.
Call 833-1062 to make appointment.
Help available until April 10

AARP Tax-Aide is the nation's largest free volunteer run tax counseling and preparation

service for all taxpayers with middle and low-income, with special attention to those 60 and older.

It is a free, confidential, quality service supported and run by people from Clinton and surrounding towns who have volunteered their time to perform these services.

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 Items needed include tennis racquets, clothing, pictures, plaques, awards, trophies, letters, newspaper clippings, tournament bulletins, old tournament tickets, etc.
 If you have any items that would be useful for this exhibit, you may drop these off at the Museum any Sunday afternoon between 2-5 P.M. or contact Elaine Thorp, Museum Director at 938-1099.
 We will accept tennis items through Sunday, April 26, 2009.
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Community Bulletin Board

Upcoming Events

~ MARCH 26~

THE NEW BETHEL CHAPTER #195 ORDER OF EASTERN STAR will meet at 5 p.m. at New Bethel Church.

~ APRIL 11, 25~

SATURDAY MORNING ART FUN AT THE ARTIST COOP ON THE SQUARE IN LAURENS For your aspiring "chicka dees", 10 a.m.-12 noon. Materials provided at no charge. Come and create a masterpiece and enjoy the farmer's market.

~ MARCH 28~

BOOKS-A-MILLION

The Relay for Life team sponsored by Designed by Nature and Arthur State Bank will hold its third annual Used Book Sale from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church, Clinton. Hardbacks and paperbacks of all genres will be sold at low prices. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society. For information, call Shelby Deitz, 833-2983 or 938-4140.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clinton High School classes of 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967 will have a reunion on May 16, 2009. Information is needed. If you or anyone you know graduated in these years, call Carolyn Mills Ivey (681-2202) or Irene Vaughn Littleton (697-6357) for more information.

The Laurens County Museum, 205 West Laurens St., Laurens, will be open every Sunday, 2-5 p.m. Admission is free. For tours, call 984-3860 or 1-864-684-5639.

The Clinton High School Class of 1971 will be going to Virginia Beach June 19-22, 2009. For more information, contact Larry Burton, Joanne Kinard, Donnell Bluford or Pat Gary. Seats are limited.

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 Clinton Chronicle, the Laurens County Advertiser, the Clinton Public Library or the Laurens County Library.

~ ONGOING ~

A SUPPORT GROUP DEALING WITH BREAST, OVARIAN, UTERINE AND CERVICAL CANCERS will meet the 1st Mon. night of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Laurens County Hospital. For more information, call Harriet Ramage at 984-4858.

ADULT BASIC SKILLS/BASIC LITERACY LABS of the Literacy Council are Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-noon, and Tues. & Thurs. from 5:30-7:30 p.m. To volunteer or participate, call 984-0466. A yearly registration fee applies.

AIDS TASK FORCE OF LAURENS COUNTY has merged with the Upper Savannah Care Consortium. Meetings are held the 4th Tues. of every month. Call Jennifer at 984-4332 for more information.

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 SUPPORT GROUP for family care partners meets on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at Laurens County Library, 1017 West Main St., Laurens. Please call Robbie South at (864) 833-1055 or the Alzheimer's Association at (866) 844-0992 for additional information. Free in-home sitters to help family members attend can be arranged upon request.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S BEST CHANCE NETWORK PROVIDES FREE Pap tests, breast exams and mammograms for women ages 47-64 who meet income guidelines, have no insurance or have insurance that only pays for hospital care. Income guidelines: 1 person earning \$19,140 or less; 2 people, \$25,660; for additional person, add \$6,520. To see if you qualify, call Hildreth Perrin at (864) 443-2521. "Early Detection is the Best Protection... Every Year for Life." AMERICAN RED CROSS OF LAURENS COUNTY is located at 16 Peachtree Street. Office hours: 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri. American Red Cross offers adult, child and infant CPR classes and disaster response services for house fires and other local disasters. Speakers are also available for civic clubs and other groups. Volunteers are always needed. For information or assistance, call the Laurens County Service Center at 938-6306.

ANOTHER DAY MINISTRIES is a non-profit organization that reaches out to help individuals, families, and children through christian counseling. We provide opportunities for individual and family counseling and educational classes for victims of criminal domestic violence and parents with troubled teens. In addition, Another Day offers parenting classes designed for specific needs such as dealing with the oppositional child, parents in crisis, children in trouble with the law, anger management, etc. Another Day is accepting referrals and is open M-F, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. We accept contributions and donations for services rendered. Call 833-4040 for appointments, and for after hours calls, call 923-1444.

THE ARTIST'S COOP IN LAURENS: Class for beginners in clay/pottery, Tues. from 7-9 p.m. Cost for materials: \$25, and a \$10 fee each week. Teacher: Genie Miles. This class is ongoing; you may enroll at any time. Adult art classes, 7-9 p.m. All mediums and levels; for the beginner and ongoing artist. Cost: \$80 for 8 weeks. Provide your own materials. Teacher: Tya Hoteling. For more information or to enroll in any of these classes, call 984-9359 Tues. - Sat.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: Meets the first Thurs. of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Hospice of Laurens County office, 400 Plantation Plaza, Suite G. This group is open to anyone who has lost a loved one and is seeking a positive pathway through grief. Facilitators: Dr. James DuBose and Rev. Dan Compton, chaplain and bereavement coordinators. For more information, call 833-6287.

BRIGADIER GENERAL SAMUEL MCGOWAN CAMP #40, Sons of Confederate Veterans meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the backside basement of the VFW building on Hwy. 76 East, Laurens. Interested persons call 833-2148.

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 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hut.

CLINTON-LAURENS-NEWBERRY TENNIS ASSOCIATION meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call Martha at (864) 833-3933.

CLINTON MUSEUM: "Our Legacy: People and Places" is currently on view. The exhibit is in honor of Sam Owens, Bailey Dixon and Nancy Von Hollen. The museum is located at 400 N. Broad St., is open Sundays from 2-5 p.m. Free admission. Group tours by appointment, call 864-833-2549.

CLINTON YMCA "FIT KIDS & TAI JI: Fit Kids, for ages 9-12, is held Mondays and Thursdays 5-5:45 p.m. in the mini-gym. Free to YMCA members, \$30 per month for non-members. Tai Ji is taught Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at the Clinton YMCA by Jianlin Mao, professor of Chinese Studies at PC. Originally created as a martial art. It utilizes the ancient philosophy of Yin-Yang and is one of the most respected practices for exercise, meditation and martial arts in the world. Free to YMCA members, \$30 per month for non-members.

DINERS' CLUB: Senior Options invites you to join us at one of our two diners club locations. Hot meals are served daily in Clinton at Senior Options and in Laurens at Laurelwood. Transportation can be provided. Call Christine at 938-0572 Ext. 30 for more information.

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

GLEAMNS HEAD START is accepting applications for the 2008 - 2009 school year. To be eligible for Head Start, children must be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2008. In order for applications to be processed, your child's birth certificate and proof of family income from the previous 12 months (form 140, W-2) are required. Applications will be accepted regardless of race, sex, creed, nationality, immigration status, or

disability. For more information, call 984-4814. Notice: Gleamns Head Start does not provide transportation for children residing within a 1-mile radius of the center.

GOSPEL NIGHT AT HARMONY HOUSE (downstairs behind Elaine's): Every Friday night, 7-9 p.m. Full service coffee bar always open. Free admission. Smoke free. Love offering taken at the door.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED FOR LAURENS COUNTY. Department of Social Services to provide a stable and loving environment for children ages birth to 18 years old. If you love children and want to help with the future of the next generation, call Sabrina Booker at 833-0100, ext. 223 or Pam Grassetti at ext. 263.

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 has available funds for emergency needs at the Sanders Center in Laurens. Contact Tiesha Curenton at 948-5123.

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 or e-mail helen959@bellsouth.net.

HOSPICE OF LAURENS COUNTY, a non-profit organization, has provided HospiceCare for hundreds of families with compassion and professionalism. Located at 1304 Springdale Dr., Clinton, Hospice is available to speak to any groups or organizations who are interested in knowing more about HospiceCare, End-of-Life planning, End-of-Life Care, Bereavement ministries and other related topics. To arrange a program for your organization, contact Linda Brown, Director of Hospice of Laurens County at 833-6287.

HOSPICE OF LAURENS COUNTY SPONSORS A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Thursdays at 10 a.m. at Gateway Community Church, located on Hwy. 76 between Clinton and Laurens. There is no charge to attend, and the group is open to anyone who has suffered bereavement and is seeking a positive pathway through grief. Rev. Daniel E. Compton is facilitator for the group. To enroll, or for more information, call Hospice of Laurens County at 833-6287 or e-mail danielecompton@earthlink.net. Persons interested in meeting in an evening group should also contact Rev. Compton.

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 Jay Wilson at 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 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION meets every third Tuesday of each month at 115 Reeder St., Joanna.

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

KEYS TO SUCCESS Do you know a child 0-6 years old with learning problems or a developmental delay? Our Early Intervention program helps children and their families. Together, we can be the keys to your child's success. Please call Leigh Parker at 984-0355 ext. 23 to make a referral.

KIWANIS CLUB OF CLINTON meets at 6 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at the YMCA 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 AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY meets at 7:30 p.m. every third Tuesday of the month at the Laurens County Communications Building, First Floor, 321 S. Harper St., Laurens. The public is invited. For more information, call Wayne Deitz, KE4ZNF at 697-6358, or Spense Miner, K4KEP (864-682-3969) or write Laurens Amateur Radio Society, P.O. Box 815, Laurens, SC 29360.

LAURENS COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD meets the first Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the administration building, 1860 Hwy. 14, Laurens.

LAURENS COUNTY DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION: anyone interested in being involved with or has questions about the Laurens County Division of the American Heart Association, call 1-800-AHA-USA1.

LAURENS COUNTY FIRST STEPS, a non-profit organization whose sole mission is to get ready for school is taking contributions for its First Steps to School Readiness Fund that will provide child care scholarships for many years to come. In addition, contributions are being accepted to assist the board in funding its Family Literacy strategies in both school districts, child care training and professional development and child care scholarships. Make checks payable to: Laurens County Community Foundation, PO Box 1836, Laurens, SC 29360, or call Executive Director Edith Davis for more information at 984-8130. Enroll in the Bi-Lo Boosters Club, donate your children's books, or your unused cell phones.

LAURENS COUNTY HOSPITAL DIABETIC EDUCATION SUP-

PORT 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 LITERACY COUNCIL: If improving your basic skills is one of your resolutions, let the Literacy Council help. The Literacy Council can provide testing and direction to help adults choose an educational path. Call the Literacy Council at 984-0466 to schedule a testing time. 221 W. Laurens St., Laurens, SC 29360.

LAURENS COUNTY NETWORKER'S CLUB Wednesdays at OneStop Workforce Center, 18 Hazel Drive, Clinton, S.C. 10-11:30a.m. Call 833-0142 for more information.

LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 56 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. Monday: ID Cards. The van will depart the VA office on the square in Laurens at 8 a.m. and will arrive at its destination at 9 a.m. The van will return to Laurens once all ID cards are issued. Tuesday: Greenville V.A. will depart the Laurens County VA office at 7 a.m. and arrive at the Greenville V.A. by 8:30 a.m.; will depart at 4 p.m. and return to Laurens at 5 p.m. Wednesday: Columbia V.A. will depart the Laurens County VA office at 6:30 a.m. and arrive in Columbia by 8 a.m.; will depart from Columbia at 4 p.m. Thursday: Augusta V.A.: will depart the Laurens County VA office at 7 a.m. and arrive at 8:30 a.m.; will depart from Augusta at 4 p.m.

LOOSE THREADS QUILT GUILD OF CLINTON meets the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church Family Life Center, Clinton. Anyone interested in quilting is invited to attend. For information, call Marilyn Cooper, 684-0070, or Patri Nelson, 833-1555.

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 anyone wanting more information about the disease. www.RSPCLupusSupportGroup.info

M.S. BAILEY MUNICIPAL CENTER features an exhibit of historic Bailey bank documents from 1886 to 1950, and photos as well as artifacts from Clinton Mills, The Municipal Center is located at 211 N. Broad St., and is open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF LAURENS COUNTY is committed to bringing mental health awareness to the county by providing information services. Contact MHALC if you would like a speaker or fact sheet concerning mental health. We have information on all major mental illnesses and can provide a referral for mental health care if needed. Volunteers and new members are always welcome. MHALC, P.O. Box 954, Clinton, S.C. 29325 or call 864-984-0635.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meets Mondays at 8 p.m. at Broad Street United Methodist Church, 310 N. Broad St., Clinton. Call 864-923-5043 for more information.

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.

NATIONAL HEALTH CARE CENTER OF LAURENS offers free speech, language, and hearing screenings for children and adults Mon.-Fri.. Call for appointment at 984-6584 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. 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 each Mon. & Thurs. at 7 p.m. Any men wanting to participate are welcome. These are men-only classes at this time. For more information, please call 833-7670 and ask for Steve Gillstrap.

ONESTOP UPPER SAVANNAH WORKFORCE SYSTEM LAURENS NETWORKERS/JOB CLUB invites all unemployed persons to meet every Wed. at 10 a.m. in the OneStop (Clinton Job Service) at 18 Hazel Drive. This club helps develop job searching techniques. For more information, call 833-0142.

S.C. HUMANE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS SAYS, "Don't litter, fix your critter." If you need financial aid to help pay the cost of your pet's spay/neuter surgery, call 984-6484 and leave a clearly spoken message.

THE SAFE HOME ANNOUNCES A NEW 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.; Gray Court-Owings-Youngs, first Thursday, 10 a.m.; Oak Grove, third Monday, 12 noon. For more information, call Clemson Extension office 864-984-2514.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM #358 meets the 3rd Tues. of each month at 7 p.m. in the Consolation Lodge Hall no. 3 located next to Hebron Baptist Church, Clinton. All Eastern Star members are invited.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PERSONS WITH EATING DISORDERS. Call Janet at 833-2274.

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 Laurens County Food Bank is open Tues. & Thurs. from 1-2:30 p.m. at the same location. For more information, call 938-9070.

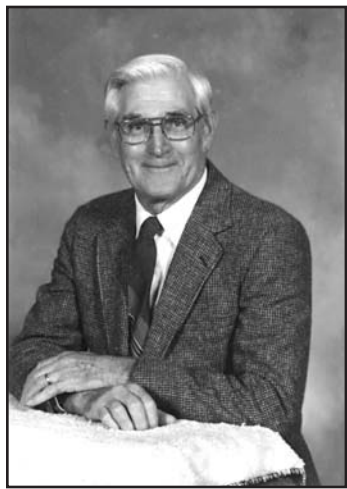
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO ASSIST IN THERAPEUTIC HORSEBACK AND HIPPO THERAPY SESSIONS AT WHITTEN CENTER. Horse leaders, sidewalkers, barn helpers, fence builders and clerical help is needed. Contact Dianne Gwinn at 938-3162.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP PACK MEALS ON WHEELS in the Clinton area. Only requires one hour one day per week. Call Christine at 938-0572 ext. 30 for more information.

WANT TO POST YOUR EVENT ON THIS PAGE?

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Obituaries



Joseph J. Burns

CLINTON - Joseph J. Burns, 93, died Monday, March 23, 2009 at the National Healthcare of Clinton.

He was born in Laurens and was a son of the late Thomas J. and Lila Weeks Burns.

Mr. Burns was retired from Whiteford's Drive-In of Clinton and formerly of Clinton Mills Bailey Plant. He was a deacon and member of Calvary Baptist Church and also was an U.S. Army Veteran of WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Foster Burns of Clinton; a daughter, Judith Burns Lynch of Clinton; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Janice Burns Tinsley.

Graveside services will be conducted on Wednesday, March 25 at 2 p.m. in Pinelawn Memory Gardens by Dr. James Dubose.

The family will receive friends following the service.

Condolences may be sent to

the family at www.grayfuneralhome.com. — Gray Funeral Home of Clinton.



Mary Frances Cooper

CLINTON - Mary Frances Ballard Cooper, 85, widow of Sherman (Bossy) Cooper, died Monday, March 16, 2009, at the Laurens County Hospital.

She was born in Greenville County and was a daughter of the late Broadus and Beulah Estelle Browning Ballard.

She was a homemaker and former member of Friendship Baptist Church.

Surviving are one son, Donnie Wayne Cooper of Clinton; two daughters, Patsy Smith and Teresa Fowler both of Clinton; seven grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

She was predeceased by a great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted March 19 in the Hurricane Baptist Church by Rev. Greg Hellams with burial in the Rosemont Cemetery.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.grayfuneralhome.com. — Gray Funeral Home of Clinton

John Thomas Kornes

CLINTON - John Thomas Kornes, 74, died at his residence on March 18, 2009.

He was born June 9, 1934 in Laurens County to the late Eddy Kornes and Martha L. Henderson.

Mr. Kornes is survived by three daughters: Annie Ruth Tribble, Charlene Toland, and Sharon and Bobby Hill of Clinton; two sons, James Cohens, Foremango and Ida Kornes, all of Clinton; a brother-in-law; 10 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren.

Private services were held. — Childs Funeral Home, Clinton

Angela Lucia MarDiaz

LAURENS - Angela Lucia MarDiaz, infant daughter of Ricardo MarDiaz and Brandy Argote, died Monday, March 16, 2009.

Angela was born February 11, 2009, in Greenwood.

Surviving, in addition to her parents, are a brother, Noah Tay-

lor; two sisters, Nellie Argote, and her twin Angelina MarDiaz; paternal great-grandfather, Ray Gossett Sr.; maternal grandparents, Billy and Ruthie Taylor; paternal grandparents, Pedro and Lucia MarDiaz.

A graveside service was held March 19 at Pinelawn Memory Gardens. - Fletcher Funeral Service

Gladys Polson

CLINTON - Gladys "Glad" Polson, 76, died Thursday, March 19, 2009, at her home.

She was born in Clinton and was a daughter of the late Nolan W. and Dolly A. Elders McCravey.

Mrs. Polson was a employee of Wendy's in Laurens and a former employee of Clinton Mills. She attended the New Horizon Freewill Baptist Church.

Surviving are her husband, James E. Polson of the home; two sons, Rickey Polson and wife, Tammy and James Polson and wife, Tammy, all of Clinton; three step daughters; one brother, Larry McCravey and wife, Beverly of Cross Hill; one sister, LaDon Taylor and husband, Frank of Laurens; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents she was predeceased by a brother,

Leroy McCravey, a sister, Barbara Bowling, a stepson, David



and a stepdaughter, Shirley.

Funeral services were conducted March 22 at the New Horizon Freewill Baptist Church by Rev. Jack Elders and Rev. Mike Campbell. Burial will follow in Pinelawn Memory Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the New Horizon Freewill Baptist Church, 2315 Torrington Rd., Laurens, SC 29360.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.grayfuneralhome.com. — Gray Funeral Home of Clinton

Dwight L. Tucker

JOANNA - Dwight L. Tucker, 70, passed away March

19, 2009, at the Laurens County Hospital.

He was born in Joanna and was a son of the late Clifton and Louise Bedenbaugh Tucker.

Mr. Tucker was a retired employee of both 3M of Laurens and General Electric. He was the owner of the What Not Shop in Joanna and attended the Break Through Tabernacle Church in Joanna. Mr. Tucker was a US Army veteran, a member of the 1950 Little League World Series Team and an avid sports fan.

Surviving are one son, Tyler Tucker of and one daughter, Daphne Tucker both of Joanna; two grandchildren, Madison Tucker and Derrec Becker; one brother, Dallas Tucker of Clinton and two sisters, Avanel Morris of Atlanta and Judy Tucker Hunicutt of Joanna.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Clifton Tucker Jr. and Lee Add Tucker Sr.

A memorial service will be conducted Saturday, Mar. 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Break Through Tabernacle Church in Joanna by Rev. Kyle Knight.

Memorials may be made directly to the family, c/o Gray Funeral Home, P.O. Box 125, Clinton, S.C. or to the Break Through Tabernacle Church, Joanna, S.C.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.grayfuneralhome.com. — Gray Funeral Home of Clinton

Church News

First Baptist Church, Clinton

First Baptist Church will present "The Shadow of the Cross", a tenebrae worship service on Sunday evening, April 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The service will be led by the church's sanctuary choir and soloists of First Baptist Church, accompanied by a small chamber orchestra.

The worship experience will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last a little under one hour. First Baptist Church is located at 301 S. Broad Street. Rev. Morris Driggers is minister of music; Dr. Blake Harwell is pastor.

Providence ARP Church

Voices in Praise, youth singers from First Presbyterian Church in Greenwood, under the direction of Amy Fennell will be at Providence Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church on South Broad Street in Clinton on

Sunday, March 29, in the 11 a.m. worship service.

Dr. Brad Christie will be guest minister on this day. His son, Luke, is a member of the choir. The public is invited.

Mt. Carmel AME

Nu Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will worship at Mt. Carmel AME Church, Gray Court, on Sunday March 29, in observance of Founders' Day of the sorority.

Other members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are invited to worship with the group. All sorority members are asked to wear black (no pants).

Worship services begin at 10:15 a.m. For additional information, contact Alvenes R. Barksdale at (864)833-4984.

Beaverdam Baptist Church

Beaverdam Baptist Church will begin worshipping Sunday mornings at the new Family Life Center at 11 a.m. on March 29.

The public is invited.

Duncan Creek Baptist Church

The Pastoral Training Class of the Duncan Creek Baptist Church of Laurens will hold their first community revival at the Trees of Righteousness Ministry on Spring Street, Laurens.

The dates of the revival are: Wednesday, March 25, guest preacher, Rev. Ruby Leake of the St. Vaughnville Baptist Church of Chappells;

Thursday, March 26, guest preacher, Rev. Eliza Miller of the White Plains Baptist Church of Mountville;

Friday, March 27, guest preacher, Rev. Gladys Nance of the Duncan Creek Baptist Church of Laurens.

Services will begin at 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Grove Baptist

Bethlehem Grove Baptist Church, Clinton, will have a Saturday Night Live service on Sat-

urday, March 28 at 6 p.m. Rev. Michael is the church pastor.

The public is invited.

Hebron Baptist Church

Hebron Baptist Church will be having a Fifth Sunday Morning Service on March 29 at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Minister Renea Pilgrim, Associate Minister of Vaughanville Baptist Church.

For more information contact Mrs. Zenora Babb at 833-3047.

The public is invited. Rev. Ralph Hawthorne is the pastor.

Hurricane Baptist Church

Hurricane Baptist Church in Clinton, in conjunction with Jews For Jesus, will present "Christ in the Passover" on Thursday, March 26 at 6 p.m.

Hurricane Baptist Church is located on Hurricane Church Road off of Highway 76 between Clinton and Joanna. For more directions and details go to www.hurricanebc.org.

The public is invited.

Past Masters Council

Laurens County Past Masters Council will hold their fifth Sunday sit-in with The Fairview A.M.E. Church Joanna on Sunday, March 29 at 11 a.m.

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The family of Mrs. Gladys W. Golden want to thank each and everyone of you for your kindness and thoughtfulness that you showed us at the loss of our mother. Whether you came by, brought food, called, sent flowers, or kept us in your prayers, everything was deeply appreciated. Once again, thanks for everything.

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Community News

Martha Franks News

By Dina Hair

On February 4, we celebrated the 24th anniversary of Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Community at noon. We paused while Chaplain Russell Dean remembered our founder, Miss Martha Franks, and I recognized our last "resident pioneer" Edith "Lady" Gardner. She moved to Martha Franks in February, 1985. We will begin later this year making plans for our special 25th celebration in 2010.

A group of residents enjoyed making Valentine tray favors for the patients at Laurens County Hospital.

Couples shared a delicious Valentine supper together on the 9th prepared by the dietary department. Entertainment was provided by Marketing Director Lisa Yarber and her husband, Paul.

Residents travelled to Ham-

rick's in Greenville to shop, to Wade Hampton High School to attend the Greenville Chautauqua, to Arizona Steak House for dinner and to Betha Baptist Retirement Community in Darlington for a tour and lunch.

A Valentine party was held on the 12th. There was cake, ice cream and punch to enjoy while residents listened to festive music provided by Frank Brown and Pat Adamson.

Healthcare residents enjoyed many fun activities during February. Some of their favorite things were homemade vegetable soup, brownie and cherry pie socials, and their Valentine party.

This month I thanked and had a luncheon for several people that have given their time, talents, money and other resources toward the refurbishing of The Villa, the facility and the new guest house. Those attending were Stewart Garrett of Garrett & Garrett Construction in Foun-



Palm Sunday concert: There will be a concert of sacred music at Rasor Chapel at Martha Franks Baptist Retirement Community on Sunday, April 5, at 4 p.m. The program of seasonal music will be given by Myrtle Hall, Russell Dean, pictured above, and Adair Rogers. Myrtle Hall was a soloist with the Billy Graham Crusade. These three performers have been featured together on previous programs. The public is invited to this Palm Sunday program and there is no admission charge.

tain Inn, Curtis and Sherry Wideman owners of C&S Furniture and Mattress in Belton, Dawn Wesson, trust officer with The Palmetto Bank, and Faye Edge, interior decorator. Also eating with the group was Mary Alice Barnes, resident and interior decorator and Russell Abrams, maintenance director.

PAC, patio home, apartment and cottage residents, had a covered dish supper in the Cooper Dining Room. They always have a fun time together.

This month we added a new service for residents on campus. Massage therapist, Jeff Holmes, is offering massages to residents.

We were happy to have Mt. Springs Baptist Church in Piedmont, tour and have lunch with us.

A large group of residents and community friends enjoyed hearing the group NewFire in the Rasor Chapel on the 27th. They provided toe-tapping bluegrass and gospel music.

Congratulations to Harold Pearson, patio home resident, for being honored with a resolution commending him for his service and valor to his country by the Laurens County Legislative Delegation.

We are pleased to have Pam Evans join us as the administrative assistant. Pam has over 20 years in administrative duties and customer service. She has worked in a retail store, a bank and a medical office. She is a real asset!

We welcomed this month new residents, Beulah Tinsley and Helen Kay Demario from Laurens.

Be sure to come to Martha Franks on Friday, April 3rd from 1 to 4 PM or on Saturday, April 4th from 10 AM to 4 PM for Open House. Things are "pop-pin" here, and we want to share them with you. There will be tours, refreshments, gift bags, door prizes and big savings for you.

George Cornelson is perfect example of southern gentleman

Last Sunday morning, as I was stopping at Ingles, I had the pleasure of seeing someone I do not get to see much anymore, Mr. George Cornelson.

George has been one of Laurens County's most wellknown men for many years and I have had the pleasure of knowing him for many of these years.

As well as I can remember, George is the last remaining member of the Clinton Mills and Bailey hierarchy, and I was very sad to see this reign come to an end.

George was right in there with Mr. Robert Vance and all of the other great men of the Clinton Mills system, and had things not have worked out the

way they did, I will always believe that Mr. Vance and George and the other leaders of the Bailey Foundation could have kept the mills and the Bailey Bank operating.

Anyway, George has been around a long time, and I can still remember seeing him as he walked from the Clinton Mill office, up Academy Street, and across the post office lot on his way to the Bailey Bank.

He was, and still is, always so stately and professional looking, and if someone should ask, what does a southern gentleman look like? George Cornelson could be the reply.

I cannot name all the boards and commissions George has



Kitch Remembers

By Tommy Kitchens

been on over the years, but I do know that he has done as much for Laurens County as anyone, and it has been a pleasure knowing him and being able to say that I am a friend of his.

Still remembering, Tommy Kitchens (Tommy Kitchens lives in Clinton.)

Day of Caring is April 4

United Way of Laurens County is holding its Third Annual Day of Caring event on Saturday, April 4.

"By hosting this Day of Caring, the community is exposed to the agencies that provide much needed health and human services to Laurens County. This event allows the community at large to get involved in making Laurens County a better place to work and live," said Tara Glenn of the United Way. "We had over 100 volunteers last year. These volunteers helped our local agencies save over \$5,000 that could be kept in their budgets for direct community assistance."



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Volunteers will be deployed to United Way agencies for a 3-hour beautification event, and charged with projects ranging from landscaping to painting to office cleaning and organization.

Volunteers will also be receiving a 2009 Day of Caring t-shirt for participating.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event,

contact Glenn at 833.3623 or tglen@uwlc-online.org before Monday, March 2.

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Community News

West Clinton

By Mrs. Clifton Heaton • 697-6253

I, Becky Wilbanks, attended cheerleading competition in Charlotte on Sunday, going especially to see two grandchildren, Courtney Finley, age 14, and Riley Nicholson, age 5, who were competing in the event.

Buck and Joyce McWatters; Donna Barker and Tammy and Dink Johnson enjoyed a trip to White Pine, Tenn. to see their son and grandson, Josh Johnson in the bull riding rodeo, where Josh won rookie of the year. Great job, Josh, keep up the good work.

Rev. and Mrs. Donald Henson will observe their 49th wedding anniversary March 26.

Bill and Faye Woodard were dinner guests of their daughter, Susie Beacham and family near Rock Hill recently.

Katelyn Gooch of Anderson spent the weekend with her grandmother, Rachel Huey. On Saturday, Katelyn, Rachel, and Deanna Wright enjoyed the day shopping for Deanna's birthday.

Sickness
Gladys Johnson of Joanna is a patient at Laurens County Hospital suffering with injuries from a fall.

Rosann Rudell Dunaway has been a patient at Self Regional Hospital.

Jean Price recently returned home after a stay at Providence Hospital.

Meranda and Leah Samples have been sick at home.

Ann Lipford is improving after having a heart cath Friday, March 13, in Greenville.

Events
There will be a hot dog sale on April 3 from 10 a.m. until at Elizabeth Street Church of God in the fellowship hall.

Family pictures will be taken on April 3 and 4 at Joanna Church of God. Call 697-1973, Rev. Gene Wooten for appointments or more information.

On April 18 Joanna Church of God will be selling hot dogs from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the

fellowship building and beginning at 1 p.m. there will be an auction fundraiser. They are accepting slightly used or new items. If you would like to donate anything, please call Becky at 697-1678. No clothes please.

Leah Paige Samples had a six year old birthday party at Lydia Pentecostal Holiness Church on Friday, March 13. The birthday them was Hannah Montana. Around 30 guests attended the occasion. Leah received some nice gifts and a crazy singing balloon. Leah was excited to get a gift from papa Joe Robinson from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Mark Dunaway of Whitten Center was honored with a birthday party on Saturday, March 14, at Believers Assembly fellowship hall. A large number of friends and family showed up for the occasion and everyone had a good time and Mark received a lot of gifts.

Deanna Wright enjoyed a 12th birthday party on Sunday, March 15 at the home of her parents, Jina and Dusty Wright, with a birthday cake and lots of friends. Out of town guest was her cousin, Katelyn Gooch of Anderson. Deanna received many gifts.

Tommy and Brenda Lanford would like to announce the births of their great niece and great nephews.

Clara Nelson was born December 26, 2008 and is the daughter of John and Lori Nelson of Belton. Grandparents are Lawrence and Faye Nelson.

Jack Andrew Alexander was born January 16 and is the son of Lee and Lindsay Alexander of Casey. Grandparents are Jim and Lenoree Alexander of Irmo.

On March 14 Barry Wayne "Bear" Ficklin III was born. He is the son of Wayne and April Ficklin. He has a two year old sister, Addison. Proud grandparents are Inez and Barry Ficklin.

Birthdays
March 23 — Walter Heaton, Austin McWatters; March 24 — Craig Wheatly; March 25 — Elizabeth Fulmer, Keith Shepard, Allison Brown, Leslie Mc-

Cravey; March 26 — Larry Owen, Linda Coughorn; March 27 — Jessica Shepard, Andy Vaughn, Dianne Vaughn, Amber Wooten, Alex Woodard, Virginia Davis; March 28 — Beth Steele, Stan Foster, Tracy Smith, Tammy Lee Miller; March 29 — Jeremy Heaton, Larry Barker, Abigail Conner, Mary Ann Grubb; March 30 — Alden Coats, four years old, daughter of Mickey and Erica Coats, and granddaughter of Vivian and Charles Coats.

Sympathy
Sincere sympathy is extended to the grandparents, Billy Ray and Ruthie Taylor and Ray Gossett, in the death of Brandy's baby on March 16.

Young World

Dr. Kristen Derrick donated toothbrushes for Dental Week.

All the teachers received huge chocolate bars on Valentine's Day.

Young World hosted a Saturday Teacher Training taught by Ms. Gail. Fifty teachers attended from other local centers, Hickory Tickory Tots, Carrot Stew and First Baptist of Laurens.

Ms. Emily cooked chicken stew for the staff. Young World welcomes new teachers: Ashley Hanks, Beverly Eckrote and Shirley Proffitt.

Young World also welcomes new infants: Lucas Duckett, Dalaja Jones, Braylen Lawson and Mayson Todd.

Ms. Alicia, Ms. Judy and Ms. Janice enjoy a monthly girl's night out! Ms. Janice attended a CHS game to watch her grandsons Daniel and Justin Cunningham.

Brody Garrett has been nicknamed "Little Wrestler". Ms. Ashli was named February's Teacher of the Month. Amadisyn and Terrena have joined the Young World Gymnastic Class at Dance South.

Dylan Corley had the flu and we are so glad he is feeling bet-



Donating food: Young World Day Care recently collected 316 food items. To make the challenge fun, they stuck with the St. Patrick's theme and collected only green food. There was a competition between the classrooms to collect the most. Room three, Ashli Wright and Betty Corley's class, collected 91 items. Second place went to Room six for 77 items. Special thanks to the families of Tanner Finley and Cody Eaton for making this competition a blast. Green food will be donated to United Ministries of Clinton.

ter. The after-schoolers went to the Capitol Theater in Laurens to watch Hotel for Dogs on their day out of school.

Ms. Janice won the March Bulletin Board contest. For St. Patrick's Day all the children went on a hunt for gold!

Mr. Joel fixed a green lunch complete with Green Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, and Green Jello. Each classroom had a "Who can wear the most Green" contest. The winners were: Emilee, Braylen, Zoe, Avery, Tanner, Sophia, Lea,

Seth, Mollie, Lukas, Bryce, Addison, Rhema, and Noah.

Ms. Betty was the teacher that wore the most green on St. Patrick's Day. Ms. Gail has begun taken Easter Portraits!

Bob Britt joins silver-haired legislators

Silver Haired Legislators from the Upper Savannah Area Agency on Aging region recently elected officers and will next begin to develop resolutions that can positively affect South Carolina's seniors in the future.

Henry Quarles and Audrey Witherspoon of Greenwood County, Henry Hudson of Abbeville County, Ron Taylor and Norma Curtis of McCormick County, Bob Britt of Laurens County, and Lawrence Williams and Brenda Bedenbaugh of Saluda County form the 2009-

2011 Upper Savannah Silver Haired Caucus.

Quarles is chairman and Hudson co-chairman. Edgefield County does not have representation.

The purpose of the Silver Haired Legislation is to identify issues, concerns and possible solutions for problems faced by the citizens of South Carolina with a special emphasis on issues related to seniors, make recommendations to the Governor and members of the S.C. General Assembly, educate the public on

senior issues, encourage seniors to participate actively in public affairs, function on a nonpartisan basis; and promote good government for all South Carolinians.

Silver Haired Legislators adhere to a schedule that includes a session at the Statehouse Sept. 15-17 where they will take up seats in the House to discuss priorities. The Upper Savannah contingent is one of 10 statewide Silver Haired caucuses. Each of the caucuses will send their resolutions to the state by the end of June to begin the prioritizing process.

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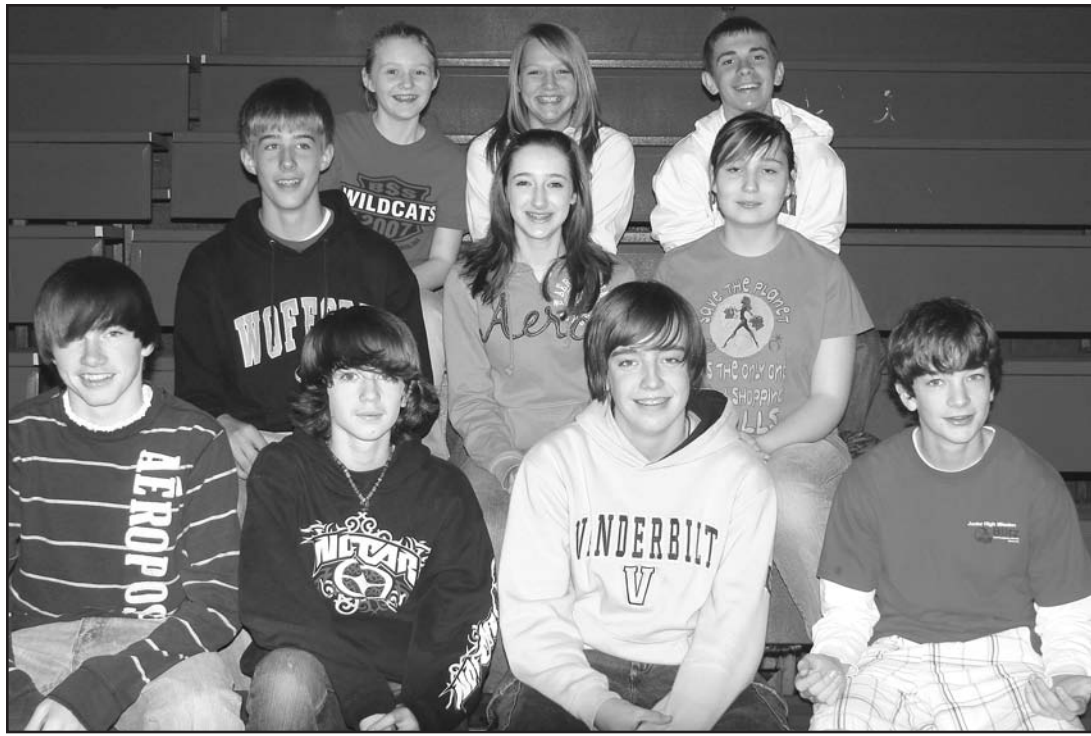
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Lander students named to academic honor lists

Lander University announces its president's list, dean's list and freshman honor roll for fall 2008. Undergraduates who have earned a grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 out of a possible 4.0 are on the president's list. Those with a GPA of 3.5 to 3.9 are listed on the dean's list, while freshmen with a GPA between 3.0 and 3.49 are on the freshman honor roll.

A list of Lander students earning academic honors follows.

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Piedmont Tech honor rolls

Piedmont Technical College students who had outstanding academic accomplishments during the 2008 fall semester have earned inclusion on the President's List. To be named to the list, students must be full-time and earn a term GPA of 4.00. Students will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the college president.

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To be named to the Dean's List, students must be attending full-time and have earned a term

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USC honor rolls

A number of students from Laurens County have been named to the President's List and/or the Dean's List at the University of South Carolina for Fall 2008.

To appear on the President's Honors List, students must take 12 semester credit hours and earn a grade point average of 4.0. For the Dean's Honors List, students must take 12 semester credit hours and obtain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher

(3.25 or higher for freshmen). All students on the President's Honors List are also on the Dean's Honors List.

Included on the fall semester honor rolls are:

From Clinton: Kelley Randall Castaneda-President's Honor Roll, Kelsey Elizabeth Davis-President's Honor Roll, Jennie Lynn Rischbieter-President's Honor Roll, Kevin Eric Fallow-Dean's List, Jenna Lee Foster-Dean's List, Brittany

Nicole Medlin-Dean's List, Tiffany Renee Miller-Dean's List, Peter Marshall Washam-Dean's List.

From Gray Court: Phillip Steven Keck-President's Honor Roll, Brandon Patrick Murphy-President's Honor Roll, Cindy Johanna Garcia-Dean's List, Jessica Logan Hood-Dean's List, Danielle Marie Phillips-Dean's List and Margaret Caroline Riser-Dean's List

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Self Regional Healthcare welcomes Alec Akbarov, M.D., Ph.D., to its medical staff and to the community. Dr. Akbarov will be joining Carolina Cardiac Surgery at Self in April. He earned a Doctor of Medicine from the State Medical Institute in Uzbekistan in 1985. He completed a general surgery residency at the Institute of Clinical Oncology at the Russian Academy of Medical Sciences in Moscow, Russia, in 1987, and a thoracic surgery fellowship at the academy in 1990. He also completed a general surgery residency at St. Agnes Healthcare in Baltimore, Md., in 2000. Dr. Akbarov went on to complete a residency in cardiothoracic surgery at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Brunswick, N.J., in 2003. Dr. Akbarov is certified by the American Board of General Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. He performs a full range of open heart and lung surgeries. Dr. Akbarov and his wife, Katerina, have one child, Leora.

Alec Akbarov, M.D., Ph.D.
CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

- Medical School: Andizhan State Medical Institute, Uzbekistan
- Residencies: Cardiothoracic Surgery – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Brunswick, N.J.
General Surgery – St. Agnes Healthcare, Baltimore, Md.
General Surgery – Institute of Clinical Oncology at the Russian Academy of Medical Science, Moscow, Russia
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Real estate

LAND FOR SALE - Laurens County, \$295 down, no credit check, low monthly payment. For more information call 1-800-762-4851 or 864-871-1055. O1-1fn

(3) LOTS TO BUILD ON IN CLINTON. Great location. Call 864-354-4022. M25-4p-A15

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3 BR, 2 BA, appliances, central AC/Heat, over 1,500 square feet, appraised over \$135,000. Great condition. Good neighborhood. \$108,900. Possible financing. Call 864-871-0221. F18-1fn

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CLINTON-COLLEGE VIEW - Beautifully removed 4 bedroom, 2 bath ranch, gorgeous new kitchen with hardwoods, huge master suite with walk-in closet, French doors open onto step-down deck, fenced yard with outdoor building. \$165,000. Call 864-923-5044. F18-8p-A8

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FOR SALE BY OWNER - Great location, 3BR, 2BA, LR DR combo, kitchen-breakfast area combo, knotty-pine paneling in kitchen, large bedrooms, hardwood floors throughout, vinyl in kitchen and baths, fresh paint, new light fixtures, new ceiling fans, laundry room, attic storage, carport, new storm doors, new gas pack central H/A, new doors, utility room, large front porch, large wooded and landscaped lot, 1200 sq. ft., near Ingles, \$96,900. By appointment, 864-472-2763 or 864-303-7593. M4-4p-M25

304 A&B MUSGROVE STREET - Great buy! Good investment. \$60,000. Call 864-244-0662 or 864-505-3574. M11-4p-A1

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2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH BRICK HOUSE - Stove, refrigerator,

Homes for rent

washer, dryer. Contact Bill Rhodes, 833-1179 or Andy Young at 833-4569. M18-4p-A8

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Mobile homes for sale

BROWNING ROAD, CROSS ANCHOR - Large, cozy, cedar home, 3 BR, 2 BA, gas logs, central heat/air, wrap around deck, outside storage, 2-acres - feels like mountain living. Asking \$90,000. Call 864-871-1055 or 864-969-3466 after 6PM. J21-1fn

AFFORDABLE HOMES! Good credit, little or no credit. Loans available for SSI and disability income. Call now 864-286-8090. M11-4c-A1

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RENT A HOUSE OR MOBILE HOME - for only \$99 - \$150 deposit. Rent from \$65 to \$95 weekly. Includes full time maintenance man and trash pickup. Call 923-1924 or 981-0693. F18-1fn

Apartments for rent

GLENDALE MANOR APARTMENTS: 1 & 2 BR apartments, elderly or 50+ handicapped/disabled. Call 833-5742 for appointment. Equal Housing Opportunity, handicapped accessible. A4-1fn

1, 2, & 3 BR APARTMENTS, heat and air conditioning, appliances furnished, W/D hookup, call 864-421-3913. F20-1fn

Apartments for rent

SPRINGDALE APARTMENTS: 2BR apartments for rent \$575 monthly with \$300 deposit. Settlers Apartments: 3BR apartments with \$300 deposit, monthly rent varies. Call 864-421-3913. Pets allowed with separate deposit required. N5-1fn

Office space for rent

131 E MAIN STREET - 750 sq. ft. with basement store area for rent, great location. Call 938-0403 or 864-871-0992. F4-1fn

Building for sale

WAREHOUSE ON 13,500 SF. On 1.8 ac. w/water, septic and sprinkler on Hwy. 121 S. in Saluda, S.C., \$9 per square foot. Call (864) 445-2122 office or (864) 554-3122 mobile. Trotter Builders, Inc. Jn21-1fn

Help wanted

CONVENIENCE STORE CLERKS NEEDED for all shifts. Please apply in person at Citgo Corner Mart, I-26 & Hwy. 72 E., Clinton. F18-1fn

IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR MAINTENANCE PERSON - Experience required, please apply at the Quality Inn, located on Hwy 56 North in Clinton, behind Blue Ocean. M4-4p-M25

Help wanted

M25-1c
WANTED - SERVICE TECH/MECHANIC for Farm-Light Industrial dealership. Must have tools, SCDL, and pass drug screenings. Inquire at 803-276-1151. Wilson Tractor, Newberry SC. M25-4c-A15

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SC Regional Housing Authority No. 1 will accept applications for **Laurens County - Section 8 Rental Assistance** at the following location:
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Laurens, SC 29360
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9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
and
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

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SHAWN'S LAWN CARE – No yard too small, fair prices. 864-735-6440. M18-4p-A8
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Business Opportunity

DO YOU WANT FREE AVON? Let other people buy it for you. Call Jackie at 803-345-5841 or 864-547-1015 for more information. Limited opportunity. M11-4p-A1

Pets

LOST PUPPY. Chihuahua/Daschund mix. She's about 5 months old, caramel brown in color. She has a Daschund body. Her name is Chubby. She's missing from the Jefferson Street / Florence Street area. Please call Kristin at 833-1294. She has been missing for about 3 - 4 weeks now. M25-1p
FOR SALE – 10 week old Blue Merle Great Dane. Call 872-9373 or 684-8710. M25-4p-A15

Autos for sale

2004 BLUE TOYOTA CELICA – Automatic, ground effects, spoiler, sun roof, leather seats, remote start, 67,245 miles. \$12,000. Call Ashley at 697-5719 or 923-1375. M25-4p-A15

Motorcycles

KAWASAKI NINJA ZX6R - Nice Bike. Recently Painted. For questions just call 864-923-5627. M4-4p-M25

Yard Sales

BIG YARD SALE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, beginning at 8AM, located at Hwy 72 across from Cross Road Store in Clinton. M18-4p-A8
EMERALD FARM SPRING BARN-YARD SALE – Antiques, collectibles and spring cleaning treasures. Saturday, March 28, 9AM-5PM. Everyone welcome – \$10 space – bring tables. Emerald Farm, 409 Emerald Farm Road, Greenwood. 864-223-2247. Join fun, food, and great sales. M25-1p
SATURDAY, MARCH 28 YARD SALE / OPEN HOUSE – 802 Watts Avenue, Laurens: Glassware, dishes, knick-knacks, appliances, washer, dryer, books, bedroom furniture. House for sale "As Is". M25-1p
INDOOR YARD SALE – 22391 Hwy 76 E, near Laurens Co. Hospital, 9AM, March 28: Infant girls clothes, porcelain dolls, jewelry, Avon, collectibles, lots of HH items. Space available for your yard sale. 682-2298. M25-1c

For Sale

CHILDERS CONSIGNMENT: 9x12 rug, china cabinets, dressers, chest of drawers, vanity, bakers rack, LR sets, dinette sets, twin or full bed, queen BR set, bassinet. Call

For Sale

for directions 864-984-3902 or 864-981-0185. M4-4c-M25
MAPLE DINING TABLE with four chairs and maple china cabinet, excellent condition, \$400; two recliners, \$50 each; antique dark wood china cabinet with round glass, good condition, \$400. Call 833-3639. M4-4p-M25
REMINGTON 870 EXPRESS MAGNUM 126A Pump Shotgun with other chokes, \$200 or will take trade for nice tiller, plow or riding mower. 864-998-3344. M11-4p-A1
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BUYING THE COMMEMORATIVE COKE and drink bottles made at Laurens Glass in 70s and 80s. Also any older Coca-Cola advertising items — signs, trays, toy trucks, thermometers, clocks, etc. Call 681-2202. A14-tfn
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Miscellaneous

GET UP TO \$300. NO HASSLE. FIRST FEE FREE! Best Check Advance, 908 S. Broad St., Clinton, 833-0500. F21-tfc
PINE RIDGE LAKES OPENING Saturday, March 6, 8AM-10PM, 2 miles south of Cross Anchor on Hwy 56 – Catfish restocked February 26. Open 7 days a week. Bait and supplies on hand. 969-3669, 494-6346. M11-4p-A1

Legal notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 All persons having claims against the following estates are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representative appointed to administer these estates, and to file their claims on Form #371PC with the Probate Court of Laurens County, the address of which is P.O. Box 194, Laurens, S.C. 29360 on or before the date that is eight months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors (unless barred by operation of Section 62-3-803), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, including the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Legal notices

Estate of:
 Angela D. Smith-Dewitt
 Personal Representative:
 Jackie W. Dewitt Jr.
 412 Gastley Dr.
 Clinton, SC 29325
 Personal Representative:
 William D. Dewitt
 412 Gastley Dr.
 Clinton, SC 29325
 M11-3p-M25
 Estate of:
 William E. Watkins Jr.
 (CA#2009ES3000098)
 Personal Representative:
 Kimberly W. Windsor
 103 Devon Road
 Clinton, SC 29325
 M18-3p-A1
 Estate of:
 Ethel L. Wyatt
 (CA#2009ES3000101)
 Personal Representative:
 Lee Ruth W. Bankhead
 508 Antioch Place
 Columbia, SC 29209
 M18-3p-A1
 Estate of:
 Carolyn Louise R. Thomas
 (CA#2009ES3000110)

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY OF LAURENS

3 Catherine Street
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 Laurens, South Carolina 29360-0445

PUBLIC NOTICE

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE LAURENS COUNTY COUNCIL ON MARCH 10, 2009

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
 COUNTY OF LAURENS)

] FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION [

WHEREAS, Laurens County Council desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe and sound living environment, and;

WHEREAS, Laurens County Council rejects discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, disability and/or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services, and;

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Laurens County Council does hereby adopt and designate the month of April, 2008 as Fair Housing Month in Laurens County.

Adopted this 10th day of March, 2009 by Laurens County Council. Published in The Laurens County Advertiser and The Clinton Chronicle newspapers on March 25, 2009; the public access channel and, announced by WPCB – Radio and WLBG-Radio as a Public Service Announcement.

ATTEST:

Ernest B. Segars, Administrator
 Laurens County Council
 Laurens County, South Carolina

Betty C. Walsh, Clerk to Council
 Laurens County Council
 Laurens County, South Carolina

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Director of Public Safety, City of Clinton, South Carolina

The City of Clinton is seeking a proven, dedicated, responsive and experienced individual for its Director of Public Safety. The City prefers its Director of Public Safety to have five to seven years experience in law enforcement and/or fire safety at the management level. The successful candidate will possess, at a minimum, a Bachelor's degree in police or fire science, criminal justice, public or business administration, or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. Graduation from the FBI Academy and/or National Fire Academy is desirable. The candidate must possess a valid South Carolina driver's license and must have successfully completed the required course work at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and have or be willing to obtain the required fire-fighting certifications.

The ideal candidate for the Director of Public Safety should be a strong leader with strong management and communication skills. He/she will manage the police and fire divisions of the City of Clinton, supervising approximately 50 full time employees and manage a \$3 million budget. The selected individual will work closely with the public and local, state, and federal organizations. He/she will serve as part of the City's management team and will report to the City Manager.

Salary and benefits are competitive. City residency is required.

Please send confidential resume & salary requirements to Josh Kay, City Manager, PO Drawer 748, Clinton, South Carolina 29325, by 5 PM, March 27, 2009.

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Laurens County is accepting bids for the purchase of one (1) 2009 cab and chassis truck. Specs are as follows:

- One ton w/60" CA long wheel base
- 4 door cab
- 4 wheel drive
- V-8 gas engine
- Automatic transmission
- Bucket seats - no console
- Power windows, locks, and air conditioning
- Limited slip rear axle w/3.73 gearing

Laurens County will accept bids until 10:00 A.M. Thursday, April 2, 2009, at which time, they will be publicly opened in the Laurens County Church Street Complex Conference Room. Bids may be mailed to:

Laurens County Church Street Office Complex
 3 Catherine Street
 Laurens, South Carolina 29360

or hand delivered to the same address. Mark envelopes "2009 Cab & Chassis." Questions or concerns may be directed to William Wilson, Purchasing and Vehicle Maintenance Director, at (864) 984-5199.

Laurens County reserves the right to reject or accept any/or all bids.

**City of Clinton
 Public Safety Department
 Public Safety Officer**

The City of Clinton, South Carolina, Department of Public Safety is seeking applications for a full-time Public Safety Officer.

Applicants must be 21 years of age, possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent, and be in good physical condition. Applicants must also be able to work a 12-hour fixed shift. Responsibilities include protecting and serving the citizens of Clinton and other police-related duties, as well as firefighting duties.

Present salary is a Grade 12 with a starting pay of \$12.24 per hour or pay based on qualifications and experience. An excellent benefit package is included.

Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, March 27. The City of Clinton is an equal opportunity employer. Applications may be obtained and submitted at the Clinton Public Safety Department or by sending a resume and letter of interest to: John C. Thomas, Public Safety Director, 404 N. Broad St., Clinton, SC 29325.

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Personal Representative:
Rodney C. Ray
1080 Charlottes Road
Clinton, SC 29325
M25-3p-A8

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF LAURENS
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,
SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO
CHASE MANHATTAN MORT-
GAGE CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
v.
GEORGE H. HOLLOWAY;
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPART-
MENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
Defendant
IN THE COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS
CASE NO. 2008-CP-30-320
NOTICE OF SALE
Deficiency Judgment Waived
BY VIRTUE of the decree
heretofore granted in the
case of: CHASE HOME FI-
NANCE LLC, SUCCESSOR BY

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MERGER TO CHASE MANHAT-
TAN MORTGAGE CORPORA-
TION against GEORGE H.
HOLLOWAY; SOUTH CAR-
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MOTOR VEHICLES, the under-
signed Special Referee for
LAURENS County, South Car-
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at 11:00 AM, at the Laurens
County Courthouse Complex,
City of Laurens, State of South
Carolina, to the highest bid-
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ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PAR-
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BROOKE, PHASE 3, ON
TILLBROOKE COURT, ON A
PLAT ENTITLED "SURVEY FOR
MARY H. BETHUNE", DATED
OCTOBER 13, 1995, PREPARED
BY FREELAND-CLINKSCALES
AND ASSOCIATES, INC., ENGI-
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INTEREST IN THAT CERTAIN
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H. HOLLOWAY BY DEED OF
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MARCH 30, 2000, RECORDED
03/31/2000 IN DEED BOOK 498
PAGE 249.
TMS # 096-00-00-115
CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROP-
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Greenville educator endows music scholarship at Lander

Nationally recognized educator and psychotherapist Dr. Fay Maria Mitchell Hart of Greenville has endowed a second scholarship for music majors at her alma mater, Lander University.

The Fay Maria Mitchell Hart Public School Choral Music Scholarships will be awarded to music education majors at the state university.

"Music is important in the development of our youth," said Hart. "By establishing these scholarships at Lander, I hope that my alma mater will continue to prepare students for careers teaching choral music in the public schools."

Reflecting on her background as a music teacher and a psychotherapist, Hart said, "We want our children to use both spheres of their brains. Through music they learn how to do just that. They develop higher level thinking skills, and they just might develop a lifelong passion for music. That passion can enrich their lives."

"These scholarship are a testament to Fay Hart's commitment to the young people of this state," said Lander President Dr. Daniel Ball. "We are deeply grateful that she has chosen to support her alma mater in such a meaningful way. Students will be the beneficiaries of her generosity for years to come."

Hart, a licensed professional counselor and nationally certified psychotherapist, graduated from Lander in 1957 with a degree in music. Lander recognized her contributions to the music and counseling professions by conferring a doctorate of humane letters on her in 2008.

Most recently Hart was selected to join the People to People Citizen Ambassador Programs' Counseling Delegation to China and Tibet in May 2009. The delegation of professionals specializing in counsel-



Making music: Dr. Fay Maria Mitchell Hart of Greenville, center, has established a second choral music scholarship for music education majors at her alma mater, Lander University. Her goal is to assist students who plan to teach choral music in the public schools. A nationally recognized music educator and psychotherapist, she is shown here with Lander President Dr. Daniel Ball, left, and Adam Taylor, vice president for university advancement.

ing will participate in an educational exchange with their counterparts in China and from around the world.

Hart is the recipient of a master's degree from Furman University and a counselor specialist certificate from the University of South Carolina and the state department of education. An author and lecturer, she has been a pioneer in the fields of counseling and education. She began her career as a middle school choral director and eventually moved into school administration. She secured a research project with Instructional Television (ITV), and in conjunction with ITV, wrote Old World History Guides for teachers in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia.

With more than 30 years of experience in the Greenville school district, Hart served as as-

sistant principal and dean of counseling at Sevier Middle School. With the assistance of then-South Carolina Governor Richard Riley and in conjunction with the Appalachian Council of Governments, Hart designed and operated the state's elementary guidance program and assisted surrounding colleges with training in elementary counseling. She was instrumental in developing a middle school program at Blue Ridge Middle School in Greenville County, where she launched the school's first counseling program. She has also worked with the legislature for licensure for counselors in South Carolina. She serves as an Advocate for the Aged to the state legislature and has been appointed as a counselor to legislators under the auspices of the AARP.

A member and board associ-

ate with the American Counselors Association and the Palmetto School Counselors Association, Hart has counseled individuals, children and families in private practice for 20 years. Her professional affiliations include: South Carolina School Counselors Association; Phi Delta Kappa International; board member for South Carolina Foster Care; Mental Health Association of South Carolina; Guardian Ad Litem; state president and national position holder with Career Development; board member and past president for South Carolina Counselors; and grant consultant for the U.S. Department of Education in con-

junction with former Governor Riley. A master therapist and certified master chaplain with the American Psychotherapy Association (APA), she has been granted Diplomate and Fellow status by the APA and holds a position on the academy board.

Hart, who wrote the first mediation program for the Upstate, has served as president of Ethical and Religious Practices for South Carolina and has received commendation from the U.S. Department of Education. She was named to Who's Who in American Professional Women and received national recognition for her work to devise a test for post-traumatic stress in vet-

erans. Hart currently serves as an Advocate for the Aged in the state legislature and has been appointed as a counselor to legislators under the auspices of the AARP. The legislature has honored her as a "Living Legend of South Carolina."

She is a member of and holds offices with: Daughters of the American Revolution, in which she serves as state chairman of American History; Daughters of the American Colonists 1607-1776, for which she is chaplain; United Daughters of The Confederacy, in which she holds state chairmanship; and The Bench and Bar of 1565-1861.



Black History banquet: The Laurens County Ministerial Alliance held its first Black History Banquet Feb. 28 at the Clinton First Presbyterian Church Family Life Center. Proceeds from the banquet will benefit the Anthony J. Sims Scholarship Fund. The Ministerial Alliance awards two \$500 scholarships each year to two high school seniors. During the banquet, the Ministerial Alliance honored retired Judge Oscar "Snap" Tribble with a plaque for dedicated years of service as magistrate of Laurens County. Tribble retired in October of 2008 after 20 years of service. He was the first and only black judge in Laurens County. He is presently employed with The City of Laurens as Director of Street Sanitation and the only black department head within the city. From left, are Minister Cynthia Dorch, Tribble and Rev. Anthony J. Sims.

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