



Sign of the Times: Jordan Green and Donald Thompson of #1 Sign Designs unload the new Clinton welcome sign at the intersection of North Broad Street and Willard Road, just one of many signs the design company has put up around Laurens County and beyond. — Photo by Bristow Marchant

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#1 Sign Designs sign of the times

By Bristow Marchant
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Anyone driving into Clinton from Highway 72 or 308 has seen their handiwork. Since New Years, a new three-sided sign has welcomed visitors to town on the corner of North Broad Street and Willard Road, the local craftwork of #1 Sign Designs.

Started as a part time venture in 1992, #1 Sign Designs has provided signs and advertisements for just about everything in Laurens County and beyond.

"We do a substantial amount of work in the Greenville-Simpsonville-Fountain Inn area, and we ship stuff as far as Arkansas," said Donald Thompson, the founder of the company.

When asked how many customers he's made signs for, Thompson pulls out the drawer of a filling cabinet next to his desk filled to the brim with manila folders.

"I have six drawers of these," he said. "I've never counted them all."

Thompson has more than 20 years experience in the sign business. "I started in signs back before I went into the military," Thompson said. "I did it for two years in 1987-88-89," before he became a mechanical calibrator for the U.S. Navy stationed in Alameda, Calif.

"When I got out of the military, that was when I started this business in 1992, and I've been in it fulltime since 1995," he said.

With his employees — two fulltime plus one high school and one college student working on a part-time basis — Thompson has the ability to



On display: Signs decorate the wall of #1 Sign Designs' office and workshop. The company makes signs for customers from as far away as Arkansas. #1 Sign Designs founder Donald Thompson has been making signs since 1992.

take on a wide variety of projects.

"There's so many different things that we do; sandblasted signs, magnets, banners, lettering, metallic signs, signs that will light up. There's so many different aspects to it."

All of #1 Sign's work, from design through construction, is done on site at their office on Templeton Road. Thompson or one of his men will sketch out a design (or two or three or four) using a computer graphics program, print it out and then take it into their cluttered, cavernous workshop.

"It all depends on what kind of material we'll use," Thompson said. "Like the one we did for the city utilizes high-density urethane, and then we sandblast it, wipe away the material we don't want and leave the material we do want. That gives it a three-dimensional effect."



#1 Sign Guy: Donald Thompson stands next to the digital printer in his office, used to give signs their font size and color. On the other side of the office is a vinyl cutter for making the shapes and letters needed for Sign Designs' latest project. — Photos by Bristow Marchant

The new Clinton welcome sign was one of the biggest things #1 Sign Designs worked on this year, something that had to go through all the channels of city government to win approval and then took months to complete.

"They didn't give us any specs on designing it, so I just did what I thought would look good for our city within a design and price range," Thompson said. "What we did was give them four different choices of sign designs and three different color choices for those designs, so the only changes we had were finalizing what kind of colors they wanted to use and things like that. After they decided that we had three weeks to complete the project."

Thompson's desk and the computer which designs most of #1 Sign Designs' work sit in between two large machines, one a digital printer that can give a sign its font-size and color, and the other a vinyl cutter that produces letters and shapes out of the needed material.

"We do it with central, which is a kind of plastic, and corrugated, which is another type of plastic; aluminum, several different types of metal and wood, plus urethane. So there's a lot of different kinds of material we can use to meet the customers' needs," he said. "I like to do the sandblasted signs, the high-density urethane, just because it lets us do more hands-on stuff than something where it's just a vinyl letter."

Signs can be a cyclical business. One month might be dedicated to one large project like the Clinton welcome sign, and another month #1 might receive an order for multiple signs at once.

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Adair’s Men’s Shop well suited for Clinton

By Trevor Baratko
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Jim Adair sits in a leather chair in the back of store at 100 Musgrove Street and puts his loafers up.

“It’s not the most thrilling job, but it’s my store. I take care of everything - from the marketing to ordering the clothes to helping the customers,” he says as he puts his hands behind his head and leans back. “I love interacting with customers and keeping up with people I have known all my life.”

By now, running Adair’s Men’s Shop is second nature to him. He’s been working at there in some fashion since he was in eighth grade.

“I have great memories with my father and with Vernon Trammell who worked here for 42 years. I always thought I would end up coming back - it was an idea I had in the back of my head.

“In high school, I had friends that would say how much they couldn’t wait to get out of here,” he said. “I thought about it and kind of said, ‘you know, I kind of like being here.’”

Adair has spent all but seven years of his life in Clinton - there were the four years he spent at The Citadel in Charleston, graduating in 1969, and the three following that serving in the Air Force. He graduated from Clinton High in 1966.

“There was always a strong possibility I would come back to work in the shop,” he said. “I spent a lot of hours there growing up. This is home; I’m comfortable here, I appreciate the small-town life.”

Adair returned to work in the shop full-time in 1973 and bought the business from his father Mac five years later.

“My father was ready to retire,” he said. “It was a smooth transition. Since I had spent so many hours in the shop, I knew how to do just about everything. And then having great employees that had been there for years made it easy too.”

In the 1960s and 70s, there were several options for menswear scattered throughout the county.



Quality men’s wear: Adair’s Men’s Shop has been a staple in uptown Clinton for more than 70 years. Started by PC graduate Mac Adair in 1937, his son, Jim, now oversees every aspect of the store. — Photo by Trevor Baratko

“In 1973, there were three men’s stores, a Belk department store and some shoe shops just in the uptown area. There was also a men’s shop in Laurens and two other department stores. Now, there isn’t another men’s shop in the city,” said Adair.

So what’s Adair’s secret to staying in business for more than 70 years?

“I think something that really helps me is my ability to give people what they want,” he said. “I just had a guy in here who really liked a gray suit we had, but the coat was a little too big. I called the warehouse and they have the size available. It’ll be here either tomorrow or the next day. I can get just about anything a customer wants within a day or two.”

Adair attends a show the Southern Clothiers Show in Charlotte twice a year to keep his eye on new items for the coming seasons.

He said he carries approximately six or seven different lines of coats and suits in his shop.

“I do a lot of my business by ordering formalwear and tuxedos for kids at



the college,” he said. “Then we have sweaters, knit shirts and, of course, the suits and coats.”

As far as the merchandise, Adair said he can’t afford to bring in items that may or may not sell.

“Our stuff is very conservative and traditional,” he said. “I usually have a

good idea of what will sell and be popular.”

The mix of new and returning customers also works well for Adair, who said he definitely has a base of loyal customers.

“There are guys that I have known for 20 years and we’ll see every sea-

son,” he said. “But I’m constantly having new customers come in and check it out. There’s a good balance of returning customers and new ones.”

Mac, a graduate of Presbyterian College’s class of ‘29, opened the shop in 1937 after his brother loaned him \$600.

“I don’t know how he survived, especially considering that was right around the Great Depression,” Adair said.

The shop managed to survive and eventually prospered.

When asked what it means to be able to take over for his father in his hometown and deal with people he has known his entire life, Adair said he feels fortunate.

“It’s especially exciting now in the downtown area. The city has done a great job with the streetscape and the sidewalks. Anything that can bring people downtown is good for me and good for all of the businesses here.”

So far, Adair’s shop has seen little effects of the turbulent financial times. He said sales were down a miniscule amount at the end of the year, and he suspects people may be shopping locally more rather than driving to malls in Greenville or Columbia.

“I couldn’t say that for sure,” he said. “But there’s a strong possibility. We have our loyal customers that are here, and I think that helps. Our prices are very good and sales fairly often.”

When not in the shop, Adair can often be found on the links.

“Golf, golf, golf,” was his response to what he enjoys in his free time. “I try to play as much golf as I can. I would like to travel a little bit if I get the chance.”

While Adair and his wife Derrick have two daughters, Blakely and Catherine, there are no Adair sons to take the reigns when he hangs it up.

So what does the future hold for the shop?

“I’ll probably liquidate everything in the store and then either sell and rent the space,” he said. “The shop will probably shut down.”

It’s true what they say — all good things must come to an end.





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Windsors' small city choice Twill Do

By Trevor Baratko
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Tony and Mary Windsor never really imagined settling in Clinton, but circumstance and timing brought them here three years ago; and they have not one complaint.

"We love it here," Tony said. "We can't imagine being anywhere else."

Mary runs TwillDo, an antique store downtown at the corner of Musgrove and Pitts streets. Tony is an architect, playing an instrumental role in a number Clinton offices and businesses.

"It's a very exciting time for this city," said Mary. "We see huge potential for Clinton. And we think it's the right kind of progress. There are great people leading this city."

A long and winding road led the gregarious couple to Laurens County.

With his father in the army, Tony had two stints in Clinton as a child. He spent first grade here, and his final year and a half of school, graduating from Clinton High in 1965.

Those with a sharp memory may remember him as a member of The Limits, a local band that performed at several events around town.

Mary grew up in Decatur, Georgia, and eventually made her way to South Carolina through work as a property manager.

The couple met in Greenville in 1983 when Mary was working for the Warehouse Theater in Greenville and Tony honing his skills working for a local architect.

"My roommate was working for the theater too, so I went over there to see what he had going on, that's the first time I saw her," he said.

"It sounds cheesy, but it was really like our eyes met and there was a connection," Mary added.

"Too much information," Tony joked.

The two married after a year of courtship, tying the knot in October 1984. They lived in Greenville for their first few years of married life, before taking off for the beach.

"Tony used to be a surfer dude," Mary said. "He loves being near a beach, so we just had this urge to take off."

The couple packed up their belongings and took I-26 W to Charleston.

They lived in Mount Pleasant for two years and then moved down the road to Isle of Palms.

"It was a fun time," Tony said. "We just lived a couple of blocks from the beach, but we felt like there was too much development going on in that area."

After a couple years of beach life, the Windsors regrouped and moved back to



Finding a niche: Tony and Mary Windsor are excited about the future of Clinton. Mary, an avid collector of antiques, started her own shop, Twill Do, in 2007 after "collecting more stuff than I could use." Tony met Mary while she was working at the Warehouse Theater in Greenville, at right. The couple concedes it was love at first sight.

Greenville in 1990, where they purchased their first house.

Tony officially received his architect license from the state in 1992. He had worked under architects for the better part of two decades.

"It's fun when people have plans and explain what they want a project to look like, and then actually being able to make it happen," he said.

His wife added that Tony is a builder's architect.

"He's gets things done," she said. "Some architects may have these elaborate designs that are very expensive but can't be completed. I think he really knows how to get things together."

The couple's first home was in a less-than favorable part of Greenville.

"There were drug dealers on each side of us," said Tony.

"But it seemed like after we bought our house, a few others decided to follow along. We started a neighborhood watch group and slowly started to turn the neighborhood around."

But eventually, the development of downtown Greenville became more a nuisance than a pleasure for the couple, and they itched for a move. That's when a turn of events brought them to Clinton.

Tony said the couple knew they were going to leave Greenville, but were unsure of where to head.

"Then my mother got sick and passed away in a short time frame," he said. "We came back and started sorting out her estate. We started spending the weekends here, and then, we kind of looked at each other and decided to move into her house."

The two still live in the house on Sunset Boulevard, enjoying the distant sounds of trains passing and owls howling.

Mary said her love for antiques runs back roughly 30 years, but she became serious about it a decade ago.

"Right around when EBay really blew up, I started getting more serious about it," he said.

In August 2007, the Windsors purchased their current space. The grand opening for TwillDo came in October.

"I realized I had gathered so many pieces that I needed to get rid of some of it," Mary said.

"Naturally," said Tony, "I had to have an office in the



building with her, which has worked out very well."

Tony said he's pleased with the number of projects he's been able to work on.

"Being the only licensed architect in the county has really worked out," he said with a smile.

As with many people in modern America, the couple keeps a close eye on the economy.

"Both of our jobs depend heavily on the economy," he said. "If businessmen don't have the money and cities don't have the money, they aren't going to be putting up more buildings. If people don't have

the expendable income, they aren't going to be purchasing items like antiques."

Tony and Mary are both members of local committees - him on the Design Review Board and her the Clinton Downtown Association.

Mary looks forward to the opportunity to improve downtown Clinton.

"I look forward to being a worker bee," he said. "We have a lot of good people running the businesses downtown. Obviously, we want to see the downtown do as well as possible. The better the businesses do, the better it is for the city."



Shadow wave: Tony and Mary Windsor give wave through their shadows on the beach at Hunting Island.



Taking time off: Kayaking is one of the couple's favorite pastimes while at Hunting Island, a getaway they try to make at least two or three times a year. The couple lived in the Lowcountry for several years before moving back to Greenville and eventually Clinton.

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Rousseaus made life, career out of RVing

By **Bristow Marchant**
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Turn off Interstate 26 near Joanna, and you'll find people living in a completely different world.

At the Magnolia RV Park and Campground on Fairview Church Road, you enter the world of the serious recreational vehicle enthusiast. On its 44 camping sites are people who have turned their vehicle into a home and a lifestyle.

None have embraced their inner camper more than Gary and Marcia Rousseau, Magnolia's owners and operators, who quit their 9-to-5 jobs in 2004 in search of another way of approaching life.

"Originally, we both had corporate jobs working for a subsidiary of Kodak, up in Durham, N.C.," Gary said. "We had a combined 25 years there. And we decided that's not what we wanted to do any longer."

"We knew we wanted to do something different," Marcia said, "and we racked our brains for what we wanted to be when we grew up."

Eventually, the couple decided their ideal job would be running their own campground, something neither of them had much experience in.

"We did a whole lot of research, and decided to jump in feet first," Gary said. "We quit the job and sold the house with really nothing lined up to go to. Within a week of quitting our jobs, there was an opening for a management couple at a campground outside Brevard, N.C."

On the way to owning their own campsite, the Rousseaus learned on the job as "work-campers." In exchange for little more than a spot to park their RV, they spent three years man-



Homestead: The Rousseaus stand outside Magnolia's small rental cabin. Besides the front office, it's the only permanent structure on the property. -- Photo by Bristow Marchant

aging campgrounds up and down the East Coast, from New York to Florida.

"We knew we wanted to buy a campground, but decided while we were looking for one, let's work at some, get the experience and make sure this is something we want to sink our life savings into," Marcia said.

Growing up in Statesville, N.C., Marcia Rousseau would often go camping with her family, a passion she shared with her future husband.

"He would go camping with his friends literally out in the woods, which is not my preferred method," she said. "I

like to at least have a bathroom available."

Originally from New Hampshire, Gary Rousseau moved around the country growing up until he settled in Durham after finishing school. He first bonded with his co-worker over their mutual love of dogs — he had a Labrador, she had two dachshunds. When they decided to start a second career in the camping business, the dogs came along for the ride.

"We started the adventure in my parents' old 21-foot camper, and that was pretty tight with the two of us and the dachshunds," Marcia said.



Gone fishin': Gary Rousseau tries to draw the fish to the surface of Magnolia's fish pond. The campground has been completely renovated since the Rousseaus moved in two years ago. -- Photo by Bristow Marchant

"That was our first time to actually live in a camper like a lot of these people do (at Magnolia). We can relate to a lot of things our campers go through, like water hoses freezing up in the winter. For people who buy a campground and have never camped, it's a bit more of a challenge."

In January of 2007, the Magnolia campground became

available, and the Rousseaus jumped at the chance to finally run their own park, despite facing the challenge of buying a fixer-upper.

"There were no living quarters on the camp site," Gary said. "We had to buy that doublewide up there. There were no tractors, no lawn equipment. When you buy a campground, these are typical things that are

in the sale. A lot of the first year was spent on getting the necessary items."

In the time since, the two have made some upgrades to the 19-acre facility; pulling up over 160 tree stumps, re-roofing the front office building and Magnolia's rental cabin, re-graveling the park's roads, and bringing the swimming pool up to date with DHEC standards.

Today, after all their hard work, Magnolia is a full-service campground.

"We have sites with water, electric and sewer, and some that are just water and electric," Gary said. "We also have a rental cabin. We have propane sales. We do laundry, and we have wireless internet access throughout the campground for the guests."

Besides offering sites for RVers as well as tent-and-pole campers, the Rousseaus want Magnolia to be an open recreation site for the whole community.

"We have a pavilion around back that our camping guests can use and that we also open for rentals for parties," Marcia said. "In the summer when the pool's open we allow day use for people who are local to come and use the pool and our recreational facilities for the day."

Currently, the Rousseaus manage the campground by themselves, and at the same time, Marcia works a side job as a CPA at SwainBrown. During the busy summer months, Gary's retired parents drive up from Florida to help out — to trade the Florida heat for the South Carolina heat, Marcia says.

"That's good, because other than them, it's just us," she said. "We haven't brought anybody (else) in yet, but just like we worked camp, we'll tap into this network of publications and websites of people looking for jobs."

They might also be helped by the fact that Magnolia RV Park was awarded the Small Business Award by the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet in January, something Magnolia's owners feel is an honor.

"We only found out we'd won the third quarter small business award the week before," Gary said.

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Home away from home: Recreational vehicles parked on some of the 44 camp sites at Magnolia RV Park. Some visitors come for a weekend; others stay long-term, complete with electrical, sewer and water hook-ups. -- Photo by Bristow Marchant



Come on in: Magnolia's front office sits just off the interstate on Fairview Church Road. The upstairs is used as a clubhouse, while the owners use the golf cart to move around the 19-acre property. -- Photo by Bristow Marchant

Healing children and correcting swings

By Trevor Baratko
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For Clinton resident Smokey Burgess, it was love at first swing when he saw his future wife hitting golf balls in Greenville in 1988.

"I could tell that she had some talent," he said. "She's a great athlete - golf isn't even her best sport. She had a scholarship to play basketball in college."

Not the most ideal of first encounters but it makes for a good "how did you two meet" story.

Golf is now a passion the two share, rivaled only by their love for their daughter, Joanna.

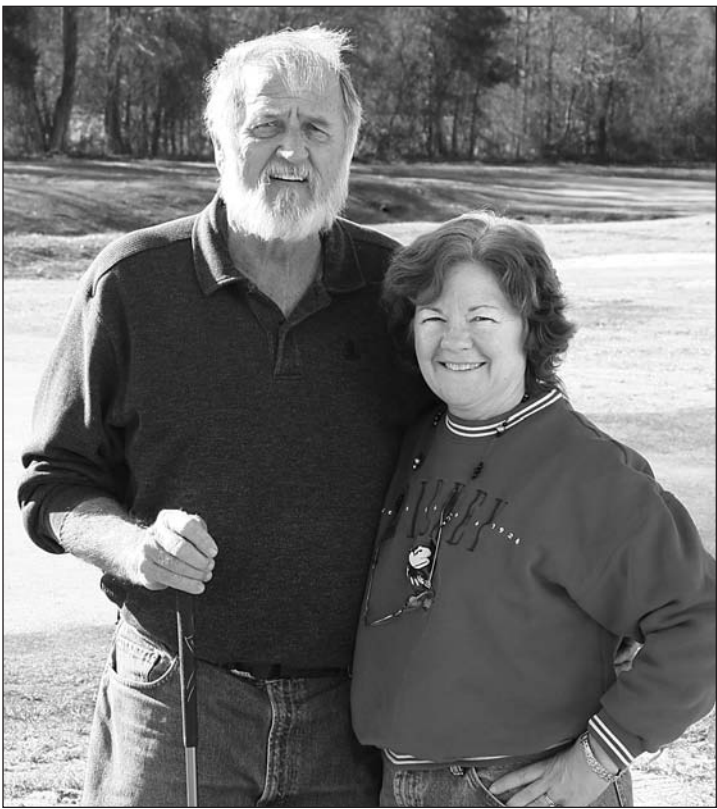
"It's pretty much golf and her," said Smokey. "Those are the things we are passionate about — those are our hobbies."

"And Disney World," added Sally. "I've always been obsessed with Disney World. I like to think of myself as the adult that never grew up. That's part of the reason I wanted to be a pediatrician."

Sally has been fascinated with Disney World since she was a child and has instilled that interest in Joanna, who agreed the annual trips to Orlando are a nice getaway.

"We usually go at least twice a year," said Sally. "I spent some years in California when I was growing up and I loved Disneyland. That just transferred to Disney World now that it's closer. I even worked in a Disney store in the Haywood Mall. I never took home a paycheck though because I just spent it in the store."

"A lot of kids say they want to be doctors or professional athletes when they grow up, I just wanted to be Mickey Mouse."



For love of the game: Smokey and Sally Burgess met at a driving range and have instilled their love for golf in their only daughter Joanna. Their Par 3 course and driving range, Bikini Joe's, is named after the 8 year old.

— Photos by Trevor Baratko

Smokey and Sally married in Greenville five years after their initial meeting at the driving range.

Smokey used to operate a construction company called PHD builders, but said he now devotes most of his time to Bikini Joe's Par 3 Golf Course and Driving Range, located at their residence on Hwy. 56.

Smokey said most of his construction work was from the Columbia area up to Greenville but that's slowed down in recent year, although he recently completed the addition to his wife's practice, Piedmont Pediatrics, located behind Laurens County Health Care System.

He began constructing the course almost immediately after the couple moved from their previous home on Lake Rabon.

"I've been around golf all

my life," he said. "It just seemed natural to build one right outside my front door."

Sally was born in Texas and spent the bulk of her childhood years in Buffalo. After receiving her bachelor's degree from Indiana University, she attended the University of Georgia for her masters. She taught anatomy at Greenville Technical College for awhile before attending Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston to become a pediatrician.

"I always wanted to work with kids," she said. "I couldn't teach kids because I didn't have a teaching license and medical school was always something I wanted to do but just never brought myself to go through the application process."

She completed her residency in Charleston, West Virginia,



Father and daughter: Smokey said eight-year-old Joanna is a natural golfer. He teaches children clinics on Saturdays and adults on Sundays. — Photo by Trevor Baratko

which is also where she became pregnant with Joanna at the age of 40.

"There's something in the water up there," Smokey said. "We had been trying to have a child for years and then right after we moved there, she got pregnant."

Sally was recently board certified as a pediatrician and received a word praise from her husband.

"She's the best pediatrician in the upstate," he said. "No doubt about it."

"Kids are fixable," Sally said. "You can change kids and help kids more than you can help adults I think. And Piedmont Pediatrics is a great office."

All of the doctors and nurses and receptionists there work very well together. It's a very good work environment."

Piedmont Pediatrics used to be affiliated with the Laurens County hospital but is now a privately-owned practice.

Smokey said he's loved golf for as long as he can remember — all the way back to his childhood in Georgetown.

It's through the game that he earned his nickname.

"I got it because I could smoke 300-yard drives," he said. "And I still can."

He teaches a children's clinic at the course on Saturday afternoons and one for adults on Sundays.

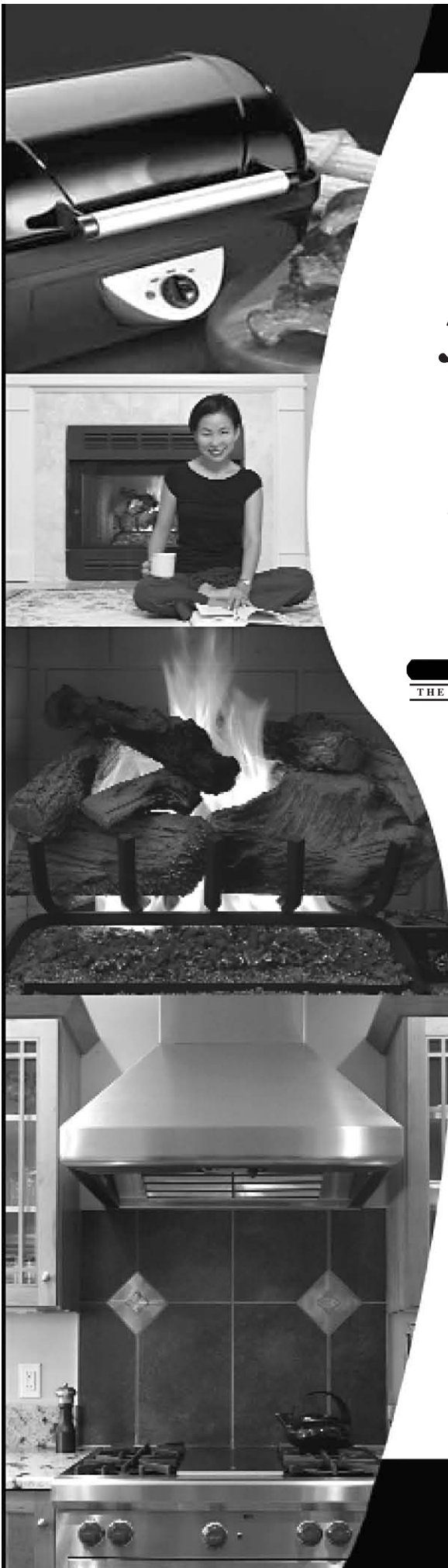
"My best customers are some of the football coaches from Clinton High School - they're in here all the time," he said. "I'm hoping to get the word out to kids at the college too."

He plans to add a back nine in the coming months and to begin an advertising wave for the coming summer.


If your ball goes missing at Bikini Joes, it doesn't necessarily mean you hit a bad shot, it could have been picked up by one of the owners' three dogs.

"We try to keep them off the course but it doesn't always work out. Sometimes they find a ball and decide to pick it up,"


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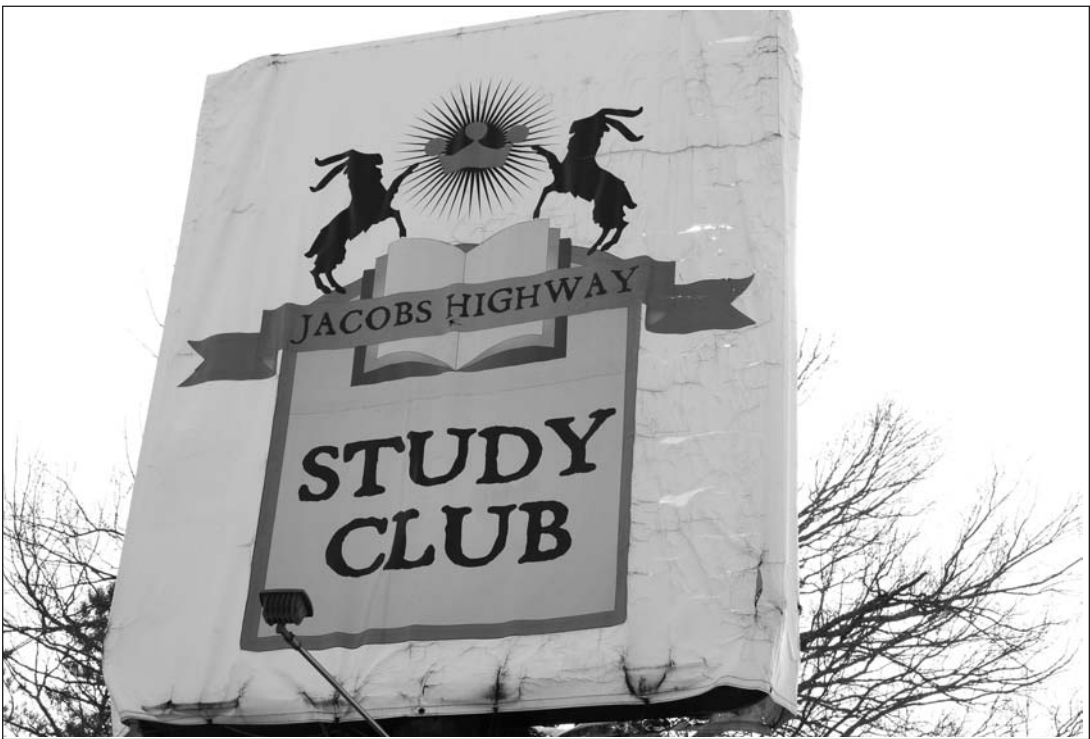


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A study in good food and fun times



Casual dining: Jason Bundrick and his wife Karan stand at the entrance of their restaurant, Jacobs Highway Study Club, which opened its doors in 2006 and has seen business prosper in recent months. -- Photos by Trevor Baratko



Jacobs Highway Study Club, located in the College Station shopping plaza on Jacobs Highway, opened its doors in 2006 when PC alum Jason Bundrick returned to Clinton for his first business venture.

By Trevor Baratko
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After growing up in Clinton, spending his high school years in Greenville, returning to attend PC and departing post graduation, Jason Bundrick recognized a void in his hometown.

“There has never really been a great place to go out and have burger and a beer,” he said. “There’s never been that casual restaurant that you can bring the family to or a good place to ‘watch the game.’”

The 35-year-old Bundrick is attempting to fill the void — and showing early signs of success — with the Jacobs Highway Study Club, a restaurant and bar in the College Station shopping plaza.

“So that’s what I envisioned when I first started — a place



Various trades: Bundrick handles a variety of duties at the Study Club and holds a number of interests outside of the restaurant. He's published poetry, played in a rock band and enjoys painting. -- Photo by Trevor Baratko

After nearly a decade in Columbia splitting time between restaurants, gigs with his band and Kinkos, he moved back to Clinton in June 2006 to launch the Study Club.

“I knew I wanted to get my own place eventually,” he said. “But I never had set plans for it to be in Clinton. It just kind of worked out. But I love being here - this is where I grew up. It’s nice to put something in my hometown that’s never been here before.”

After several months of renovation, Study Club was inaugurated in August 2006 with a staff of three.

“The first months were difficult, but we survived,” he said. “There’s some crazy statistic that 90 percent of restaurants go out of business in their first year and of the ones that don’t, 75 percent go out the next year. So for us to still be here two years in, I can’t complain.”

Bundrick said he fell into the restaurant business “completely by accident.”

After graduating from Presbyterian College in 1995 with a degree in sociology, he moved to Columbia to fulfill his musical pursuits.

“That was right when Hootie and the Blowfish was huge, so it was an exciting time for music in Columbia,” he said. “One of my buddies was working in a bar and the place got really busy one night. So he asked if I could wash some glasses for him. I said sure, why not. Before I knew it, they put me on the schedule for a bar shift.”

The crash course transitioned into a more permanent position at the bar. Over the next few years, he worked his way through several restaurants and bars around Columbia.

“I’ve been in every position from dishwasher to general

manager,” he said. “I think it’s showed me all aspects of running a restaurant, which has really helped me here. It taught me that food is the Holy Grail for a restaurant, so that’s what we focus on at Study Club - it’s food first and everything else second.”

Bundrick said the biggest obstacle has been establishing his own identity.

“We really want to lose the perception that we’re just a bar. We like to say that from when we open at four until nine or 10 o’clock, we’re a family restaurant with great food. After that, it’s more of a bar atmosphere but we’re still a place that welcomes everyone,” he said. “We have people from all walks of the county come in.”

Jason owns and operates the eatery while his friend Charlie Martin is essentially the bar

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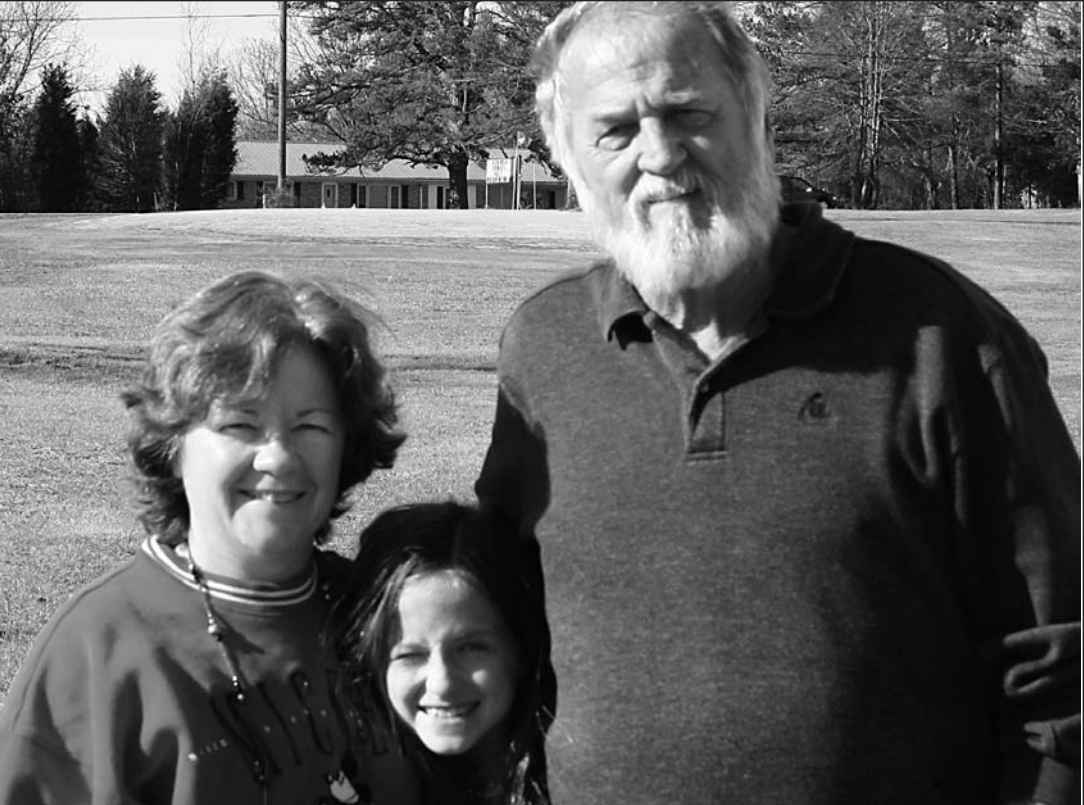
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Burgesses



Golf, kids and Disney: Sally is a pediatrician at Piedmont Pediatrics. Outside of golf and children, she loves Mickey Mouse as evidenced by the sweatshirt. The Burgesses travel to Disney World at least once a year. -- Photos by Trevor Baratko

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Smokey said. Bikini Joe’s was named after the eight-year old Joanna who attends Laurens Academy and is enrolled in both karate and dance classes in Clinton. The Burgesses are happy to host Joanna’s friends on their land in the spring for an Easter Egg Hunt. “She just tells all of her friends at school. Last year, I think we had about 50 kids - we didn’t have enough eggs,” Smokey said. “She always has friends over to go swimming. While the Burgesses plan to remain in the county for the near future, Smoke admits he isn’t quite back to where he wants to be. “I want to get to the coast,” he says. “I love being near the water. As long as there’s water and golf, it’s alright with me.”



Love at first swing: Smokey first saw his future wife while she was hitting golf balls at a driving range in Mauldin. “I could tell she had some talent,” Smokey said.



Friends and co-workers: Bundrick brought his friend Charlie Martin, right, with him from Columbia to help manage the restaurant and bar. Bundrick is the owner and operator while Martin handles most of the management duties. -- Photo by Trevor Baratko

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“I needed to bring someone with me I could trust,” said Bundrick. “I knew I could trust Charlie. It sounds basic, but it’s not always that easy to find someone that you know won’t steal from you and keep track of inventory properly. “I feel fine giving Charlie the keys and letting him take care of things.” Martin said he takes pride in the fact he knows just about every customer’s name. “I’ve worked in a lot of restaurants and this has come to be my favorite jobs,” Martin said. “It’s a locally owned business and I think that’s important, especially these days. “Jason had a real vision when he worked on the plans for opening the place and I think it has paid off.” During his days slinging

drinks, Bundrick was awarded the Columbia Free Times’ Best Bartender of the Year two years in a row. “He’s the only person to be named twice,” said his wife Karan, whom he initially met at PC and started dating in Columbia while she was student teaching. “I always thought he was cute. I first met him at PC when I was visiting my sister but I was only 14. Sure enough, about ten years down the road I moved to Columbia and didn’t really know anyone, so he offered to take me out,” she said. Karan, now a special education teacher in Newberry, said she knew Jason would succeed at running his own restaurant. “He’s so passionate about everything he does,” she says. “He’s had poetry published, he’s written music, he paints. I

knew he would do well here because I could see it’s what he really wanted to do - so I’ve fully supported him all the way through.” Study Club offers 35-cent wing night on Tuesdays, trivia night Wednesdays (a PC favorite) and fancy-beer Fridays (\$2.75 for most of the more than 100 specialty brews). Admittedly, Bundrick is focused on increasing his clientele and spreading the word in Clinton, but he concedes lofty hopes for his first business. “We talk about having a Study Club Columbia or a Study Club Charleston, I think that’d be kind of cool,” he said. “That’s definitely something to strive for. But right now, we’re still working on letting people in Clinton know that we’re a great restaurant with the best burger and wings in town.”

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Small Business of Year: Magnolia RV Park and Campground owners Gary and Marcia Rousseau were awarded the Small Business of the Year Award by the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce in January, which they consider a great honor. — Photo by Bristow Marchant

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But success in business is just one perk in running an RV park for the Rousseaus. To them, the real reward is the joy of meeting their fellow wanderers from all over the country, as they pull in off the highway with stories of where they’ve been and where they’re going. “We wanted to do (something) that was different from the corporate, dreading Monday morning and that sort of thing,” Marcia said. Instead, the Rousseaus can enjoy the splendor of the outdoors from the comfort of a traveling home.

“You just drive right through and park, and then you just get your electrical hook up and your water hose out and then it’s pretty easy to do,” Gary said. “You’ve got all the luxuries of home. You don’t have to unpack, you’re traveling with everything you would want. All your food’s in the refrigerator; you don’t have to get a cooler and ice and cook over an open fire. “You’ve got your stove, your convection oven, your microwave, satellite TV, all the comforts of home, and then outside your door you’ve got the whole world.”

Signs

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“It seems like there used to be a lot more than there are now, and I think our local economy has a lot to do with that,” he said. “In 2009, we’re doing two big signs for Hunter Industrial Park. This is working with Laurens CPW, and they’re hoping with the titanium plant coming, that will bring new business into Hunter Industrial Park, so they’re trying to make it look nicer.” Although he was born in Sumter, Thompson has always thought of Clinton as his hometown. “My dad was in the grocery business. He worked at Bi-Lo, and when he got a promotion we moved up to Clinton when I was in the first grade,” he said. “Other than my military career I’ve pretty much lived here all my life.”

With his wife Allison and his three daughters, Thompson has tried to give back to his community. For five years he worked at Thornwell High School as an assistant coach in football with Charles Jones and baseball with Tyler Darden. “I’m fortunate God’s blessed us with three healthy daughters, but some of those kids came from bad situations,” he said. “They don’t have a male role model in their lives. I wanted to be a good role model for some of those kids over there, and I love baseball, I’ve played it all of my life. I just wanted to help some of those kids in the community.” The reward for Thompson comes when he sees the kids he’s coached succeed in life. “Some of those kids when they see me now will come up and talk to me, I find out what’s going on in their lives,” he said. “Justin Smith went to the Citadel, pitched there, and now plays in the minor leagues. You feel like you had some kind of impact in their life.” As a deacon at First Baptist



The workshop: #1 Sign Designs make all their signs on-site at the company’s Templeton Road office. “We do sandblasted signs, magnets, banners, lettering, metallic signs, signs that will light up. There’s so many different aspects to it,” Thompson said. — Photo by Bristow Marchant



Finished product: Donald Thompson poses with one of his designs at #1 Sign Designs.

Church in Clinton, Thompson has also helped organize the group Artists4Africa.net. “We accept artwork and sell it (online), and 100 percent of the proceeds goes for digging wells in Africa.” Not content with helping in cyberspace, Thompson even went on a mission trip to Kenya last year.

This spring, he and some of the other guys at #1 Sign Designs will travel a little closer to home, to Minnesota for a course in wrap-around vehicle lettering. “That’s the biggest thing in our industry now,” he said. “You’ll see cars whether it’s an insurance agency, or a tire busi-

ness or construction truck that’s completely covered. You don’t see the paint job too much. That’s what we’re going to school to learn how to do this spring.” So when you look around the roads, you might see even more spaces where #1 Sign Designs has done its work.

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Teacher of the Year: Joanna-Woodson Elementary School fourth-grade teacher Susan Cauble is The Clinton Chronicle's 2009 Teacher of the Year. — Photo by Trevor Baratko

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Cauble is Teacher of the Year

By Trevor Baratko
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After more than a decade of service in District 56 schools and 30 years in the Clinton community, Susan Cauble has undoubtedly changed lives. She has altered our community, enlightened our youth and proven herself as a mother, wife and educator. This is why the fourth-grade instructor at Joanna-Woodson Elementary has been chosen as The Chronicle's Teacher of the Year for 2009.

Cauble teaches math, social studies and writing at Joanna-Woodson. She's in her ninth year in Joanna and previously spent time at the Martha Dendy Sixth Grade Center and M.S. Bailey Elementary, both now closed.

"Teaching is so important to me," she said. "My children are so important to me. I want each of my students to leave here educated and able to contribute to whatever communities they choose to live in."

Cauble has lived in Clinton since moving from North Carolina when she was in the fourth grade.

"I get to share that experience with my students since they're that age right now," she said.

She graduated from Lander University in 1990 with a bachelors in education and received her masters in early childhood education from the University of South Carolina.

"My mom worked in the schools here," she said. "I always knew I wanted to be either a teacher or a nurse. I ended up going with a teacher



Keeping it fun: Joanna-Woodson Elementary fourth-grade teacher Susan Cauble is The Clinton Chronicle Teacher of the Year. Cauble teaches math, social studies and writing at Joanna-Woodson, where she has worked for the past nine years. She says it's imperative to keep education fun for her students. She tries to find a good balance between fun and learning. "I'm a hometown girl. I always knew I wanted to come back here to teach," she said. — Photos by Trevor Baratko

The Chronicle's Teachers of the Year

- 1996 Howard Pierce, Clinton Elementary School
- 1997 Amy Poag, Clinton High School
- 1998 Elizabeth Crowder, Eastside Elementary School
- 1999 Cynthia Simmons, Thornwell
- 2000 Nancy Morgan, Eastside Elementary School
- 2001 Diane Evans, Clinton High School
- 2002 Valerie Jones, Thornwell
- 2003 Paula Pace, Bell Street Middle School
- 2004 Debbie Green, Eastside Elementary School
- 2005 Courtney Robertson, Laurens Academy
- 2006 Prondolyn Copeland, M.S. Bailey Elementary
- 2007 Hunt Coffey, Martha Dendy Sixth Grade Center
- 2008 Marjorie Tobias, Clinton Elementary School
- 2009 Susan Cauble, Joanna-Woodson Elementary

and am thrilled to be doing it in my hometown."

Cauble agrees with the "they are our future" sentiment about education.

"It's important to give kids direction. I want them to leave here knowing everything they could possibly know. I know it's impossible for them to know everything, but I try.

"You want them to go out and be productive citizens. I hope they leave my classroom and reflect on positive experience."

Cauble believes teaching in a rural district with high poverty levels offers a more rewarding opportunity.

"You still have to have high expectations for them," she said. "I always try to relate with them and figure out how they can best understand the material. It's different working here than it would be in some districts that are better off.

"Their stories are so wonderful. It's something different every day, that's one of the biggest things I look forward to is coming in and hearing their stories."

Cauble knew she wanted to return to teach in Clinton following her college career.

"I'm a hometown girl, I definitely wanted to come back here and be a part of this community," she said.

She and her husband Robert have four children — 22-year-old Andrew, 16-year old twin daughters Megan and Sarah and a four-year-old girl Ellie Grace.

Susan and Robert were middle-school sweethearts who reconnected while she was at Lander.

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Principal Roach learning the ropes

By Trevor Baratko
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When first-year Clinton High Principal Robby

Roach was at Clemson in the mid 1990's, he pondered what he may like to do for the rest of his life.

He initially entered the aquaculture and biology program, but was eventually disenchanted with that route.

He thought back to the years he spent in Desert Storm as a Marine - the days he was charged with instructing fellow soldiers how to brace for chemical attacks and use their gas masks.

It was that experience — that time of instruction — that convinced Roach to become an educator.

"When I thought about my time as a Marine," he said, "I realized that I really enjoyed instructing and teaching people. I liked the responsibility of looking after others."

Now, after numerous teaching stops, including Greenville Night School, Southside High School and Riverside Middle School, he's the head Red Devil — and loving the small town feel of Clinton.

"I was familiar with the area because my Dad and I hunt around here," he said. "So I automatically had good memories of Laurens County."

"It's just a place where you meet a lot of really good people. People here really do care about their community and want what's best for it," he said. "Already in just six months, I've met some very good people with great ideas."



New post: Roach is in his first campaign as principal of Clinton High School. He previously spent time at Mauldin High School and Riverside High School. — Photo by Trevor Baratko



Marine days: CHS Principal Robby Roach spent time in Desert Storm as a Marine. He said his time spent instructing others during the war convinced him later to become an educator.



Family of three: Roach with his wife JoEarle and their year-old daughter EllaJo. Roach said the smile on his daughter's face can make him forget any of the day's worries.

Not only does he prefer a smaller town, but he welcomes the smaller school after coming from Mauldin High School, which has nearly 2,500 students.

"It's easier to get new ideas through in a smaller school. There have already been instances where I felt like I've been able to have influence on decisions," he said. "With larger schools, that isn't always the case."

Roach gave praise to his staff, and touched on the new Clinton High School, which is set to open in Fall 2010.

"That was a factor in coming here," he said. "I want Clinton to be a destination for other schools in the state. I want them to come here to see how we do things, and I think the new high school will only improve that."

"The group of teachers here is absolutely incredible. They take such initiative. They really do constantly think of better ways to teach our students. It's not like that everywhere."

Roach said the new school will feature substantial upgrades from the current Clinton High, specifically pertaining to technology.

"The budget is probably the most difficult thing I've faced in my short time here," he said. "So hopefully the community will pull together and find funding so that this school has everything a 21st century high school needs."

District 56 Superintendent Dr. Wayne Brazell is impressed with the quick impact Roach has had at Clinton High.

"He's very perceptive," said Brazell. "He reads a lot of pro-

fessional publications, so he's always bringing new ideas to the table.

"I think he's been a perfect fit into this community as well. He's already been out at different events and meeting parents and families."

Roach's professionalism was another talking point of Brazell's.

"Every reference we contacted talked about what a good professional he is," Brazell said. "This is his first principal job and you would never know it. All of his colleagues talked about what a hard worker he is. As a district, we could not be happier with the job he's done so far."

Roach graduated from Clemson in 1995, received his Masters degree from Furman in 2004 and his EDS from USC earlier this year. He's currently working on his PhD from USC, which he hopes to complete in 2010, although he says parenthood may end up pushing the date back.

In December, he celebrated his 12-year anniversary with his wife, JoEarle. It was the couple's first as parents of an eight-month old baby girl, EllaJo.

"Since we've had her, every day has been better than the day before," said Roach. "It doesn't matter what happened during the day, when I come home and see her and she's smiling, you forget about anything else."

After growing up in Williamston and graduating from Palmetto High School, Roach enrolled in the Marines as a way to pay for higher education.

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Koskela: from farm fields to class rooms

By Trevor Baratko
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For District 56 Assistant Superintendent for Accountability Dr. Laura Koskela, there was no escaping the family farm in Santuck.

“It’s funny - I say I spent 20 years of my life trying to figure out how to get off that farm, and then spent the next 20 trying to figure a way to get back,” she said. “I knew I wanted to raise my family on that farm. I wanted them to have the life that I had growing up. It was a stabilizing move.”

The 80-mile daily roundtrip drive from Santuck to Clinton might pester some people, but not Koskela.

“I think it’s more of a pain for people who have to come see me,” she said. “There were a few times when my daughters were growing up that I couldn’t get home in time for one of their events, but now that they’re out of the house, I don’t worry about the drive.”

Koskela was born and bred for education, she says. Growing up in her family, it was always anticipated that she would become a teacher. Her mom taught at Union High School and her father was on the district school board.

“Education was always first and foremost in our household,” she said “It was just understood that we would be at school everyday and church on Sundays. Education was really all I ever knew.”

It was also an ally for her to flourish. After skipping the 11th grade and graduating high school early, Koskela graduated from Winthrop with a degree in English and Theater at the age of 19.



On the job: Dr. Laura Koskela recently changed positions in District 56 from assistant superintendent for curriculum to the assistant superintendent for accountability. She has spent more than three decades in public education.

“I loved the whole talking through symbols,” she said. “The whole Socratic method of working through conflicts and discovering meaning. I think you learn things that you don’t even realize.”

Following Winthrop, she went on to receive her masters and Ph.D from the University of Georgia, much to the chagrin of her Clemson-adoring family.

“Being the youngest daughter, I think I took it as a challenge a little bit,” she said. “I wanted to find any way I could to get off the farm. I couldn’t



The girls: Koskela has two daughters, Charlotte (right) and Margaret (left), and a step-daughter, Bria (middle). Margaret was recently married and resides in Summerville, Charlotte is a junior at Clemson and Bria lives near Charleston.

go to Clemson because that was a men’s school. They just started accepting a small number of women for the nursing program, and I wasn’t going into nursing.”

In 1984, the self-proclaimed farmer’s daughter took north to Boston to teach in a 7,000-student high school, one of the biggest in the country.

“Can you believe that?” she said. “They actually let a girl with a southern accent teach English in Boston. I was one of 56 English teachers at the school.

“I learned a lot while I was there. I still have some great memories from the classes I taught in that school.”

After teaching for several years, Koskela opted for more schooling at the University of Massachusetts Amherst to get certified for administration.

Koskela gave birth to her first daughter Margaret, in 1986.

“She spoke with a thick Boston accent for about the first five years of her life,” said Koskela. “But after four or five years in the south, she had lost most of it. She’s without any accent today, northern or southern.

“I was kind of the kid without a home during those years. Up there, I spoke like a southerner and then I would come back down here, and they said I would talk like a Yankee.”

Running the risk of becoming a full-blown Yankee, Koskela moved to Greenville in 1990 to be a curriculum specialist at Hillcrest High School.

In 1997, the opportunity arose for Koskela to move back to the farm after more than two decades away.

“I wanted my girls to gain an appreciation for what my parents worked so hard for,” she said. “My mom and dad worked so hard on that farm

and now we’ve worked so hard, I think they appreciate it now.”

Koskela’s father originally bought the property a couple years after returning from WW II.

Koskela also offers up the farm to the CHAMPS program at Presbyterian College each summer where the students learn about the life of farmers.

Koskela’s husband Steve was heavily in favor of the move back to rural life.

“He’s a hunter,” she said. “But he usually spends more time getting ready for the hunt than actually doing it.

“It’s just a great setting to raise a family. It will be a place our children can always call home and visit.”

After 32 years in public education, Koskela says her fondest memories spawn from the classroom.

“I had to do an exercise a few years back where I was told to write down my three most memorable experiences during my career. They all came from the classroom. The biggest thing I miss about teaching is not having that interaction with the students. Now, I don’t really have a chance to get to know the students.”

Her desire to explore the administration aspect of education tempted her to move from the classroom to the district office.

“You never know until you try it,” she said. “I had some good opportunities along the way. I don’t regret any of the decisions I made.”

Next year, Koskela will move to Clinton High School and serve as assistant superintendent for accountability. She said she’s excited for her new duties.

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Getting technical with Lance Taylor

By Trevor Baratko
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“With willing hearts and skillful hands, The difficult we do at once, The impossible takes a bit longer.”

This motto, that of the Navy Seabees, hangs on the door of District 56 Director of Technology Lance Taylor’s door.

It serves as a reminder that there’s always work to be done, and no place for excuses.

“My world changes every three to five years,” he said. “Most people wouldn’t like my job because of that. But I love the challenge. We’ll do the difficult right now, and worry about the impossible tomorrow.”

Taylor is a self-proclaimed fourth generation Clintonian. After graduating from Clinton High School, he moved on to Presbyterian College, where he graduated in 1982 with a degree in business administration.

“I took a few programming courses at the college, but they didn’t have a computer science degree then,” he said. “My brother Jeff, who now lives in Charleston, really got me into it.”

Taylor said after working in manufacturing immediately after college, he took a pay cut to work for Nexxus systems in Greenville because it was what he “loved to do.”

“I think it’s important that you do what you love,” he said. “I know people that make a living out of something they don’t truly love and I admire that, but I feel like I need to be doing what I love every day.



High School sweethearts: District 56 Director of Technology Lance Taylor and his wife, Estelle, were a couple during their days at Clinton High School. They married in 1982, the year Lance graduated from Presbyterian College.

“It’s always a challenge, especially with our district’s tight budget, but that’s part of the fun — figuring out how to get what we need within our price range.”

He said with previous jobs, he had much more financial flexibility.

“When I was working for some multi-billion dollar companies, I could make a \$25,000 to \$50,000 mistake, and it wasn’t a huge deal,” he said. “Now I don’t feel like I can afford to make a \$50 mistake.”

In addition to Nexxus, the 48-year-old Taylor has spent time with Spartanburg regional hospital and PTSS, a company that works with major stadiums and arenas.

“You talk about pressure,” he said. “When a system fails

in a hospital, someone can lose their life. Or when there are 50,000 people at a sporting event and something goes wrong.”

Taylor believes it’s essential to be creative and not restrict ideas when working with technology.

“You constantly need to look outside the box. You can’t wait for everyone else to do something or you’re already too late,” he said. “You have to explore all of the aspects and all of the solutions.”

Regarding the new Clinton High School, Taylor said he’s not the one who dictates what happens, but does provide input as to what he believes to be the best options.

“We want to have all of the wow factors at the new school,



Proud father: Taylor and his sons Brison and Lee worked together to restore the 1932 Ford pictured here. Lee is a senior at Clemson and Brison will attend the College of Charleston next fall.

but at the same time, if they aren’t helping to educate the children, then it’s a waste of money,” he said. “I think technology can really enhance learning and teach kids to expand their minds.

“It’s a different generation now; kids learn differently and it’s our job to make sure that we provide the tools for them to learn.”

At Taylor’s age, he is old enough to witness the entire evolution of computers in the last 40 years, and young enough to keep up to speed on cutting-edge items.

He pulls out his laptop - “This costs \$500 now. The first computers cost more than \$3 million dollars, and this little laptop has two-thirds the power of those.

“When you look at where we are, it’s phenomenal how far it has come. And it’s amazing how dependent we are on them.”

Dependence is something Taylor holds very important. He said teachers in the district “have to know their computers are going to work.”

“I want them to feel as confident in their computers as they do with a light switch,” he said. “I don’t want them to ever have to worry about things not working. I understand how dependent and critical technology is to education these days.”

Taylor married his high school sweetheart, Estelle Holtzcalw, the year he graduated from PC.

The couple has two sons — Lee, a senior architecture major

at Clemson, and Brison, a senior at Clinton High who will attend the College of Charleston next year to major in technology.

“I’m sure he got some of that from me,” said Taylor. “Growing up, I always had different kinds of technology and things around so I’m sure he caught on.

“Lee decided in about sixth grade that he wanted to be an architect and he’s never really backed away from that.”

Taylor said Estelle, who works at Joanna-Woodson Elementary, was forced to raise three sons over the past decade.

“She had to take care of those two along with me,” he said. “I’m always playing with stuff and putting things together.”

The Taylor residence serves as a caring home not only for Brison and Lee, but for their friends also.

“We like to be the place where all of the kids come and feel comfortable,” said Taylor. “Many times we’ll get called Papa Taylor of Mama Taylor by our sons’ friends. I think that’s all part of the small town community. It’s a special feeling.”

With one son nearly through undergraduate school and another entering next year, Taylor reflects on he and his wife’s parental achievements.

“There’s not a prouder moment as a parent than when someone tells you ‘you’re son is a good kid,’ or ‘he’s a great student.’”

With Brison’s departure next year, Lance and Estelle will have the house to themselves for the first time in more than two decades.

“Gosh, I don’t know what we’ll do,” he said. “It’ll be different. But my wife is my best friend so we’ll cherish the opportunity to spend time with just each other.”

Lawson's Raider pride a fit for Laurens

By **Bristow Marchant**
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Greg Lawson is used to success, and that's what he expects to have more of at Laurens District 55 High School. The Raiders' head football coach for just two years, Lawson came to Laurens from assistant coaching positions at Union and Gaffney, where he saw how competitive football teams operate. The Yellow Jackets played in five state championship games while he was at Union, and he coached three more championship teams with the Indians.

"I was lucky enough to walk in and coach Sidney Rice (at Gaffney)," he said of the future South Carolina Gamecock and Minnesota Viking wide receiver. "And I coached Malcolm Long who was Mr. Football in 2006. He's the starting quarterback at South Carolina State right now."

It's that kind of coaching experience that brought Lawson to the attention of Laurens administrators back in 2006, and Raiders fans have reason to hope its effects are already being seen on the field.

In his first season at the helm, Laurens returned to its winning ways. The team went 7-5, made the 4A Division II playoffs and finished above .500 for the first time in five years. Lawson has a game ball from that season on display in his office, with the team's record painted on it and autographed by his players.

He'll need to add another ball to his collection after his second year. This past season, the Raiders went 11-3, finished tied with Greenwood on top of Region I, beat cross-county rivals Clinton 35-0, and made it



Fruits of victory: Head Football Coach Greg Lawson stands in his office with a gameball commemorating his first season at Laurens District 55 High School. The Raiders went 7-5 in 2007, the school's first winning record in five years. In the last two years, Lawson has helped stock the "Iron Works" workout room with new equipment— Photos by Bristow Marchant

to the Upper State final for the first time since 1991 before losing to South Pointe, which went unbeaten in 2008 on the way to a state championship.

For next season, Lawson hopes his team will continue to build on past success, eventually returning to the state championship game.

"That is a goal here," he said. "One of our goals (when I was hired) was to make it back to the state championship and bring back that tradition... I asked the seniors to lead us to a winning season (in 2007), and they did. We played for a region championship last year as well as this year, and we just weren't fortunate enough to win it because we lost both times to Greenwood."

"The seniors this year did a fantastic job taking us all the way to the Upper State championship," he continued. "The players next year will have



some big shoes to fill."

Lawson was born into football. Before becoming an auditor for the state tax commission, his father played offensive and defensive end at Presbyterian College under Cally Gault.

"Every time I see Coach Gault at the Touchdown Club meetings, he still tells me 'your father was the toughest player I

ever had'," he said.

Lawson grew up in Union, and played for Union High School from 1981 to 1984, but never got a chance to play college ball due to knee and ankle injuries. Instead, he went to USC Union and then Winthrop University and Limestone College to receive a business management degree.

Lawson also received a certificate of business education, which he now teaches at Laurens High. "I teach business, anything in that area," he said. "I teach basic computer skills; Word Processing, Excel, Access, PowerPoint. Next year I might teach entrepreneurship, business finance, accounting. I have two classes a day. This semester I have a keyboarding-

IBA class, which means Introduction to Business Application."

Lawson came back to Union in 1990 after getting his degree and ended up back on the football field with Union Coach Shell Dula, now the head coach at Greenwood. "I started as a volunteer JV coach," Lawson said. "Then I became the varsity tight ends coach, running backs coach and defensive backs coach, so I got to move around a lot and learn the different positions."

When Dula left in 1996, new coach Mike Anthony made Lawson the head JV coach and then quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator. In 2003, he left his alma mater to spend four years as an assistant coach at Gaffney.

"I'd had opportunities to be a head coach even when I was at Union," he said. "I told people I had to go with my gut. I had the opportunity to go to Greenville in '96, but I didn't feel that was the time to go because we had a run. From '99 to 2002 we played in the state championship every year."

But when Laurens called at the end of the 2006 season, he visited the school and felt it might be the right place for him. "I really liked the district, the town, Laurens County period," he said. "It's not far from Union, where my family is. It's a lot like where I grew up."

Lawson was especially impressed with the late Laurens Principal John Hendricks, who died suddenly of a heart attack last year. "John Hendricks was one of the deciding factors that helped me come to Laurens," he said. "You know when you meet somebody and you hit it off and you know that's somebody you can trust. He never told me anything he couldn't deliver on. He was by far my best friend here."

The district impressed Lawson with its commitment, offering him a new locker room, auxiliary gym, and weight room with new equipment. "The ground was set for the program to be successful, they just needed someone to get in and point it in the right direction," he said. "What they had to offer was better than any-

where I'd ever seen."

Laurens has become a welcoming home for Lawson, his wife Kim and daughter Leah, a sophomore and varsity cheerleader at LDHS. "I'm proud of her," her father said. "She's in the top 10 of her class right now, and I hope she stays there."

The newest Raider coach has also found himself at home in a rivalry with neighboring Clinton High. "This kids grow up only nine miles apart and they know each other," he said. "I grew up at Union and we would play Gaffney, they were our rival, and there would be 10,000 people in the stands when I played and even when I coached there. The last two years it's been that way here and somebody told me that's the way it used to be."

But, he says, the rivalry exists more between the fans than the players and coaches involved. "Coach (Andy B.) Young and I have a great relationship, and he's always been able to work with me," Lawson said. "I have a great deal of respect for Coach Young because he has been coaching a long time and he's been very, very successful. Hopefully my career will be as successful as his."

Despite the success he's already had at Laurens, the most rewarding part of the job for Lawson is being able to work with young people. "I tell these kids all the time you're going to learn more about life playing this game than in anything that you do," he said. "The reward for me is to see our kids go on and do what they want to do after high school, whether they play college football or go to college. I want them to be successful. That's what football's about, being successful in life."

Lawson also says his success would not be possible without a talented team of assistant coaches. "A lot of focus gets put on the head coach, but what people don't realize is when you're successful, it's not just because of that one guy," he said. "There's a group of 10-12 coaches from the JV up to the varsity who do a phenomenal job, and they deserve as much credit as anybody."



New challenges: Greg Lawson overlooks the workout room at Laurens District 55 High School. Lawson was a longtime assistant at Union and Gaffney high schools before taking the job in Laurens at the end of the 2006 season. He said he was impressed with the commitment the school and district were willing to make to the football program.— Photo by Bristow Marchant

Roach

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"I knew I was going into the Marines as a way to pay for my college," he said. "I wouldn't trade that experience for anything - I learned a lot."

"So many kids now think they have to go straight to college or think they can't afford college. The process worked out great for me."

Given his background — his parents worked in the textile industry and he's always lived in the upstate — Roach believes he's able to relate well with members in the Clinton com-

munity.

"I think people feel very comfortable with me," he said. "And I feel comfortable with them. I have a lot of experiences they can relate to. It makes it a good fit."

In what little free time any education administrator has, Roach most enjoys family time.

"Especially with EllaJo now, I just love to be home with her and my wife," he said.

In addition to hunting, he "tries to play golf," and follows all sports.

Roach is also deacon at






Whitefield Church in Belton, where he's been a member his entire life — and where he and JoEarle married.

So if he could be anywhere outside of Clinton, doing anything, what would it be?

"I'd probably be up in a lodge in Canada somewhere," he says. "My wife and baby enjoying the warm comfort of the lodge while I go out and try to catch a big old buck."

"Of course, that will probably change come Spring, when I would say on number 16 of Augusta National Golf Course."




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Maureen Tiller is leaving no child behind

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To many students at Bell Street Middle School, she seems like the only principal they’ve ever had.

Maureen Tiller has been principal at Bell Street for three years, a job she took after four years as principal at M.S. Bailey Elementary School, moving from one school to another along with many of her pupils.

“The sixth grade students I have now were my kindergarten students at Bailey, so they only know Mrs. Tiller as their principal,” she said. “I saw them coming into school as kindergarteners, and now I see them as teenagers going into adolescence. I have a relationship with them, their families and their community. I’ve really enjoyed seeing them grow up.”

In 15 years as an educator, Tiller has seen children from many different vantage points; first as a classroom teacher, then a district-level employee, and finally as a school administrator. Next year, she will move back to the District 56 office as the new director of instruction.

“I’ll be working with developing instructional guidelines and goals for the district,” she said of her new job. “We want to see everybody on the same page so we can build on what students learned the year before, instead of one elementary school doing one thing and another doing something else.”

Tiller started in 1993 as a special education teacher at Clover Junior High School in York District 2. She taught in Clover for six years before looking to expand her reach outside the classroom.

“My husband’s from Clinton and I’m from Aiken, so we wanted to move closer to home,” she said. “I got my master’s in administration and education, and I was putting out for an administrative position, and the position of special education coordinator came open in District 56.”

Tiller held the position of special education coordinator for two years before moving to Bell Street for the first time as an assistant principal in 2001. She took the top job at M.S. Bailey one year later.

“Every position in education changes your point of view depending on how broad it is or how narrow it is,” Tiller said. “I loved being a classroom teacher, and I say all the time I’d jump back into the classroom in a heartbeat. But when you’re teaching, that classroom is your whole world every day. That’s what you interact with, that’s what you manage. You’re responsible for the environment in that classroom.”

“When you’re a principal, you’re responsible for the same things, but for the whole school. You’re responsible for



The walk: Principal Maureen Tiller walks the halls of Bell Street Middle School. Tiller has spent seven years in all as a principal and 10 years in District 56. — Photo by Bristow Marchant

the climate of the school, what rules and consequences are happening in the school. You’re responsible for the instructional goals for that school.

“If you move to a district position, then your view has to be all K through 12. So when you’re thinking about climate and things that affect your job scope, you’re looking at the entire district. It goes from being very broad at the district to being very narrow in the classroom.”

Tiller blends into the hallways at Bell Street so well, you would never know that until she got to college, she had no intention of being a teacher at all. Describing herself as an unmotivated student, Tiller wanted to be a cosmetologist, and was even accepted by Vidal Sasson Beauty College in Atlanta out of high school.

But her parents — Dad was a history and social studies teacher, and Mom worked in the Aiken school district office after retiring as a principal — put their foot down.

“My parents talked me into going to Winthrop. They thought I should give college a try for a year,” Tiller says now in her principal’s office at Bell Street. “And then they said ‘we’re paying for this, so you should take an education class,’ and I didn’t want to. I knew I didn’t want to be a teacher. That was not going to happen.”

But her classroom-oriented parents won that argument too, and Tiller signed up for a class with a bunch of future teachers. As part of the course, she visited high schools, middle schools and elementary schools, taking a swing through every classroom and every hallway.

“My mom would call and say ‘you interested in any of those yet?’ and I’d say ‘no, I don’t want to do that,’” Tiller remembers.

Then, on another course assignment, Tiller visited a classroom for children with moderate to severe mental and physical disabilities, and experienced an epiphany.

“When I went into that classroom lightning struck from above, and I knew what I wanted to do,” she said. “The next day I changed my major, and I was dean’s list from that point on.”

Now, years later, Tiller not only manages her own two children, 10-year-old Bowen and 8-year-old Sam, husband John, two cats and a dog; she also has another 680 kids waiting for her on Peachtree Street every morning.

“We’ve added sixth grade this year,” she said. “We closed Martha Dendy and brought all the sixth graders over here, adding about 200 students to the school.”

Since the closing of Martha Dendy, sixth grade at Bell Street is run like a school within a school, on a separate schedule from seventh and eighth grade.

Tiller’s former kindergarten-ers have their own hallway. In-



On the job: Maureen Tiller reviews a day’s schedule with Assistant Principal Josie Kate Haupfear in the main office at Bell Street Middle School. Tiller will take a position next year in the district office and Haupfear will be principal at Bell Street.

stead of changing classes six times a day, they have only two teachers, one for math and science, and another for English, language arts and social studies, plus an activities class.

“The addition of sixth grade has been so positive for the school,” Tiller said. “I think we’ve really had to concentrate on our procedures. When you have more people in school, you need more organization as far as who’s walking where, and when are they walking there. Just having more bodies in the building, you want to make sure everything runs smoothly and everybody’s safe.”

On Fridays, everybody at Bell Street participates in CAAT — clubs, activities, advising and testing. Each adult meets with their own group of students for activities meant to foster a personal connection between the students and their school.

“My club is the step team, and we have about 75 girls,” Tiller said. “I’ve been really impressed with my eighth grade girls who have been mentoring my sixth grade girls. They’ve really been able to step up and show leadership and be a positive role model, and they really take that role seriously. That helps them mature, just like it helps the sixth graders feel more comfortable.”

It reminds her of her time spent in the classroom, but also reminds her what she loves about being an administrator, either as a principal or a district official.

“What intrigued me about going into administration was the fact that as a teacher I controlled my classroom, but I didn’t have an effect on the education of all the students,” she said. “And I feel like I’ve been able to have a bigger impact on students’ lives from being in administration.”



One big classroom: Principal Maureen Tiller communicates with over 600 students through the office intercom. She has worked at every level of education; classroom teacher, principal and in the district office.




Bell Street crew: In front, Bell Street students Bill Lowery, Delshun Young, McQuessa Cromer and Shamark Anderson. In back, Tresan Robertson, Daquan Darby, Hunter Graham, Maureen Tiller, Tori Merrill and Greg Anderson. Tiller has known many of these children since she was principal at M.S. Bailey Elementary School. — Photo by Bristow Marchant




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Hitting the courts with Clovis Simmons

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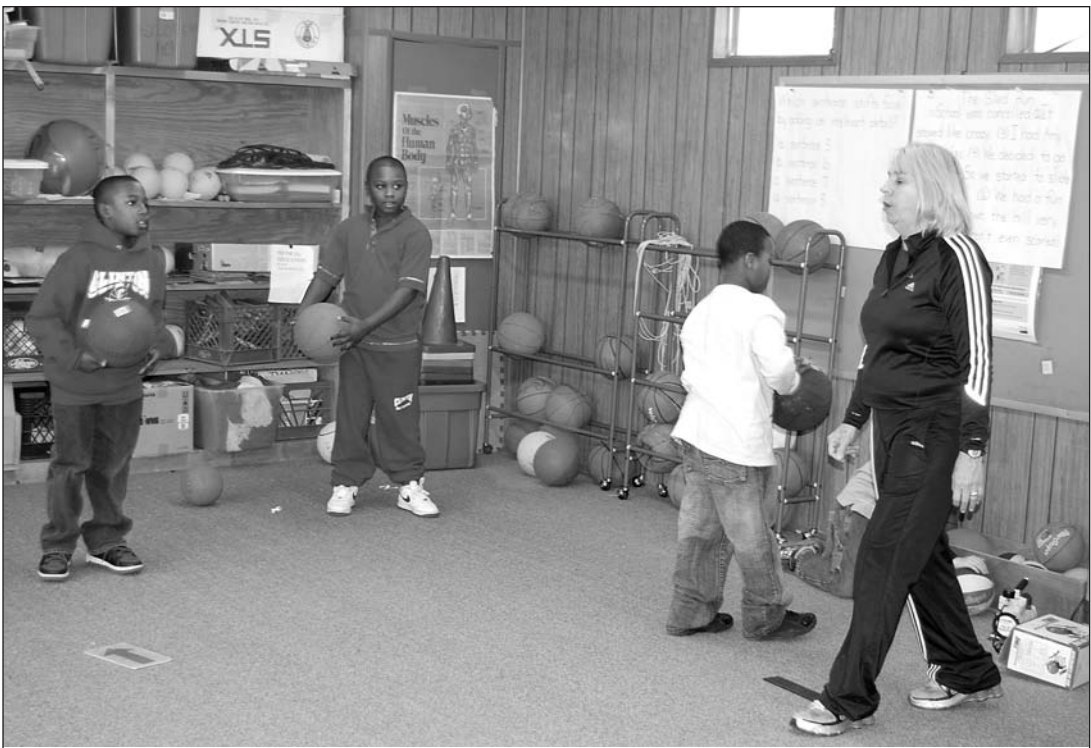
Clovis Simmons has probably spent as much time with your children as you have. A long-time veteran of School District 56, she spends mornings teaching P.E. at Clinton Elementary School, and then heads across town in the afternoon to Clinton High School, where she coaches the girls and boys tennis teams, including some of her former P.E. students.

“Just about everybody who plays tennis at Clinton High goes through Clinton Elementary or Eastside, where I used to teach, so I only lose them for three years and then I get to see them back at the high school,” Simmons said one day as she sat in a teaching portable emptied of desks and filled with playing equipment. “I have the best job in the district because I get to stay with them.”

Simmons has been teaching long enough to see her students go all the way from kindergarten to graduation. She just finished her 19th season as a tennis coach, leading the Lady Red Devils to a 12-3 record and going undefeated in conference play before losing in the second round of the Upper State playoffs to A.C. Flora.

Simmons has built an impressive tennis program at Clinton, even though she herself got into the sport fairly late. “I started being serious about tennis my sophomore year in college,” she said.

She joined the tennis team at Georgia Southern College and played her junior and senior years. “I went out for the team, made the team and I would play anywhere from No. 3 to No. 4 to No. 5, and No. 2 doubles,” she said. “This is a little



Play time: After a college playing career at Georgia Southern, Clovis Simmons became a tennis coach. She completed her 19th season in the fall at Clinton High School, leading the girls team to a 12-3 record. She spends her days teaching P.E. classes at Clinton Elementary School, like the one pictured at left.
— Photos by Bristow Marchant

“I’m the eighth of nine children,” she said. “That was a blessing, especially because my daddy died when I was 10, so everybody had to pick it up. The older children had to get jobs and help support the family. It was nothing but wonderful because you always had somebody to play with. You always had somebody around.”

After graduating from college, she began her teaching career in Georgia before getting married to her school sweetheart Gene Simmons. “And that’s how I got to Clinton,” she said. “He was a Clinton born-and-bred person and after we got married, he was dying to get back to Clinton.”

Mr. Simmons became a director at the Clinton YMCA, and Ms. Clovis, as she became known to her students and players, began her career as a P.E. teacher. The couple has four children — all of whom played high school tennis, their mother points out; Micah, now 29, Sarah, 27, Allen, 25, and Amelia, 22.

Allen followed in his mother’s footsteps by playing college tennis at Furman University, while Sarah added another family connection to sports when she married Brian Buscher, now third baseman for the Minnesota Twins.

Simmons expected to become a high school teacher, but fell in love with teaching younger students at Clinton-area elementary schools.

“I enjoy teaching someone a skill they’ve never participated in before,” she said. “For example, I have a football for every child, and when the girls see footballs they start shrinking like ‘oohh, football, I can’t play football,’ but I teach them football skills like throwing a pass, punting, snapping, and after that first class they start saying ‘are we going to play football today?’ I like teaching them skills that they may never get a chance to learn.”

Across town at the high school, Simmons has managed to build a winning program with a mix of year-round tournament players and more recreational players. “That’s a good mixture,” she said. “I’ve been blessed with good players and good athletes who come out for tennis. They’re the ones who determine it.”

Simmons’s coaching philosophy includes a pledge to never cut a player who wants to join her team. “I might have someone who says ‘I’m a good tennis player, and my friend is not, but she might become a better tennis player if she comes and hangs out with me.’ That’s why I’m a no-cut coach.”

But she also wants to instill in her players a drive to play and win. “Always our goal is to win the conference, make the playoffs. We may not always achieve those goals, but when I give them the schedule at the beginning of the year it always has the state championship game on it. You have to plan on being there.”

The most rewarding part of her job is being able to stay connected with kids as they go from kindergarten through high school, and then reconnect when they stop back by the tennis courts after they leave.

“I even have kids who played for other schools against Clinton High will come back because they have that connection,” she said. “They’ll stop by and say ‘Hey, Ms. Clovis.’ Even kids up in the Greenville area call me Ms. Clovis. I think that’s a term of endearment.”

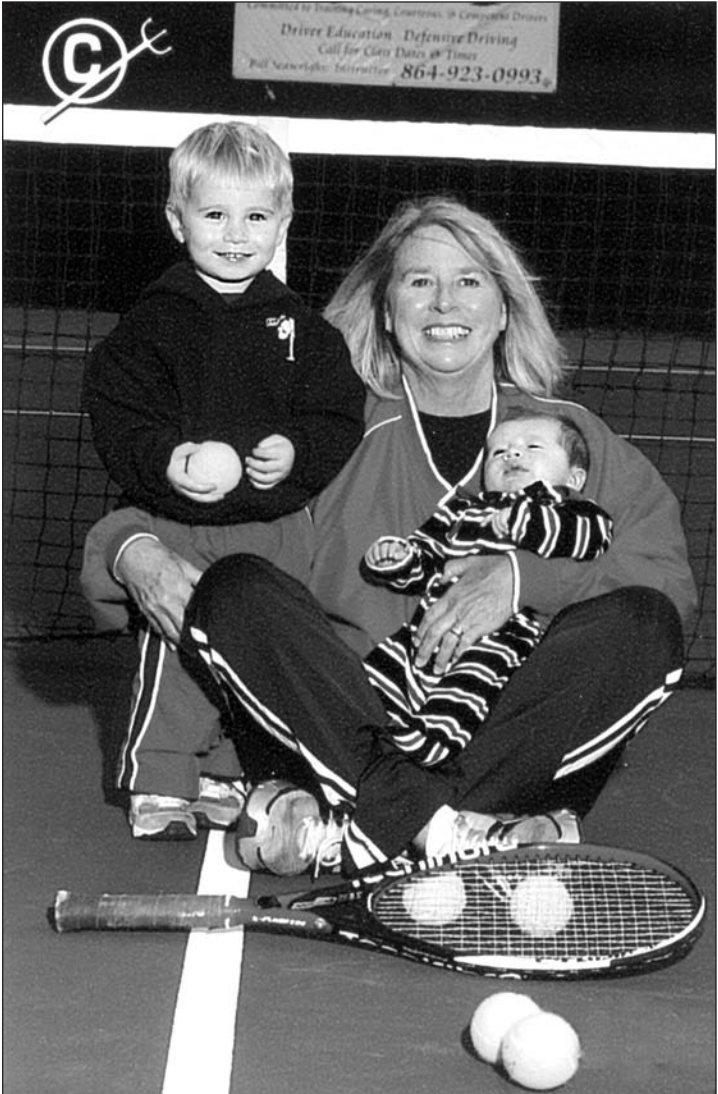
known fact, but I learned to play by going to the library and reading a book. I taught myself the basics (and) played strictly for recreation.”

As a young girl, if Simmons saw any future for herself in sports, it would have been on an indoor court. “When I was in high school the only two things a girl could do were basketball and cheerleading,” she said. “My friends were all cheerleaders, but I gravitated more toward athletics.”

In 1970, she entered Georgia Southern determined to major in physical education.

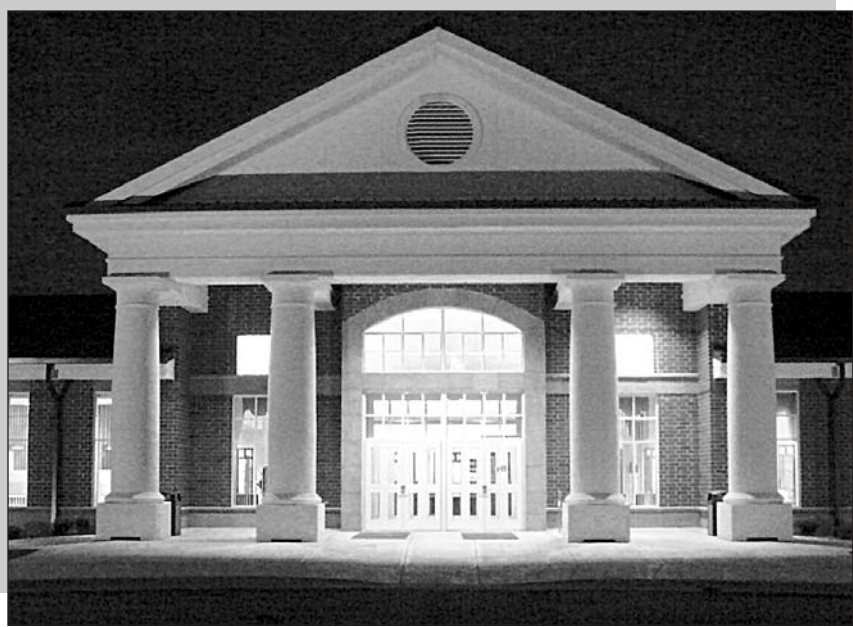
“I wanted to be a coach and I assumed it would be in basketball because that was the sport I participated in in high school,” Simmons said. “But when I got to college more things started opening up for women and more sports were added, then I could do something that I could still participate in. Tennis is my sport of choice because it’s a lifelong sport. I wanted something I could do with my children.”

Simmons grew up near the Florida line in Blackshear, Ga., a town she describes as “bigger than Joanna, and smaller than Clinton.” Her father, a farmer who sold television sets, passed away when she was 10.



Starting young: Clovis Simmons gets all her kids involved in tennis. Her four children played high school tennis, and here she introduces her grandchildren, 2-year-old Tucker and 3-month-old Mattox, to the game.

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Dr. Barnes takes training to next level

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If your child gets hurt playing sports at Clinton High School, Dr. David Barnes is the person you turn to.

For 23 years, Barnes has been the head athletic trainer at CHS, responsible for the physical well-being of all the school's student-athletes, with only the help of however many student trainers he can recruit.

"I don't have any other adults," he said. "This is 23 years by yourself."

Barnes isn't really alone though. He gets a lot of support from the rest of Clinton's athletic staff.

"All the coaches are CPR trained, which I think was a great idea that was implemented by the district," he said. "If there is an injury, then they apply the basic first aid. And we always ask the schools that we go to if there's a trainer available, someone who is qualified to look at their injury."

Barnes is first and foremost an educator. He teaches PE, weightlifting and sports medicine, where he trains his student assistants. He's also part of the athletic administration, handling eligibility issues. But his main responsibility is to the athletes.

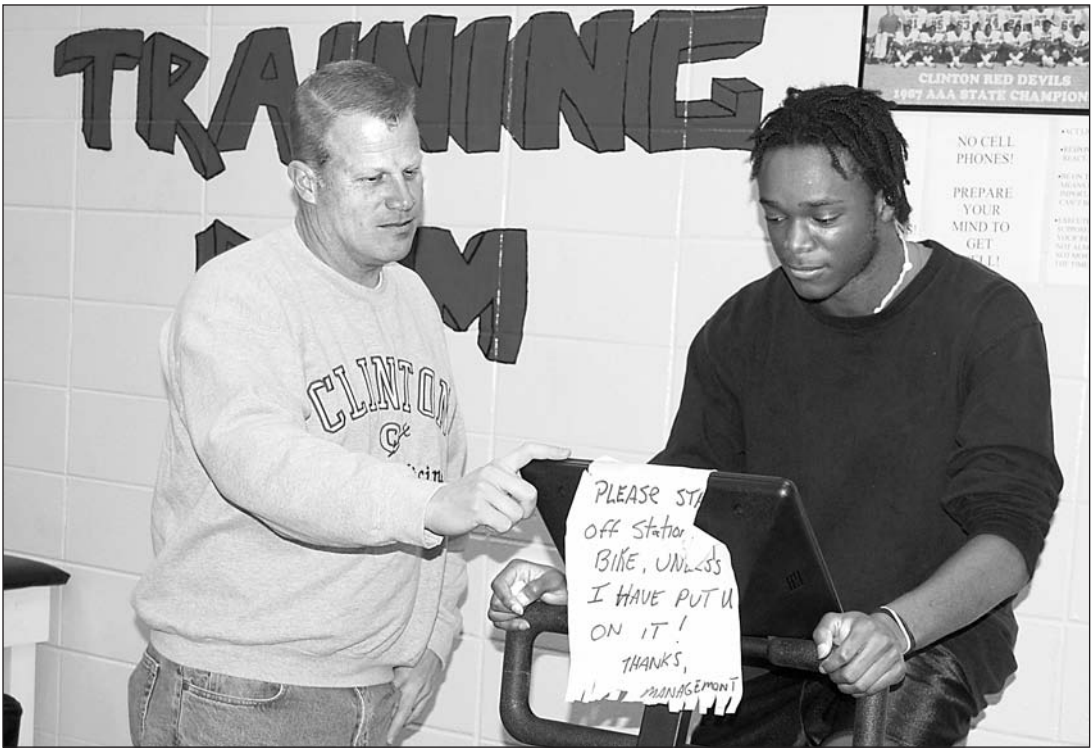
"Athletic training is basically a 24-hour call," he said. "I'll have kids come in at 7:30 that I haven't seen, they might have hurt themselves at home or late in the evening at practice when I wasn't present and the coach told them to see me, or a kid might come and see me during school, sometimes warranted and sometimes not."

With his student trainers, Barnes is also responsible for being prepared at every athletic event. "We have all the healthcare supplies that we carry to and from every practice, and to every game home and away, whether I'm present or not," he said. "We make sure the coaches at least have supplies for first aid, a first aid kit and a bag of crutches when they travel."

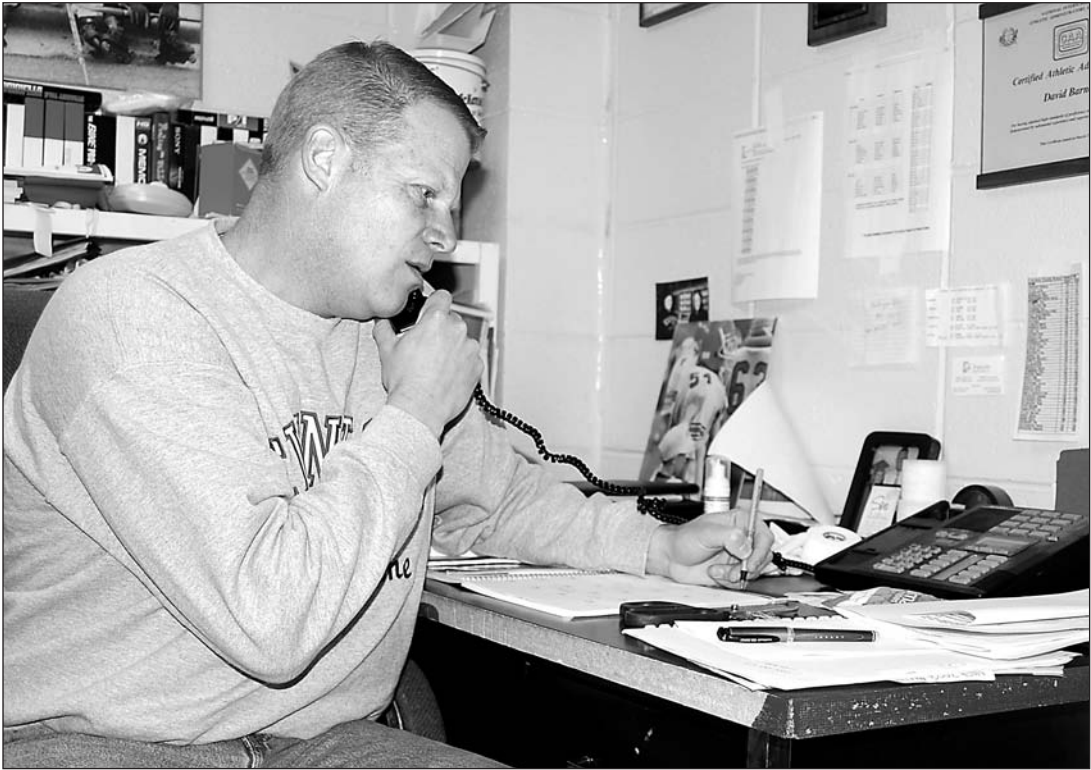
Born in Pennsylvania, Barnes spent his high school years growing up in Arkansas, where his mother raised four sons and his father worked in the restaurant business. He ended up attending the University of Arkansas and found his way into sports medicine.

"I was a physical education major, and one of the classes we had to take was called prevention and care of athletic injuries," he said. "It was taught by the head women's trainer, Nancy Stevens. And it just clicked, I enjoyed it so much. As that semester went on, I just talked with her a little bit more, and it was something I just fell into."

He went on to master in athletic training at Indiana University and his doctorate from the U.S. Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala. Barnes then started looking to put his degree to work. "I knew I wanted to come to a high school, and I went to the national convention because we were always told



In training: Dr. David Barnes works with student-athlete Shakeil Bates on a cycle in Clinton High's training room. Barnes regularly works with students who are rehabbing from injury.



that was where they did a lot of interviewing," Barnes said. "I sent this resume to Coach (Keith) Richardson, and he called while I was gone. I came down, and didn't realize I'd be here this long."

When he first came to Clinton, sports medicine was only a developing field in high school athletics. "When I was in school, your coach was your athletic trainer," he said. "He did all the taping, and that was the way it was here when I first got here. I believe Coach (Andy B.) Young was in charge of the injuries. Eighty-six was the first time that (my job) was done."



Certified: Some of Barnes's diplomas and awards on display in his office. Barnes has served as Clinton High School's first and only athletic trainer for 23 years and oversees the training room with taping tables and whirlpools, where coaches try to keep their student-athletes in a healthy condition.

Since then, Barnes has watched as sports medicine has grown and changed.

"When I first started, you didn't hear about asthma in sports, you didn't hear about diabetes in sports, sudden death. Then we had MRSA (a staph infection) and blood-borne pathogens," he said. "You can't pinpoint that to athletic problems, that's something that just happens. It's just more responsibility. It becomes overbearing sometimes."

"24-hour call": David Barnes on the phone with a parent in his athletic trainer's office at Clinton High School. Barnes is responsible for caring for and preventing injuries to the school's athletes. — Photos by Bristow Marchant

Barnes tries to prepare student trainers for all this during his one-semester sports medicine course at the high school. "This year was the first year out of many years that I was able to get some good student trainers out of the class," he said. "Usually, I gear it toward if I have the student trainers, I encourage them to take the class, but this was the first time in the class I've been able to recruit athletic trainers. I think I had three or four this past semester."

Currently, Clinton's sports medicine team consists of six to seven students serving 14 varsity sports teams, an arrangement that sometimes levels the training staff a little thin. Barnes says there's only so much that he can do.

"For football, I try to go to everything, but being just one person, I can't stay here (too long) or I'd have no family life, and my wife wouldn't like that," he said. "Sometimes you don't have enough student athletic trainers to go with them, so we rely on the adult. And of course the adult is always responsible, because they're still students, and sometimes we get confused with that."

Through his classes and instruction, Barnes has even launched a few careers. Former student Nora Ann Pace now does athletic training with athletes at Lander University, where she's in her junior year. Other student trainers have expressed to Barnes a desire to go into the sports medicine field.

To the other students on Clinton's athletic teams, Barnes is more of a doctor than a teacher. In his one-on-one dealings with injured players, he thinks he's learned the signs of a dedicated and successful athlete.

"Depending on what the in-

jury is and depending on the athlete, if they're an athlete, rehabbing an injury is easy," he said. "If they cannot miss practice, if they cannot miss anything with that sport, then they are very easy to heal, because they're motivated to get well, versus that person who just wants to play on game day. Then they're not very motivated and sometimes it lingers."

As a part of the school's athletic administration, Barnes also handles some matters like a student's eligibility to play.

"The coaches do a great job of keeping up with their athletes to make sure they don't fall through the cracks, and even then sometimes they fall through the cracks, academically speaking," he said. "But the high school league requires that they maintain a certain eligibility, have a physical on file, and have a birth certificate."

Both the athletic director and the principal have to sign off on a player's birth certificate and file it with the high school league before a student is allowed to play sports.

"Some coaches won't have that focus on eligibility," Barnes said. "They'll have their focus on other things, but they are not to dress out anybody who is not on their eligibility sheet, and hopefully that prevents somebody from playing who hasn't been submitted to the high school league."

Barnes primarily sees himself as a teacher, working to keep students in the classroom and on course.

"That's why I say I'm an educator first," he said. "I get such satisfaction out of these kids who are struggling academically, and then their lights come on, and he sees what possibilities are out there, more so than anything else."



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Cauble

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“He worked at Torrington at the time and we just kind of got back in touch,” she said.

The two were married in 1990. “I got married, graduated and did my student teaching all in that year,” she said. Robert is currently an insurance agent at Farm Bureau.

Being an educator is a gratifying profession, Cauble said.

“I never dread getting up and coming to work,” she said. “When you work with the children, there’s something different every day. I hope we have fun and I try to vary things. We sing songs, play games and keep things up. It’s important to find a balance between fun and learning.”

Cauble sees nearly 40 students each day, many of whom are now schooling her on the new era of learning.

“Technology has changed so much, it’s incredible,” she said. “We use the smartboard every day for several hours. We practice writing on it, I have powerpoints loaded on it. Many times, the kids tell you what to do. They troubleshoot with you.”

The Caubles are a tight-knit clan who embrace spending time together in the summer months.

“I just love to spend time with the family when I’m not teaching. We swim; one of our favorite things to do in the summer is play volleyball in the pool,” she said.

Megan and Sarah play volleyball at Clinton High School and Andrew is in his final year at Clemson studying nutrition and food science and plans to continue his education as a physical education major.



The Caubles: Susan and Robert were married in 1990, the same year she graduated from Lander University. Twenty-two-year-old Robert is at Clemson University while twins, Megan and Sarah are at Clinton High School. Ellie Grace is 4.



Cauble has been a member of First Baptist Church in Clinton since her childhood.

Her parents, Darrell and Kaye Shue, still live in Clinton and are retired.

“I don’t know what I’d do without them. We have our Sunday dinners over there,” she said. “They have my back whenever I need them.”

The small-town environment is something Cauble cherishes.

“I love Clinton. The community just always comes together whenever someone is in need — you just feel a connection with everyone. Raising your kids here is convenient, it’s kind of like everyone keeps an eye on them.”

Melodie Edwards, principal at Joanna Woodson, said Cauble is deserving of the teacher of the year nod.

“Her students absolutely adore her,” she said. “She teaches math, which is usually a turnoff for elementary-age students, but I’ve never seen a student come through her class that wasn’t turned on by it, you just watch their faces light up as she teaches.”

Edwards has known Cauble since the first day she walked into a classroom.

“She has grown tremendously,” Edwards said. “She has taken her position and just blossomed. She’s truly a great teacher.”

Clearly, many people agree.

Getting away: Susan and her husband Robert recently took a trip through Alaska. When not teaching, Cauble listed spending time with family as her favorite activity.



Farmer’s daughter: Koskela grew up on her family’s farm in Santuck near Union. She returned in the late 1990’s to raise her own family on the same farm. “It’s a place that will always be there for them to call home,” she said.

Koskela

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“In many ways, I feel I have come full circle in that my original position in the district was assistant superintendent for secondary schools. My background is secondary and I look forward to that new focus,” she said.

Koskela said she always wanted to keep separate the district she worked in and the district her daughters attended, which is why Margaret, 22, and her youngest, 20-year-old Charlotte, grew up in the Union schools.

“I didn’t want them to be under an umbrella,” said Koskela. “I wanted them to make their own way, and never have anyone say, ‘they just got this because of who their mom is.’”

Margaret was married in the fall and resides in Summerville while Charlotte is a junior at Clemson studying (yep) education. She plans to study abroad in Florence, Italy next summer. Koskela also has a stepdaughter, Bria, who lives near Charleston.

With Margaret’s marriage, it may be just a matter of years before another generation is introduced to the Santuck farm.

As for Koskela’s retirement, which she said could come any year, she’s not making any big plans.

“I say I would like to travel but I don’t know, I think I could be content just spending time at the farm. I would’ve never thought of myself as saying that, but I love the farm. I’ll make people come visit me,” she said with a smile.

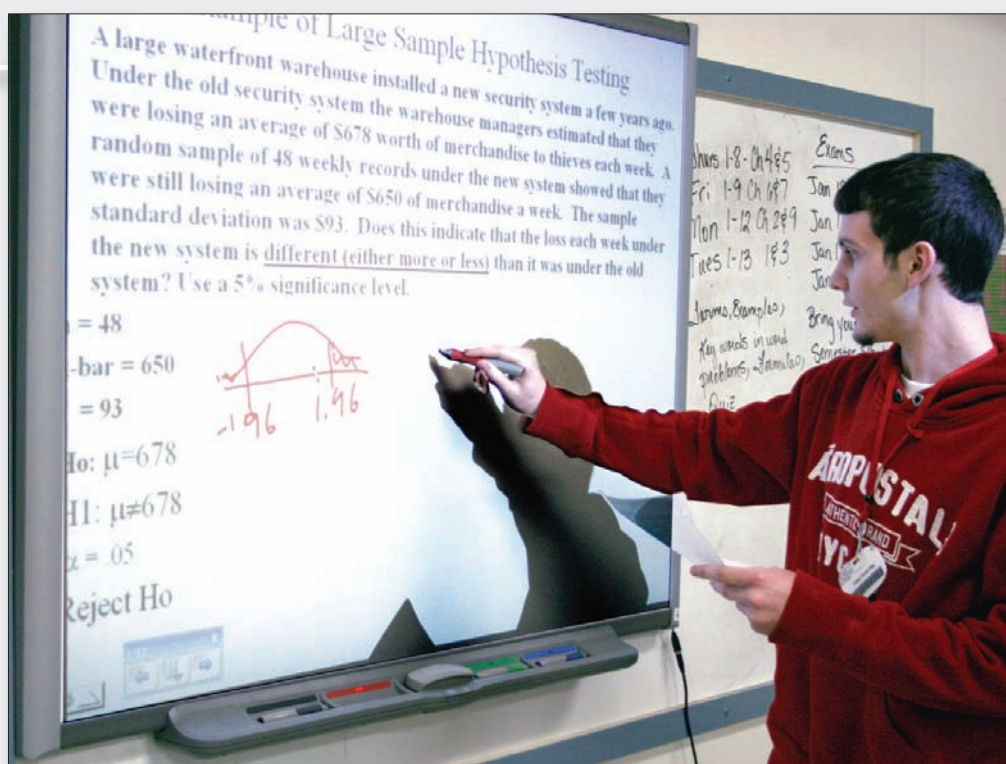
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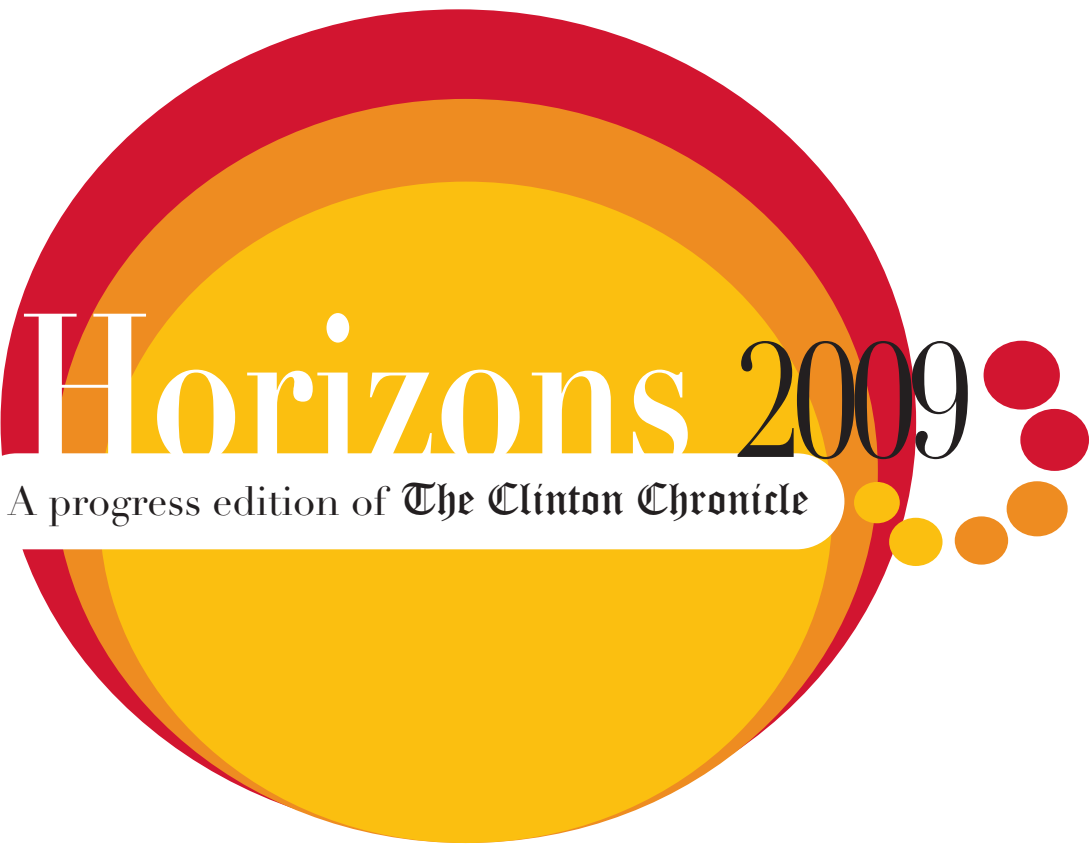


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More to Ramage than Mr. Chairman

By Greg Van De Voorde
Horizons 2009

Clinton native David Ramage has spent 23 years serving his community as the owner and operator of the Allstate Insurance agency on Broad Street. But for the 58-year-old father of two, community service is more than just a business deal.

Throughout his years as a business leader in Clinton, Ramage has devoted almost as much time serving the community through volunteer positions on a range of charity and business organizations as he has in the office.

He's served on the board of the Laurens Memorial Home, the steering committee for the new Hospice House, the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, was president of the Clinton Family YMCA board for two terms, is a former member of the Clinton Lions Club, and a lifetime member and treasurer at Broad Street United Methodist Church.

When his daughter Adair was diagnosed with Type-I diabetes at the age of 6, Ramage and his wife Sarah were one of five sets of parents who organized the state's first chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and the Ramages devoted countless hours over the years to promoting that organization's mission across South Carolina.

"I've just always felt you need to be involved in the community," said Ramage, who was born in 1950 at the Blalock Clinic in Clinton and has lived most of his life here.

His mother, Marion, was a longtime teacher and guidance



Mr. Chairman: David Ramage of Clinton has served on the boards of the Laurens Memorial Home, Hospice House, the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, Clinton Family YMCA and Laurens County Healthcare System, a board he now chairs. — Photo by Greg Van De Voorde

counselor in the local school system and his father, Frank, was the respected owner of a local service station where Ramage got his first introduction to doing business in Clinton.

He later worked summer jobs in the local textile mills, and after graduating from Clinton High School, attended Erskine College for two years. Between his sophomore and

junior years, Ramage married fellow Clinton native Sarah Adair, who was studying education at Winthrop. The couple came home and finished their college degrees at Presbyterian College in 1973.

"I tell people I majored in getting out and minored in business administration," said Ramage.

From 1973 to 1985, Ramage

worked for the Internal Revenue Service in various assignments around the state, including posts in Greenville, Columbia, Charleston and Greenwood.

"It was an eye-opening and interesting experience," he said. "I worked in the collection division and ran into all different types of people and heard all different types of stories. I learned people think it's alright not to tell the entire truth to the IRS or your insurance man when you're talking about your driving record."

When Ramage's next IRS transfer was to either Newark, N.J., or Washington, D.C., the family heard Clinton calling.

"It's difficult anytime to leave 'a good government job,' but we had an opportunity to come back home and we took it," he said.

That opportunity was to open the county's first Allstate Insurance agency. And the deal was sweetened by the chance to return to the spot where his family had planted roots generations ago.

"I was fortunate to be able to buy my grandparents' home place and we built there on Old Milton Road," Ramage said. "My boss with the IRS didn't really understand why I was moving, but when he saw the house and the land, he understood."

Getting a new business off the ground was not without its challenges in the early days of the agency, and Ramage said it took "four or five years to get comfortable," but he was helped in the start by his father's reputation and old friendships and connections he forged as a youth growing up in Clinton.

"My dad had been dead for several years, but he sold more insurance for me than any-

body," he said. "We've been fortunate that the people of Clinton and Laurens County have been extremely good to us."

Ramage returns the favor by donating his time back to the community. He joined the Laurens County Healthcare System's board of trustees in October of 2006, and recently accepted his most high-profile position to date as that body's board chairman.

During his tenure on the LCHCS board, the community hospital became embroiled in a contract dispute with its management firm, Quorum Health Resources, which led to QHR filing a major lawsuit against LCHCS for breach of contract. Ramage and the board recently settled the suit, with the hospital agreeing to pay \$250,000, ending a long and stressful period.

Despite the turmoil and the time spent to settle the suit, Ramage said he never second guessed his decision to step into his role with the hospital system, which is now one of the county's top employers with approximately 450 employees on staff.

"I don't think I was fully prepared for all the issues we had to deal with, but I never doubted the fact that it was a good cause and the right thing to do for Laurens County," he said. "Throughout it all, our focus has always been on providing quality healthcare."

That focus is evidenced by recent successes at the hospital, including passing the Joint Commission accreditation review and the additional services now offered in urology, surgery and the sleep lab with the opening of the outpatient center's third floor. And this month, the hospital is scheduled to make the final payment

on the bond issue that created the county's unified hospital system in 1990.

Meanwhile, Ramage's own business has prospered, navigating the ups and downs of the local economy, with Ramage adding four more agents to help serve its roster of approximately 5,000 customers.

"We've just had to work a little harder in recent years because the growth is not what it had been," said Ramage, whose business has survived the closing of the town's textile mills and, most recently, Timken.

"I'm very fortunate to have an excellent staff here," he said. "It may even run better when I'm not here."

When he's not in the office or at a board meeting, Ramage enjoys working in the yard and around the house, and spending time with his two daughters, Kate, who lives in Charlotte, and Adair, who lives in Simpsonville with his first granddaughter, Chandler.

"I couldn't understand why people act so crazy about grandchildren until I got one," he said.

When he has a little more time on his hands, Ramage plans to rebuild the fences around the Old Milton Road homestead and get a few horses.

"I grew up with horses and always enjoyed riding them," he said.

Coming home to Clinton also afforded the opportunity to spend time with the Ramages' extended family, most of whom still live in the area.

"There's always a family get-together somewhere," he said.

And when it comes time to retire, Ramage has no plans to ever leave. "We'll stay here forever," he said. "For me, retiring will be not coming to town."



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Pam Roper's life lead healing

By **Bristow Marchant**
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Most nurses work their healing arts in a hospital or a doctor's office, with people who are already sick. Pam Roper is different. She does all her work outside the world of white jackets to keep people from ending up there in the first place.

Ask the community wellness coordinator for the Laurens County Healthcare System what kind of work she does at the county hospital, and she gives a succinct answer.

"Nothing," she said with a laugh. "My program is totally outside the hospital."

Roper travels around the county organizing community groups and teaching people about disease and how to prevent it.

"A lot of things I do are awareness of chronic conditions and teaching prevention of health conditions," she said in her headquarters at the health services office in Plantation Plaza on Highway 76.

"If someone invites me to a health fair I go, whatever they need," she said. "I do several a week. I have so many things going on, I'll be here one day and somewhere else the next day. I'm out in the community a lot."

She teaches CPR training, babysitting workshops and smoking cessation classes. Wherever she is and whatever she's doing, Roper is always pushing the message of living a healthy lifestyle.



Coming together: Pam Roper, the community wellness coordinator for the Laurens County Healthcare System, stands outside her office at Plantation Plaza on Hwy. 76. Roper is also director of the Together in Health congregational outreach program. — Photo by Bristow Marchant

"That's what I do all the time," she said. "I do several a week. I have so many things going on, I'll be here one day and somewhere else the next day. I'm out in the community a lot."

Roper's colleagues are quick to recognize the value of the colossal amount of work she puts into her duties.

"I head up the marketing of the community wellness effort," said hospital marketing

director Jamie Adair, "and she plays two major roles; one of which is as community wellness coordinator, and the other is as director of the Together in Health congregational health provider program."

Together in Health might be Roper's biggest project for the healthcare system. Working with local churches throughout the county, Together in Health helps to keep members of a congregation fit physically as

well as spiritually.

"The job of the congregational health-promoter director is to train volunteers within churches in Laurens County, to learn and help set up health ministries," Roper said. "I do the workshops that train them."

The program helps to set up church health screenings and classes to raise awareness of health issues in the community. Roper and the healthcare system provide all the equipment

"I'm passionate about health ministry...It's a holistic approach. It's not just physical, it's also mental and spiritual." -Pam Roper, community wellness coordinator for the Laurens County Healthcare System

and expertise to run a successful health ministry, and every three months Roper brings together all her congregational health promoters to brainstorm new ways to help their communities.

"I'm doing more training today that will put me up close to 50 churches," she said earlier this month.

Working with churches and health ministries is a natural fit for Roper. It combines the two passionate strains of her life; one that led her to become a registered nurse, and the other that led her to become a preacher's wife.

Roper's husband Sam is a Presbyterian minister at Ora ARP Church, so she knows from personal experience what it's like to be a de facto nurse to an entire congregation.

Both Ropers grew up in the mountains of western North Carolina, and graduated together from Clemson University. For many years, Roper worked at St. Francis Hospital in downtown Greenville while her husband ministered in that community, until he was offered the senior pastor's role in Ora three years ago.

"He got called to that church to preach, so I left St. Francis after 23 years and started this program here," she said.

She was more than prepared. After earning her nursing degree at Clemson, Roper continued her education at the Medical University of South

Carolina, taking courses in faith-community nursing, specifically training to do health work through the already established networks of faith communities. Her full title is now Roper, R.N. F.C.N.

In addition to her roles in the community and the church, Roper is also a mother to her younger son Michael, a sixth grader at Laurens Middle School, and older son Joey, who is away at Coastal Carolina University.

At work, Roper also has the opportunity to work with children and young people.

"I coordinate shadowing programs for college students and high school students," she said, "students who are interested in a career in healthcare, who say they're interested in nursing or radiology or whatever. (PC) usually has eight students a semester who get 40 hours of shadowing."

She gets schoolchildren interested in healthcare early, often taking kindergarten classes on tours of the hospital. Describing how she plans the trips for the hospital's youngest visitors, she holds her palms close together and says, "They have an attention span of about this."

"I do quick trips," she said. "I let them put the oximeter on their finger and see their heart-beat, then the lab shows them what a germ looks like in a

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God's nurse: Pam Roper performs a blood sugar screening at a church health fair. Roper is a registered nurse who studied faith-community nursing at the Medical University of South Carolina, and now works with the community mainly through church groups.



Preacher's wife: Pam's husband Sam Roper is pastor at Ora ARP Church (in background). As a preacher's wife, Pam says she feels especially comfortable working with church congregations through community health ministries.

Making the rounds with Dr. Pollock

By Trevor Baratko
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Karen Pollock didn't think she was fascinating enough to be featured in Horizons - you be the judge.

In the mid 1990's, Pollock spent a year in law school the University at South Carolina. She made exceptional grades but found the course work dull.

"It was so boring, I would've never gone to law school if weren't for my brother," she said. "He has a practice in Atlanta so he was pushing for me to go law school so I could go and work with him."

A year was too much for Pollock, even with her success in the coursework.

Finding constitutional law too tedious, she made the natural transition - enrolling at MUSC and starting medical school just two months later.

"I always wanted to be in medicine," she said. "I just ended up doing a lot better on the LSAT than I did on the MCAT so I figured I would give law school a try. I did a lot better in law school than medical school, but I just wasn't interested in the material. After going through medical school, I knew that was where I should be."

Pollock said she knew she wanted to be involved in medicine in her early high school years. She initially thought about a career as an EMT.

"I thought that seemed like an exciting job as a kid," she said. "I just looked at it like you were driving around and saving lives. Of course, that's not all it is, but that's kind of what initially got me into thinking about being a doctor."

Pollock said the prospect of being her own boss was also very enticing.

"I have always had that mentality," she said. "I didn't really



Dr. Pollock: Karen Pollock has been a pediatrician in the county for more than five years after completing her residency at East Carolina University. She said she always knew she wanted to work in medicine. — Photo by Trevor Baratko

want to have to answer to someone. That and the money is just a minor benefit though, I really love the job for the kids. They brighten up your day every time they smile."

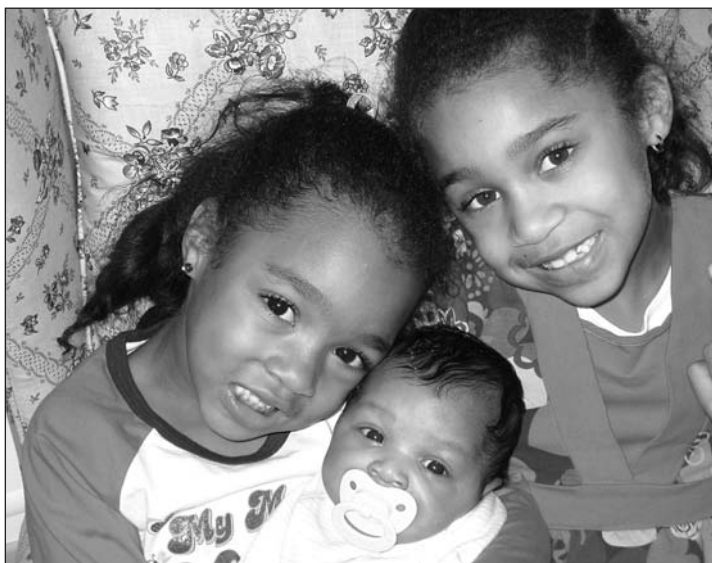
Pollock found medical school much more demanding than law school.

"It was very difficult," she said. "The first couple of years you don't even see becoming a doctor, you don't really see the end. All you ever do is read and study."

Fortunately for families and children around Laurens County, she made it through her years in Charleston and then her residence in North Carolina at the East Carolina University hospital. She's been serving as a pediatrician at Piedmont Pediatrics for five years.

"It's a great office," she said. "We have three great doctors and our office managers are wonderful to work with. It's really exactly what I envisioned in terms of office life."

Pollock grew up in Greenville and graduated from Eastside High School. She received a full academic scholar-



The kids: Karen and her husband, Elton, have three daughters — six-year-old Madison, four-year-old Lauren, and Jordan, who was born in December.

ship to Clemson where she graduated with a degree in biological sciences.

Pollock can never escape children, however. At home she's raising three daughters - Madison, Lauren and Jordan - with her husband Elton, who is the head baseball coach at Presbyterian College (see Presbyterian College section of Horizons).



Husband and wife: Karen and Elton were married in 2000 and moved to Laurens County in 2002 after she was offered a pediatrician position and an assistant baseball coaching position opened up at PC for him. He is now head coach.

"He was traveling around playing baseball in the minor leagues and I was so focused on school and work that it was almost convenient that we weren't living in the same city," she said.

Pollock said she never used to watch baseball, but her husband's passion has recently started to rub off.

"I didn't know anything about baseball before, absolutely nothing," she said. "But over the last two years, I've really come to enjoy it. Sometimes I'll be watching a game on TV and he'll walk in and be surprised and say, 'wow, I'm proud of you.'"

The couple didn't live in the same area until after they were engaged.

"It may not have worked for a lot of people," Karen said. "But it was fine for us. It was great when we did get to see each other on the weekends because it was a nice break from school. We were just able to relax with each other."

Elton did manage a memorable marriage proposal in Columbia in 1998.

"He called and said we were going out for a nice dinner and that I should get dressed up," Karen recalls. "He picked me up in a big limousine and I thought maybe he was going to propose. But dinner went by just like a normal night and I wasn't sure. But after we got back in the car he started reading poems to me and he got down on one knee and proposed."

The two married in Columbia in 2000.

"She's just a great person," Elton said. "She's obviously very smart but she's also so caring for her patients. She just really loves helping people."

In a nice instance of timing, an assistant coaching position at PC opened up as Karen was finishing her residency in North Carolina.

"I was a bit skeptical of moving to a rural area at first," she said. "I always considered myself more of an urban girl and figured I'd wind up in a bigger city."

"But everyone here was so welcoming it made the transition very comfortable. After being here five years, I've really come to enjoy the area."

Pollock said there was a heavy demand for pediatricians in the county when she moved.

"There was only two practicing pediatricians in the county before we got here," she said. "That just wasn't enough. Now, we have more than 9,000 patients at the office."

Watching her patients grow up and being an essential part of their lives is one of Pollock's favorite parts of the job.

"I've been here long enough now to have watched some kids from when they were born to now where they're about to enter school," she said. "It's so neat watching them grow up and having that connection with them. You really feel like you're an important part of their life."

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Lima brings world view to local practice

By Trevor Baratto
Horizons 2009

Although she has yet to see her thirtieth birthday, Dr. Stefania Lima of Piedmont Pediatrics has accomplished a lot.

Growing up near the city of Recife in northeastern Brazil, Lima anticipated that she would follow the route of her parents — her father is a surgeon and her mother a pediatrician.

“I always felt like it was what I would do,” she said. “After growing up in that environment, it just seemed natural.”

After graduating high school in Brazil at age 16, Lima enrolled in a government-run medical school in Recife.

“It’s somewhat similar to medical school in the U.S.,” she said. “But I couldn’t just come here and be a doctor without doing three years of residency.”

During her final semester at school in Brazil, Lima had an opportunity to do an externship at Harvard.

“It was so neat,” she said. “That was the first time I came here. I learned so much - it pretty much made up my mind about coming here to practice.

“It was hard, though. All the doctors here abbreviate everything and I was still trying to learn the language. But there were some great doctors and fellows that helped me get through it. And being able to study at Harvard and be in Boston - it was an awesome experience.”

After completing six rigorous years of schooling in Brazil, she found herself at a post vastly different than the one she currently holds in Clinton.

“After school, I worked in the really, really poor areas out-



Dr. Lima: Dr. Stefania Lima chose Piedmont Pediatrics after considering positions in several other states.

side of Recife,” she said. “There was so much poverty there that I never really realized before. I knew there was poverty around Brazil, but I didn’t know how bad it was. There were people with no water. They lived in clay houses and slept in hammocks. Certain times I tried to contact the local governments to get water to them.”

While distressing at times, Lima appreciated her time treating the unfortunate youth near her hometown.

“I learned a lot - I’m very grateful for my time there. It was very sad at times watching these families that have nothing, but it was nice to know you

were helping them.”

Lima said she was in charge of approximately 1,000 families in the rural region surrounding Recife. It was a general practice, but the cases were nothing like what she sees today.

“They would have parasites and a lot of things from malnutrition,” she said. “A lot of diseases that come from rats and not living in clean environments. The government would try to help and do what it could, but then you had to deal with corruption also. It was entirely different from here. Many people don’t realize that there is such poverty in Brazil.”

It was during her time with the impoverished that Lima re-



Caring for kids: Dr. Lima of Piedmont Pediatrics, second from left, and her husband Leonardo, left, moved to the upstate from Florida last fall. Lima is originally from Brazil.

alized how much she looked forward to working with children.

“They really just make their day,” she said. “Some of them were in such awful poverty, but yet they would come in with big smiles. Just talking with those kids and helping them meant a lot to me. Sometimes their parents and the families would bring me gifts and food.”

Lima said so many of the problems in poor areas are due to misinformation.

“Many times they just don’t even know,” she said. “I had lectures and information sessions for things like diabetes and blood pressure. Many of the people I treated just didn’t know that if you were diabetic you shouldn’t eat sugar or shouldn’t eat salty foods if your cholesterol is high.”

After a year and a half practicing in Brazil, Lima began looking into school in the U.S. Through a program that matches potential medical students from foreign countries with schools of their preference, Lima was placed in a children’s hospital in Detroit.

“I loved the school but the weather was miserable,” she said. “After two years of residency there, I had to get out of

the cold.”

She transferred to the University of Florida to finish her final year.

“The residency was difficult at times. I had some culture shock and was still learning some of the language. Then there were 80-hour weeks. There were a few times where I questioned whether I wanted to be here in the U.S. I never really doubted wanting to be a pediatrician, but it was just tough adjusting to life here.”

But Lima resisted the urge to head home. Before starting her final semester at Florida, she began looking for jobs. After considering posts in New Mexico, Arizona and Florida, she settled on Laurens County and accepted the job at Piedmont Pediatrics roughly one year ago, six months before graduation.

“I had to have a job in line for me to be able to stay in the country,” she said. “I loved the area and especially the office here. I love all of the other doctors and nurses I work with. We all interact very well. I think it’s important that everyone in doctor’s offices get along and work well together.”

Roughly six months in, Lima said she is thrilled to be

on her own and out of school. “It’s so great to be finished with school and some of those weeks working 100 hours,” she said. “If I have questions, I will still ask the other doctors, but it’s nice not having anyone watching over you. I’m able to do things my own way.”

Lima, who lives in Simpsonville, said she often escapes to Greenville on the weekends either to catch a movie or go out for a nice dinner.

“I was so impressed with Greenville when I moved here,” she said. “I love to go out to eat and there are so many good restaurants there. It’s beautiful.”

Lima met her husband Leonardo in Brazil in 2000. He worked in various positions involving physical training and exercise. He’s currently looking for a sponsor to obtain a work visa in the U.S.

The two married in Recife in 2004 and made the move to the states a year later when Lima began medical school.

As you might imagine, both Lima and her husband love soccer, but Stefania said they’re trying to enjoy the more popular American sports also.

“We went to some sports games in Detroit. We went to a couple football and baseball games. We even went to some hockey games,” she said. “They don’t have hockey down in Brazil.”

Obviously passionate about children, Lima said she hopes to have some of her own in the near future.

“Now that I’m through school and not working 100 hours a week, we’ll probably start thinking about kids,” she said.

As for a return to Brazil? “I always wanted to help out people in my country. I would love to help all of the unfortunate families there, so that may be something I consider down the road.”



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Stribling’s specialty fills need in county

By **Bristow Marchant**
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In December 2007, Dr. Michael Dean Stribling brought his specialty to the Laurens County Hospital. Since opening his practice in a third-floor office on the east wing of the hospital, Stribling has been the first and only fulltime urologist in the Laurens County Healthcare System.

“They had some folks who would come in from Greenwood,” he said, “but I’m the first one who is based here and only works out of here.”

Born and raised in South Carolina, Stribling returned to his home state after nearly 20 years away. After earning a degree from the Medical University of South Carolina, he did his medical residency while at the University of Texas, and then practiced in North Carolina in the towns of Franklin and Sylva from 1989 until moving to Laurens County.

“Both my wife and I come from South Carolina,” he said. “I grew up in Greenville, and she’s from Spartanburg, and we both wanted to be back in South Carolina. We plan on staying here for the duration.”

When he started looking around for a new place to operate, Stribling had several options open to him, but decided on Laurens County Hospital because it offered him the most comfortable set-up.

“I was looking at a number of different places, but this is not a whole lot different from what I was doing in North Carolina,” he said. “I was by myself for 10 years before I got a partner, so I’m used to working by myself. I don’t need a lot of hand-holding.



New findings show: Dr. Dean Stribling looks over some test results with Veronica Trevino, LPN. A native of South Carolina, Stribling recently returned after practicing as a urologist in North Carolina for nearly 20 years. — Photo by Bristow Marchant

“That’s unusual these days. Most ‘docs’ now wouldn’t do that. They want to be in a big group because then you get to split your call up. I kind of got used to being by myself, so it didn’t bother me.”

Running a solo practice (not counting the three staff people in his office) does have its difficulties.

“The biggest drawback is that I’m on call every day and every night unless I’m physically out of town,” he said. “But when you get beyond that, it’s a great place. It’s exactly the sort of situation I want to be in, doing the kind of things I want to do.”

As a urologist, Stribling’s specialty is working on kidneys, bladders and prostates. The list of complaints he deals

with range from troubling urinating to incontinence to tract infections. But the most common problem Stribling sees is usually kidney stones.

“This part of the South is notorious for kidney stones,” he said.

Urologists have even gone so far as to label the area stretching through the Carolinas into Georgia and Alabama as the Kidney Stone Belt.

“There’s been a lot written about that,” Stribling said. “It may have something to do with diet. It probably has something to do with genetics; the people who live here, wherever they came from, they tend to have a tendency toward stone.”

Some popular explanations for the disease Stribling rejects. “The question of ‘is it the

water here?’ Probably not,” he said. “Even the hardest water in the world has so little calcium compared to one piece of cheese. I never have bought the idea that hard water causes kidney stones. I think people are genetically predisposed to it, it’s the foods that people eat, plus it’s hot, people get dehydrated more in the South. I think that’s what leads it to be the Kidney Stone Belt.”

In medical school, Stribling began by studying reproductive medicine and embryology. But the most interesting problems in child development, to him, were all urologic, so he shifted his focus toward this surgical specialty.

“The big break point in medical school is whether you want to do medicine or sur-

gery,” he remembers. “And it becomes pretty clear, what kind of person you are, if you’re cut out for medicine or surgery.”

The differences between the two largely depend on a doctor’s personality. “Medicine tends to be for people who want to work on problems, solve problems, think about it and adjust things,” Stribling said, “whereas with surgery people tend to want to see the problem, fix it and move on to the next problem, and I definitely fell into that group.”

It was obvious to Stribling that he was better suited for surgery.

“I wanted to do something where you see someone with a stone, you get the stone out, get them better and get on to the next person, rather than, say,

manage diabetes, which is important, but that’s an ongoing thing. That’s more management than immediate problem solving.”

Stribling also has a good working relationship with the other doctors in the hospital, and often gets patient referrals and calls for consults from them.

“When someone comes into the emergency room with bleeding, you work them up and you find a bladder cancer,” he said, talking about a case he had just worked on the night before.

“And that’s the other nice thing about a small hospital like this; you can get things done very quickly. A lot of places you can present like that and it will be weeks before you get the thing dealt with.

“But that guy was admitted at 11 o’clock last night, we’re getting his x-rays as we speak, and if it shows what I think it’s going to show, I’ll take a tumor out of his bladder tomorrow. That’s less than 48 hours to being admitted to getting rid of the tumor.”

Stribling says cases like that are the most rewarding part of being a specialist in a small county hospital.

“Probably the best part about urology is identifying cancer and getting rid of it,” he said. “First you have to tell them ‘you have cancer,’ and that’s a low point, that’s tough. But you know with most of these people, you’re going to operate a month to six weeks later and get the thing out of them, and then we can say ‘it looks like you’re cured. We got it all.’

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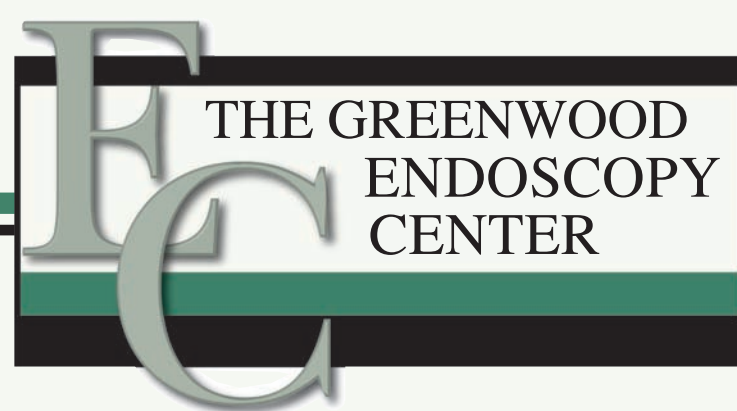
"I'm passionate about the

health ministry part of it," she said. "As a pastor's wife, I just feel good about going into churches and helping them find ways they can be involved in the health ministry. That's the most rewarding part, when I can go into churches and teach them how to take care of their bodies.

"It's a holistic approach," she said. "It's not just physical, it's also mental and spiritual."



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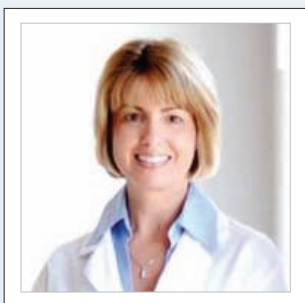


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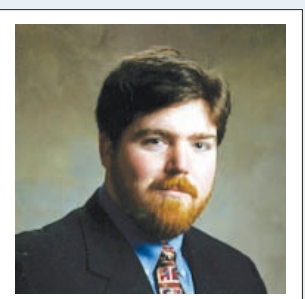
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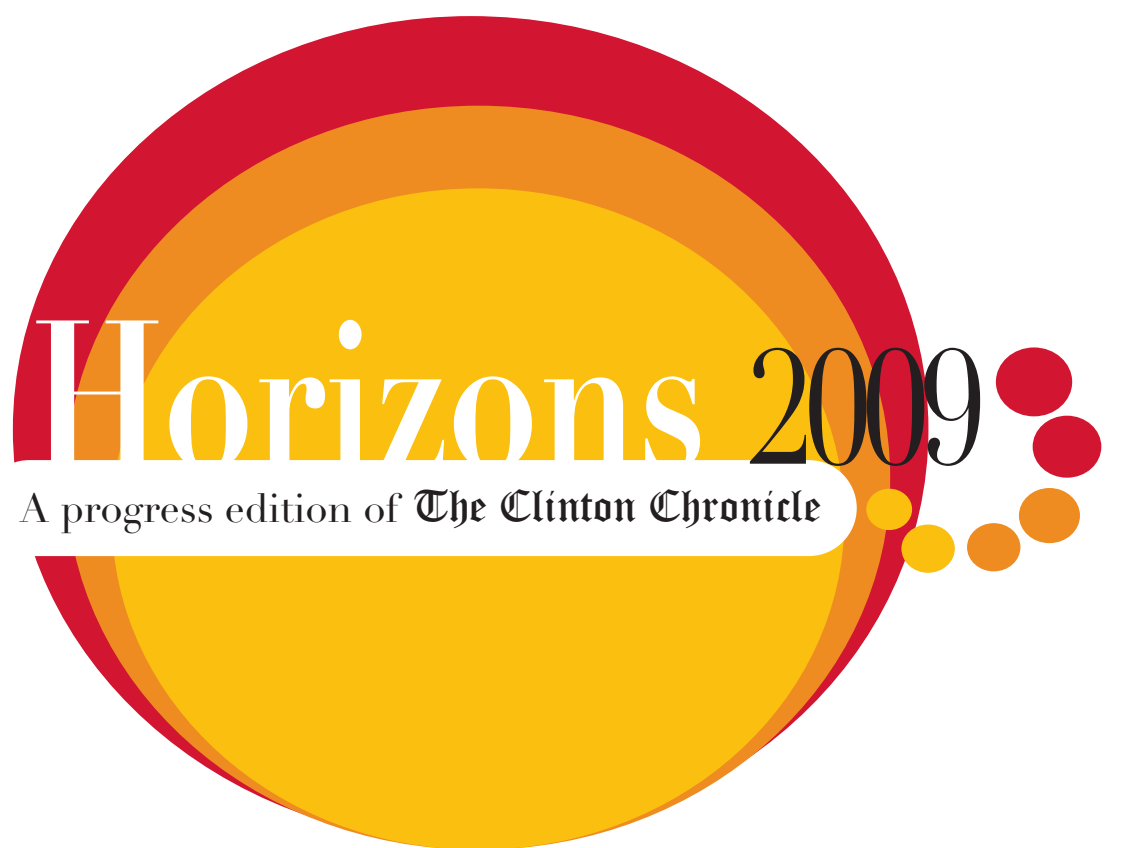
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Stull believes in the advocacy of pharmacists

By Greg Van De Voorde
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There was a time when the life of Presbyterian College’s Dr. Richard Stull mirrored that of George Bailey in Frank Capra’s classic film, “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

Stull, who last summer was named the founding dean of Presbyterian College’s new school of pharmacy, was born and raised in the small town of Benton, Ill., where, like Jimmy Stewart’s famous character in Bedford Falls, he landed an after-school job in the local drug store.

“The drug store at that time was sort of the mecca of a small town,” said Stull. “They had fountain drinks, that’s where you’d have dates, and the pharmacist was called ‘Doc’.”

The similarities to Jimmy Stewart’s character end there, though. Whereas George Bailey abandoned his dreams of seeing the world to run the family’s Building & Loan (no relation to Clinton’s famed Bailey Bank), Stull was drawn to a career in pharmacy, which enabled him traveled far and wide, including his most recent move to Clinton.

Stull looked up to the local pharmacist, watching how he’d help his customers with their ailments, and the two would talk shop when business was slow. Pharmacy so intrigued Stull that he began reading everything he could about the science of it.

“I had a shoebox full of the drug package inserts I would take home,” he said. “I would read about the drugs and what they did. It was just intriguing for me.”

That passion carried over into college at the University of Southern Illinois in Carbon-dale, where he majored in biology. He added a minor in education because of a scholarship program offered at the time to deal with a nationwide teacher shortage.

Stull also got a job working alongside the pharmacists at Southern Illinois University’s Student Health Services pharmacy, where he continued to soak up everything he could about the industry.

After graduating from SIU, Stull earned his master’s degree and Ph.D. in pharmacology at the University of Louisiana-Monroe and did post-doctorate work at the University of California at San Francisco, where he worked in a clinic located at the epicenter of the country’s counterculture drug movement, the Haight-Ashbury district in San Francisco.

“People were trying a little bit of everything at that time,” he said. “I was interacting with a variety of people who were using lots of street drugs. We were looking at how the various drugs were affecting bodies.”

Stull’s work there helped



New dean: Dr. Richard Stull is the first dean of the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy. He moved to Clinton from the University of Charleston in West Virginia.
– Photo by Greg Van De Voorde

build the body of knowledge around the drug PCP, but he left San Francisco as serial murders attributed to the infamous Zodiac Killer, and a spree of killings dubbed the Zebra Murders, paralyzed the city in the winter of 1974.

“I was from a small town and that was pretty traumatic for me,” he said.

He moved back to the Midwest, taking a spot at the University of Illinois, where he joined the effort to develop new computer technology that would reduce both time and costs associated with pharmaceutical and healthcare education. The system developed there, PLATO (Programmed Logic for Automated Teaching Operations), is considered the first online education program ever developed.

Stull began his administrative career at Idaho State University in Pocatello, followed by a position as the associate dean of a new school of pharmacy in Amarillo, Texas.

His long resume also includes stops as a visiting scientist at the National Center for Toxicology Research, professor of pharmacology and interdisciplinary toxicology at the University of Arkansas, and associate dean for academic affairs and professor of pharma-

cology at Shenandoah University.

Most recently, he served as the founding dean of the school of pharmacy and assistant provost for graduate studies at the University of Charleston in Charleston, West Virginia.

When the Presbyterian College board of trustees approved plans to establish a school of pharmacy in February 2008, Stull was recruited to build Presbyterian College’s first graduate program and was hired in June as its founding dean.

“Dr. Stull is a leader in pharmacy education and a noted and experienced pharmacology scholar and teacher,” college president Dr. John Griffith said in the press release announcing Stull’s hire. “Dick brings a unique set of skills and experience to the job and has demonstrated both the academic and administrative leadership needed to create an outstanding school of pharmacy. He has a passion for developing students into pharmacists who serve communities, a focus that will be a tremendous asset to those communities our students will join.”

The decision to move to Clinton was an easy one for Stull.

“The things that stood out for me about PC were that it

had a very strong academic reputation, particularly in the sciences, so there was a good foundation to work from,” he said. “It’s very community-spirited, too. It’s a nice com-

fortable town to be in. It’s a place that met what I thought was important for a quality institution opening a school of pharmacy.”

Upon his arrival in Clinton, Stull got to work on the long to-do list associated with building a program from the ground up, including hiring an administrative team, creating partnerships with area hospitals and pharmacies, and locating a facility to house the program. That last task included some controversial political wrangling with the City of Clinton and Laurens County Council to secure public funding to keep the new school in Clinton.

“Several places in the Up-state lobbied for the school, but Presbyterian had high hopes to keep it in Clinton,” he said. “We looked at it as an economic engine for the community. The support wasn’t unanimous, but we’re really thankful for the support we did receive from the county. It just means we have to try extra hard after we open the school of pharmacy so they will be proud of it and support it.”

Plans are being developed to house the new program in the now vacant Frampton Hall on Broad Street in Clinton as work continues to recruit staff and students.

“The crucial thing to realize is you can’t do this by yourself,” he said. “This is a team effort by the college and its leadership. You have to feel like a conductor of an orchestra. You’re not doing the job solo, you’re working as a team, and that’s the part I enjoy. We’re working with people who are extremely knowledgeable in their fields.”

The initial budget to get the program off the ground is \$5 million, funded by private donations to the college. By 2012,

Stull expects the budget to double, financed by student tuition.

The school plans to eventually enroll 300 students in the program, with its first class beginning in the fall of 2010.

Stull says training new pharmacists in a small town will help instill in the students the values of service needed in an industry that has seen a tremendous boom over the last decade. With new mega-pharmacies sprouting up on every corner in America, the personal touch that first attracted Stull to the profession during his high school days in Benton, has diminished.

“The good thing is the chains have been able to reach many more people as drugs have become more important in healthcare, but when you do that it’s difficult to keep up with the masses on a small scale like that,” he said. “When I was in high school we had one or two antibiotics and that’s not a lot of weapons to fight diseases. With advances in science and drugs, we can be much more precise in treating things. The thing that has to be kept in mind by the people is you need extra care by someone who’s paying attention to your health. You need to get to know a pharmacist and be friends with them.”

Stull and his wife of 30 years, Edith, who is also a pharmacist, moved to Clinton in August. They have three children, daughters Maggie and Jennifer, and a son, Brian. Maggie is a pharmacist, Jennifer is a dentist and Brian is a mechanical engineer.

“I haven’t been disappointed,” Stull said about the family’s move to Clinton. “The people have tried to involve us in almost everything. It just feels like home.”

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New school: PC’s new School of Pharmacy will be located in the former Frampton Hall in downtown Clinton. Clinton City Council formally approved the purchase of the building in February.
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Jameison weaves background into new career

By **Charlie Johnson**
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Linda Jameison, director of Career Services and Internships at Presbyterian College, spent the first over 20 years of her career in a field that ostensibly has nothing to do with her current position. Originally from Chappaqua, N.Y., Jameison grew up in a family with close ties to the apparel industry. She learned how to sew at a fairly young age and over time gained substantial knowledge about other aspects of clothing. She went on to graduate from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Science degree focused on apparel and retail.

After college, Jameison began her career in retail fabrics, before quickly branching out into specialty apparel. Her work took her to companies such as C.B. Sports, Le Coq Sportif, and Nordica, where she was involved in the development of apparel for skiing, golf, and tennis, which are, as she says, “all sports I enjoy and don’t do very well.”

Jameison’s work incorporated a wide variety of tasks and skills. She did market research and inventory, went to trade shows and conducted promotional campaigns.

Eventually her career led her to the NBA, where she took a position dealing with apparel licensing. Apparel licensing, as Jameison describes it, deals principally with intellectual property, an “intangible” aspect of the clothing business. It also involved fusing a trademark with a product line to create an end result that carried more value in consumers’ minds.

Her decision to move to the world of basketball apparel coincided with the formation of the WNBA, which launched its first regular season in 1997, a



The life we weave: Linda Jameison, director of Career Services and Internships at PC spent 20 years in the apparel industry before switching careers to help college students plan their own future careers.

year after Jameison’s arrival. Consequently, during her six years at the company, she dealt with product for the NBA, the WNBA, the NBDL (National Basketball Development League – a “minor league” for the sport), and the NBA International.

Although she found the NBA to be “a very dynamic place to work” and apparel to be an industry that offered ex-

citing challenges, Jameison had realized through each of her positions that the essence of all of her work experiences was, surprisingly, not the clothes. “The common ‘thread,’” she recalls, “was people, what I could learn from them and what they could learn from me.”

Each of her apparel positions included some aspect of training and development. One problem that Jameison noticed

among newcomers to the workforce was that there were a large number of “young professionals coming in without basic work skills.”

Although they were, by and large, brilliant people with incredible creativity, they were inhibited by their inability to do things like use a photocopier or exhibit professional telephone communication skills. Because of these basic weaknesses, she

discovered, there was resistance to the new employees’ input and energy by establishment personnel. As she thought about how she could help to “bridge the generational work skills gap,” she came to the conclusion that, as she says, “I can do more ... if I’m on the other side.”

After six years with the NBA, Jameison transitioned out in 2002 as she began to research her next career options. Initially, she believed that her developing interest would lead her to work in human resources. However, as she thought more about the possibilities, the world of education began to appeal to her.

Eventually, Jameison decided that she would best be able to use her gifts and experience working with college-aged individuals. She says, “I could have reliable conversations – here’s what’s changed in the last 10 years in business; here’s what didn’t.” Finally, with her new understanding of her direction, she began her master’s degree in education at Clemson University, focusing in counseling, as it related to student affairs administration.

Though the shift from working for more than two decades in apparel retailing and licensing to beginning an advising role on a college campus may seem to imply that she was forced to go back to the professional drawing board, Jameison disagrees with that assessment.

“At no point in time have I ever thought I was starting over,” she says. “I [always] knew I could have conversations with people about personal and professional development.” The only thing she needed was additional education for her career to continue to evolve. In fact, she says, “Every company I’ve worked for I’ve ... enjoyed.” Her rea-

son for leaving each of these positions has been the realization that “what I want to learn, they can’t teach me there.”

It is with that same spirit of seeking the experiences needed to gain new skills that Jameison tries to get students to expound upon their current educations by participating in internships. Having begun her role as PC’s Director of Career Services and Internships, her first career education position, in the fall of 2005, Jameison is principally involved with student internships and the employer development that facilitates them.

Jameison describes the numerous benefits of the college’s internship program and its impact on students and the local businesses and organizations alike. For many students, the internship process is an eye-opening opportunity to discover the community which surrounds them. “Students realize Laurens County is more than just our campus,” says Jameison.

There is also a symbiotic relationship that develops between student interns and local employers. The student, she says, brings a skill set that fills a temporary need for an employer without obligating the employer to a long-term employment commitment. In exchange, the student receives valuable skills, which allow him or her to be a more qualified candidate for opportunities to come.

Regarding the internships, Jameison says, “They’re all interesting because they’re all a company working with a student that has a need ... Every student has an ‘ah-ha’ moment with an internship.”

Jameison has established many positive relationships within the Laurens County

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Buckland much more than a music maker

By Greg Van De Voorde
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Presbyterian College music professor Dr. James Buckland does more than just make music. He makes the instruments that make the music.

The 44-year-old native Canadian is recognized as one of only a handful of musicians worldwide who performs on the *terz* guitar, a rare instrument from the Early Romantic era of music, which Buckland now hand crafts using period tools and no power drills in his home workshop in Clinton.

Once popular among composers in 19th century Vienna and Italy, the *terz* guitar mysteriously fell out of favor more than 100 years ago. But now, thanks in part to Buckland’s exhaustive research, handy craftsmanship and musical talent, the sounds of the small guitar once used in the compositions of Italian guitar virtuoso Mauro Giuliani can be heard again.

While Buckland has become acclaimed for his work in this specialized arena, his love of guitar, and music, began more than 30 years ago in a much more general way.

Buckland was drawn to music as a child and remembers being about 7 years old and being handed a recorder in school music class.

“I knew I wanted to play an instrument, but that wasn’t quite it,” said Buckland. “I wanted something more individualistic.”

Growing up in cosmopolitan Montreal and raised by parents with a range of tastes, Buckland recalls being introduced to classical, jazz, rock and international music as a youth. He said he was attracted to the guitar after hearing how it was used across the many varied styles.

“I was hungry for all the music around Montreal at the time,” he said. “It was all appealing to me. And (the guitar) was truly a solo type of instrument.”

So, he enrolled in a guitar class offered through a local church’s music program, which he soon outgrew.

“The teacher was about one lesson ahead of the students,” he said. “I was left-handed and the teacher made everyone play right-handed.”

A trip through the public library’s record collection inspired Buckland to rebel against his first teacher’s rules when he uncovered an LP by rock and roll guitar god Jimi Hendrix, who also happened to be left-handed.

“He played a right-handed guitar, but played with his left hand,” said Buckland. “That was really exciting for me. He just made it happen. My first



repair job was turning my right-handed guitar into a left-handed one like he did.”

By the time Buckland became a teenager, he had made the decision to be a serious guitar player. He read a quote from renowned jazz and studio guitarist Tommy Tedesco saying that to be a real guitarist, you need to practice every day.

“That got my attention and I decided right then that that’s what I was going to do,” he said. “It’s very rare that I’ve missed a day without practice since then.”

That dedication eventually paid off.

Although Buckland’s father had plans for a professional career in medicine or engineering for his son, and Buckland had an offer to leave high school two years early on a full university scholarship in electrical engineering, he couldn’t shake his music dreams.

Ultimately, Buckland’s father came around to support his son’s ambition, and encouraged him to apply to the prestigious University of Toronto, which serves as the country’s organizing body for the Royal Conservatory of Music.

“My father said, ‘If you’re going to do this, do this right,’” said Buckland. “It was a lot of really hard work and really challenging, but that was exactly what I wanted to do.”

In Toronto, Buckland concentrated on classical guitar and Renaissance lute performance, and dived head-first into the coursework in music theory, analysis and composition, getting a world-class introduction to “the detective work behind the composition process.”

He graduated in 1989, and weary from the heavy load of term papers, moved to Los Angeles to enroll in a one-year program at the Guitar Institute of Technology, where he received real-world training for life as a professional musician



Music Man: PC music professor Dr. James Buckland, above left, puts his teaching and knowledge to practical use. Buckland hand crafts *terz* guitars, dating from the Early Romantic era in his Clinton workshop. Each guitar bears Buckland’s signature and the year the guitar was made. – Photos by Greg Van De Voorde

from the likes of former “Tonight Show” band leader Doc Severinsen and his NBC Orchestra.

While in LA, Buckland was enlisted to work on a number of studio sessions, but knew that when his year was up he would return to academic endeavors. He received his master’s degree from the University of Akron in Ohio and moved south to Columbia to pursue his doctorate at the University of South Carolina. At USC, he met Karen, a pianist, and the couple married a month after Buckland became the first guitarist to graduate from the school with a Doctoral in Musical Arts degree in performance.

His doctoral research on the 19th century *terz* guitar earned him the school’s prestigious Dean’s Award for Distinguished Graduate Endeavors and subsequent recognition nationally as a leading authority on the instrument.

The doctoral project incorporated not just academic research and performance using the rare guitar, but also Buckland’s skills as a luthier, or guitar maker.



Like a musical Indiana Jones, Buckland has traveled across oceans and the Internet to track down artifacts, tools, supplies and secret design schemes essential to creating exact replicas of centuries-old guitars, some of which are all but extinct.

“The European tradition was based on secretive apprenticeships, which was necessary because they had to protect their trade secrets for professional survival,” said Buckland. For that reason, tracking down blueprints is next to impossible, and the scarcity of existing instruments makes acquiring or repairing one expensive.

“I thought I could try to fix one for \$2,000 or \$3,000,” said Buckland. “or build one from the ground up.”

He estimates he’s made between 60 and 75 guitars since his first piece in 1980. Some were experiments and some were sold on commission, and range in styles from modern electric and classical acoustics to the historic European *terz* and Guadagnani-made guitars.

Buckland is also expanding into digital works. He recently completed a CD of solo music, “Sonatas & Fantasies For Guitar,” which includes works by Antonio Jose, Joaquin Rodrigo, Nicolo Paganini and the world premiere recording of Marco Aurelio Zani de Ferranti’s “Fantaisie Variee sur la Romance d’Otello ‘Assisa a pie’ Op. 7” for *terz* guitar.

This past summer, Buckland attended the Guild of American Luthiers’ National Convention at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., where he presented a lecture on 19th century luthiery techniques and performed a concert using guitars he built.

“It was one of my happiest days, being able to teach guitar building and do a nice performance at the end of the day,” he said.

Five years ago, Buckland joined his wife, Dr. Karen Buckland, on the music faculty at PC, where he teaches guitar and she teaches piano. The couple lives across the street from campus in a house filled with instruments.

And like he has since he first read those wise words from Tommy Tedesco, he continues to practice three to four hours a day.



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Practice makes perfect: Dr. James Buckland plays one of the guitars he made in his Clinton workshop. Buckland joined his wife, Dr. Karen Buckland, on the PC music staff five years ago.

Coach Pollock’s return is PC’s gain

By Trevor Baratko
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If you learn anything from this story, make it this - PC head baseball coach Elton Pollock was a fanatical follower of Days of Our Lives in his playing days. “It was awesome,” Pollock says of his time as a minor leaguer. “We would wake up around noon, go out and grab some lunch and hurry back to watch Days of Our Lives at one. Then we’d take a little nap and get to the park at four, go out after the game and do it all over again the next day.” Not exactly what you might imagine a group of 25-year-old baseball players rushing home to. “We had to be back for Days, man, we loved that show.”

Now 35, Pollock is entering his fifth year as the leader of Blue Hose baseball. “I’ve always been a baseball guy. I love everything about the game,” he said. “I grew up watching my dad and uncles play. They played in a league that branched from the Negro Leagues. Ever since then, I’ve been hooked.” Pollock grew up 40 miles down the road in Irmo and came to Presbyterian College to be a two-sport athlete. He played football for three years and baseball all four. “I love the competitiveness of baseball. It’s so much more in-depth than other sports. Every pitch you’re doing something different. There’s so much strategy involved, it’s like a chess match.” Pollock considers his ability to communicate with his players one of his biggest strengths. “I’m able to smile and joke



around with them, but I also can be a very strong disciplinarian. I hold them to very high expectations when it comes to school work.” He stresses the importance of schoolwork for all of his men. “This is the first year when I’ll have all of my own guys, which is very exciting,” he

said. “It’s difficult the first few years playing with guys who were already here and used to a different coach. “I know that I’m very fortunate to come here and coach where I played and be a part of the community,” he said. “I’m grateful for the opportunity. Success is going to come, but it takes time.”

PC loyalist: Elton Pollock was a two-sport athlete during his student days at PC, playing football and baseball. He played a few years of minor-league ball before returning to his alma mater to coach in 2003. Pollock’s squad is in their second year of a full Division I schedule. Despite a 13-40 record last season, the Blue Hose went toe-to-toe with some of the top teams in the nation. — Photos by Trevor Baratko

The 2009 campaign will be the second with a full Division I schedule. Last year’s squad went 13-40, but competed well with some of the top programs in the country. “We played quality opponents last year,” he said. “We went toe-to-toe with Furman, USC, Tennessee and Virginia Tech.”

With an up-and-coming squad at a school he loves, Pollock envisions himself at PC for years to come. “My wife and I plan to be here for awhile - definitely the next few years. It’s great to be close to my parents in Irmo and be in a nice, quiet community.” Family was one of the reasons Pollock left the game as a player in 1997. He has three daughters - Madison, 6, Lauren, 4, and Jordan, who was born on Dec. 8 last year. His wife Karen is a pediatrician. The couple met in Columbia just before Elton’s first spring training in 1995. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates organization, and started his minor-league tour in Erie, Pennsylvania. “I was known for my speed and defense,” said the former second baseman and center fielder. He was moved to Augusta following the playoffs in Erie, where he spent the entire next season. He played briefly for Lynchburg, the Pirates highest single-A squad, before hanging up the cleats. Pollock said he ended his major leagues aspirations in 1997 after giving serious thought about his future. Following his time in Virginia, he moved Atlanta where he started a mortgage company with his uncle until 1999. He then returned to work for Delta Airlines, where he held a part-time job during high school. “I knew I wanted to settle down and have a family eventually,” he said. “I was working hard as a player and putting in the time, but life started to take over.” Karen and Elton remained together as a long-distance cou-

ple in their first few years when Karen was in medical school in Charleston and Elton was traveling through the minors. “We would have \$200 and \$300 phone bills, that’s really all we had to keep in touch,” Elton said. “When we played in Charleston, I would see her then and then sometimes in Columbia and Augusta.” When Karen finished medical school, she was placed at East Carolina for her residency. For the first time in their lives, Elton and Karen lived in the same city. “I wasn’t playing any baseball at all at that point,” he said. “I moved over to golf. I wanted a little time off from baseball.” After Karen finished her residency, the couple looked at where they would like to start their family. South Carolina offers tuition reimbursement for medical students who practice in the state. “I really wanted to come back to this area and get involved with the program again,” he said. “Karen was offered the job with the hospital system, and there was an assistant coaching position available (at PC). Everything kind of just came together.” Elton’s parents still live in Irmo and attend many of his squad’s games. “They’re proud of me, and my ability to still be involved in athletics and make a career out of it,” he said. While Pollock loves his job as head baseball coach, he hopes to use his skills beyond college athletes. “We have a program with Laurens Middle School where our players go in once a week and mentor students. Kids look up to our players and it’s important to help them and give them a role model,” he said.

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Gault is Mr. PC, Mr. Claus, Mr. Clinton

By **Bristow Marchant**
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If you’ve lived in Clinton long enough, you’ve heard of Cally Gault. He became a fixture in Clinton during his 22 years as the head football coach at Presbyterian College, and has remained an active member of the community since he retired.

Gault was involved in football in one way or another for 40 years, ever since he first took the field for the Blue Hose as a 16-year-old freshman in 1944.

“I was fortunate that was wartime football, so I got to play a lot,” Gault said as he reflected on his life and career. “PC got down to the point where they only had 75 male students, most of them either too young to go into the service or who were 4F.”

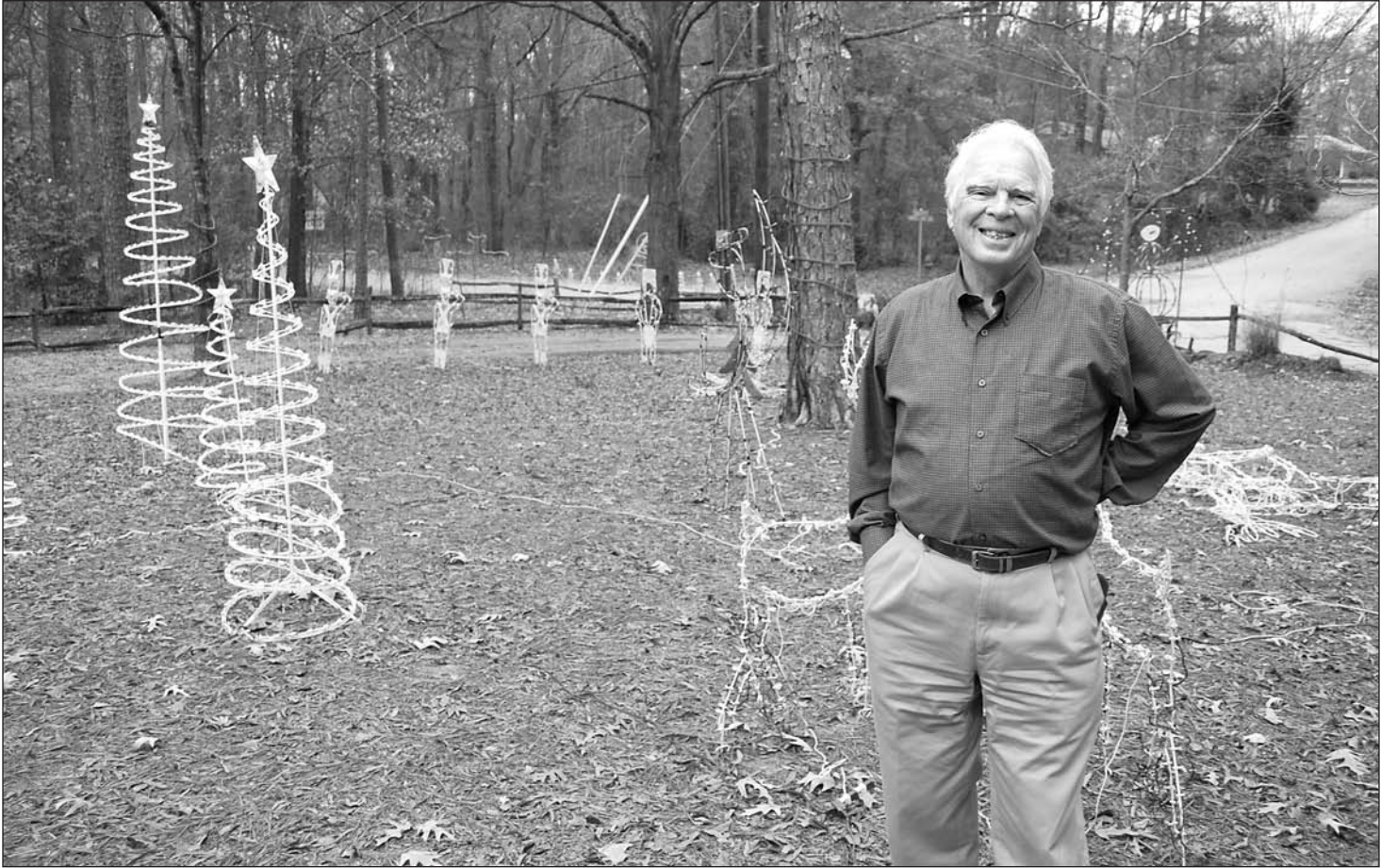
Gault played quarterback and halfback at a time when PC played a schedule that would intimidate most modern Blue Hose. “A lot of smaller schools dropped football during World War II, so we picked up a lot of schools,” Gault said. “When I was a freshman, we played Clemson, Carolina, Auburn, Miami and Georgia.”

It was a time when leather helmets were the standard look for a football player, and the T-formation, brought to campus by Coach Lonnie McMillan, was considered an offensive innovation. And it was this atmosphere that launched Gault on a decades-long coaching career.

Football was even a part of Gault’s life before he was born. His father coached at Mullins High School and Carlisle Military School in Bamberg. The senior Gault had risen to become headmaster at Carlisle when Cally was born, and went on to become a principal in the Greenville County school system.

The younger Gault graduated from Greenville High School before going on to PC and then followed in his father’s footsteps when he took an assistant coaching job at Mullins in 1948. Two years later, he moved to North Augusta High School and, after a short stint in the Army, became head coach of the school in 1953.

“We had an unusual combination of young folks,” Gault said of his team at the Aiken County school. “A great number of them, their fathers worked as businessmen in Augusta. Some of them were from North Augusta, which at the time was not quite as big as it



Spirit: Cally Gault stands outside his home in December with his menagerie of Christmas decorations. Gault is well known in his neighborhood for the number of decorations he puts up every year. Below, stands in front of a bust of himself that sits in front of the North Augusta High School football stadium, where he compiled a record of 88-13-7 and had a 42-game unbeaten run on his way to two state championships.

— Photos by Bristow Marchant

became, and on the outskirts of that we had a lot of folks who were farmers and rural people from Beach Island and the Martintown Road area, peanut farmers and all. So we had a good mix of folks.”

In ten seasons with the Yellow Jackets, Gault compiled a record of 88-13-7, going on a 42-game unbeaten run that is still one of the longest in the history of South Carolina high school football.

“We won two championships on the field, and a couple others by polls but we don’t count those,” Gault said. “A lot of folks didn’t enter the playoffs back then. The season was usually over by Thanksgiving, so a lot of schools didn’t enter them. The big ones didn’t.”

In 1963, after 10 successful seasons at North Augusta, Gault came back to Clinton as the head coach of Presbyterian College. By the early ‘60s, PC football had fallen on rougher times than even the player-strapped years during the war.

“The first game I coached we beat Frederick College, which is now a community college, I think, without a football

team,” Gault said. “The year before that they’d only won one game.”

The bigger names on the schedule from his playing days had been replaced by the likes of Furman, The Citadel, Lenoir-Rhyne, Tampa, and the two biggest dates on the schedule year after year; Newberry and Wofford.

“Newberry was our biggest rival, but the way we expressed it was ‘we had to beat Newberry, but we wanted to beat Wofford,’” Gault said. “So we had two big rivals then.”

If the 1940s were a different time for PC football, the 1960s are no less different from the style played in the 21st century.

“With (current head coach) Bobby Bentley, they throw the ball more. They’re bigger,” Gault said, contrasting the two eras. “They’re more wide open than any team I coached, but I’m not going to say they’re any faster.”

Gault was known for a much more ground-based offense than his predecessor. “I was more conservative than Bobby, but we threw more than most people. The era of football was

different. There weren’t as many wide-outs. We called the spread formation the ‘give up’ formation. That was for when you were behind late in the game. Now it’s no longer that. Now it’s the primary formation.”

Years later, Gault still remembers some of his favorite players. “I tend to remember the players who were not stars, but who made such a tremendous effort, who made other people better by the effort that they gave,” he said. “People always go back to the Eckstein brothers, David and Dan. They

were both named player of the year in the state of South Carolina. We no longer played both offense and defense by then, but Dan was so good he played both ways.

“Of course, right here is the hometown of Roy Walker, he made All-American as an offensive lineman. People said he would have been really good if we’d played him on defense, but he made every All-American list they had.”

By the time he retired in 1984 with a record of 128-100-8, Gault said his main accomplishment had been to restore

respectability to the program. “I hate to say it, but we almost lost football, and I think we made it respectable again around campus,” he said. “In fact, I’m surprised people allowed me to lose 100 football games.”

Besides that level of appreciation, Clinton also gave Gault a family. He met his wife Joy while he was a student at PC. “I looked out my window one day and saw this blonde-haired girl riding a horse up and down the street, which at that time was not paved at the time, and I decided I had to meet her,” he said. “I thought I caught her, but I later found out she caught me.”

The couple would have two daughters; Joy, who married former Blue Hose Stan Gruber, who is now a coach himself at Dorchester Academy in St. George, and EmmieAn, who still lives in Clinton with husband Bob McLean and whose two daughters became PC cheerleaders.

Since retirement, Gault has had a number of activities to keep him occupied. His family leases the College Station property on South Broad Street, which now houses businesses like the Clinton Public Library, Fred’s, Señor Garcia and the Study Club. He hunts and fishes, plays banjo and guitar with friends and sings in the choir at First Presbyterian Church.

“I was very fortunate,” he said. “I’ve never been in a town I didn’t love. I was very fond of Mullins. When I got the opportunity to go to North Augusta, I loved North Augusta. Of course, I knew Clinton and married a young girl from Clinton. The people of South Carolina all over are good people... I’ve only lived out of state for a little while, and I don’t ever want to move out either.”

Jameison

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community that have aided in providing a myriad of internship opportunities for PC students. Some examples of consistent supporters of PC interns are the many area health care providers and attorneys, Adair Apothecary and Sadler-Hughes Apothecary, the Laurens County Literacy Council, Carolina First, and Founder’s Credit Union.

Jameison also cites many temporary opportunities that arise for students to gain experience. Last year, students were able to assist with the Clinton Focus 2013 development project. Other students have, with the help of Jameison’s office, found summer internships, not only in local businesses but also in political campaigns, advertising agencies, and various opportunities available in Washington, D.C.

In order to develop the school’s internship possibilities and establish long-term relationships with community organizations and companies, Jameison has, over her four years at PC, tried to keep aware of activity in the county by participating in a number of com-




On the job: Linda Jameison explaining to PC student Jacalin Shealy the opportunities available with the Washington Semester experience.




munity activities. Her first year in the area, she joined a group called Leadership Laurens County, which, she says, “helped me gain awareness of what’s happening here in Laurens County.” She has also sought to be an active participant in Laurens Chamber of Commerce activities and has attended the Business After Hours meetings, which she has found incredibly helpful in making contacts within the county.

Jameison’s continual effort to broaden her knowledge of the evolving business scene in Laurens County is reminiscent of her most frequent advice to students.

When applying lessons from her job experience to what awaits current students, Jameison highlights the “need for flexibility” and helps that they will realize that “the learning process in any kind of job is ongoing.”



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By **Bristow Marchant**
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Anyone involved in college sports can tell you it's hard enough to put all your time into playing or coaching a single sport. Brent Hager manages 16 of them.

As of Jan. 1, Hager is the new sports information director, or SID, at Presbyterian College. It's not the most heralded position in college sports, but Hager's job involves handling the affairs of every Blue Hose athletic team.

"We keep stats, we make sure the media's taken care of, putting up the website, getting ideas out to the media for feature stories," he said. "We also handle game operations, making sure everything's set up and the other team is taken care of when they come in. It's a big task, and it's something I'm willing to go through and put a lot of time into."

Hager comes to PC after two and a half years as an assistant at Big South rival Gardner-Webb University, where he managed all 15 of the Runnin' Bulldogs' varsity sports. Before that, he interned at ACC powerhouse Virginia Tech from 2004 to 2006, after earning his degree in accounting and sports management from Wingate University and his master's in business from UNC Pembroke.

While still at Gardner-Webb, Hager found out about the job opening at his conference rival during a chance conversation with PC Assistant SID Caroline Morris at a volleyball game.

"PC came up to Gardner-Webb for volleyball the day (former SID) Brian Hand an-



New Hose: PC's new sports information director Brent Hager walks across the basketball court at the Templeton Center. On the job for just two months, Hager oversees all 16 of PC's varsity sports. — Photos by Bristow Marchant



Sports desk: Brent Hager and assistant Caroline Morris in the sports information office in the Templeton Center at Presbyterian College. Hager and Morris manage information, media relations and game operations for each Blue Hose athletic team.

nounced he was leaving, and she told me that night," he said. "Then I got a call saying 'we want you to come down.' I talked to my boss Mark Rabb, and he was supportive of everything when I decided to apply for the job. He knew I'd

done everything I could do from my standpoint at Gardner-Webb."

Morris, who now shares an office with Hager in the college's Templeton Center, remembers how they first met.

"I was trying to learn how to

do stating for volleyball, and I was struggling a bit with it," she said. "The first home game we played was Gardner-Webb, and I screwed up and sent him the game file with an apology, saying 'I'll look at the game film and fix it.' He fixed it and sent it back to me that night, and called me the next day to see if I had any questions. So instantly, I loved Brent."

Hager saw the change as a move up without going too far outside his comfort zone. "I went into it knowing I'd be in charge of my own office, and I wouldn't be too far from up there," he said. "I'd still be in the same conference and know the same people, and that's kind of how I ended up down here."

The new SID comes to the job during a time of transition for PC athletics. The school is in its second year of transition

from NCAA Division II to Division I, and everyone involved with the athletics department faces new challenges, but perhaps none is in as unique a position as Hager.

New to the job and the school, he relies on Morris, who is in her first year on the job as well. Except for student interns and some part-time help from others on the athletic staff, they comprise the entire sports information office.

"I started in August, and Brian left on Nov. 15," Morris said. "He'd decided in early October that he was leaving and because I was new and we didn't have anybody else, he stayed an extra month to help get us through football season."

But the challenges of this time can also be seen as exciting opportunities. "Our jobs are very different at Division II then they are at Division I," she said. "So we can build on what's here, but also do something new."

"We each have multiple ideas about what we want to do," Hager said. "It's good that we have so many ideas that are the same. I came from Gardner-Webb and they're not too far out of the transition period, so I kind of know where they want to go... we know what it's like to come in as a small school, an underdog school. When you play schools like Duke, you know what it means to play the top schools and beat them."

To make the transition even more intense, his first full week on the job was the week head football coach Bobby Bentley left. "It's been hectic this week with Coach Bentley leaving, so I've not been able to get out

and see the community as much as I would want to," he said in January. "I'm living in Laurens right now, but I've been to Steamer's and Whiteford's."

Hager is still learning his way across the PC campus. As for the rest of his new town, "I know how to get home and back," he says.

Originally from Tallahassee, Hager doesn't have any family in the area, but does have some local connections. His sister is a graduate of Clemson University, and he has friends from his college days in the Peach Belt and South Atlantic conferences.

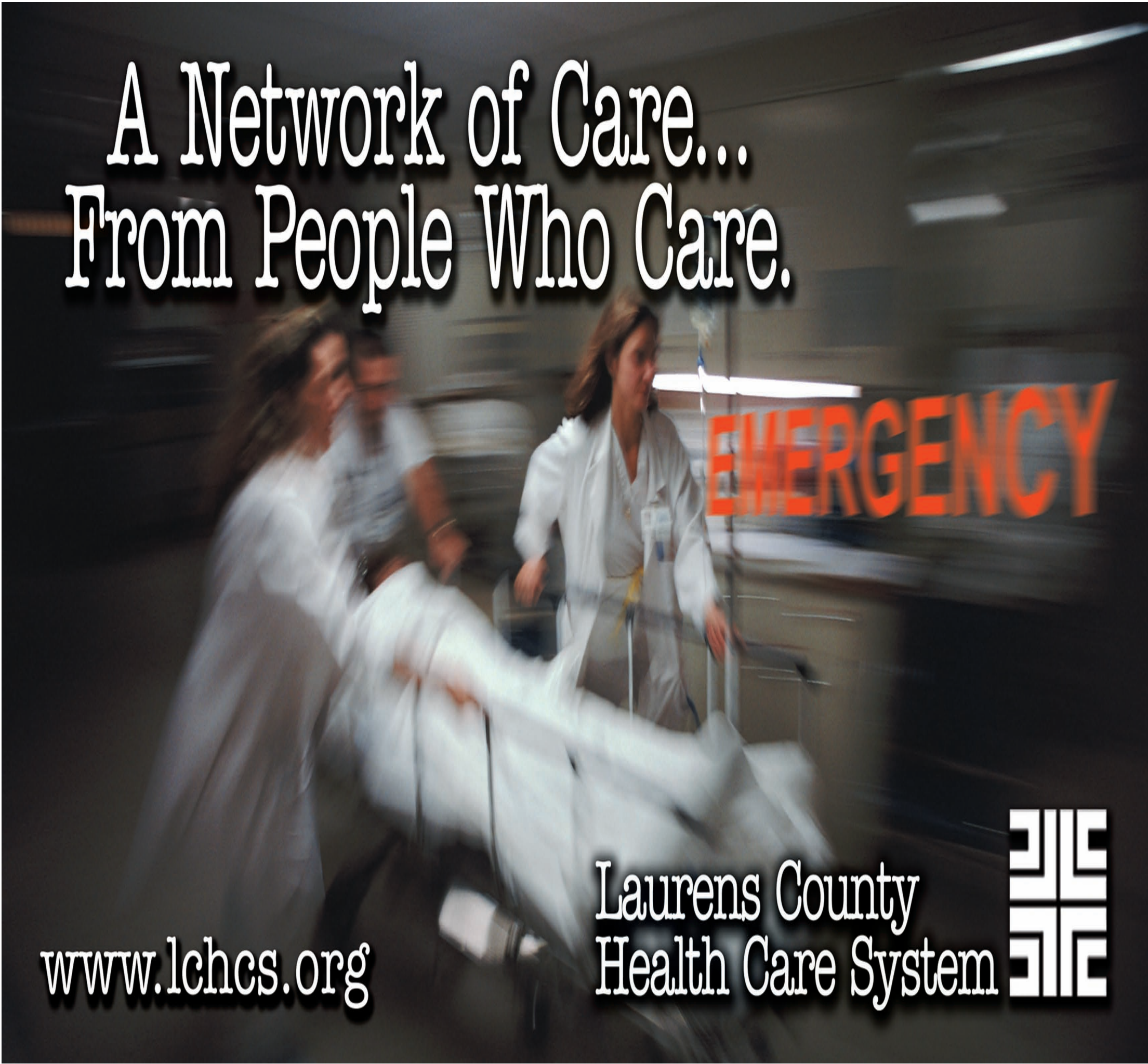
"I wanted to take on the challenge," he said of his new job. "I know what it takes at this level, and I think I can bring (PC) up and give them the best attention as they transition to Division I. It's a great opportunity because the programs are getting stronger."

Hager hopes the entire PC community can come together to help the school through this transition period.

"We have great support from what I've seen at the basketball games so far, and that's tremendously important to have the community rally around the school," he said. "That's something that struck me; the alumni and the community are willing to help the school push forward. That's what makes it special."

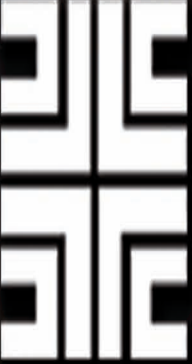
"I was there when Virginia Tech joined the ACC and that was exciting, and it's even more special to see PC taking on the big schools and knocking them off."

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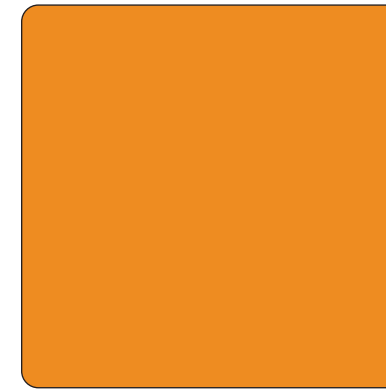
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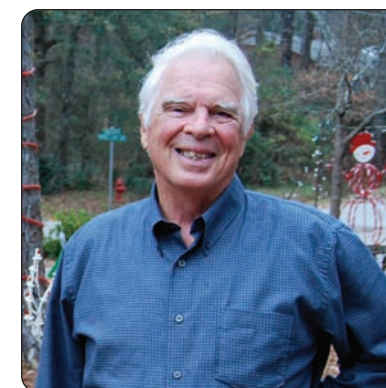
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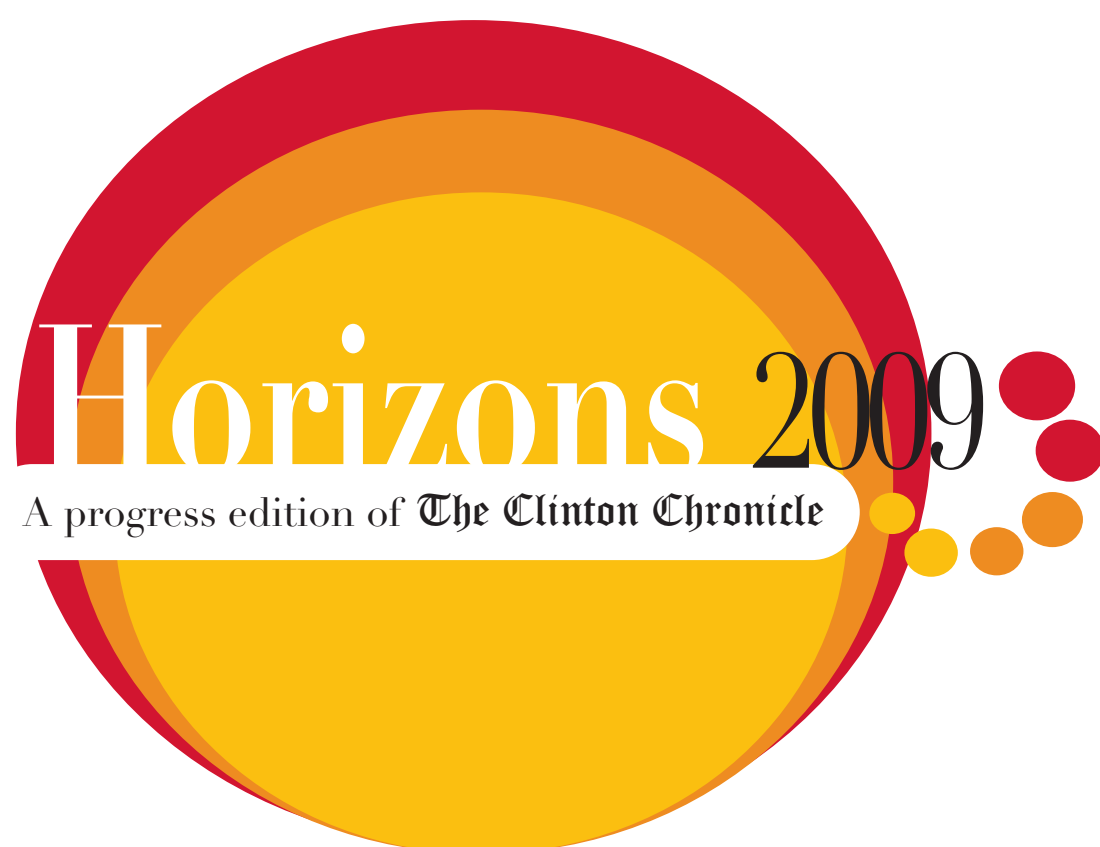


Citizen of the Year: Presbyterian College professor Norman Scarborough has been named The Clinton Chronicle's 2009 Citizen of the Year. — Photo by Trevor Baratko
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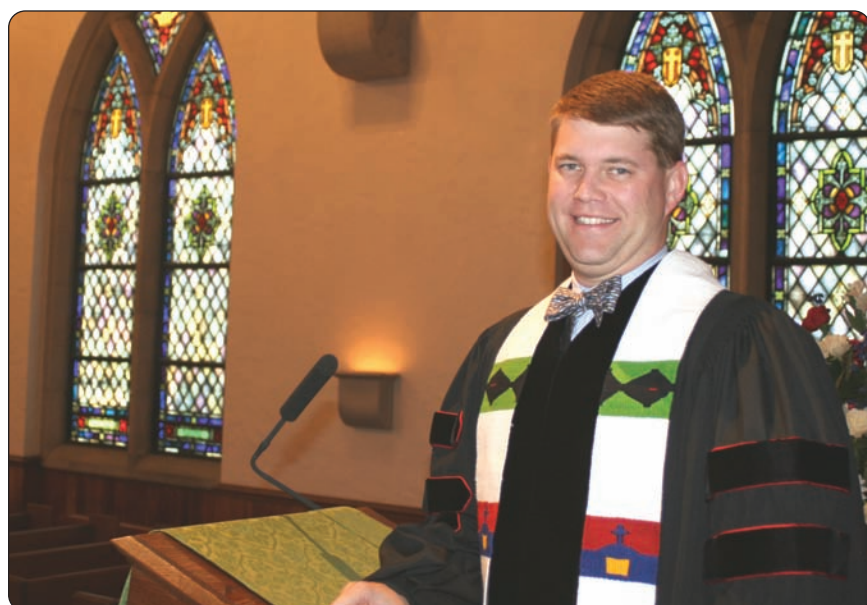
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Scarborough Country

Norman Scarborough is 2009 Citizen of the Year

By **Larry Franklin**
Horizons 2009

Norman Scarborough can now add another one to the large list of names to which he answers: Professor Scarborough, Dr. Scarborough, Mr. Scarborough, Professor of the Year Scarborough, Chairman Scarborough. He is now Citizen of the Year Scarborough.

Scarborough, a business professor at Presbyterian College since 1979, was chosen as The Chronicle's Citizen of the Year for 2009 because of his widespread involvement in the community.

Scarborough has chaired both of Clinton's 5-year strategic plans (Clinton Challenge 007: A Plan for the Future and the soon to be released Clinton Focus 2013).

"Norman Scarborough has been a leader in the strategic planning initiatives for Clinton. He has served as the Chairman of the Steering Committee for Clinton Challenge 007 and Clinton Focus 2013," Clinton Mayor Randy Randall said. "His leadership and organizational skills have kept the process moving through both plans, and his ability to distill a lot of raw data into a workable plan has been the key to the successful strategic planning done by the City of Clinton. Our plans are being imitated and used as examples all over the state. Norman has been a key player in this process."

Scarborough served on the board of trustees of the Laurens County Health Care System for eight years and was the chair-

man in 2008. He was on the feasibility study team for the School of Pharmacy at PC and was also on the planning team and search committee.

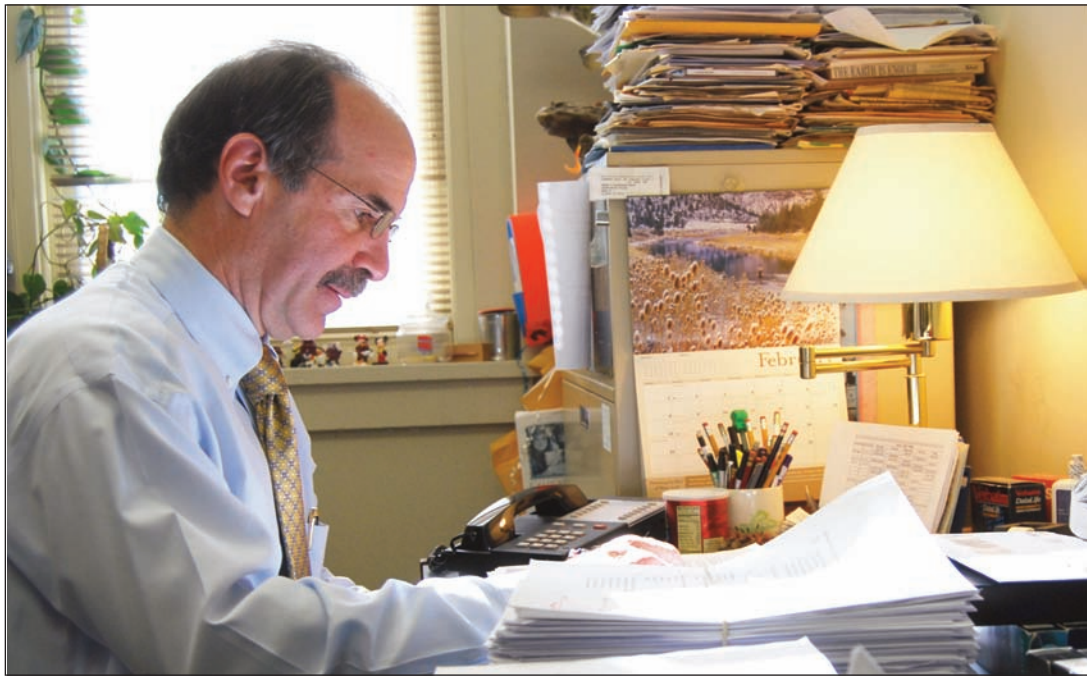
He has served on the boards of the Clinton Uptown Development Association, Main Street Clinton, the Clinton Economic Development Corporation, the Clinton branch of Palmetto Bank and the Laurens County Restaurant Project, LLC.

He has also volunteered his time as a member of the downtown's economic restructuring committee, as a South Carolina Business Week speaker and consultant, the 120 Musgrove restaurant recruiting project, as a facilitator for the Laurens County District 56 Facilities Planning Committee.

In addition, he's conducted strategic planning workshops for

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Distinguished: Norman Scarborough is a business professor, community-minded volunteer, former hospital board member and chairman not to mention author and fly fisherman. He is also active in economic development efforts in the City of Clinton and Laurens County and is a member of First Baptist Church in Clinton. And he is The Chronicle's 2009 Citizen of the Year.

a number of organizations including the United Way of Laurens County and the Arts Council of Greenwood, served as advisor for the PC Society for the Advancement of Management, on the PC Alcohol Advisory Committee, the PC Chaplain search committee, was a participant in the Russell Program Teaching Workshop, an advisor for the founders of My Friends Bookstore run by PC students, and was on the banquet planning committees for both

Mountain Bridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Laurens County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

He's also active at Clinton's First Baptist Church, where he has been a deacon, a church trustee and a Sunday School teacher. He also chaired the church's Thy Kingdom Come strategic planning process.

"Where would our church be without Norman Scarborough? His leadership is firm but gentle. His insight is...insightful," First Baptist Senior Pastor Dr. Blake Harwell said. "Norman truly has keen insight into planning and issues confronting us right now. He has great mind and is an eager learner with a heart for people."


In Scarborough's spare time he has written two textbooks that are used worldwide: Effective Small Business Management, which is in its ninth edition, and Essentials of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management, which is in the fifth edition.

He has written six other books.


Scarborough was named the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) South Carolina professor of the year in 2005.

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Tollison's perspective new to county politics

By Trevor Baratko
Horizons 2009

Keith Tollison had never paid much attention to Laurens County Council.

But six or seven years ago, at the suggestion of his father-in-law, he started attending the monthly meetings.

After going regularly for a couple years, Tollison started to think more about the issues and the business being conducted. He started thinking more about the future of the county he grew up in.

"I got really interested after I went regularly for a year or two," he said. "It's really all because of my father-in-law. I'm not sure I would've ever started going if weren't for him."

As he overheard his predecessor, Ernie Trammell, say at the beginning of his final term, "this would be it," Tollison considered running himself.

"I don't think I ever would've run against him," he said. "He had a lot of the same views I did, and voted the way I would've. But after hearing that that was going to be his last term, I thought about it."

So he did. And so he won, by defeating Trammell, who did run for re-election in the Republican primary in 2006. Tollison was unopposed in the General Election.

"One of the main reasons I got involved was to make this county the best it could be," Tollison said. "I want it to be a better place for my kids and grandkids if they decide to stay



Councilman: Laurens County Councilman Keith Tollison and his wife, Cindy, have two children — Jennifer and Kevin — who still reside in the area. Keith and Cindy have been married for 25 years. Tollison said he was never too interested in politics until a couple years before winning his seat. Also shown is Jennifer's husband, Clay Garrett, back right. Below, Tollison is pictured during a Council meeting, seated between Councilman Ted Nash and Clerk to Council Betty Ann Walsh.



in Laurens."

After moving from Seneca to the Wattsmill community in

7th grade, Tollison considers this his home.

He listed industry and economic development as the most pressing issues for council. He talked about the recent unveil-

ings of Fitesa and American Titanium.

"It gets you excited," he said. "I'm excited that I was a part of it. It's bringing good jobs and good people into our county."

"The groundwork was laid years before I came onto council. The county has done a great job luring these businesses here. It goes back to my kids. I want there to be jobs here for them."

Tollison is in his 20th year at B.F. Shaw in Laurens. Working his way up to plant superintendent (essentially the second in command) is something he takes pride in.

"I've always had a good work ethic," he said. "I haven't had a glamorous life or anything, but my work ethic is something I'm proud of. Not having any formal education past high school, I think I've accomplished a lot. When my feet hit the ground in the morning, I'm ready to go."

As he said, it's not a glamorous job. It's one that requires long days, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., often six days a week.

"Sometimes there is Sunday work required, sometimes I get calls in the middle of the night. At my position, I don't look at it like I'm in charge of 306 people - I'm in charge of 306 families."

Despite his success, a lack of secondary education is one thing he somewhat regrets.

"I have guys that work for me now that are attending Piedmont Tech or other schools," he said. "I tell them if they even think about quitting school, I'll fire them. Education is very important. I don't have many regrets, but I do regret not continuing school."

Still, Tollison is proud of his achievements, which he hopes

will pave the way for his children's success in Laurens County, should they chose to stay.

With energy the buzz topic recently, Tollison is confident in B.F. Shaw's future.

"With more nuclear businesses and the demand for new energy, I think we'll continue to do well," he said. "And with offshore drilling, we're able to do piping for that as well."

A graduate of Laurens High School, Tollison served in the National Guard for eight years in the 80s.

"I enjoyed my time as a soldier, even though it was only part time," he said. "Looking back, I probably should've stayed - I could be retired by now."

He has been married to his wife Cindy for 25 years. His two kids, Jennifer and Kevin, still live in the county. Jennifer and her husband, Clay Garrett, have two children, two-year old Kathrine and three-month old Abby.

"We have a lot of fun with the little ones. It's definitely more fun being a grandparent. We can have fun with them and then just hand them off," he says with a laugh.

Working 12-hour days doesn't allot a man much free time, but Tollison enjoys riding his month-old Harley-Davidson whenever he has the chance.

"There isn't a better way for me to unwind than being on a bike," he said. "Even just the 10-minute ride to work is something I look forward to."

Outside of work and council, Tollison is a member of the Palmetto Masonic Lodge and Shriners.

When asked about the prospect of another term, Tollison,

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A day on the links with Jeff Tallman

By Bristow Marchant
Horizons 2009

Jeff Tallman has been playing golf almost since he was old enough to walk the course.

“The way I got into golf was I hung out at the golf course with my father,” he said. “Since I was 8 or 9 years old in Muncie, Ind., I would swim at the pool and then run out on the golf course and follow him around playing.”

He didn’t know it at the time, but Tallman was preparing himself for a career as a golfing professional, making a career out of playing the game he would grow to love.

His father also had a career in sports, coaching high school basketball. It was that vocation which led to Tallman living in four different towns across Indiana growing up.

“When I was in the fifth grade we moved to Warsaw (Ind.), and they had a public golf course there called Rozella Golf,” he remembers. “I used to spend every day of the summer out there. Mom would drop me off in the morning and pick me up at night.”

Tallman quickly made friends in the golf world. With some friends who worked at the course, he spent the hours after sunset looking for golf balls in Rozella’s creeks and water traps, to sell back to the golfers or to play with themselves.

He taught himself the game with a group of classmates, including one of his father’s basketball players, Denny Hepler. “He was kind of my idol growing up,” Tallman said.

Hepler went on to play college golf before joining the



Golf pro: Musgrove Mill Golf Pro Jeff Tallman enjoys the southern links and lifestyle. The Indiana native and his family moved to Clinton in 1996 and have made it their home. — Photos by Bristow Marchant

PGA tour and winning the Golf Channel’s “Big Break” event. “When I played with him and a bunch of others we had a pretty good golf team,” Tallman said.

When his father got a new job at Penn High School in Mishawaka, Tallman followed him there in 1975. In addition to playing on the Penn golf team, he played basketball for his father and played three seasons on the football team, quarterbacking the squad his senior year. At the time, he still hadn’t settled on golf as a career.

“I went to Ball State University on a dual scholarship —

basketball and golf,” he said. “I played one year of basketball and then four years of golf. I was focusing on education as a freshman, kind of following in my dad’s footsteps, coaching and teaching. But after I did my student teaching, I decided that wasn’t really what I wanted to. I just wanted to get into the golf business.”

After college, he got work as an assistant golf professional at the Country Club of Indianapolis. After five years there, his life changed in two significant ways. First, he got married to a fellow employee, Susan, in



March of 1991, and then in May he was offered a new job. “The head pro at West Lake (Country Club in Augusta) was Mark Darnell,” Tallman said. “I’d been at Indy for five years, I’d interviewed for a couple

head positions. I was married at that point, and then this opportunity came up because of mutual friends we had at both courses. Being newly married, I said ‘well, it’s got to be Susan’s decision.’”

His wife decided the opportunity was too good to pass up. The couple went down to visit the area — as Tallman remembers it, a week before the Master’s Tournament began at Augusta National, but while Indianapolis was hosting the NCAA basketball tournament. By the time they returned home, they’d missed both. But fate would decide that wasn’t the Tallmans only chance to see perhaps America’s most famous golf course.

“Susan’s degree was in health administration, and Augusta is like the mecca for hospitals because the Medical College of Georgia is there,” Tallman said. So we said ‘if we go down there, you’ll be able to get a job, no problem.’ But that wasn’t the case in her field.

“But it worked out better because after we were there about a year... the opportunity just arose for her to interview with Dave Spencer and Bob Kletcke (the head pros at Augusta) and get a job at Augusta National, the chance of a lifetime for her.”

So the happy golf family settled into their lives in Augusta, golf’s mecca if not the healthcare industry’s. In 1996, their first daughter was born. And in that year, Tallman’s career took another turn when he was offered his current job, the head position at Musgrove Mill Golf Club, and the family found a new town to call home.

“When we got hired, the people here said, ‘you don’t want to live in Clinton, start looking in Greenville,’” Tallman said. “The board that hired us was from all over, we have members from 25 states. They were telling us Clinton was a sleepy town, so we started

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A ‘trading’ day with Susan Tallman

By **Bristow Marchant**
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Susan Tallman is a self-described “jack of all trades, master of none.”

In just a few years, she managed to turn a hobby into an internet-based business. Tallmangraphics.com has turned her love of photography, art and graphic design into a job creating advertising and logos.

“I do brochures, any of that stuff, any kind of publishing,” she said. “I like projects. If someone comes to me with a project, no matter what it is, I’ll probably try to do it. I’ll do anything to stay busy, which sometimes leads to being too busy.”

It all started out as an attempt to keep busy. In 2004, Tallman bought a camera and taught herself photography, and then learned how to work with computers in order to help a friend.

“My friend Mary (Whitman) started doing web designs, and I started messing around trying to make graphics for her, and it just kind of evolved into that,” she said. “I even learned how to do flash (animation) for a while, but that’s real tedious and very time-consuming.”

Most of her work comes through word of mouth. “I’m involved in a lot of things, volunteering, and so that leads to doing work for folks, just because I like doing a project and helping others.”

Tallman has gone on to do graphic designs for the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce and her friend Chip Cooper of Cooper Motor Company, and she even designed the logo for the City of Clinton.

But despite her apparent success, Tallman doesn’t see her work as anything special.

“I’m not a professional. I’m just average,” she said. “I always said I was average. In college, it didn’t matter if I studied real hard for a test or if I didn’t study at all. I usually came out with a C.”

Pressed to name one of her biggest or most memorable projects, Tallman draws a blank. “It’s all a mumble-jumble,” she said pointing to her head. “If my husband was here, he would say ‘oh, she’s done this and this and this,’ but I can’t remember anything. Nothing really has been that big or that special. I don’t know. I know that doesn’t sound exciting.”

She also chafes at working on a deadline on someone else’s idea. “All this started out as a hobby, and the more it’s become a job, I’ve lost some of the enjoyment of it,” she said. “I still enjoy it, but like most



Golf girl: Susan Tallman stands on a hill overlooking Musgrove Mill Golf Course. Before becoming a graphic designer, Tallman worked for years at Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia.
-- Photo by Bristow Marchant



Work of purpose: Above, Susan Tallman holds up a breast-cancer awareness poster she created for theface-sofbreastcancer.com. Tallman herself is a four-year survivor of breast cancer and runs a graphic design business.

On the course: Right, Jeff and Susan Tallman cross clubs outside of Musgrove Mill Golf Club, where Jeff is the resident pro. Susan also grew up in a golf-playing family.

-- Photos by Bristow Marchant



creative people I have my own timeframes, my own inspirations.”

Now, Tallman has put a lot of her energy into her work for Clinton Focus 2013, where she chairs the marketing committee.

“A lot of it is trying to figure out what Clinton is, what’s our little niche, and trying to figure out avenues to get that across to people,” she said. “First, we want to get that to the community, and then go out from there. A lot of people aren’t even aware of what’s here, and we want them to know that we’re very lucky.”

A lot of committee work is brainstorming, Tallman said, about what makes Clinton unique. The proximity of Interstate 26 and 308 are seen as big positives, as is the presence of Presbyterian College, Thornwell Children’s Home and the Presbyterian Community.

“We’ve got a lot of good things going on,” she said. “We just need one precise piece of material or a guide to let people see it all.”

But again, Tallman doesn’t see her involvement with the city as anything noteworthy. “It’s nothing special,” she said. “Anyone can get involved. You just have to do it.”

The highlight of her life, by her own reckoning, comes from a completely different direction: golf.

For five years, from 1991 to 1996, Tallman worked at the Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia, probably the pinnacle of any career in golf courses.

“That has shaped a lot of who I am and how I do things,” she said.

Tallman comes from a family steeped in putting greens

and sand wedges. Her grandfather is in the Indiana Golfing Hall of Fame, and her father, who ran a home insulation business, was also a golf nut.

“We’re all golfers,” she said. “My grandfather was a pro for 30 years, my dad was a pro for a little while, my brother tried to be a pro, I married a golf pro, and my sister married a golf pro.”

She and her husband, Jeff Tallman, married while they were both working at the Country Club of Indianapolis, and when he got a job at another country club in Augusta, she found herself on the hallowed links of the Masters.

“The crazy thing is, his family is a big basketball family, and his father is also in the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. He was the youngest coach to win the state championship with Muncie Central in 1963.”

The family eventually moved again when Jeff became the resident golf pro at Musgrove Mill, and since then Susan has raised their three daughters — ages 13, 11 and 9 — in Clinton.

“I’ve done some thing to help out, but I’ve never worked out there,” she said. “I would like to move back in that direction. When you grow up with something, and then take a break from it, it’s hard.”

In 2005, Tallman’s life took another unexpected turn when at the age of 37 she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

“I went through chemo and had all my surgeries in one year,” she said. “That was kind of my goal, just to get it over with.”

Even though Tallman now shows no evidence of the disease, her battle with cancer led her to a new project.

“Now I’m working on a website with a girl out of Charlotte that will be a place for young women with breast cancer,” she said. “The disease is primarily seen as something for women over 40, but there are a lot who are diagnosed 20 to 40. They might have children, or they might even be pregnant when they find out, and there’s no support for them.”

The website is called thefacesofbreastcancer.com, named after a poster Tallman created showing the faces of several young women who battled and sometimes lost to the disease.

“We hope something will be up by February,” she said. “There’s going to be a conference for young women that month that I hope I’ll be able to go to.”

Whatever the future holds for Susan Tallman — artist, golfer, citizen, mom and breast cancer survivor — she will maintain her efforts to master all trades.

Tallman

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looking in Simpsonville, and Simpsonville was the country back then.”

But after looking for a home in Simpsonville and then Laurens without success, the Tallmans slowly made their way down the highway toward Clinton anyway.

“We got on 385 and came in on the road that goes right through the college,” he remembers, “and it was April and the dogwoods were blooming, the streets were clean, and I said to Susan, ‘why don’t we want to live here, this is beautiful.’ Right then we made the decision.”

Clinton also offered Tallman a better commute to and from work. “I said, ‘why don’t we

live here and only drive 15 minutes,’ because a golf pro has to work weekends or anytime,” he said. “The only good thing about my job is I have Mondays off, and the movie theaters aren’t busy and there’s no line at the grocery store because everybody else is working.”

The couple had decided where they wanted to live, but they didn’t have a house yet. On their way back to Augusta, where they’d left their infant daughter with a babysitter, they stopped at a McDonald’s and saw a listing for a home, and called the number.

“She said ‘you’ve got five minutes, just come through real quick,’” Susan Tallman said. “So we came and ran through the house because we had to get back to Augusta, and we



Home turf: Jeff Tallman’s home away from home on the links at Musgrove Mill Golf Course.

said ‘we want it. We’ll call you tonight.’ We sent her a check the next day.”

“We were very fortunate to get that house,” Jeff Tallman said. “We didn’t mind moving to kind of a sleepy town. We

knew we were going to raise a family, so we didn’t need to go out or have all that extracurricular activity.”

And that sleepy town doesn’t mind having the golfing family living in it.



Getting a read on head librarian

By Bristow Marchant
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Bill Cooper became a fixture in Laurens County during his 33 years as director of the Laurens County Library. When he retired last year, the library's board of trustees needed some one who could fill Cooper's shoes overseeing the library's nearly 120,000 books and others services.

In the end, their final choice came down to Ann R. Szypulski, now Laurens County's new head librarian.

Szypulski comes to the job from her post as public services manager for the Pickens County Library, one of several positions she held in the 10 years she worked for the Pickens library. And that's just the tip of the life experiences Szypulski brings to the Laurens County Library.

"I worked in a hospital in Columbia for over 10 years, and then I was fortunate enough to be able to stay home with my children for about 10 years," Szypulski said in her office at the Laurens branch of the library. "When it came time to go back to work, I gave a lot of thought to where I wanted to be and what kind of work I wanted to do, and it all added up to working in a library."

After a decade in Pickens, Szypulski had to leave her home county to become a library director. She was born and raised a Pickens girl, growing up in Clemson where her father worked for the Extension Service and her mother was a nutritionist.

"I think we all grew up with an ideal of service, of wanting to work in public service and of helping people," she said.



On the shelf: Laurens County library director Ann Szypulski oversees the county library system from the main branch in Laurens and wants to focus on providing better services to the entire county. "I believe a library should be...a place where people are comfortable to come for a few hours in the afternoon, whether it's to do a resume on the computer or just enjoy some time to read or use our materials. — Photos by Bristow Marchant

But when it came time to go to college, she chose not to go to her hometown university and instead go to the furthest place she could think of from Clemson.

"I went to the University of South Carolina," Szypulski said. "At 18, I was ready to leave town and I really enjoyed being at USC and being in Columbia at that time."

After graduating from USC with a degree in history, Szypulski moved around the country; she lived in Pittsburgh for several years, and then came back to South Carolina, living in Bennettsville and Clemson, as well as Columbia, before she went back to school at USC when the library bug bit her.

"To be a professional librarian you do need a masters, usually a masters of library and



Between its two branches, the library holds 120,000 books, 4,000 videos and 7,000 audio files.

information science now," she said. "We take on continuing education, and workshops and conferences. It's a changing field and I've always tried to stay on top of things."

During her time in the library business, Szypulski has

"When I first started working in libraries, only 11 or 12 years ago, there was no internet access," Szypulski said. "There were no computers for the public. We were just beginning to get some, and now that's a large part of our business and how we help people."

Wanting to stay on top of a growing and changing field was one reason Szypulski decided to take a new job in Laurens County last August.

"I wanted to be a library director, and I saw this position was open," she said. "What I knew of Laurens, I liked it, and it was the size of library that I wanted to be in, and I thought this would be a great opportunity."

Her new job as the face of Laurens County's library system has also kept her busy. One week, Szypulski might be at a workshop on writing budgets for libraries in Atlanta. The next, she'll be at a meeting of state library directors in Columbia. But when she's not traveling, Szypulski has managed to find her way around her new home.

"I love Laurens and Clinton both, I think they're very nice towns," she said. "I'm renting a house in Laurens and I joined the Kiwanis Club."

She also has some habits in keeping with her profession. "I'm such a librarian, I like to knit," Szypulski said. "It's very popular now. I learned when I was up in Pittsburgh and every day was a snowy day. It seemed like a good hobby to have up there. My daughter does it like crazy."

Although she still has family in Clemson, both of her children are currently attending college in North Carolina. "My daughter goes to UNC Chapel Hill, and my son goes to Guilford Tech."

Neither as yet has decided to follow in their mothers' footsteps in the library field. "No, I've been trying to talk them into it, but my daughter is studying political science and she's actually graduating this year, and my son wants to be a teacher," she said.

Asked just how big a library she now runs, Szypulski pulls registration records out of her filing cabinet before declared total library membership in the county to be around 30,000.

"This says 28,000 and that was last July, and we've been adding quite a bit," she said.

Szypulski hopes to see those numbers in her cabinet continue to go up. "I would like for everyone in Laurens County to have a library card," she said. "We'd like to continue growing and serving the people, and keep increasing our collection."

She would also like to increase the library's services, especially in Clinton. "I don't want to say we have plans for a new library in Clinton, because we really don't, but I would say one of our challenges is doing business out of a storefront," she said. "It wasn't a building designed to give computer access to people, so that's an issue we have some times."

The space a library occupies, in Szypulski's view, is an important part of the job it's supposed to do.

"I believe a library should be more than a place that houses books, it should be a place that brings the community together," she said. "We want it to be a place where people are comfortable to come for a few hours in the afternoon, whether it's to do a resume on the computer or just enjoy some time to read or use our materials."

Scarborough

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Professor Scarborough serves his church and his community. This outstanding servant leader is tireless in his quest to assist others in planning and claiming a more fulfilling future," said PC President Dr. John V. Griffith.

Not a bad resume for the son of a church organist from Moncks Corner whose father walked out on the family when Scarborough was five years old.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in administrative management and a master's degree in industrial management, both from Clemson, Scarborough was hired at PC by Dr. Fred Chapman, then head of the business department.

He had never taught a day in his life, although he had conducted some study sessions for his fellow students in graduate school.



Chairman of the board: Norman Scarborough, foreground, has chaired both of Clinton's strategic plans. He is shown with steering committee members Russ Emerson and Larry Franklin. The most recent, Clinton Focus 2103, will be released next month. -- Photo by Frank Stovall

practical applications, too."

While a student at Clemson, he met his future wife Cindy. They dated for eight years before marrying in 1984. Cindy Scarborough has worked at PC for 20 years and is the associate director of financial aid.

Scarborough enjoys receiving feedback from former students who say they now understand why he was so strict on them, which they now appreciate.

"That's what it's about," he said. "We have great kids here. Most are dedicated and eager to learn. It's such a pleasure to take stuff I love and teach it to them. And I get paid."

He admits the year he served as chairman of the hospital board was time consuming and challenging - but rewarding. Shortly after he became chair, he was sued, along with the former chair and the health care system, by the system's former manage-

ment company. The suit was eventually settled and most of the payout was covered by insurance.

"I was most impressed by what a gem this hospital system is," he said. "We have great people who are dedicated, who work hard and who want to take care of the patients."

Scarborough is an avid fly fisherman and bird hunter. He takes an annual trip to South Dakota to pheasant hunt and tries to go every two years to fly fish on the North Platt River in Wyoming.

Closer to home, he fly fishes regularly in Linville, North Carolina. He's a catch-and-release fisherman, a process that doesn't work with the birds.

"Fly fishing and hunting are my passions," he said.

And volunteering in the community.



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Wesberry's call is Clinton's gain

By Greg Van De Voorde
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The long history of First Presbyterian Church in Clinton includes a few stories of young, motivated ministers making a big difference in the community, beginning with the man who started it all, William Plumer Jacobs.

As one of the city's forefathers, it was Jacobs, a young Presbyterian minister, who founded Thornwell Orphanage, known as "Jacobs' folly," then Presbyterian College, considered "Jacobs' second folly."

Now, 153 years after Jacobs started the church, another young Presbyterian minister is leading in the search for that third folly.

Dr. Wain Wesberry, 34, became pastor of the historic church in August 2007 knowing well the history of the church as a Clinton institution. As a student at Presbyterian College from 1992-1996, Wesberry worshipped there on Sundays, but couldn't imagine that one day he'd be the one delivering the sermons to the congregation.

"I always thought this was a really special place," he said, "but never in my wildest dreams did I think I would be able to come back to Clinton."

In fact, a return to Clinton wasn't the only thing Wesberry doubted. Accepting the call to a life in ministry was something he struggled with for years.

Wesberry grew up in the Batesburg-Leesville area, a place he describes as being not that much different from Clinton. Throughout his youth, but especially during the time his father suffered through some serious health issues, Wesberry's local church played an important role in shaping his future career plans.

"The church always provided stability and the church always said we love you," he said. "It provided a lot of affirmation through that challenging time."

Wesberry always knew he would go to college - because his parents told him so - and as a youngster he thought he was destined for Clemson University, until his hometown minister and mentor, Tom Engle, asked him if he'd ever considered Presbyterian College and eventually becoming a minister.

"I said, 'absolutely not'," Wesberry remembers. "I did a lot of running from that call to ministry. I thought about medical school and business school, but the more I tried to carve my own path, the more miserable I was."

A visit to PC convinced him it was the right place for him and he arrived on campus as a student in the fall of 1992.

At PC, he was president of the college choir for two years, played golf, took part in Student Volunteer Services and the Celtic Cross, an organization formed to challenge students to consider professional or lay



Man of the cloth: Clinton First Presbyterian Church Pastor Dr. Wain Wesberry made a return to his college town for the head pastor job of the historic church. — Photo by Greg Van De Voorde

leadership in the church.

"I always took my faith really seriously. No matter what I decided to be, faith was going to be a part of it," he said. "I just felt that maybe ministry was too high of a calling. But

once you peel back the onion, you see the scriptures are filled with totally inadequate people who God chooses to do extraordinary things."

The middle of his sophomore year at PC is when Wes-

berry said he decided he was going to take the call to ministry seriously. It was a visit to Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., that started to demystify the idea.

"It was just real personal and warm, with real people," he said. "I felt really at home. It wasn't a bunch of people walking around in robes. It didn't seem like the big, bad wolf I had thought."

Another important step occurred one summer while working as a counselor at a Boy Scout camp. Wesberry, an Eagle Scout, said the camp didn't have the funds to pay for a chaplain, so he was voted into the position. That experience opened his eyes to his own ability to answer the call.

"It was sort of a testing ground for playing with this idea," he said. "I enjoyed studying scripture and teaching, and the church really coincided with some of my convictions against injustice, poverty and inequality. They were all pieces of this big patchwork quilt. I finally said, 'Hey, I could do this.'"

The final piece of the quilt was sewn when Wesberry learned Engle, his hometown pastor who first planted the idea of ministry years ago, was retiring.

"God had used him to bless my life, so I thought maybe I could step into his shoes," said Wesberry.

Wesberry graduated from PC in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in English, but that's not all he left campus with. During his senior year he met Sarah "Smiles" Miles and they married in the summer of 1997. They moved to Georgia, where Wesberry enrolled in Columbia Theological Seminary.

He eventually served as a student pastor at Rock Spring Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, which happened to be located across the street from a church his great uncle pastored. That church presented Wesberry with his uncle's black robe.

"It was a sign of the hand of God," said Wesberry.

After seminary, the couple moved to Greenville for an associate pastor position at St. Giles Presbyterian, where he worked in youth and young adult ministry and missions. In 2002, he moved on to Fourth Presbyterian Church, also in Greenville. He started his doctoral work (gospel and culture with an emphasis in preaching) there, and finished last May.

"We always said if we were ever to move from Greenville it

would really have to be a call from God," he said.

That call came from Clinton, where church leaders were looking for a new pastor to succeed Dr. Dennis Tedder. Wesberry answered and stepped into the pulpit in August of 2007.

Now, more than a decade after sitting in the pews as a student, Wesberry leads the Clinton congregation of approximately 600, whose members include many of his former professors and on any given Sunday, a dozen retired pastors.

As the 11th largest church out of the 70 in the regional presbytery and a long track record of service, First Presbyterian Church is a good gig for the young guitar-toting pastor.

"This church is a gem of our tradition," he said. "Jacobs' work helped make Clinton a real nest of Presbyterianism. We have lots of young families with children, so there's also a great vitality in the church."

Wesberry said the church recently created a new list of strategic initiatives, which include a continued focus on community service, especially with regard to education.

"Presbyterians have valued education for centuries," he said. "As a church, we've made education a high priority and we want to have an active presence in ensuring a high quality education for our young people in the community."

Outside of his ministerial work, Wesberry has joined Clinton's economic development task force and is excited about playing a role in the future of the community.

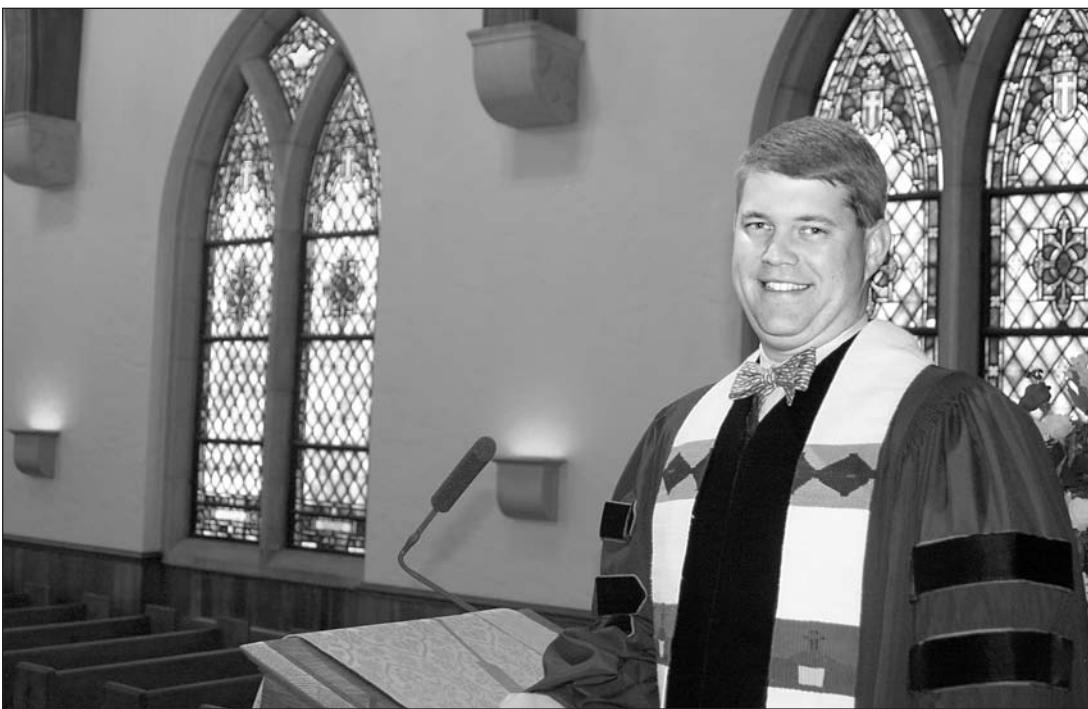
"A lot of good things are happening right now," he said. "In the post-mill era, I feel we're on an upward trend in terms of growth economically."

Of course, with two young children, 7-year-old Will and 5-year-old Aubrey June, family is a major priority for Wesberry, and he says Clinton is a good place to raise one.

"It's a great community with a strong sense of neighborliness," he said. "The church has a long tradition of nice, healthy pastorates. We came here with the hope to be faithful to the call as long as possible. We'd love to stay here a nice long time."



Good call: Whether playing music or preaching from the pulpit, Wesberry enjoys the path his career and calling have taken. — Photos by Greg Van De Voorde



Tollison

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son said he's undecided.

"I always said I would never be one of those people who stay on council for 30 years. I think it's important to have fresh eyes," he said. "I may do one more term, but that would likely be it. Even though I think it's important to have fresh eyes, experience is important too."

He said the first year of his term he was learning the intricacies of council.

"It definitely takes a year or two before you fully understand how things work. But

now I feel part of the team. We may not all agree but I think we do a pretty good job of working together.

"Laurens County has been good to me," he says. "I kind of look at this as a way to give something back - this is my opportunity to serve the community."

Tollison's work has allowed him to travel extensively throughout the southeast and Europe. He listed a birthday spent in Düsseldorf, Germany, as one of his favorite memories.

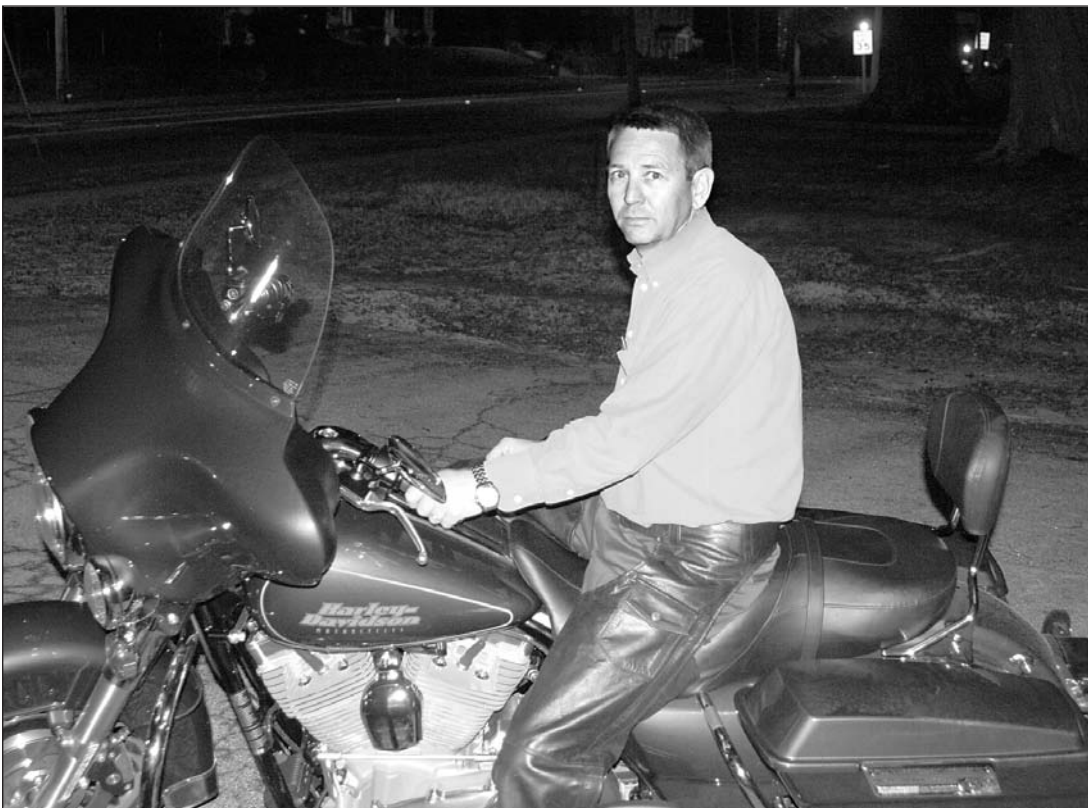
Though the 44-year-old Tollison doesn't see retirement anywhere in the near future, he

did talk about some things he would like to do when that day comes.

"I would really like to travel with my wife. There are a lot of places that I've been to that I didn't really get to enjoy and see as much as I should have."

A man and his bike: Laurens County Council member Keith Tollison has long been fascinated with motorcycles. He said the 10-minute trip to work on his bike is something he looks forward to every morning.

— Photo by Trevor Baratko



Gene Simmons shaping up Clinton

By **Bristow Marchant**
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Gene Simmons was having a busy day at the Clinton Family YMCA. But every day at the Y, he said, was a busy day.

On this particular day, the Clinton YMCA along with its sibling organization in Laurens had just kicked off Activate Laurens County, the health awareness program that encourages participants to fight obesity with regular weigh-ins.

The week before, the Y had begun practice for the youth basketball season, and at the same time began registration for baseball season, running through Feb. 24. And that's just one week on the job for Simmons, the Y's executive director.

The Clinton YMCA sponsors Activate Laurens County along with the YMCA of Laurens, the Laurens County Healthcare System, and the United Way.

"All of these sponsor the program, and it's the two YMCAs that are actually hands-on offering the program," Simmons said in his office at the Y. "We have an online program where you can go on anytime. It's an ongoing program, so it's not like you missed your chance and you can't do it. We're also one of the weigh-in sites along with the YMCA in Laurens and a satellite site in Gray Court."

Participants can register online individually or in a group at www.activatelaurenscounty.org, he said. The YMCA also sponsors health talks by different specialists as part of the program.

"A nutritional specialist or health practitioner gives talks on health tips or things of that nature periodically somewhere within the county — sometimes in Laurens, sometimes in Clinton — and sometime in February someone will be speaking at Presbyterian College," Simmons said.

The primary mission of the



Working out: Clinton YMCA Director Gene Simmons shows off some of the Y's exercise equipment. His jobs is not all fun and games, though.

Running the \$900,000 a year organization involves a lot of paperwork and even more people work.

— Photos by Bristow Marchant



YMCA is to promote a healthy lifestyle. In Clinton, the Y does this by working with the city to provide recreational opportunities for its citizens.

"We have a unique situation here in Clinton, where we decided years ago not to duplicate services," Simmons said. "So we contract with the city to do their recreational activities, youth sports being one of them. We do flag football and soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter and baseball in the

spring, and of course that's America's sport. That is by far the largest sport numbers-wise that we have, with around 600 or 700 participants."

As a boy growing up in Clinton, Simmons had always been enthused by sports. "Even prior to high school athletics I've always participated in whatever sport was in season," he said. "I've always been a sports fanatic."

His father was a longtime veteran of law enforcement,

serving 30 years in the Clinton Police Department ("they didn't call it Public Safety in those days," Simmons said), and he finished his career as chief. During his years at Clinton High School, the younger Simmons played football, basketball, track and field, and ten-

nis before graduating in 1970.

He attended Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Ga., graduating with a degree in health and physical education in 1975.

"That was where I met my lovely wife Clovis (now a PE teacher and tennis coach with School District 56). She was a south Georgia girl and also a PE major," Simmons said. "My degree was in education, and I wanted to coach and to teach. But when a Y position came available and I got involved with that and saw what great work they did, it was a natural progression for me."

Simmons came home to Clinton as physical director in charge of youth sports activities in June 1977. He transitioned to executive director of the Y in 1980.

During his time at the YMCA, Simmons has seen the organization grow and change in extraordinary ways.

"Our budget has grown tremendously over the years from less than \$10,000 when I started here to more than \$900,000 today," he said.

Simmons has also overseen changes in the YMCA's commitment to general health, enhancement and fitness.

"Nine out of 10 adults who walk in this facility do so with our fitness center in mind," he said while sitting in his office at the Clinton Y. "We take tremendous pride in trying to keep that updated and state of the art. When I first came here, our fitness room was about the size of this room with a little eight-station machine in the middle of it. Now it's an over 2,000-square-foot facility."

In just the past year, the YMCA has upgraded its entire fitness department.

"We had an \$8,000 renovation in our equipment, which was money well spent," Simmons said. "We actually lease

our cardio equipment because the technology changes so rapidly. We have treadmills, elliptical machines, all those sorts of things. They're on a 24 to 36 month lease so that they can turn over and stay fresh and new."

At the same time, the Y also brought in new equipment for the other side of its gym. "Strength equipment hadn't been upgraded since 1990, so we also upgraded that this past year, with what they call Hammer Strength equipment," he said. "We've spent some major dollars on our fitness equipment."

Simmons is also proud of the aquatics program. "We now have the only indoor pool in the greater Clinton area," he said. "We have activities for all age groups. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings we have senior citizen water aerobics — a 'Silver Splash' program for our older citizens."

The Clinton Y has even joined forces with the Laurens YMCA to field a joint swim team, the Barracudas, in the Carolina Swim League, something he said "helps us provide the YMCA's mission of bringing people together who wouldn't otherwise meet."

The YMCA's social mission is also something Simmons takes seriously. From March 30 to April 3, the Clinton Y will host its 31st annual Youth Prayer Breakfast for area middle and high school students. Each morning a different speaker while preach a positive message to the youth of the community.

"Children are the love of my life," he said. "I've been here long enough to see children grow up in the Y and now they've come back as young adults with a new generation of their family members. That's the most rewarding thing about this job."

Shealy is on top of his game



Stripes: Brian Shealy, second from left, has spent more than two decades refereeing football and basketball and umpiring baseball. He said he feels working with kids and helping people is what he was called to do.

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Clinton YMCA Programs Director Brian Shealy is fairly certain why he's here.

"I believe I was put here to help people," he said. "I don't like the spotlight, or getting praise for it, I just like to do it for the sake of helping someone out."

And there isn't another city Shealy would rather be in helping out his neighbors.

"Clinton is such a great

small town," he said. "But there are still a lot of needs. Clinton has as many needs as other places. Once you get out there in the community, you see how many different ways you can help."

Shealy first moved from Greenville to Clinton when he was six years old. Six years later, he moved to North Carolina but eventually returned to Clinton when he was 23 to work at the Clinton Mill.

"I have a lot of family here, and I just knew it was a great place to raise a family," he said. Since beginning his position

at the Y in 1991, sports have dominated the majority of his life — in both his free time and his occupation.

He's been officiating basketball, football and baseball for more than 20 years.

"I've always been interested in sports," he said. "It goes back to when I was a kid. I remember a game my dad was officiating and he told me to keep the change during a basketball game. I was only 12 and ever since then I've been involved in officiating."

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Shealy played baseball and football growing up.

On his position at the Y, Shealy said he loves watching kids mature through athletics.

“Working with the kids and seeing them develop is really special,” he said. “We like for them to stay involved, and give them an opportunity to always be doing something.”

He said athletics and leagues give local youth a vital escape from some of the more detrimental activities teenagers partake in.

“We try to make things available at all times,” he said. “We open early in the morning and close fairly late. The more activities and leagues we have available, the better.”

Shealy motioned toward the wall in his office where there are pictures of Kevin Garnett, Jason Kidd and a few other NBA stars.

“I’ve reffed all those guys,” he said. “Sometimes my kids think I know everybody in the world. A lot of those people I know, I came in contact with through the Y.”

Clinton YMCA Executive Director Gene Simmons said Shealy’s dedication to the Y pays off for the community.

“The work he puts in here really makes it a better place and a better community,” Simmons said. “He’s dedicated to watching kids improve and develop.”

Shealy and his wife of 26 years, Mary Beth, have three children — Mary Paige, 23, Michael, 19, and Brooke, 14.

Mary Paige is a marketing assistant in Charlotte, Michael a sophomore at the University of South Carolina (studying sports management) and Brooke an eighth grade stu-



Life outside sports: Brian Shealy and wife, Mary Beth, have three children — Mary Paige, 23, Michael, 19, and Brooke, 14. They are members of First Baptist Church in Clinton and Shealy is a founder of Carpenters for Christ, a collection of members from local churches who repair homes in the summer.

dent-athlete at Bell Street Middle School.

“Sports definitely runs in the family,” said Shealy.

Outside of athletics, however, Shealy has worked rigorously to better the community through Carpenters for Christ, a collection of local churches who work together to repair worn homes in the summer.

“The need is definitely there in this community,” he said. “We help with charities and missions all over the world, but I really want to help out this community. I have a passion for doing local missions.

“Carpenters for Christ has really just evolved year after year. The more people hear about it, the more they want to get involved”

Next year will be Carpen-



Boys of summer: Shealy says his favorite sport “depends on the season.” Here he is as umpire during a Dixie Youth Baseball tournament.

ters’ ninth year restoring and repairing homes all over Laurens County, from Clinton to Joanna to Laurens.

In the days leading up to Christmas, Shealy’s office was stocked with toys, youth clothes, sports equipment, and other items for the Christmas for Kids program the Y sponsors in affiliation with the Clinton Department of Public Safety.

Shealy said the Y works hard to determine needs versus wants with families that apply for the gifts.

“We want to make sure that these presents are going to the families that really need it. Unfortunately, there are some families that try to hit up every gift program they can. We want to make sure every family has at least a little something for their children.”

The Y selects families based of referrals from the Department of Social Services and local churches and schools.


There was one activity outside of conventional sports that Shealy enjoys — hunting.

“I don’t get out as often as I would like,” he said. “But I enjoy deer and turkey hunting, especially when my son is able to go out with me. We like to go hunting around here.”

A member of First Baptist Church in Clinton, Shealy mentors and teachers junior high students as a Youth Committee leader.

“Working with young people is very important to me,” he said. “I see them as our future, so if I can help out one kid, I feel like I’ve accomplished something.”

Judging by those standards, Shealy has accomplished a lot.



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