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Sign almost ready!

Workers with Electric City Signs put the final pieces of a new electronic sign on the base of the sign that is being placed in front of the Williamston Municipal Center. The new sign, which is another Envision Williamston project, will include Historic Williamston and Envision Williamston artwork, the town seal, and a Daktronic 4'x7' color double sided LED sign mounted on the river rock monument base. The curved base and foundation was special designed for the sloped hill in front of town hall. The electronic sign will be used to advertise specials events, festivals, meeting and other activities going on within the town, according to Envision Williamston Executive Director Sonya Crandall. The sign is one of several beautification and economic development projects underway in the town by the Envision Williamston program this year. Funding for the sign is coming from the town's hospitality tax which is designated for recreation and tourism related projects.

West Pelzer assumes public works services for Pelzer

By Stan Welch
A proposed merger of the Pelzer and West Pelzer public works departments that was triggered by the departure of Pelzer public works director Brad West recently is a done deal, according to West Pelzer Mayor Blake Sanders.

Mayor Sanders announced to his Council Monday night that the transfer has been accomplished and that a third employee, Steven Eudi, of Pelzer, has been hired. Eudi will essentially perform his duties in Pelzer, unless additional manpower or resources are needed. By the same token, Eudi will be available in West Pelzer if needed. He will begin work on March 27th.

Merger is perhaps a bit inaccurate, since West Pelzer essentially absorbed the Pelzer department, including its vehicles, and its equipment and inventory of parts. Last month, Mayor Sanders informed his Council that West Pelzer would assume the operation and maintenance of Pelzer's water and sewer system under the expanded public works department. Monday night, he informed the Council that the transition had been accomplished.

Sanders and Town Clerk Paula Payton told the Council that a complete inventory had been completed, including two trucks that West Pelzer has taken

possession of. One aspect of the arrangement was the adoption of a policy Monday night governing the use of town vehicles by town employees.

In explaining the need for the new policy allowing such use of town vehicles (*See related story elsewhere in this issue*), Sanders described a possible scenario where Eudi might encounter a situation after normal business hours in Pelzer, and have to travel to the West Pelzer sewer plant to retrieve a truck, when he could avoid that delay by having a truck at his home.

The newly expanded department, headed by West Pelzer Public Works Director Michael Mahaffey, will operate and maintain the water and sewer systems for both towns. Sanders said Monday that the new department's duties extend beyond that, including maintenance of the monkey park and grass cutting of town properties.

Blake described the arrangement as an extension of the concept of 'two towns and one community' that both town governments have promoted in recent weeks.

In recent public statements, such as comments made at the kayak facility ribbon cutting in Pelzer Monday afternoon, both mayors have made mention of the growing cooperation between the towns. (*See related*

story elsewhere in this issue.)

Another aspect of the agreement designated local contractor J&M Construction to handle major issues, such as broken lines, on an hourly rate. The arrangement is designed to leave the regular public works employees free to perform their routine duties while the larger matters are addressed.

Elimination of duplicate equipment and services is expected to save each of the towns approximately forty thousand dollars a year.

Under the terms of the agreement, Pelzer pays fifty five per cent of the costs of all joint services involving the towns. They will pay fifty five per cent of all public works salaries and benefits incurred by the three employees, as well as operating expenses, such as fuel for the various vehicles.

During Monday's meeting, Sanders showed a map that indicates all of the electronically read water meters in West Pelzer, adding that Pelzer has no such meters at this time. "But we are working on that, aren't we Councilman?" he said to Pelzer town councilman Roger Scott who was in attendance at the meeting.

Both towns are in the process of working on an official inter-governmental agreement regarding the public works department.

Officials celebrate ADA Kayak Launch opening

By Stan Welch
On a raw, rainy day, a variety of county officials and dignitaries gathered on the banks of the Saluda River in Pelzer to officially open Anderson County's second kayak launch. The Timmerman Jr. Kayak Launch Facility is fully compliant with the American Disabilities Act, and will provide access to the river, in addition to an identical facility located at the Dolly Cooper Park. The Dolly Cooper facility was the first ADA kayak launch in the state.

County Administrator Rusty Burns, County Councilwoman Cindy Wilson and County Councilman Ken Waters were on hand, along with Pelzer Mayor Steve McGregor, Town Councilman Roger Scott, and West Pelzer Mayor Blake Sanders. A group of special needs kayakers known as the Rainbow Gang, as well as members of the Pelzer Heritage group also braved the weather to attend.

Emily DeRoberts represented Duke Energy, which donated ninety nine thousand dollars of the cost of the one hundred

thirty thousand dollar project from the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund. The launch facilities are a key element in the county's Saluda River Corridor Development plan, which encompasses a forty eight mile stretch between the Saluda Lake Dam and Ware Shoals. The stretch between the two kayak launches measures 6.5 miles.

Councilwoman Wilson said that the facility, and the adjacent fishing deck and one acre park will be a blessing to Pelzer and to river enthusiasts. "After some tough times, the people of Pelzer, in a wonderful exhibition of the human spirit, are coming back."

Mayor McGregor agreed, referring to the 'new Pelzer', which expanded from thirty four homes to six hundred homes as a result of annexation. He also acknowledged a growing spirit of cooperation between his town and West Pelzer. "As we continue to join hands for the benefit of all our citizens, we hope to see more successes such as this".

Mayor Blake Sanders pointed out that Pelzer, despite public perception, was not founded as a mill town. "It was founded as a river town. It's value as a source of food and a means of transportation was well known to the native Americans who inhabited this area. Pelzer was founded because of its prime location on the river. Later,

the waters of the Saluda were harnessed to provide energy and fuel the textile mills. West Pelzer was founded because the people of Pelzer disapproved of alcohol and gambling and dogs. But we are working together in new and better ways. The presence and development of greenways and blueways will play key roles in the growth of this area in the future."

Katie Hottle, representing Upstate Forever, lauded Anderson County for its commitment to provide and improve access to the Saluda. "The many benefits of our rivers continue to become known to the public and to attract outdoors enthusiasts to the Upstate. The commitment of Anderson County to those resources is very gratifying."

County PRT director Glenn Brill spoke about the economic benefits of the county's natural resources, pointing out that thousands of kayakers and other boaters live in the Upstate area.

Matt Schell, who has been a driving force in the county's movement into the blueways arena reminded everyone that the Annual Saluda River Rally will be held at Dolly Cooper Park in June, and is expected to continue its rapid growth, attracting both new and repeat participants.

For details, visit saludariverrally.com



Ribbon cutting

A ribbon cutting for a second ADA floating kayak launch facility on the Saluda River was held Monday. The kayak launch facility is located at 15 Capers Street, Pelzer. Pictured from left are: West Pelzer Mayor Blake Sanders; Emily DeRoberts, Duke Energy; Roger Scott; Ken Waters, Anderson County Council; Mayor Steve McGregor; Matthew Schell, Anderson County Parks Manager; Sandy Hanebrink, Touch the Future (seated); Katie Hottle, Upstate Forever; Gilbert Garrett, Pelzer Heritage Commission; Dianne Lollis, Pelzer Heritage Commission; Cindy Wilson, Anderson County Council; and Devin Buccino.

Pelzer Council hears reports on merged public works department, law enforcement

By David Meade
Pelzer Town Council received information from the Anderson County Sheriff's Office, heard suggestions for an intergovernmental agreement with West Pelzer for services and heard their first report on the operations of the public works department which recently merged with West Pelzer.

West Pelzer assumed the operation and maintenance of Pelzer's water and sewer system about a month ago under an agreement that combined the two departments.

West Pelzer essentially absorbed the Pelzer department, including a tractor, two vehicles, equipment and inventory of parts.

A third employee has been hired and will begin work at the end of the month.

As a result of the merger, there was a new face reporting to council.

In the Public Works report, West Pelzer Town Clerk Paula Payton told council that a new system is now being used for Pelzer residents to report emergencies or other problems to the public

works department.

Payton said work orders or problems can be submitted online through the Town of West Pelzer website or they can also be submitted by phone at 947-6297 option 3 which will go directly to the Public Works Department.

During regular business hours an employee will answer. If no answer or after hours, callers should leave a message and an email will be sent to alert the public works department employee.

Payton said she had spoken with Dunn and Associates about the status of the Pelzer sewer upgrade project.

She reported that J&M Construction, the subcontractor on the project, is in the process of finishing several small projects that were not a part of the original project. The funding is from remaining funds of the Rural Development grant/loan for the original Phase 2 sewer project and must be approved by RD before the work can be completed.

Payton also reported that meter reading in Pelzer will now be entered into a laptop system which

will be coordinated with Pelzer's billing system.

Though the two towns use different systems, the information from the West Pelzer laptops is compatible with the Pelzer system and can be downloaded. The process saves time by not having to manually enter the billing information into Pelzer's billing system, she said.

Billing for water and sewer will still be handled by the Town of Pelzer.

Payton also reported that a standard procurement form will be used for all purchases made by the department and a copy will be sent to the Town of Pelzer.

Pelzer Clerk Heather Holcombe will check the form and agree with Payton that a purchase is necessary and that funding is in the budget.

All expenses for the department are being divided on a 55/45 basis with Pelzer paying the larger share due to the larger number of customers on their system.

In closing Payton said, "For West Pelzer this has been a great venture and is going good."

Lt. David Baker of the Anderson County Sheriff's Office presented some information on code enforcement and other law enforcement options.

Baker said that his research showed that if the town didn't have any codes, the Anderson County codes and enforcement would not apply within the corporate town limits.

"It is up to the municipality to enact codes," he said.

He also said that there has to be a municipal body or judge to hear a case. "A county magistrate can't hear a municipal case," Baker said. "A municipality can contract with a neighboring municipality to hear a case."

He said there are options for dual duty for clerk of court, which is also required.

Anderson County Sheriff Chad McBride told council that his department is committed to trying to help Pelzer and that with recent changes under his administration, hopefully residents are seeing more deputies patrolling in the area.

One option he presented, which

is being done in Starr, is that an off duty uniformed patrol officer can be hired to patrol and run radar. Under that option the patrols would be on different days and at different times and concentrating on certain areas.

McBride said an officer could be hired at \$35 per hour with a three hour minimum which includes the vehicle.

McBride also explained a new patrol pattern in which the county has been divided into nine smaller areas for his deputies to patrol.

"The much smaller areas have reduced response time," he said.

The Pelzer area extends to White Plains, McBride said, and that the department is trying to raise the starting pay for an officer from \$31,000 to \$32,000 and bring it more in line with neighboring counties.

Though the two towns have already combined their public works department, an intergovernmental contractual agreement is being drawn up regarding water, sewer and grass cutting.

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Opinion

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By Stan Welch

There is an eight hundred pound political gorilla in Anderson County these days. It has been sitting and growing, year after year, for fifteen years. Sheriff after sheriff has danced around, often with the consent of the county councils that have come and gone during that time.

That eight hundred pound gorilla is the Anderson County jail, or detention center, if you prefer, and it has grown from a small matter to an issue of considerable urgency. To his credit, new Sheriff Chad McBride wasted no time in bringing the issue to the forefront, informing the County Council that the overcrowding and other conditions at the sixty year old facility have become intolerable.

In 2002, the state department of corrections informed Anderson County that the jail was well beyond its legal capacity. The county essentially yawned and went about its business. In 2006, the jail contained almost twice as many inmates as its legal capacity, with five hundred and thirty seven men and women crammed into a facility that was originally designed to hold eighty to a hundred people. Since that time, approximately 150 beds have been added.

In 2007, the overcrowding resulted in one of the most predictable ways. A corrections officer was assaulted and beaten unconscious. There have been other incidents, though none so serious.

Much of this information, and more, is available in an article elsewhere in this issue. There are any number of reasons to replace this facility and abolish this overcrowding, which is in and of itself approaching the status of being criminal. There is no point in repeating all the statistics and all the reasons for taking action.

Instead, let's look at the prevailing perceptions and attitudes about jails and the people who find themselves on the wrong side of the barred doors. Perhaps the most common and frequently expressed attitude is indifference; a knee jerk reaction that if someone is in jail, they deserve to be treated poorly. This attitude is born of the naive and simple minded view that everyone arrested is guilty of the charge against them.

The fact that between eighty and eighty five per cent of the approximately four hundred and fifty people currently occupying the jail are still waiting for a hearing or a trial to resolve their cases should give pause to that kind of thinking. Eighty per cent of four hundred and fifty is three hundred and sixty. That's three hundred and sixty people crammed into cells, sometimes at rates of five to six times the approved capacity, who have been convicted of nothing.

Some of these people are serious criminals, charged with crimes such as assault, domestic violence, murder, and drug dealing. But many of them are guilty of much less serious crimes. Simple possession of marijuana, driving under suspension, writing bad checks, a couple guys in a bar throwing a few punches these types of arrests also help fill those cells till they are wont to burst.

We tend towards indifference to the point of callousness when we think of these people. We assume that we will never be in that position, nor will our darling little children who never, ever do anything wrong. But try and put aside that callous assumption for just a few minutes. Imagine being in a sound sleep at two in the morning when your bedside phone rings, and your teenage son or daughter is on the other end of the line. They have been given one phone call, one chance to contact someone who can change the terrible situation they have found themselves in.

As a parent, or a brother or sister, you immediately start thinking about what to do, who to call. But the fact is that for the next several hours at least, your child, your loved one, is in the care and custody of the county jail and its staff. It is up to them to keep them safe, to make sure that no one harms them. It is a responsibility that the jail staff takes seriously, but it is many times more difficult than it needs to be because of the overcrowding and conditions.

Your child may sleep sitting up in the cold corner on a concrete floor, partly to protect themselves from the fifteen or twenty strangers in the cell with him, and partly because there is no choice. They may have to go for hours without using a toilet because the single one in the cell is so dirty and unsanitary that it can't be used. The specter of a fire in such a place is beyond horrible.

Any place where you throw people of so many diverse and different backgrounds together is a place where tension lives. Add the conditions at the Anderson County jail and, no matter how good the staff is, or how hard they work, there is a very real danger to anyone being held there. Innocence or guilt plays no part in that. The risk is universal.

Make no mistake. There will be a new jail in the near future. The county can build, and maintain some control over the process and the result, or the federal government can step in and take over. But it will be built.

There are many questions to be answered how to finance it, what kind of jail to build, where to put it but there is one question that has already been emphatically answered.

It is past time to build this jail.

Senator Mike Gambrell Legislative Update

March 10

This week the Senate gave third reading to S.78, a bill dealing with officers and employees of the State of South Carolina, or any political subdivisions or departments of the State of South Carolina, who are commissioned or enlisted for service in the South Carolina State Guard. The bill requires that these individuals must be entitled to military leave without loss of pay, seniority or efficiency rating, when attending State Guard encampment or schools for training, and on all other occasions when ordered to active duty. This bill has now been sent to the House of Representatives.

Another bill receiving final reading relates to night hunting. S.443 restructures the existing provisions to provide that night hunting any animal except deer, bear, turkey or any animal listed in Code Sections 50-11-710 and 715, is unlawful, and to provide appropriate penalties. Other changes to these prohibitions concerning artificial lights and night hunting are also proposed. This bill will be debated in the S. C. House soon.

The General Assembly was honored by the presence of two special groups this week. The National Commander of the American Legion, the Honorable Charles E. Schmidt, addressed the Joint Assembly on Wednesday. There are almost 200 Legion posts throughout our State. Commander Schmidt praised South Carolina for being one of the few states that offers tax deductions for military pensions and in-state tuition rates for veterans.

The General Assembly was also visited by the South Carolina Firefighters Association on Wednesday. I am a proud member of this Association, and was honored to wear the uniform of my unit, the Friendship Fire Department, into the Senate Chamber. The General Assembly expressed great appreciation to all of the firefighters representing their various departments from across the State.

On March 4, I attended a most enjoyable wild game supper at Mt. Bethel Church in Belton Honea Path, where Lt. Governor Bryant spoke. On Sunday, it was my honor to present a Concurrent Resolution to recognize Sarah Blackwell of Anderson upon the occasion of her recent retirement after 55 years as an organist and choir director for Latimer Memorial United Methodist Church in Belton. Visiting us at the State House were the Palmetto High School Cross Country and Cheerleader Teams from Williamston, as well as the Anderson County School Superintendents.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I can be reached at my district address, 400 Filter Plant Road, Honea Path, S.C. 29654, 864-844-3614, or at my legislative office in Columbia, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, S. C. 29202, 803-212-6040, or through my email address: MikeGambrell@scsenate.gov.

South Carolina Online Business Filings System Launches

New online service allows organizations to file over 150 official business filings online through the SC Secretary of State's Office.

COLUMBIA – Secretary of State Mark Hammond has announced that organizations in South Carolina can now file more than 150 official business forms through a new online service built in partnership with SC.gov. The new online service, available at <https://businessfilings.sc.gov>, will increase efficiency and help improve support for customers by providing a digital method for companies to incorporate, amend, merge, or dissolve a business. It will also allow users to request and receive copies of their documents online.

"We are excited to offer this new online business filing, search and retrieval service," said Secretary of State Mark Hammond. "The Secretary of State's Office is always open now to receive business filings and document requests. This new application is part of South Carolina being prepared for a global economy where business is transacted around the clock. This business-friendly solution will expedite the process of filing to create a new business or make changes to an existing business. This will continue our successful online search and document retrieval system. These new services make it easier for business filers to conduct business in this state."

More than 75,000 business filings and document requests will be handled by the new online portal annually. The new service will benefit the citizens and businesses across South Carolina, especially with the speed of online filings replacing the additional time required in the past for mailing documents.

Other features this application provides are:

- Fast online filing submissions;
- Automated filing status notification emails;
- Secure online payment by credit or debit card; and
- Easy document retrieval through digital downloads.

This web-based application was built and is maintained at no cost to taxpayers through a partnership between the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office and South Carolina Interactive, doing business as SC.gov.

To use or view the application, visit the Secretary of State's website at <http://www.scsos.com>, or visit businessfilings.sc.gov.

Congressman Jeff Duncan Third District

REP. JEFF DUNCAN VOTES TO RESCIND TWO OBAMA ERA RULES

Washington, DC - The House of Representatives voted to undo two Obama Administration regulations that were in violation of the Constitution's Tenth Amendment limits on states' rights. The first regulation barred hunting and fishing from federal wilderness lands in Alaska, while the second stopped states from cutting Title X grant funding to abortion providers, most notably the disgraced Planned Parenthood organization.

"We are still dealing with the full impacts of the executive overreach by the Obama presidency," Duncan said. "I am glad to be able to turn back these terrible regulations and again allow states to make their own decisions about how resources are managed, both natural and financial."

The first vote returned wildlife management back to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

"As Co-Chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, I was particularly proud to vote to overturn the ill-advised Obama Administration rule banning hunting and fishing in Alaska. Like all of our states, Alaska should be responsible for its own wildlife management practices, not unelected bureaucrats in a distant capital. This regulation represents a disturbing shift in the cooperative wildlife management relationship that states have enjoyed for years with the federal government."

"I am proud to work with my friend Don Young of Alaska to restore Alaska's rightful authority in this matter. Sportsmen around the country will be pleased by this action in the House today. The sustainable management of these natural resources needs to be a state-led function, and this rule would have set a bad precedent that could have negative implications for the lower 48 states as well."

The second vote will allow states to once again only direct Title X family planning funds to community health centers that do not engage in abortions or the trafficking of the body parts of unborn children.

"Controversial organizations like Planned Parenthood have no business receiving federal taxpayer dollars. Many states agree – it is simply not the job of the federal government to impose regulations like this one to tell those states they're wrong. Today's action, when passed in the Senate and signed by President Trump, will eliminate that federal wrong and protect state taxpayers from having their money sent against their will to Planned Parenthood."

"I look forward to the upcoming Budget Reconciliation bill in the House, which will, in addition to repealing Obamacare, make Planned Parenthood and similar abortion businesses ineligible for federal funding, transferring those funds instead to community health centers that actually focus on health. It is time for government at all levels to end funding for this heinous practice."

"I call on the Senate to follow our lead and pass these resolutions so that President Trump can sign them into law as soon as possible."



Langston's Laughs



By Charles Langston

An Illinois man left the snow covered streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. After looking for where he had written her email address and being unable to find it, he did his best to type it from memory.

Unfortunately, he missed one letter and his note was directed instead to an elderly

preacher's wife, whose husband had passed away only a day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took a look at the monitor, let out an ear piercing scream and passed out. At that sound her family rushed into the room and saw the note on the screen: Dearest Wife, I just got checked in and everything is prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

Your Loving Husband.

PS: It sure is hot down here!

Letter policy defined

The Journal welcomes input from its readers in the form of letters to the editor concerning issues of local interest or candidates for county, regional, and national elective office.

The policy requires that letters submitted for publication be original with the writer, not more than 650 words in length, and be signed. An address and phone number should be included for verification purposes.

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The Journal reserves the right to halt debate on a particular issue if, in our estimation, the subject has been thoroughly discussed. The Journal will not print letters concerning individual candidates or issues to be voted on the week before an election.

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West Pelzer Clerks attend training

West Pelzer Town Court Clerk/Billing Clerk Shane Black and Town Clerk Paula Payton recently attended South Carolina Utility Billing Association (SCUBA) training.

Local officials attend billing training sessions

West Pelzer Town Court Clerk/Billing Clerk Shane Black and Town Clerk Paula Payton recently attended South Carolina Utility Billing Association (SCUBA) training. Session topics included: Dealing with Difficult People; Professionalism in the Workplace; Delinquent Debts; Setoff Debt Collection Program Can Help; Safety in the Workplace; Cybersecurity; Generational Diversity in the Workplace and Customer Service Training.

In addition to gaining valuable information to help better perform their job duties there was also opportunity for networking during breakfast/luncheons and an exhibitor reception. The exhibitor reception included an opportunity to see new technology and services that are available to utility billing organizations and they were able to discuss issues that are dealt with daily, as well as meet billing clerks from across the state and hear about their policies and procedures.

Williamston Police Report

Williamston Police officers reported a light week of activity. Among incidents investigated were the following:

Mar. 7 - Officers were dispatched to 7 Academy St. in reference to a domestic call. According to reports, Brandy Lee Shew, 42, told officers her boyfriend had moved out of the house and taken her 22 cal. rifle and case valued at \$318. The incident remains under investigation. S. T. Parks investigated.

Mar. 10 - Officers investigated a domestic incident in which Keri Nicole Chastain, 24, 1 East 4th Street, Williamston reported her boyfriend had assaulted her causing bruises and scratches in several places. The boyfriend was not on the scene when officers arrived. F. Eugene investigated.

Mar. 12 - Troy Randall Woodson, 62, 317 Belton Dr., Williamston was arrested for driving under the influence after officers observed a red truck cross over the center line on Main Street. After several tests he was transported to WPD where he was issued a traffic ticket and then transported to ACDC without incident. Z. T. Parks investigated.

PBA to meet Mar. 21

The Palmetto Business Association will meet Tuesday, March 21 at 12 noon at Fiesta Mexican Restaurant in Williamston.

The meeting is expected to be about one hour.

Agenda items include Clay Shoot (April 21), Easter Egg Hunt (April 7), and Party in the Park. The guest speaker for the April After-Hours Event will also be announced.

For more information contact Blake Sanders President, Palmetto Business Association, PO Box 503 Williamston, 29697 or email president@palmettobusiness.org

Fork Shoals Historical Society to hold event

The Fork Shoals Historical Society will hold a fundraising event at City Scape Winery on Saturday, Mar. 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The event will include wine tasting, low country boil, music and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 per person day of event. The event will be held rain or shine and attendees must be 21 or older to attend.

City Scape Winery is located at 589 Dunklin Bridge Rd., Pelzer.

For information call 864.561.2504 or 640.2596 or email forkshoals@ gmail.com.

Precinct organizing meeting

The Anderson County Republican Party will hold its biennial precinct reorganization on Monday, March 20.

Republican voters living in the Williamston, Williamston Mill, Pelzer, West Pelzer, and Cedar Grove precincts will meet that night at the Calvary Baptist Church social hall in Williamston at 6:30 p.m.

All registered voters who identify as Republicans are welcome to attend.

Those in attendance will elect delegates to the County Convention which will be held on April 17.

April 22

PBA to hold Sporting Clay Tournament

The Palmetto Business Association will hold their 3rd annual sporting clay tournament on Friday, April 22 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Belton Gun Club.

Entry fee is \$80 per person or \$320 for a four person team. Entry fee includes clay targets, breakfast and lunch. Drinks and snacks will also be provided.

Participants should bring an unloaded 12 ga. or 20 ga. shotgun. Membership sponsorships are available. Registration and breakfast begins at 8 a.m. with stations open at 9 a.m.

The Belton Gun Club is located at 153 Range Rd. in Belton. For more information email president@palmettobusiness.org

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Study to look at problems, remedies

Overcrowding, other problems plague aging county jail

By Stan Welch

Efforts by Anderson County Sheriff Chad McBride and Anderson County Council to address fifteen years of serious overcrowding at the Anderson County Detention Center (ACDC) continue, as the Sheriff has contacted the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and requested a study to determine the nature and extent of the problems, and the most effective remedies.

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC), a division of the DOJ, has responded to the request and has notified Capt. Garry Bryant that the request has been approved. NIC will identify the various vendors who conduct such studies and the study will probably be initiated in May.

The study will encompass much more than just the detention center. The performance and the role of various departments of the law enforcement infrastructure will be reviewed as well. Those departments will include the solicitor's office, the public defender's office, the courts, and the sheriff's office. The pace at which inmates are brought to court for a disposal of their case plays a major role in the size of the inmate population. Capt. Bryant estimates that 80% of the current inmates are still awaiting their day in court.

The presumption of their innocence under those conditions impacts the way in which they can be managed, and classified. While they can be required to keep their own area clean, for example, they cannot be assigned to other duties, such as litter pickup.

The Anderson County Sheriff was first notified by the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) that the jail's capacity had been exceeded in 2002. In 2006, that overcrowding peaked, with almost twice the number of inmates in custody than the legal capacity indicated. There were 537 inmates, almost double the 257 allowed under state regulations. Currently, there are 457 inmates in the detention center. It is the most overcrowded county jail in South Carolina, by far.

In 2007, with the numbers down only slightly, two inmates lured a corrections

Pelzer . . .

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Town Attorney Jimmy King offered suggestions on the contractual agreement.

King asked about the payment of insurance and workers compensation.

Pelzer Clerk Payton said that the cost is being allocated in the book work and that all costs including repairs are being allocated on the 45/55 split.

King also suggested ownership of capital equipment should be addressed in the agreement.

King said it appeared "Everything is working quiet well" between the two towns and that they take another month to look over the agreement between them.

He also noted that while the current mayors and councils for both towns are working together, that could change with an election.

King suggested a committee be formed with the mayors and another representative from each town to meet quarterly to review bookwork and to talk about the issues affecting both towns.

King said he thought they could have a "really good agreement at the next meeting."

King also advised council that at some point they will need to look at road maintenance and setting a tax base.

In other business, Council unanimously approved a take home policy for town vehicles, related to changes in the public works department.

During public comments, resident Bill Davis suggested a number of projects, events and other ideas that he said may create community involvement and that the town could capitalize on. Following his suggestions, Mayor Steve McGregor unofficially appointed him to head a committee to look into possibilities.

Public comments also included questions on replacing the goal nets at the basketball courts and whether a take home policy for town vehicles for employees creates a taxable benefit.

officer into a cell by flooding it, and beat him unconscious. He had a large gash on his head that required staples, and various other wounds. He later left the ACSO due to PTSD like symptoms. Bryant says that the training and precautions that his staff takes, along with a dose of luck, make such vicious assaults rare, but he recognizes that overcrowding degrades both the safety of his officers and of the inmates.

"My officers are with these inmates twenty four/seven. As for the inmates, they are face to face with each other all the time. There isn't room to take a step back from trouble if it comes up, even if they are so inclined. Tinderbox is the best description of our situation here that I have heard. The tension and the promise of violence is very real, and very persistent."

NIC states that once a jail reaches eighty percent of its legal capacity, the ability to properly classify and segregate the various inmates according to the nature and severity of their charges is lost.

Capt. Bryant says that is an understatement, in a circumstance that has eighteen medium security inmates currently incarcerated in a cell designed for two inmates, for a 900% overflow. Similar, though somewhat lower, percentages exist in every classification.

In 2012 the SCDC informed the Sheriff that the clock was ticking on the unacceptable circumstance at the jail.

Bryant and his staff, which he describes as very professional and extremely motivated, have gone to extraordinary ends to cope with the situation. Inadequate adjustments such as the transformation of a phone room, the drunk tank,

and the medical treatment room into bunks is one example. "Those areas don't have a day room, or a shower in them. They meet almost none of the requirements for inmate incarceration."

Single and double bunk beds have been replaced with triples. Some inmates sleep on mats on the floor in rooms that should be used for other things. Lawyers, investigators, and others have a single tiny room with a table and three chairs to meet with their clients.

Sanitation and maintenance are also degraded by overcrowding.

Bryant has figures that reflect the expenditure of almost twenty thousand dollars on maintenance per month, just to keep the basic systems in the jail operating. With just over sixty percent of the current budget year expired, ninety six percent of the maintenance budget has been eaten up. Without inmate labor, that figure would be much higher.

"We have a crew of inmates who literally fix something every single day electrical, plumbing, HVAC something breaks every day."

The sentenced inmates, those who have been convicted, can be placed on work crews. They get a set amount of time reduced from their sentence for each day they work. Sometimes it's a day to day exchange; other times the inmate receives less. In 2016, sentenced inmates provided 134,796 man hours of labor to the county and the state.

At the minimum pay rate, with no benefits, that amounts to over \$977,000.

They washed more than 3200 police cars and more than 4200 loads of laundry. 392,000 meals, at an average

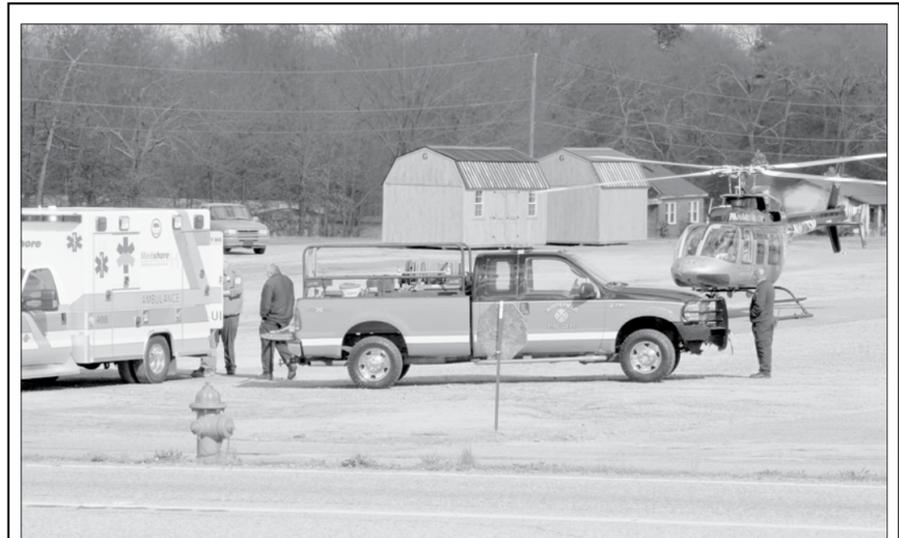
cost of a dollar thirty nine cents per meal, were prepared in a kitchen that Bryant says is less than half the size it needs to be.

The original jail is more than sixty years old, and has none of the features now incorporated into modern jail construction. There have been approximately a hundred and fifty beds added since that time, while the county has grown by more than a hundred thousand people. "It doesn't take much to see that math doesn't work, said Bryant.

Bryant has purchased out-buildings to store supplies and equipment in, in an effort to free more space inside. Correction officers (COs) have to walk across wooden pallets to reach those buildings after a good rain. Suicidal inmates are kept in small metal tanks or containers.

Bryant has one other reason to bemoan the lack of space. "While our main goal is to keep these people and they are people, with parents and families and children safe and sound, we would also like to return them to their communities as better people than when they came in here. There are drug programs, NA and AA and other counseling that we just don't have room to host. You can't teach a GED class in a cell with thirty people in it. You just can't. So we lose some opportunities to affect lives and give some of these folks a chance to change their ways and get a leg up."

Bryant stresses that he isn't looking for a plush, country club jail. "I just want more steel and concrete so that we can run a safe and effective jail here. We aren't looking to spoil anyone. When they leave here, we hope we never see them again."



Fatal fall at Jockey Lot

One person was fatally injured after he apparently fell through a roof at the Anderson Jockey Lot Tuesday afternoon. The man was flown to AnMed health by Life Flight medical helicopter where he died. The man fell a reported sixteen feet. Whitefield firefighters set up a landing zone for the helicopter. (Photo by David Rogers)

West Pelzer policy to allow vehicles be driven home

By Stan Welch

The West Pelzer Town Council met Monday night, addressing several issues. During a discussion of the proposed policy allowing town employees, including police, to take official vehicles home, Mayor Blake Sanders announced that the town has formally assumed control and operation of Pelzer's public works department. He added that a third employee, Steven Eudi, of Pelzer has been hired and will begin work later this month.

The policy requires that the employee's department head justifies the use of the town vehicle in writing, and that the mayor gives final approval. The vehicles will be used for town business only, and the employee is solely responsible for the security of the vehicle and its contents. The employee will also execute a receipt acknowledging receipt of an assigned vehicle. Use of the vehicle is limited to the town limits, unless town business dictates otherwise.

Mayor Sanders also presented a resolution of intent to close the Donald Street to Stephanie Drive. The purpose of the resolution is to express the town's willingness to close the outlet, creating a cul de sac on Donald Street. The resolution is intended to reassure Farson Homes

LLC of a quieter controlled environment for the location of eleven stick built homes that are proposed for the area.

During a discussion of the resolution, Sanders assured Councilmen Jimmie Jeanes and Johnny Rogers that only when more than half the homes have been built will the closure process for the road begin. Closure is a separate, formal process, and would require a public hearing. Sanders explained that the company, Farson homes, was seeking assurances that the Town was willing to close the road, before investing in the construction of the first two homes.

The homes are expected to be in the two hundred thousand dollar range, and would be the first significant residential construction in the town limits in well over a decade. The town's recent water and sewer improvement projects resulted in the lifting of a DHEC consent order that had effectively restricted any residential growth of the town and the associated tax base.

Sanders explained that the town would first have to assume ownership of the road from the SCDDOT, but added that they had indicated a willingness to relinquish the road to the town.

The Council heard from town clerk Paula Payton about the recent annual meeting of the South Carolina Utility Billing Association as well as upcoming classes and training events.

The Council also heard from Sanders about the town's efforts to have DOT reroute the heavy truck traffic through the town. According to Sanders, SCDOT is now conducting a traffic survey to determine the extent of the problem. He was not hopeful that any significant rerouting would be imposed, but he mentioned several actions that the town could take, including lowering speed limits on Main Street, additional signage indicating pedestrian crossings, and implementing on street parking all along Main Street.

He also added that the town could change its GPS settings to show an alternative route around the town, but he added that such a measure would not affect just heavy trucks, but any traveler using the GPS apps. "We could effectively cut off our noses to spite our face. I don't see that as a viable option."

He also added that DOT has indicated their willingness to allow any and all such measures, but the town would have to bear any and all costs of such measures.

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Republicans reorganization March 20th at Calvary

The Anderson County Republican Party will hold its biennial precinct reorganization on Monday, March 20, 2017.

Republican voters living in the Williamston, Williamston Mill, Pelzer, West Pelzer, and Cedar Grove precincts will meet that night at the Calvary Baptist

Church social hall in Williamston at 6:30 p.m.

All registered voters who identify as Republicans are welcome to attend. Those in attendance will elect delegates to the County Convention which will be held on April 17, 2017.

Big Creek News

Seniors meet March 18

By Gail Scott

As we woke up Sunday morning it was snowing. The weather seemed strange since it had been 70 degrees the week before. It was another sign that God is in control. We can never change what the weather will be.

Julia and Ralph Blihar spent the weekend in Maggie Valley, NC. Ralph wanted to see some snow. They should have been in Williamston and Ralph could have seen it snow by looking out his den window.

The devil tried to keep Big Creek folks away from church. It was cold and snowing and the heat in the auditorium was not working right. The snow did not stick and the heat came on. The devil did not win. The flowers were placed in the church by Joyce Dean in memory of Eddie Dean and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ellison.

In Pastor's Pals the children learned that they could be a missionary. They were given bags of candy to pass out to people in the church and tell them Jesus loved them. They learned everyone around the world needs God.

Sunday morning Pastor Ron continued the series on the gospel in stained glass. John 4:28-30 and 39-42 was the scripture. It was the story of the woman at the well. His theme was: Come and See. Sunday evening he continued the series in Genesis. The scripture was Genesis 3:1-24. Satan invaded the Garden of Eden. If Satan invaded the garden he can invade the homes today. Be on guard against Satan. He invades marriages, homes, and families. Just as Adam and Eve tried to hide from God we can

never hide from God.

The choir special was What A Day That Will Be. It is based on John 3:2. When we see Jesus there will be no more heartache, no tears, no sorrow, no burdens, no sickness, and no pain. That will be a glorious day.

Robert Couch family had special guests on Friday. Their grandsons, Douglas and Daniel Smith, students at Clemson, and their friend, Jacob Funk from Tifton, Georgia were guests for supper. Jacob, who was on his way home to Tifton for his spring break from his college in Tennessee, was spending Saturday and Sunday in Clemson with Daniel Smith. The Smith brothers were planning to give Jacob a tour of the Clemson campus.

Pray for the shut-ins in our church who would love to be at church, but cannot. Tom Chandler was the shut-in of the week. Pray for Dan Caldwell, Sara Cooley, Randy Newton, Robin Seward, Phillip, Steve, and Betty Clardy, Betty Knight, Charles Black, Mary Glover, Barbara Gregory, Anne Taylor Earnest, Trish Watson, Gerald Gambrell, Jimmy Ellison, the missionaries, the military, our country, and the lost.

Since it was cold I found a recipe for Soup Beans. 1 pound navy beans, 6 cups water, 1 onion cut in half, 1 ham hock, peppercorns, seasonings. Put beans in a large pot of water and soak over night. Bring to a boil and cover. Remove from heat and let set an hour. Return to heat and add peppercorns, onions, and ham hock. Sprinkle onions with cloves for a fun taste. Bring to a boil and reduce heat. Simmer for 2 to 2 1/2 hours. Remove

New Beginnings FGC

The Grissops in concert March 19

The Grissops will be in concert at New Beginnings Full Gospel Church on Sunday, March 19 at 11 a.m.

The church is located at 350 Rehoboth School Road in Piedmont.

ham hock and separate meat and then add back. Remove peppercorns and add salt and pepper. Serve with cornbread.

Our Shih Tzu Abbey was sad on Saturday morning because she thought it was Sunday. She had her days mixed up because I was off on Friday. She was one happy little dog when we got her leash and told her it was time to go to ride. She loves to go to her favorite pet store. Saturday she watched the birds and hamsters in their enclosure. Sunday morning Abbey sat and watched the snow fall.

Some plans for March are WMU meeting with an auction to benefit the Annie Armstrong offering, the senior meeting and meal on March 18, and the Soul Search graduation on March 19. Mission project for March is to collect blankets, hats, and caps for the SIRI cancer center in Anderson.

Visit Big Creek, the little church with the big heart.



Youth art on display

The Anderson County Arts Center is currently sponsoring the Youth Art Month exhibit at the Arts Center in downtown Anderson. Congratulations to an 8th grade student, Emmaline Few, from Powdersville Middle School for winning Honorable Mention with her oil pastel portrait. Emmaline's work was chosen by AnMed to be framed and displayed at the AnMed Women and Children's Hospital for the following year. The talents of students in all five school districts can be viewed at the Arts Center through March 26.

Order now

Anderson County 4-H Vidalia onions fundraiser

Anderson County 4-H is holding a spring fundraiser to support local 4-H clubs and programs. They are taking orders for five-pound bags of Georgia-grown Vidalia onions at \$5 a bag. Orders will be taken through Friday, April 29th.

To order, stop by the Clemson Extension Office in Anderson County or send a payment, the number of bags you want and a contact

phone number or e-mail address to Clemson Extension Service, 313 South Towers Street, Suite 106, Anderson, SC 29624. Checks should be made payable to Clemson University.

Onions will be ready to be picked up at the Extension Office in early May. For additional questions, please Contact Anderson County 4-H Agent, Jessica Simpson, jdavis4@clemson.edu ; 864-226-1581

Cornerstone PCH

Epps Family in concert March 19

The Epps Family Singers will be in concert at Cornerstone Pentecostal Community Church, 539 Dorchester Road, Belton, on Sunday, March 19 at both the morning worship service at 11 a.m. and evening service at 6 p.m.

A fundraiser soup supper will be after the evening service.

Everyone is invited by Pastors Michael and Pat Hanley.



The Pathfinders in concert

The Pathfinders will be in concert at Beaverdam Baptist Church, 1904 Beaverdam Road, Williamston on Sunday, March 19 at 6 p.m. This is a free concert and a love offering will be taken. For more info call Leland Hollingsworth, Jr., at 864-947-8455 or 864-617-4867. There will be food and fellowship after the concert.

April 1st

Community Family Fun Day at Hillcrest Baptist

Hillcrest Baptist would like to invite you to our 1st annual Mission Community Family Fun Day. This fundraising event will be on Saturday April 1st from 10AM to 6PM at the church, located at 1300 Anderson Drive, Williamston. All proceeds from this event will help support future mission trips of the church.

There will be inflatables, popcorn, and cotton candy for the kids. There will also be a variety of foods for purchase. The church will have a Silent Auction located in the fellowship hall with many items to bid on. Located in the front yard of

the church will be a jail-n-bail, so please help Preacher Larry get out of jail so he can preach the next day! A Corn Hole tournament is planned with a \$5 entry fee.

There will be a chili cook off that requires a \$20 pre-registration fee, which can be paid in advance at the church offices between 8am and 1pm Monday thru Thursday. So, mark your calendar for this special fun day and come out to support Hillcrest Baptist Church missions!

For more information, please call the church office at 864-847-7521.

New Hopewell News

"Manifesting God's Love" is Sunday School topic

By Willie J. Wright
"Manifesting God's Love" will be the main topic for discussion on March 19th during Sunday School. The scripture lesson can be found by reading John 15:1-17 in the Bible.



We can manifest God's love by showing to others God's fruits. God's love is manifested by providing for the physical, mental, moral and spiritual needs of His people. The supreme manifestation of the love of God was expressed in the gift of His only-begotten Son to die for the sins of the world. We love because God first loved us. Our Lord commanded His children to love their enemies, those who spoke evil of them, and spitefully used them. They were not to render evil for evil, but contrariwise,

Our love should be without hypocrisy, that is, without pretending to have feeling or goodness that one does not have, not being sincere. We can manifest God's love by showing love to others.

Remember to pray for all the sick and shut-in and visit them whenever possible. Our prayers and sympathies are extended to all bereaved families who have lost their loved ones.

"Happy Birthday" to all birthday celebrants during the month of March. Wish you many more by trusting and abiding in the Lord.

Prayer requested for the following: Birdie Chapman, Grace Dean, Henry Cherry, Annie Mae Telford, Glenda Chapman Oliver, Martha Arnold, Sylvester Sanders, Shirley Blanding, Evelyn Rucker, Mae Carrie Mattison.

Thought for the week: "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." - John 15:12

Turf grass class March 21 in Anderson

Turf Grass Varieties Class will be on Tuesday, March 21, at 9:00 AM -12:00 PM. Cost is \$10 per person.

The program will be held at the Anderson Extension Office

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GOSPEL MEETING

The Williamston Church of Christ invites everyone to attend the Spring Gospel Meeting

MARCH 19-21, 2017

† At this time we wish to introduce and welcome Don Votaw and Keaton Pearce as they began serving the Williamston congregation December 1, 2016.

† Sunday Bible Study begins at 9:30A.M.

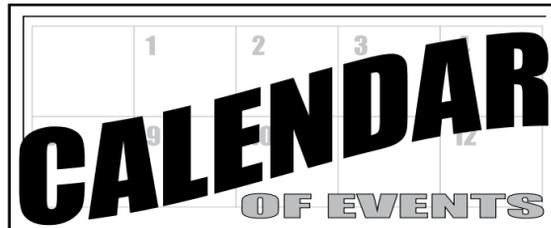
† Sunday A.M. worship at 10:30A.M. Sermon Title: "God's Plan For Spiritual Health." (A fellowship Meal is planned following the A.M. worship.)

† Sunday 6:00P.M. Sermon Title: "Growing A Holy Church."

† Monday 7:00P.M. Sermon Title: "You Can Understand The Bible." (Luke 4:1-4)

† Tuesday 7:00P.M. Sermon Title: "We Need The Church." (Acts 20:32)

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COMING EVENTS

March 1 - June - Oxygise classes, Piedmont Wesleyan Church, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Family Life Center, 504 Anderson Street, Piedmont. For more info call 777-0792.

March 18 - Boy Scout Troop 356 fundraiser yard sale, 7 a.m., Grace United Methodist Church. Hot dog and camp cards will also be sold.

March 19 - The Grissop's in concert, 11 a.m., New Beginnings Full Gospel Church, 350 Rehoboth School Road, Piedmont.

March 19 - The Epps Family Singers in concert, 11 a.m. service and 6 p.m. service, Cornerstone Pentecostal Community Church, 539 Dorchester Road, Belton. Fund-raiser soup supper follows the evening service. Everyone is invited.

March 19 - 21 - Spring Gospel meeting, Williamston Church of Christ. Sunday Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; fellowship meal following; Sunday evening service, 6 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday evening services, 7 p.m. The church is located at 408 Mauldin Street, Williamston. For more info call 864-328-4975.

March 25 - Piedmont Mothers Club Annual Spring Tea, 2 p.m., in the Piedmont Community Building. For more info call Donna Hopkins at 859-0189 or 915-5872.

MEETINGS

Williamston Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Caroline Center. Bring a covered dish to share. Everyone age 50 and above are welcome.

Pelzer Seniors meet the last Saturday of each month at the Pelzer Community Building behind Bi-Lo, 5 pm. Everyone is welcome, all seniors in and around Pelzer, single or married, bring a covered dish and one dollar.

Cub Scout Pack 356 - meets every Monday from 6-7 p.m. at the Grace United Methodist Church Activity Center. Cub Scouts is open to all boys in grades first through fifth. For more info email cubscoutspack356@gmail.com.

The Palmetto Business Association (former GWBA) meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at different member locations.

The American Legion meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. The Auxiliary meets every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m. The Sons of American Legion (SAL) meets every 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:15 p.m. Welcome anyone interested in joining the Legion or Auxiliary. For those who are interested in attending a meeting call 864-847-4242.

Caroline Center Senior Activities: Zumba classes, at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and again at 6:30 p.m. Regular exercise on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. Over Easy Exercise on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.

Williamston AA Group open meeting every Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the back at Grace United Methodist Church across from McDonald's. There are no more meetings in Belton and there are no other meetings in Williamston. For more info call 864-958-5181.

Williamston Area Historic Commission regular monthly meeting date third Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Williamston Municipal Center.

COMMUNITY

Presbyterian Food Pantry is open Mondays from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and Tuesdays from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at 308 Williams Street in Williamston. Also open from 9 - 11 a.m. the third Saturday each month.

God's Food Pantry, South Greenville/Greenville. For info and/or locations call (864) 963-4441.

Call Narconon for a free brochure on the signs of addiction for all types of drugs. Narconon also offers free assessments and referrals. 800-431-1754 or DrugAbuseSolutions.com.



Kayak launch

Local officials look over the new ADA floating kayak launch facility in Pelzer. The accessible floating kayak launch facility provides an opportunity for all to transfer independently into kayaks beginning their journey down the Saluda River.

On the Saluda

Ribbon cutting held for ADA kayak launch

Anderson County held a ribbon cutting Monday, for a second ADA floating kayak launch facility on the Saluda River. The accessible floating kayak launch facility provides an opportunity for all to transfer independently into kayaks beginning their journey down the Saluda River.

The new kayak launch is a \$130,000 project funded partly by Anderson County as well as a Duke Energy Water Resources Fund. The Duke Energy Foundation grant provided the majority of funding, Anderson County received \$99,508 toward the project. Duke Energy's partnership allowed Anderson County to move forward with its plan to install an additional ADA kayak launch facility promoting active living and enjoyment for all its citizens, disabled residents, and visitors.

"It's truly a great day in Anderson County," said County Councilwoman Cindy Wilson, District 7. "Anderson County continues to be a trailblazer in providing equal access to all recreational enthusiasts on the Saluda

River, while offering a unique and positive economic impact to our local economy."

ADA launch sites are the core of Anderson County's Saluda River Corridor Development Plan, and are being implemented along the 48-mile river between the Saluda Lake Dam and the Town of Ware Shoals Dam. Anderson County has aggressively implemented its access improvement plan, and is working with other counties alongside the river to establish miles of paddling opportunities in Upstate South Carolina.

The Timmerman Jr. Kayak Launch represents the formal expansion into section two of the corridor development plan; a beautiful 6.5-mile stretch between the Piedmont Dam and the Upper Pelzer Dam. Dedicated Upstate partners as well as the Annual Saluda River Rally are the key to the successes of this Blueway. This year's rally, scheduled for the first weekend in June, will attract many more new and repeat event paddlers. For more rally details, visit saludariverrally.com or find us on Facebook.

Matt Schell, Parks Department

The first public ADA Kayak Launch facility in South Carolina was installed on the Saluda River in 2012 at Dolly Cooper Park. In 2013, a fishing deck was constructed to the left of the floating kayak launch through the efforts and oversight of an Eagle Scout project.

Ben Otto Sunderman earned his Eagle Scout distinction, upon completion of the project creating an accessible fishing deck that was constructed with a wide access ramp and railing, which leads to the deck with lowered rails for accessibility to disabled residents and visitors.

The Saluda River is an amazing natural resource located right here in our backyard that is an asset to be explored; and, one that is truly opened to the public, regardless of physical limitations. It is a beautiful thing to offer river access to all residents and visitors of Anderson County," said Anderson County Administrator Rusty Burns.

The kayak launch facility is located at 15 Capers Street, Pelzer.

Spring Means Clean

By Debbie Chapman (Community Liaison/Codes Compliance-Town of Williamston)

Hopefully with the warmer temperatures of Spring right around the corner, clean-up interests of personal and business properties around town will be sparked.

A community clean-up effort is in the planning stages and will be coming up in April. "HOWDY" Day (Hands on Williamston Day, Ya'll) will enlist volunteers from throughout the community. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer at town hall and further updates will be posted in the Journal and on the Envision Williamston and the Town of Williamston Face book pages.

With this in mind, it would be great if everyone would join in on this effort by beginning early in gaining control of overgrown trees, bushes and vines, cleaning up limbs, stumps and other items, raking and bagging leaves, and picking up trash and other items and properly disposing of them. The main complaints received from neighbors around town are of TV's being left curbside, leaves not being bagged and large debris being left after construction or clean up of properties.

In talking with people in the community it was noted that many didn't know that TV's and other electronics have to be placed in the bin behind Town Hall, leaves have to be bagged and that debris has to meet certain requirements and be placed curbside on a specific day of the month, by Ward, to be picked up by the Town. Hopefully these guidelines will be helpful because failing to follow them could cause items to not be picked up and could result in fines and/or fees for violation of city ordinances and potentially other legal ramifications.

Large debris should be placed curbside before 7:00 am on the week of the month that large items are picked up in your Ward. If unsure of what day that is, please call town hall and ask before placing curbside because if placed after the pickup day and allowed to remain curbside for weeks, a fine may be issued. If you miss your day you can always take the items to the landfill or to the Hwy 29 recycling center.

These items only, can be placed together for pickup. No other items can be placed with these:

Stumps no larger than 2' x 2', Bagged grass, Bagged Leaves, Roots, Silt, Limbs, Logs 2' or shorter

These items only, can be placed together for pickup. No other items can be placed with these: Mirrors, Hardened Concrete, Bricks, Untreated Lumber, Plaster, Plaster Board, Insulation materials, Roofing Materials, Floor Tiles, Wall Tile, Floor Coverings, Furniture, Wire, Structural Fabric, Glass

These items CANNOT be placed on the roadside for pickup and are the responsibility of the resident to take to the landfill: Lead Based Paint, Pallets, Asbestos, Utility Poles, Shingles, Lumber Containing Lead Paint

Metal, Tires, and batteries are not picked up on a regular basis but should be separated from all other items. These will be picked up as soon as scheduling permits.

Household Garbage is picked up weekly. Please place curbside before 7:00 am on the morning of your scheduled pickup. After pickup, please remove your trash can from the curb.

Household garbage should be placed in plastic bags. No other materials can be mixed.

These items are considered to be household garbage: Toys, Cloth, Plastic Flowers, Plastic Pots, Cardboard, Garden Hose, Plastic table and chairs, Throw rugs

TV's, Computers, Monitors and Printers, will not be picked up by the town. **Do Not Place** these on the curb. Please dispose of these items in the specially designated container in the rear of Town Hall.

*To ensure your personal safety, and ID protection, please remove the hard drive from the computer before discarding and destroy it appropriately.

*Large Debris Pickup Schedule can be found on the water bill. It is also listed on the town website.

* Holiday schedules will be posted on the town Face book page and on the town website.

Thank You all in advance for keeping our town beautiful!

Powersville Sports shorts

The Powersville Boys Tennis team defeated Belton-Honea Path 7-0 in a non-region match on their home courts at Pope Field in Easley.

Hayes Oliver, Greg Middleton, Michael Keen, Andrew Greene, and Zach Wright won in singles. Powersville's Line 1 doubles team of Oliver and Middleton were victorious as was Line 2 of Luke Tribble and Matthew Kirby.

Powersville (2-0) travels to Wren on Monday, March 20, at 5:00 pm for another non-region match.

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OBITUARIES

JOSEPH ANDREW McCALL, SR.

JOSEPH ANDREW McCALL, SR., age 96 of Athens, Tenn. passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2017, in NHC of Athens. He was a native of Pelzer, South Carolina, resident of McMinn County, Tenn. since 1964, and was a son of the late Alvin Augustus McCall, Sr. and Mae Belle Sargent McCall and preceded in death by six Brothers: Gordon, Norman, Manley, Jones, Alvin Jr. and Robert McCall and Five Sisters: Lillie McCall, Margaret Prater, Dorothy Phillips, Martha Giles, and Betty Fennell.

He was retired from Independent Life Insurance Co, as a District Manager. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Athens, Tn., and was an instructor with Insurer's Underwriters. He served in World War II serving as a military policeman and combat Medic.

Survivors: Wife of 75 years: Hazel McCrary McCall of Athens, Tenn. Daughter and Son-in-law: Nancy and Dan Thompson of Knoxville, Tenn. Son and Daughter-in-law: Joe and Pat McCall of Niota, Tenn. Four Grandchildren spouses: Alyx Thompson, Andy (Katy) McCall, Chris (Stephanie) McCall and Michael (Betsey) McCall, Seven Great Grandchildren several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 2:00 P.M. Thursday in the Chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with Dr. Jason Clark officiating.

Interment will follow in McMinn Memory Gardens. Active pallbearers will be Family. The family will receive friends from 1-2 Thursday in the funeral home.

Those wishing may make Memorial Contributions to First Baptist Church Building Fund 306 Ingleside Ave., Athens, Tenn. 37303. Those unable to attend may send condolences at www.laycock-hobbs.com. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens, Tenn. in charge of arrangements.



CAROL SCOTT

PIEDMONT - Our mother, Carol Chasteen Scott of Piedmont SC, passed away quietly at home in the early hours of March 13, 2017. She was 80 years young. Mama was born, lived and died within a 1 mile radius, in the Mill Village of Piedmont which she loved. While we will shed a tear at her passing, angels in heaven rejoice at her return.

Mama was born on August 24, 1936 to JT and Vessie (Galloway) Chasteen, the second of 4 children. She graduated from Piedmont High School in 1954, where she was elected as Miss High Miss her senior year. Mama and her high school sweetheart, Bobby Ray Scott, were married on July 2, 1954. She was the best mom in the world, as she stayed home with us until we started school. She worked in the textile industry for 37 years, beginning in the mill office in Piedmont and ultimately holding several administrative positions, with offshoot companies of J.P. Stevens.

Mama is survived by her husband Bobby of 62 years. And also by her children: Wayne "The Boss" (Julie) Scott of Layton UT, Robin "The Reb-

el" (Maria) Scott of Greenwood SC, Derallin "Junior" (Geary) Morrow of Piedmont, and Debbie "The Baby" (Ron) Best of Cross Hill SC. She had 14 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Mama is also survived by her sister Margie Allen and sister-in-law Peggy Chasteen, both of Piedmont. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Ronald and Reggie Chasteen, one granddaughter Shalon Rogers, and one great granddaughter Caroline Reynolds.

Mama and Daddy provided a warm and loving home environment for us, which created a joyous childhood for each of us children. She had a way of making each of her grandchildren think that they were her favorite, in the way that she lovingly treated them and gave them individual attention. As her great grandchildren came along and she aged, her activity was less, but her love and enthusiasm for them was not.

Mama fought a noble battle with glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) during her last year of life. Last summer, a short 9 days after brain surgery, mama and daddy spent a week at the beach with much of her family where wonderful, lasting memories were made.

Please join us as we celebrate mama's life with a visitation on Thursday, March 16, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Gray Mortuary, Pelzer.

The funeral service will be on Friday, March 17, at 11 a.m. in the mortuary chapel. Burial will follow at Greenville Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Open Arms Hospice, 1836 West Georgia Road, Simpsonville, SC 29680 or to Glioblastoma Cancer Research, American Cancer Society, 154 Milestone Way, Greenville, SC 29615.

The family is at the home. Condolences: www.graymortuary.com




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Mt. Pleasant News

School of Methods next week in Belton

by Aletha Simpson
MPBC Month of MARCH THEME: "The Holy Spirit" SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 4:1-14. CHURCH OF THE MONTH: Duncan Creek Baptist Church, Rev. Derrick Barksdale, Laurens.

Join someone's Sunday school this year and we invite you to MPBC Sunday School every Sunday at 10am. The lesson is "Jesus Compels Saul" Acts 9:20-25.

MPBC Women's Day was held Sunday March 12th. We asked all women to wear white with pink accessories and everyone was beautiful, even some men. The speaker was Rev. Doris Gray of Anderson. Her topic was "Walking by Faith" using the scripture Amos 3:3.

The Exchanged Life Sundays at 3:30 p.m. WGGSTV16

Host: Rev. Tony Taylor Co-Host: Rev. S. Andrew Mattison.

MPBC Bible study Wednesdays at 6pm. Join us each week for a spirit-filled bible based Christian educational experience.

If you want up-to-date news on church events and what is going on in the community, go to the MPBC website and sign up! Website: Mtppleasantwilliamston.com.

School of Methods will be March 19-24 at Welfare B.C., 2106 Bolt Drive, Belton. March 19th is the opening night and praise and worship will begin at 4pm. The other nights class will be from 6:15-8:15 pm.

Remember them in prayer our sick and shut-in members, friends, and those in Bereavement: Rose Owens, Ansell Smith, Quetta Sitton,

Lois Slade, Janie Brownlee, Mary Lou Reid, Marcus Reid, Mary Tate, Annie Westfield, and everyone else near and far. You shall serve the Lord your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. Exodus 23:25.

Happy Birthday to the Celebrants!!! MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Steve Foster 3, Lymarion Acker 5, Tamyra Dawson 5, Bernard Smith 8, Aiyana Smith 13, Mariyah Gaines 14, Edith Jones 15, Phyllis Serrano 15, Crystal Smith 15, Avery Butler 29, Aletha Simpson 31, Malik Tate 31, Morris Tate 31.

ANNIVERSARIES: Walter and Dorothy Smith, Sr. 18.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than just being a car in a garage.



Open Hearts visit Ellenburg Nursing Center

Open Door Community Church

Couples Retreat has one vacancy

By Vicki Simpson
Verse of the Week: But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Hebrews 11:6).

Is it just me or did you folks think last Sunday was almost unbelievable? One day we are wearing short sleeves/shorts, walking outside in 78-80° weather and then all of a sudden, we have a 33° day with snow. Wow! Amazing! God's plan may not be what we want, but He shows us how powerful He is to just change the weather from day to day. I sometimes think God throws in these drastic changes to show us how "in control" He really is so we don't get so complacent and forget that He can change things at the drop of a hat. That is why I have that reverent fear of Him. He is all powerful and good. Praise His name!

Our Sunday attendance was a little down probably due to the cold, snowy weather and there is a lot of colds, flu and pneumonia around. Bless those who couldn't make church for these reasons. However, Pastor Lloyd gave us a great sermon on "Pleasing God." He gave us eight ways to

please God: Ask Him for the right things, not selfish things in prayer. Separate ourselves from the worldly things and sin. Be wholly yielded toward God. Walk with Him in fellowship and prayer. Praise God. Yield to the Spirit of God. Apply our faith in Him. Lastly, we need to bear fruit by bringing others to Christ. My question this week is: Do you try hard to please God?

My last week's article gave a description of our Open Hearts' visit to Ellenburg Nursing Center. Those who went were Kathy Black, Vickie and Jessica Creamer, Heather and Sarah Gambrell, Sue Jenkins, Susan King, Melissa Neisses, Ni, Victoria and Isabella Riddle, Jan Robison, Cecile Smith and myself. I wanted to share a photo of some of the residents with whom we had fellowship, food and fun and I hope the picture could be added. We all left blessed beyond belief.

Special Days: I have a calendar that gives different "special" days that I have never heard of before such as: 3/16 is "Everything You Do Is Right Day." 3/17 of course is St. Patrick's Day and 3/18 is First Walk in Space Day. Just a little food for thought. LOL! More to come.

Couples Retreat is March 24-26 and there is one more room left. See Pastor Lloyd if you would like to be a part of this weekend.

Upcoming events include: Wild for God Critter Cooking on Sat., 4/22/17 at Beaverdam Baptist Church at 5pm. Speakers Chad and James Hamilton from Huntin' the Truth Ministries will be there along with wild game buffet and activities. I will add this event every week to remind everyone.

More events are planned in the coming months and I will add as they get closer.

Birthdays of the Week: Isaac Keys (3/13) and Pat Gurley (3/14).

Kids Joke of the Week: Q) How is a baseball like a pancake? A) They both need a good batter.

Quote of the Week: "If you want a godly relationship, you're going to have to pay the price for it. You must be disciplined, focused & bent on pleasing God. - unknown.

If you don't have a church of your own, please visit ours. ODCC is a family church, a mission dedicated family, preparing people to meet Jesus through Love. Have a blessed week and tune in next time for Open Door and more with Miss Vicki.



SUV accident

West Pelzer firefighters work at the scene of a single vehicle accident Saturday morning. A sport utility vehicle struck a wall behind Pelzer Town Hall off Courtney Street. The driver was checked by Pelzer EMS. (Photo by David Rogers)

Beaverdam News

Pathfinders in concert March 19

By Catherine Weaver
Spring time or winter time, that is the question! It was a beautiful drive to Beaverdam Baptist Church Sunday morning. There we were missing our sleep after springing the clock forward but wide awake looking at so many beautiful snowflakes falling and swirling through the air. It was a delightful drive. Even walking into church, we enjoyed the Lord's winter display of white snowflakes. Church was extra special Sunday morning. Brandon Couch played the guitar and sang an old favorite, "Jesus Paid It All." I know that Brandon practiced this song early in the week, but it fit the perfectly when he sang the words in the chorus, "Whiter than snow, whiter than snow. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow." I was reminded of the old saying that God works in mysterious ways. Brandon's song was so beautiful. We were ready to listen to Preacher Chris Huff's sermon.

He took his message from Cor. 10: 31, "Therefore, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." This verse is Preacher Chris' chosen life verse. The title of his sermon was "What Is Your Life Verse?" His sermon made me think about choosing a life verse for myself. I have also been considering writing a blessing for my grandsons. I need to leave them a life verse also. Rev. Huff made me think of studying a little, writing a little and completing this task. He left us with a few questions. What is eating and drinking? What is whatever you do? As Christians we need to do everything in a way that glorifies God!

In our bulletin we received the prayer guides for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The prayer guide was entitled "Together For His Kingdom." This is our week of prayer for North American Missions and our Annie Armstrong Offering. Acts 8:12 is our scripture. "But when they believed Phillip, as he preached the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were

baptized."

Our missionaries need your prayers and your money to help aid them on the mission field. Please pray that our missionaries across North America stay Christ-centered and spirit-led in their efforts. Pray for more laborers to reach the millions of North Americans living in darkness. Pray that our local churches will remain Christ-centered. It is kind of sad when we think that the world sees us as a Christian nation and yet, we have so many men, women, and children who need to have salvation explained to them. We can give them HOPE in CHRIST.

Tuesday night, wMu met at the Lowery Building. Amy Weaver had the program. She used the Prayer guide to highlight some of our missionaries, and they watched videos on Amy's computer about the missions going on in North America. Darlene Reid fixed crock pot lasagna, salad, bread, and strawberry short cake. Everyone had a great meal. Thank you, Darlene

and Amy.

On Sunday afternoon the adult choir met with James Arcuri, the children's choir, and Michelle Middleton. We put the Easter program together with everyone for the first time. Everything went together very well. The children were precious. They knew all of the words, the music, and they were great. We are ready for Easter to arrive. Now we just practice and polish the performance.

Beware the Ides of March—Beaverdam Baptist Blood drive is Wednesday March 15, from 3:30 to 8:30 PM. We need individually wrapped candy for the Easter egg hunt. We are beginning to sign up volunteers for Vacation Bible School. Place March 19 on your calendar for a concert with Pathfinders at 6 PM. There will be a fellowship to follow the concert.

Are you looking for a church? Visit Beaverdam. We are the community Baptist church where members become missionaries. See you soon.

Notice of Public Hearing Concerning Needs Assessment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 23, 2017 at 6:30 pm at Town Hall, the Town of Williamston will hold a public hearing to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities, and economic development. At this public hearing the Town of Williamston will provide the results of its needs assessment and the activities which might be undertaken to meet identified needs, including the estimated amount proposed to be used for activities that will benefit persons of low and moderate income.

This public hearing and the matters to be discussed are subject to the provisions of the Town of Williamston Citizen Participation Plan, developed in anticipation of participation in the State of South Carolina's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, providing for the participation of the citizens of the Town of Williamston in the planning and implementation of community and economic development projects which will involve CDBG funds. The Citizen Participation Plan is available for review at 12 West Main Street, Williamston SC 29697, M-F 9 am to 5 pm. Persons with questions or comments concerning the public hearing or the Citizen Participation Plan may contact Arlene Young, Grants Director, Appalachian Council of Governments, PO Box 6668, Greenville SC 29606, 864-242-9733.

The Town of Williamston does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its federally assisted programs or activities. Michelle Starnes, Clerk/Treasurer, 12 West Main Street, Williamston SC 29697, 864-847-7473 and TDD 800-735-2905 has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations.

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New from the Grove

Ladies host retreat in Bonclarken, NC

by Bobby Partain
I hope everyone enjoyed their snow day. It was beautiful while it was snowing but it didn't last for long, which is just the way I like it. Having spent 13 years in snowy Illinois, I enjoy snow that doesn't stay around long enough for you to get tired of it. It was quite a change from the warm weather that we had earlier in the week.

This week Pastor Mike talked about "Belonging to Christ." When we look back over our lives, we see that the most important thing that happens in our lives is not things but the relationship that we have with God and Jesus. Our key verses were taken from Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Paul considered his life so intertwined with Christ that it was like he, and now we, died with him. Verse 19 says that he (Paul) "died to the law so that he might live to God." All things in this life are nothing compared to the life to come. Our hope is in the Kingdom of God, when Jesus comes back to earth. We have a good life now but it will be better. We must set our heart on things above, in James 2:5 it says "Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith

and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?" The best is yet to come.

This month is "Marching for Missions" at Guthrie Grove and the rest of the Church of God, Abrahamic Faith. All of the money that is raised through our Sunday School department this month will be sent to help out a mission project. We will be sending our money to our school that was opened last year in Kigoris Kenya, called Twiga. Thanks to all those who will give to this important work, it will help spread the Good News of the Kingdom to the next generation.

The ladies of the church will be hosting the Carolina Conference Women's Retreat in Bonclarken, NC. It will start on Friday the 17th and end on Sunday, the 19th. We are looking forward to a fun filled weekend and know it will be worth while for all who attend.

Happy Birthday this week to: Ellen Browning, Caleb Kopytin, Jack Durham, Jon Martin, Luke Elwell, and Lloyd Bagwell. The beautiful flowers placed in the sanctuary were in honor of Harold and MaryAnn Durhams 59th wedding anniversary. Congratulations on this milestone, and also to Michael and Cathy Cunningham who celebrate an anniversary this week.

Our favorite verse this week is from Joseph Partain. He is the son of Bobby and Bonnie Pack Partain, he is married

to Jamie (Mayberry) and the proud father of 4 children. He is also a lifelong member of Guthrie Grove and teaches the high school SS class and also teaches with the youth on Wednesday nights. Jeremiah 1:12 "The LORD said to me, "You have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled." This is a promise that whatever God has said in His word will come to pass. We can see through prophecy that many things have already come to pass, and we know that the rest of His word will come to pass in time.

A little humor for our week: TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

Please contact us if you are searching for a church or you are interested in what we mean when we talk about the Kingdom of God, Oneness of God, or the sleep of the dead. We would like to invite you to visit us for: SS: 10am; Worship service: 11am; Sunday night Bible Study & Youth meeting: 6pm, Wednesday night classes and Youth meeting: 7pm. If you would like to contact us: Guthrie Grove Church of God of the Abrahamic Faith: 403 Guthrie Grove Church Rd, Pelzer. Phone 947-9717, web page: www.guthriegrove.org or Guthrie Grove Church on Facebook.



Two escape serious injury

Two people escaped serious injury Saturday night in a single vehicle accident. It happened on Smoak Road near Circle Road in Powdersville. The vehicle ran off the roadway and into a ditch. Pelzer EMS checked the occupants but did not transport. Powdersville firefighters also assisted EMS. (Photo by David Rogers)



Two vehicle accident

Powdersville firefighters await state troopers at the scene of an accident on SC 153 Monday night. Two vehicles collided at the intersection of Highway 143 (RiverRoad). Pelzer EMS responded but did not transport anyone. Traffic was slowed at the intersection until the wreckage was cleared. (Photo by David Rogers)



Froedge blocks shot

Palmetto goaltender Chase Froedge blocks a Southside shot during the Mustangs 4-1 win on Monday. (Photo by Mike Gowan)

Zoo Camp offers Wild Escape

Summer Zoo Camp heats up at Riverbanks beginning Monday, June 5.

The 11-week adventure is made possible in part thanks to a \$200,000 contribution from Colonial Life.

New this summer, 13-year-olds also will have an opportunity to experience the fun. Two unique topics will be offered during two one-week sessions for children ages 3 to 13. Topics according to age group include:

Good Night Garden and Life Around the Pond: Ages 3 and 4 (with an adult)

Wild Seasons and Sense-able Animals: Ages 4 and 5 (full and half day options)

Watery World and ZooBorns: Ages 6 and 7

Wildlife Trackers and Animal Architects: Ages 8 and 9

Poisons and Potions and Survivor: Riverbanks: Ages 10 to 13

Summer Zoo Camp will take place June 5 - August 18. Times and prices vary. Enroll before Wednesday, March 15 and receive a 15% discount off registration (discounts also apply the week of July 4) with coupon code summer2017.

Limited space also remains for Spring Break Zoo Camp. Campers, ages 5 to 9, will encounter misunderstood animals that often get a bad rap for being smelly, ugly, scary, dirty, or even loud. Spring Break Zoo Camp will take place April 10 - 14 from 9:00am - 4:00pm.

Both spring and summer camps include behind-the-scenes tours, guided zoo walks, arts, crafts, games and more. Visit Riverbanks online for additional information or to register.

Obituaries

NANCY MAYFIELD
Nancy Jeanette Lollis Mayfield, 76, of Pelzer, wife of Joel Lester Mayfield, died Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

Born in Pelzer, she was a daughter of the late John Harrison and Elizabeth Sargent Lollis.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by son, Joel Anthony "Tonnie" Mayfield of Pelzer; daughter, Cindy Gail Mayfield Martin of the home; brother, J.H. Lollis, Jr. of Pelzer; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held Friday, March 10, in the Chapel of Gray Mortuary, Pelzer. Burial followed at Greenville Memorial Gardens.

CORNELIA BOWEN WILLIAMSTON - Janie Cornelia Nalley Bowen, 97, wife of the late Jehu Chastain "J.C." Bowen, passed away Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

Born in Pickens County, she was a daughter of the late Olin Eugene Nalley, Sr. and Hortense Durham Nalley. She retired from Deluxe Cleaners and was a member of First Baptist Church Williamston. She was also a member of the Yellow Jessamine Garden Club, Faith Bible Class and Order of the Eastern Star, Williamston Chapter.

She is survived by daughters, Frances Barnett (Roy) of Winnsboro and Jeane Bowen (Tommy McIntyre) of Simpsonville; brother-in-law, Roy Bowen; sisters-in-law, Mary Nalley and Faye Bowen; grandchildren, Jena Johnson (Eric), Bill Barnett (Rebecca) and Bob Barnett (Pam); great-grandchildren, Reid and Jaycie Johnson, Anna, Will, Emily and Robert Barnett.

She was predeceased by sister, Sarah Corn; brothers, Ford, W.T., Homer, Haskell, Olin Jr. and Ray Nalley.

Visitation was from 1:00 to 2:00 pm Sunday, March 12, at First Baptist Church Williamston. The service followed at 2:00 pm in the church. Burial was at Hillcrest Memorial Park, Pickens, SC.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Williamston, P.O. Box 477, Williamston, SC 29697.

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MARILYN ELIZABETH SITTON

Marilyn Elizabeth Sitton met her big brother Ricky Sitton Jr. on Heaven's playground Saturday March 11, 2017. Marilyn was born February 10, 2016 and is the daughter of Elizabeth Brown and Ricky Sitton, (Williamston, SC) the triplet sister of Maddison and McKenzie Sitton, (Williamston, SC) and has two big brothers Jayvion and Jayden Sitton (Greenville, SC). Marilyn is the God Daughter of Krystal Wells and Corey Hall (Powdersville, SC). She is also survived by Maternal grandparents Randy Bryant, (Greenville SC) Stacy Smith (Williamston, SC) and Josie Guzzo (Taylors, SC). Paternal grandparents Margaret Sitton and Ricky Mills (Greenville, SC). Marilyn was loved dearly by a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and Dear Friends. She is predeceased by her Grandmothers Caroline Smith, Francis Sitton, Aunt Mary Elizabeth, and a Brother Ricky Sitton Jr. Unity Mortuary in Williamston, SC will be handling arrangements and the family will be at the home. The family wants to offer their sincere thanks to the Pediatric Staff at Greenville Memorial Hospital and everyone for their love and support during this extremely difficult time.

MARY D. JULIAN
Mary D. Julian, 94, of Piedmont, died Friday, March 3, 2017.

She was predeceased by her husband, John "Norman" Julian.

Surviving are son, James Julian of Piedmont; three grandsons; and three great-grandchildren.

A burial will be at a later date in Michigan.

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NOTICE OF SALE C/A No.: 2017-CP-04-00039

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ANDERSON
PURSUANT to the terms of a Decree of Foreclosure and Sale by the undersigned Steven C. Kirven, Master in Equity for Anderson County, South Carolina, dated March 14, 2017 in the case of The Peoples Bank, Plaintiff -vs- Thomas Randall Stuart, Defendant, I will sell at public outcry in Courtroom Number Two on the Third Floor of the Courthouse for Anderson County, South Carolina, on April 4, 2017, during the usual hours of public sale to the highest bidder for cash the following-described real estate:

All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land situate, lying and being in the State of South Carolina, County of Anderson, Township of Centerville, in School District Number Five (5), containing 5.0 acres, more or less, designated as Tract B-1 on that certain plat prepared by R. D. Garrison, R.L.S. #3972, DATED July 23, 1982, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Anderson County, South Carolina, in Plat Book 93 at Page 465, and being bounded on the West, North, and East by Tract B as appears upon said plat and on the South by that certain road as ap-

pears upon said plat; said lot having metes, bounds, courses, and distances as appear upon said plat which are incorporated herein by this reference and made a part hereof.

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The above-mentioned properties shall be sold for cash to the highest bidder. Each of the above-described properties shall be sold separately and bids shall be accepted on each property. The highest bidder, other than the Plaintiff, shall be required, at the conclusion of the bidding, to deposit five (5%) per cent of the bid with the Master-in-Equity in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith; said deposit to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the highest bidder fails or refuses to make the re-

quired deposit at the time or the bid or to comply with the other terms of the sale within twenty (20) days from the date of sale, then the Master-in-Equity shall resell the property at the risk and expense of the defaulting bidder upon the same terms as above set out. Purchaser shall pay extra for the preparation of the Master's Deed, for documentary stamps on the deed, recording of the deed and interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of eight and one quarter percent (8.25%), as designated in the Decree. The sale shall be subject to Assessments, Taxes due on the day of sale, Existing Easements, Easements and Restrictions of Record and other senior encumbrances. Since personal or deficiency judgment being waived, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. /s/ Steven C. Kirven
Master in Equity for Anderson County
March 14, 2017
M. P. Sherard, Jr.
Attorney at Law
864-225-0001
March 15, 22, 29, 2017



Team effort

Palmetto's Danny Cruz (17) battles for possession of the ball while teammates Cole Thornton (15) and Harrison Grant (11) assist on the play during varsity action on Monday. The Mustangs won the game 4-1. (Photo by Mike Gowan)

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Merner fights for possession

Palmetto's Taylor Merner fights for possession of the ball against Southside during varsity girls soccer on Monday. The Mustangs lost the game 0-1. (Photo by Mike Gowan)

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Carrillo advances ball

Palmetto's Maria Carrillo advances the ball down field against Southside during the game on Monday against Southside. The Mustangs lost 0-1. (Photo by Mike Gowan)

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