Clark selected new CEO of Christ Central

By LILY HERNDON
Contributor

The story of Ken Clark's arrival at Christ Central Institute (CCI) is, like most others associated with Christ

Central, one of timing, coincidence, and prayer.

It seems to Ken that he has been "training" all of his life in preparation for this role of leadership at the Institute

Ken comes from a background of poverty. Growing up one of five children in a destitute family, he knows the challenge of attending school and, more importantly, succeeding at school (both socially and academically) when faced with seemingly overwhelming obstacles that accompany poverty.

He credits his personal determi-

See what CCI is all about, page 27.

nation, coupled with the support and encouragement of teachers and community members who provided mentorship to him, for his success in stepping out of hopelessness and into a life of victory and achievement.

Ken definitely took an "alternative route" to education, and overcame many odds to get into the U.S. Naval Academy and to achieve his Master's degree and succeed at a number of high profile positions.

His passion for education has been clearly evident with activities like serving as a Member of the Board of Trustees for South Carolina School Boards Association, serving on the Board of Trustees in Lexington District, and even substitute teaching for all grades in his district, ensuring he always knew, firsthand, what was going on in the schools he was representing.

He then went on to become South Carolina State Representative for District 96, Aiken and Lexington Counties, and served as a member of the Education and Public Works Committee, as well as being a member of the K-12 Education Subcommittee.

He has been recognized for his outstanding efforts toward improving education with the Carolina Careers Governor's Special Recognition Award for his work in support of the Education Economic Development Act (EEDA) and in general towards public education, and with the Order of the Palmetto, both awarded in 2006.

Please see CLARK, page 13



Submitted photo

Perry Eldercare residents honored at Berlin

Ken Clark



Photo by Dee Taylor

Residents in attendance were Clyde Childs, Otis Pennington, Edna Sauls, Charlie Sloan, Bonnie Stiff and Miriam Terry.

By DEE TAYLOR

On Sunday, Jan. 27, the residents of Perry Eldercare, a local assisted living facility, were honored by the members of Berlin Baptist Church.

Part of Berlin's mission for 2008 is to reach out even more to the local community. The idea came about through the Seniors ministry of Berlin Baptist Church.

Berlin's Seniors meet each month and knew that they would like to reach out to those Seniors who weren't capable of providing their own transportation.

Barbara Poole, director of Berlin's Senior Ministry, stated, "I wanted our group to find a ministry focus this year so I prayed for guidance and the Lord put the residents of Perry Eldercare on my heart. After I visited the residents there, they wanted to visit our church. After discussions with our minister, Brian Thomason we decided to have a special day to honor the residents of Perry Eldercare."

"We've adopted them and they have adopted us," she said with a smile.

Perry Eldercare is a local senior residential care facility owned by Mary and Tom Brown. Their daughter Anne Linder is the administrator. Perry Eldercare provides meals, health services, assistance with daily needs and any other care needed. Mary, Tom and Anne pride themselves providing a loving and caring environment for their residents.

Please see ELDERCARE, page 13

Children can say the darndest things

Memories are precious. Memories are something that cannot be taken away from you. Memories bring you great comfort and joy. Memories can sustain you through difficult times. Memories allow you to remember from where you came and look forward to where you are going. Memories are God's gift from the past for the future.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

The older I get, the more I enjoy the past. I can sit for hours with family and friends and remember the good old days.

Almost every time that my mama and my brother Charlie and his family are with me and my family, we invariably begin to recall the funny words and sayings that we and our children would say when growing up.

I seldom hear someone speak of blood pressure problems that I do not recall when Charlie was 3 or 4 years old. He had overheard Mama and Daddy talking about someone being in a car accident.

Later when we were at Grandmama Myra's house, Charlie began to tell Grandmama about the accident.

He told her that Mr. So and So had been in a wreck and that all of his blood pressure had run out and that he "liked to died!"

When we are young, our ears hear sounds and our young minds do not always interpret the sounds correctly.

When our son Tyler was very young, he and his cousin Kenny Fogle were constant playmates, and even though Kenny is 4 years older than Tyler, age did not matter. They were always involved in some sort of child's play.

I remember one time after Tyler and Kenny had spent the weekend with each other, Tyler was telling me about what they were playing. He kept using the word "plaque," and I knew that he was not referring to a sign or the gunk that can accumulate on improperly brushed

Finally I realized that he was meaning to say "play like." So I told him that the words were "play like" and not "plaque."

Tyler looked me and said, "Well, Kenny says "PLAQUE," so I gathered that if plaque was good enough for Kenny then it was good enough for Tyler, too.

Mama has a favorite story that she delights in telling about Tyler calling her



LEMYRA

a "rotten egg." Thirty plus years ago, there was an inexpensive toy rack in Mama and Daddy's Red and White grocery

Tyler was fascinated

with the toys, and every time he went in the store he would YOUNG head straight for the

toys. Daddy would give Tyler anything he asked for.

One day Daddy was not at the store but that did not stop Tyler.

He got a toy and found Mama. He asked, "Grandma, can I have this?"

She said, "Honey, you'll have to ask your Mama." Tyler did not like that answer one bit,

so he replied with, "Grandma, you're a 'rocking egg!'"

When Tyler was 6 weeks old, I was scheduled to return to my teaching job, and I had made plans for Tyler to go to a local daycare.

However, I could not stand the idea of leaving my baby.

Fortunately, for all of us, I was able to employ Nora Bell Kitchings to take care of Tyler ... and take care of Tyler, she

Nora Bell died when Tyler was 18 years old but for as long as she lived, Tyler was her "baby."

Nora Bell would do just about anything Tyler asked her to do. And when he was just starting to walk and talk, she followed him every step he took so that he would not hurt himself.

When Daddy and Mama would come to visit us, Tyler would want Daddy to be as close to him as possible. Tyler would say, "Mere Big Daddy, mere."

Tyler was actually saying "Come here Big Daddy, come here." Daddy commented more than one time that Nora Bell had Tyler "plain rotten;" every time Tyler made a peep, Nora Bell would hurry to his side.

Therefore Tyler thought everyone else should be like Nora Bell and "mere" too.

My nephews Chet and Todd are eight and ten years younger than Tyler, when they were little fellows, their mother Ann

had cassette tapes of various fairy tales for the boys to listen to when they were riding in the car.

The boys' favorite was Snow White and the Seven "Drawers" Dwarfs.

The boys would listen to the tape over and over and knew many of the lines by

One day as they were reciting the script lines, Todd, the younger of the two, said, "Who's the Boss Tee Tee?" Well, Ann had no idea what Todd was saying and neither did Chet.

For several days, Todd was asked over and over again to repeat the lines from the story, and every time he would reply, "Who's the Boss Tee Tee?"

Finally, Chet solved the mystery. He explained it this way to Ann and Charlie. "One day the seven "drawers" came back to their house and looked in. Their messy house was all clean (Snow White had cleaned the house), and one of the "drawers" said, 'Who do you suppose did this?"" Well, in Todd's young mind, he was hearing, "Who's the boss Tee Tee?"

Chet might have been the one to decode the mystery of Snow White and the Seven "Drawers," but he has had his moments, too.

Ever since Chet was very young he has delighted in telling tall tales. Sometimes Chet really gets carried away, and the tale grows and grows and grows.

Even when Chet was just learning to talk, he always wanted to tell you a tale. He would say, "Come here and let me whisper a cigarette in your ear!"

Chet is a grown man now and knows the difference between a secret and a cigarette, but he still likes to tell tall

My husband Garry (whom Chet and Todd call Uncle Beau) says that Chet got his ability to stretch the truth from our Uncle Shorty Tyler.

When I was much younger it seemed that I was constantly working to reach some goal, when I retired, my goals have retired with me. I now have lots of time to remember, to laugh, and to share. Memories are precious.

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A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Art News

During the first semester art students traveled to Columbia with Mrs. Holley to become involved in not only a cultural experience, but also an art lesson. They visited the production room of ETV and heard about the career choices of some of its employees. They went to the Columbia Museum of Art to explore the "Seeing Ourselves" Photography Exhibit, as well as to create a landscape printing project. They ate at Harper's in Five Points and traveled to the Workshop Theater to see the play "Rock Nativity." Everything was paid for through a grant received from the SC Arts Commission.

Second Quarter Awards '08

Principal's Honor Roll: Ryan Brown, Elizabeth Busbee, Harley Gallop, April Jeffcoat, Daniel Wiles

A/B Honor Roll: Quaviar Adams, Chelsea Argroe, Hunter Buff, Bobby Chavis, Faith Corley, Jalen Gleaton, Quaeshaunbre Holmes, Samuel Hutto, Xavier Keitt, Marissa Livingston, Vadarious Miles-Lambert, David Peterson, Lyric Posey, Douglas Smith, Kashawn Stroman, Caleb Swedenburg, Robert Tyler, Danielle Brown, Marty Corley, Loretta Fields, Shamona Foulks, Miranda Gunter, Tamias Kenner, Aaron Milhouse, Nina Overton, Jerilyn Powell, Taylor Sims, April Stratton, Debbie Taylor, Reshonique Washington, Devon Way, Kianna Middleton, Ashley Brown, Tyriq Davis, Daiana El-Hammami, Michael Frost, Casey Fulmer, Lee Ellen Fulmer, Dillion Overton, Amber Payne

Perfect Attendance – Chelsea Argroe, Brandon Baughman, Malcolm Stroman, Michael Bolton, Alyssa Brown, Caleb Swedenburg, Ryan Brown, Bobby Chavis, Ja'Lonzio Tyler, Eric Corley, Chance Davis, Nyema Ware, Ray Fields, Cole Fogle, Shakayla Wells, Phillip Hicks, Quaeshaunbre Holmes, Amber Williams, Aunkeria Jackson, Xavier Keitt, Lexus Brannum, My'Ondrea Landy, Michael Lawson, Mark Corley, Lester Jordan, Marissa Livingston, Marty Corley, Kimberly Mason, Vadarious Miles-Lambert, Tregory Garvin, Alexandria Nunn, Keyonda Pontoo, Joshua Hayes, Dewayne Pough, Dyzwan Robinson, Zayna Hood, Bryan Rogers, Chantale Smith, Myiesha Johnson, Richard Johnson, Kavonghn Mitchell, Olajuwon Patterson, Trent Rushton, Manuel Sanchez, Brantley Swartz, Reshoniques Washington, Devon



First semester art students traveled to Columbia with Mrs. Holley.

Way, Purvis Blizzard, Austin Bodie, Darryl Bynem, Ben Calcutt, Candace Coleman, Tyriq Davis, Rodriquez Dunbar, Quarmaine Edwards, Daiana El-Hammami, Monique Ginyard, Derrick Harrison, Kaljah Hicks, Rakeem Hicks, Kandace Hutto, Dustin Jeffcoat, Nicholas Jeffcoat, Mikayla Jennings, Whitney Lee, Dakoda Mason, Triana Miller, William Miner, Dillion Overton, Taylor Rawls, Kadesjah Samuels, Marquiece Sims, Tony Still, Tyshelle Tyler, Ashley Van Orden, Khadijah Walker, Khristopher Widener, Deonte Williams, Jesse Williams, Marniqua Williams, Nakontae Williams

Students of the Month for January Character Awards (Character Trait of Availability)

One girl and one boy from each grade level are selected – sixth grade: Chelsea Argroe and Bobby Chavis; seventh grade: Brielle Busbee and Harley Gallop; eighth grade: Ashley Brown and Tyriq Davis

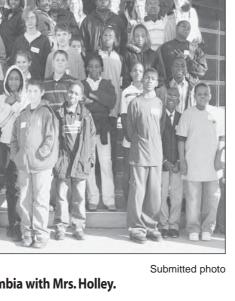
Students of the Nine Weeks Character Awards (Character Trait of Availability)

Nina Overton, Aaron Judge, Kianna Middleton, Helen Rumsey, Quaeshaunbre Holmes, Manuel Sanchez, Danielle Brown, Daiana El-Hammami

Math Night

A.L. Corbett held its annual Family Math Night on Jan. 28.

The parents and students participated in two math activities, making circle graphs and building towers. Mrs. Lee Ellen McCall, seventh-grade math teacher, was assisted by Mrs. Pam Williams in





See more pictures from Math Night on page 6 and 18.

presenting math activities with a bag of Skittles. They completed a circle graph with the different colors of candy in their bag. Ms. Kimberly Badger, eighth-grade math teacher, was assisted by Mrs. Julie Gartman in engaging parents and students in determining the pattern of change in the number of blocks added to the towers. This event provided an opportunity for students, parents, and teachers to work together. Door prizes were awarded to Grayson Joye, Nyema Ware, and Emily Schettler. Mrs. Judy Freeman, math coach, worked with math teachers to plan and prepare for this special focus on mathematics. Afterwards a parent/student basketball game was sponsored by the ALCMS Character Education Committee (Miss Kimberly Badger, Mrs. Erria Daniels, and Mrs. Tara Davis). Parents won the game.



Submitted photos

Emily Schettler, right, placed third in Original Poetry.



Rakeem Hicks placed third in Interpretative Reading of Poetry,

ALC students participate in Language Arts Festival

We had two winners.

Emily Schettler placed third in Original Poetry.

Rakeem Hicks placed third in Interpretative Reading of Poetry.

Emily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Donald Schettler of Salley Rakeem is a son of Rosalyn Hicks of

Ms. Kanelia Cannon and Ms. Heidi Bryant are the ELA teachers at A.L. Corbett who sponsored the students at the annual Language Arts Festival.

Dear Families and Friends of ALCMS: I recently watched a documentary about students in a Tennessee middle school working on a project to collect paper clips. The



DEBORAH BASS

collection idea actually grew from their research about the Holocaust when they learned about the murder of six million Jews by Nazi Germany. They wanted to grasp an understanding of this mind-boggling number by collecting something that would

be manageable. After some research, the eighth graders thought that Norwegians wore paper clips on their clothes to show support for the Jews during World War II. Therefore, they chose to collect paper clips.

This schoolwide project left a profound impact on the community and helped the students in understanding tolerance and respect toward others, as well as the lessons we attempt to understand from history. Ultimately, they learned that hatred kills.

Signs and symbols have always been part of our culture. It is important to know the messages they represent. It is important to pay attention to what is written, worn, and said so that adults can model respect and children can follow the example. It is important to redirect children and explain how signs, symbols, and words create animosity which can become counterproductive to progress and improvement. I encourage you to look at what students wear, write, and say and help guide them to show respect for

other cultures and for others with various hardships.

Sometimes innocent intentions by displaying signs and symbols can represent hurtful or dangerous messages.

The students in Tennessee learned that the hatred during WWII led to tremendous sadness. Some realized their own prejudices and admitted that they often stereotyped people before getting to know them. They learned that these thoughts and actions toward others reflected their lack of knowledge and developed into forms of hatred, prejudice and intolerance without a valid reason.

As a result of the paper clip project, the students learned how to meet others and engage in conversations. They learned how to respect the rights and thoughts of others, even if they differed from their own. One of the saddest things they learned from the project was that one of every four Jews in the concentration camps and deadly rail cars was a child. It revealed to them that hatred has no single target, it ultimately affects everyone.

Hopefully as our students mature and learn from the adults that influence them, they will learn that their quality of life is enriched by respecting the rights of others and by conscientiously making choices that will not offend others. Perhaps they can learn to pay compliments to each other to build each other up and be kind at every opportunity. Let's encourage a focus on how to continue to improve our quality of life.

Deborah Bass, Ph.D., principal

Local Wagener author, Sherry Fair, and companion, Spatz, visits second-graders at **Busbee Elementary School.**

Busbee welcomes 'Reading Buddies'

By MELESIA FARKAS

Contributor

The students of Busbee Elementary were pleasantly surprised and entertained by local community leaders the last week of January.

During that week, a number of men and women from local businesses, the Area 4 school system, and "two local artists" came to kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms to read a selected book and share some of their wonderful life experiences with the students.

Promoting literacy is an important part of every teacher's day; however, when community members take a part in demonstrating the importance of good literacy habits, it makes a teacher's job a

little easier.

We would like to thank our Reading Buddies from Tyler Brothers, Tyler Brothers Furniture Company, Edisto Dental Associates, A Journey to Health, Churches Together For Kids, Perry Town Hall, Wagener Vision Clinic, Jackie Busbee Law Office, Busbee's Auto, and the Nancy Bonette Library.

We would also like to thank our Area 4 superintendent and school personnel, and local author Sherry Fair and her Shetland sheepdog, Spatz, for making our week so special.

We appreciate the time they took away from their busy schedules to share in the joy of reading.

We look forward to other "Reading Buddy" days in the future.

A.L. Corbett Math Night



LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

Wagener UMC to host Easter Egg Hunt

The Wagener United Methodist Church, 53 Columbia Road, Wagener, will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt along with Lunch with Bunny for all local children ages 10 years and under on Saturday, March 22 at 11 a.m.

The children are invited to enjoy the egg hunt and listen to the Easter Story and then enjoy lunch of hot dogs and juice with the Easter Bunny.

Parents are invited to bring their cameras to take pictures of their little ones with the bunny.

In order for preparation and plans to be made, please RSVP to 12 as to how many children will

CTFK Future Builder Scholarship Applications

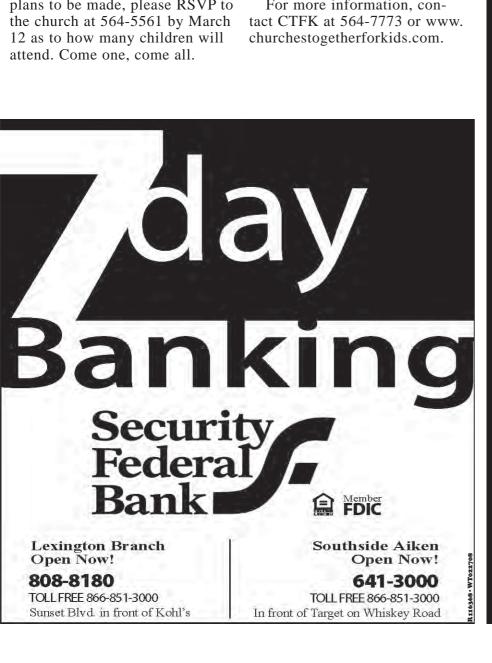
Applications are available for the Future Builder's Scholarship sponsored by Churches Together for Kids Ministries.

Applications can be picked up from Wagener-Salley High School or the CTFK office, 231 Main St. S., Wagener.

Each year CTFK can award up to two \$1,000 scholarships based off of godly character and community service to graduating seniors from Wagener-Salley High School.

The deadline for the scholarship applications is April 15.

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EDISTO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WMU PRESENTS LIVE THE CALL

By DEE TAYLOR

Women today wear many hats. Mother, daughter, sister, homemaker, chauffeur are just some of the hats that are worn, some simultaneously. The Edisto Association Women's Missionary Union presented a tea party that focused on the many roles of the WMU. The theme was Live the Call, challenging representatives from member churches to live the call of Jesus on their lives by following the directive of Matthew 28:19 where believers are to "go and make disciples of all nations."

In 1888, a handful of women dedicated to the cause of missions founded Woman's Missionary Union. Since that time, WMU has become the largest Protestant missions organization for women in the world, with a membership of approximately 1 million.

From the beginning, WMU's main purpose has been to educate and involve women, girls, and preschoolers in the cause of Christian missions. Throughout its history, WMU has been an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, which means that it acts as a "helper" to the SBC. The auxiliary status also means that WMU is self-governing and self-supporting.

Bethcar Baptist Church hosted the tea. Laslene Glymph, Women's Ministry Associate for the Lifestyle Evangelism Group, SCBC gave a inspirational speech challenging the



Submitted photos

Above: Joyce Holder, Edisto Baptist Association Women's Director with Julie Gartman, both wearing some of the many hats of the WMU. Joyce's hat shows the dedication to missions and Julie's represents family.

At right: Laslene Glymph, Women's Ministry Associate with Lifestyle Evangelism Group, delivered an inspiring speech.

women of WMU to Live the Call. For more information about the Edisto Baptist Association WMU, contact President Glenda Windham at (803) 564-3867.

Information for part of this article was also contributed through the www.wmu.com website.





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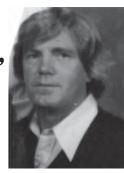
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Al-Anon helps members reach beyond their fears

Families and friends of alcoholics can find hope and help in Al-Anon/Alateen

Those who live with alcoholism often live in fear: fear of abuse, fear of anger, fear of trusting others

Al-Anon Family Groups (including Alateen for younger members) is a source of understanding, help, and hope to families and friends of alcoholics.

The following story, originally published in Al-Anon's monthly magazine, *The Forum*, illustrates some of the fears experienced.

My pattern of isolation began in childhood when my mother's abusive behavior became a source of sadness and embarrassment.

I coped by being a good little girl and keeping my feelings to myself.

Years later, while I suffered from my son's alcoholism, I withdrew again.

When the pain became intolerable, I decided to try Al-Anon.

It was scary walking into a room that was full of strangers, so I put on my everything's OK mask.

Then the members began to share their stories.

Everyone's words carried such depth and honesty that I began to feel hopeful. I thought maybe I could let my guard down, too. Maybe somebody would finally understand.

Continuing to attend meetings, I confronted longtime habits of selfpity that kept me stuck in misery.

It was pretty difficult to feel alone and sorry for myself when I sat with people whose experiences were the same or even worse than mine.

une. When I was little, I often blamed myself for Mommy's anger.

Later I felt somehow guilty about my son's alcoholism. Al-Anon told me I did not cause the disease and that I could not control or cure it, either.

The only thing I could change, I learned, was my own response.

As I gradually let go of guilt, I felt a new sense of lightness and freedom.

Sometimes I still find myself sliding back into isolation, but now I have a choice.

I can stay in a dark, lonely place, if that's what I choose.

Or I can keep coming back to this program, into the healing light of intimacy with my fellow travelers on this journey we call life.

- Kathy S. (Al-Anon members maintain personal anonymity in print)

Al-Anon members, like Kathy, may have several relationships to alcoholics: children, parents, spouses, partners, family members, and friends of problem drinkers.

All are welcome in the over 26,000 Al-Anon (including Alateen for younger members) meetings held in 131 countries.

Local meeting information can be obtained by checking the local white pages under "Al-Anon," or by calling the national (US and Canada) toll free meeting line, 1-888-4-AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET).

Additional information and listings of local websites are available on the Al-Anon/Alateen website, www.al-anon.alateen.org.

For local meetings in Wagener, contact Nancy B. at 564-6487 or 803-609-3340.

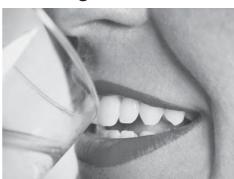


Dental Tips

from **Dr. Williams**

Edisto Dental Associates

8 Things You Didn't Know About Your Teeth



Oral health is often a window to overall health. Evidence supports the link between poor oral health and such conditions as stroke, premature birth and diabetes. Other conditions, such as HIV/AIDS and osteoporosis, may show preliminary signs in your mouth before other areas of the body are affected. Also, some of your daily activities or habits can affect your oral health. Therefore, it pays to pay attention to your teeth and gums. Elisa Mello, DDS and clinical assistant professor at NYU

Elisa Mello, DDS and clinical assistant professor at NYU College of Dentistry who, with her husband Ramin Tabib, DDS, established their practice, NYC Smile Design provides this valuable insight into dental hygiene.

1. Millions of Americans can crack a walnut with their teeth. While most adults exert about 20 to 40 pounds of pressure when their teeth make contact, millions of Americans exert as much as 250 pounds of pressure on their teeth — enough to crack a walnut. These teeth grinders are known as bruxers. Bruxism may be mild and may not even require treatment. However, it can be frequent and severe enough to lead to damaged teeth, jaw disorder, headaches, and other problems. To prevent damage to the teeth, mouth guards or appliances have been used to treat teeth grinding and clenching.

2. Bulimia and acid reflux can destroy tooth enamel. Many people suffering from bulimia are able to hide the disorder from others but it is more difficult to keep it a secret from your dentist. Enamel erosion is a major sign of bulimic behavior. And acid reflux, whereby stomach acid flows into the esophagus and mouth, can cause tooth and gum erosion.

3. Swimming in overly chlorinated pools can wear away the enamel in frequent swimmers. Fluoride treatments can be given to help keep the teeth strong. Swimming with a well-adapted and custom-fitted mouth guard, which can minimize exposure of teeth to chlorine, also helps.

4. Soda and citrus drink overuse can be caustic to tooth enamel. The average American drinks more than 53 gallons of soft drinks each year, more than any other beverage, including milk, beer, coffee, or water. Phosphoric acid in soda and citric acid in citrus drinks can cause tooth enamel corrosion and the sugar can cause cavities.

5. Most people don't know they have bad breath. Dr. Mello suggests this test: Using dental floss or a tongue scrapper, sniff either the floss or the scrapper. If your mouth is clean, you won't have a telltale smell.

6. Infection and trauma can cause tooth enamel defects. Nutritional deficiencies during infancy, antibiotic use such as tetracycline, high fever, and trauma can all lead to tooth enamel irregularities such as pitting.

7. Eighty percent of Americans over the age of 35 have some form of gum disease. It can range from simple gum inflammation, called gingivitis, to serious disease that results in damage to the bone. In gingivitis, the gums become red and swollen. They can bleed easily. Untreated gingivitis can lead to periodontitis, in which the gums pull away from the teeth and form pockets of infection. If ignored, the bones, gums and connective tissue supporting the teeth are destroyed.

8. One in four adults age 60 and older has lost all of his/her teeth. A good oral hygiene program should include twice daily brushing, flossing, eating a balanced diet, limiting between-meal snacks, and regular visits to your dentist for professional cleaning and oral exams.

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Nominations are due by March 28. Return to: Eddie and Lillian Ross Scholarship, c/o Salley Town Committee, P.O. Box 484, Salley, SC 29137 The Eddie and Lillian Ross Scholarship

Candidate Information Sheet

Due March 28, 2008

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- 1. Please attach a list of involvement including extracurricular activities, clubs and organizations, sports, community service, etc.
- 2. Please attach a narrative of no more than 500 words explaining your interest in attending a University of South Carolina school and your plans for the future.

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Moyer - Love



Michelle Moyer and Lee Love

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Moyer of Aiken announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle Moyer of Aiken, to Lee Love of Wagener, the son of Donnie and Cindy Love of Wagener. The wedding is planned for May 24, 2008.

The bride-elect is a maternal granddaughter of the late Mildred and Oliver Redd of Windsor and a paternal granddaughter of James and Pansy Moyer of

She is a 1999 graduate of Aiken High School. She is a graduate of USC Aiken with a degree in exercise science and a graduate of Aiken Technical College with a degree in massage therapy. She is employed by Palmetto Neuromuscular Massage Therapy.

The bridegroom-elect is a maternal grandson of Robert and Mae Smith of Wagener and a paternal grandson of Wilber and Betty Jean Love of

He is a 1998 graduate of Wagener-Salley High School. He is employed by Aiken Electrical Co-Op.

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Photos by Dee Taylor
Clyde Childs
and Bonnie
Stiff were two
of the residents of Perry
Eldercare that
were honored
by members
of Berlin Baptist Church.

left, administrator at Perry Eldercare, and her mother Mary Brown, right, co-owner of Perry Eldercare, were in attendance at Berlin Baptist Church.

Anne Linder,

Eldercare

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Some of the Perry Eldercare residents in attendance were: Clyde Childs, Otis Pennington, Edna Sauls, Charlie Sloan, Bonnie Stiff and Miriam Terry.

After the service, the church hosted a covered dish in the Fellowship Hall, where the Perry Eldercare residents were guests of honor.

To find out more about Perry Eldercare call Anne at (803) 564-5092.

To find out more about the ministries of Berlin Baptist Church call (803) 564-6308.

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Now, it is time for him to begin a new future of service to his state – and more importantly, to God, whom Ken feels led him to this time, place, and position.

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Courtney Senior Center Events for March

- ▶ Scrapbooking Class meets every Monday at 1 p.m. March dates are March 3, March, 10, March 17, March 24 and March 31
- ▶ The Canasta Club meets every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. March dates are March 5, March 12, March 19 and March 26.
- ▶ Third Friday Bingo will be held on second Friday this month, March 14 at 2 p.m. and is sponsored this month by the Town of Salley. The center will be closed on the third Friday for Good Friday.

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7:00_{PM} Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday Schedule

Wed. Night Supper

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Prayer Service,

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Special Interest . . .

<u>MARCH 16</u>

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MARCH 23

Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 AM with Breakfast at 8:30 AM

MARCH 30

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Mother, the One Armed Woman

By CHERYL H. POOLE Contributor

God is a good and loving God to His children. He also has a heck of a sense of humor. How else can you explain the creation of children?

Children are the creation of a comedic God. He creates them as cute, cuddly, innocent little creatures who, with a little food and a little water, grow into not so cute, not so cuddly and not so innocent ankle biters. They kind of remind me of the Gremlins from the 1980s.

Don't get me wrong. Children are wonderful, most of the time. It is just those moments, as any parent knows, that you wonder how in the world did my child turned into a little monster.

That is why I think God created a superhero for the home. She is Mother, the One Armed Woman. I became her in the summer of 2000. Here is one of my

I had come to the realization that if ever an unfortunate turn of events should happen my way, resulting in the loss of an



upper limb, I would still be able to survive this world with no help whatsoever. Most women come to this realization when they enter the realm of motherhood.

No other creature on earth is able to bottle feed, get dressed and use the toilet simultaneously, which by the way I found out that I could do quietly nicely on many an occasion. It is amazing what talent arises when you become, Mother, the One Armed Woman.

The birth of a baby leads to the rendering of one arm becoming completely useless except for the duty of holding the

The baby has staked claim to that arm and fiercely intends to defend its claim, until at such time the sheer weight of the child and the force of gravity, revokes the claim. So that leaves us with one good arm

It is astounding what can be accomplished with the use of only one arm. I have discovered that I can dress myself, one handed, underwear and all. I can put make-up on with a single limb as well as eat, brush my teeth, style my hair, cook, clean, shop, etc...

You name it and I have probably succeeded with that task single-handedly (Yes, pun intended!) God must have known this was going to be the situation when He created us.

That is why we got two hands instead of one. One for our family and the other to reach out to Him.

That's God for you. He always gives you an extra hand when you need it.

March Story Times at the Wagener Library

On Wednesdays, March 5 and 19, at 3:30 p.m. the Wagener Library presents story times for local children.

On March 5, hear stories about royalty that are fit for a king, and on March 19 our story time will be hopping with books about frogs.

Children of all ages will enjoy stories, a craft activity, and refreshments.

The library is located at 204 Park St. N.E., in Wagener. Library hours are noon to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

For questions about children's events or regular library services, call branch manager LeWanda Fulmer at (803) 564-5396.

Super Bowl Sunday great for outreach for Berlin Baptist

Berlin Baptist Church chose Super Bowl Sunday to form an outreach in the form of a soup ministry.

One of the church's missions this year is to create a church without walls since the church's efforts show that even thought there are many churches in the area that a good number of homes in the community are not involved in a church.

That problem left the members of Berlin wondering what have they done about reaching the unchurched.

There was a great outpouring of participation in the church from

preparing soup to being part of the visitation teams.

The church established five teams consisting of no more than seven members each to visit 56 homes in order to minister to 20 unchurched families in the community, while other members stayed at the church blanketing the event in prayer.

One of the people visited resulted in a great big "thank you" for the team. The group was told that their visit would never be forgotten.

To find our more about the missions and ministry at Berlin Baptist Church, call 564-6308.

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Children need parents who are active in their lives

Education is not something you get, but an educated person you

Long years ago an educated person was taught to be a leader of the community; their values were a



KEN

lot different. Today if a child does not possess those same values he will not take things serious (education is not important).

Surprisingly, some parents feel CHANDLER that children will

do as well without an education. Parents' participation in school is a reflection on their children.

If you do not educate yourself for you, at least do it for your children. I believe parents should dedicate twenty years toward the education of their children. Some parents feel that they don't have

Remember, our children did not ask to be born. They are not something that you can just return because they don't fit your life style, they are the wrong color, or because it looked good on someone else.

There are three ways that parents see their children: (A) opportunity, (B) responsibility, and (C) obstacle.

An opportunity parent will utilize every minute spent with her child because she wants to see how the child turns out. The parent is very active in the child's life.

A responsibility parent just goes through the motion of raising the

child, feels stuck with the child and has a "whatever attitude."

An obstacle parent feels that the child is in the way, stopping the parent from doing things ("I cannot go out tonight because I have this child").

These parents are forced to leave their child with anybody to carry out their wants, not realizing the danger the child maybe placed in.

Children are forty percent of our population and 100 percent of our future, that's why it is important that we invest in their present to better our future.

Parents, you are the bridge of what is and what can be when it comes to your children. Most parents are living their lives not realizing that the child is still in motion.

The old saying, "Time waits for no man." We are losing our youth at an enormous rate. It's not because of anything that they have done, it's because of what we are not doing.

A good friend once told me, "Chandler, you need to stop looking at the WHY and focus on the WHAT." We come up with too many excuses why we cannot do, verses what we can do.

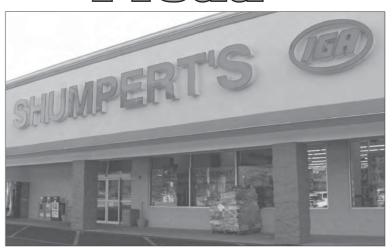
My question to you and to myself, what can we do to help make things better for our homes, schools, and our communities?

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NOISES IN THE HENHOUSE

The Henhouse Ministry is off to a good start for 2008.

As we do every new year, we elect officers and assign committees. I have never been involved with a group like this one.

The process goes so smoothly. We will also be establishing our policies and rules for the coming year.

These ladies and gentlemen are so agreeable and supportive.

They do whatever they can to see that this ministry reaches the deserving needy.

Recently the Willing Workers

attended the funeral of Tom Jackson. He was the beloved husband of our dear Polly. Polly is one of the original founding members of the Henhouse.

After listening to their granddaughter and the preachers exchange memories about Tom, I wish I could have known him.

One thing that struck me was how patient, generous and kind Tom was.

Polly is like that, too. Even when she can't come to the Henhouse, she asks for work to do.

Her sewing skills reveal perfection and talent.

Our prayers are with Polly and her family during this time of grief.

A few weeks back Mary and I went to Tampa Florida to the Laser Spinal Clinic for Mary to have surgery. I drove while Mary navigated. Marsha, Mary's daughter, provided us with her car (which has an On-Star navigation system) for the trip.

Mary and I prayed for safe travel and a successful surgery before we left

The day before, Dee Taylor e-mailed us a perfect Bible verse to claim and carry with us on our journey – Zephaniah 3:17 "The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

We certainly felt God's presence with us all the way.

There were a few times that On-Star helped me through some heavy traffic. I was singing God's praises and was very thankful for On-Star.

When we arrived at the hotel that Monday afternoon, we watched the most beautiful sunset over Tampa Bay from our balcony.

On Tuesday morning, we were at the clinic meeting appointments and making the final arrangements for Mary to have the surgery.

Bright and early on Wednesday morning (6 a.m.) Mary and I headed over to the clinic for the surgery.

By that afternoon Mary was ready to go back to the hotel room.

Mary stayed in bed all day on

Thursday and by Friday she was going to the clinic for therapy. Her recovery was remarkable.

Marsha flew down on Wednesday evening to be with her mother after the surgery.

On Saturday morning Marsha drove us back home. She didn't need a navigator except for On-Star. All I had to do was sit back and enjoy the ride home

Our traveling back to South Carolina was filled with joy and thanksgiving

ng.
Mary is now free from the agoniz-

ing pain she was suffering.

Hopewell Methodist Church has again chosen the Henhouse Ministry for their charity on "Souperbowl" Sunday.

We are indeed grateful for their continued support.

This is one of the ways we secure funds to help those in our community. Some of the Willing Workers attended the Hopewell Methodist Church

Souper-bowl Sunday luncheon.
They all had nothing but good
things to say about the delicious food,

fellowship and warm welcome.
Our thanks and appreciation go out to the congregation of Hopewell.

We have a new member at the Henhouse, Jo Ann Salley.

When new members join us, we are

delighted because we know God had a hand in it.

Our testimonies are many how God brought us to this ministry. We are so pleased to welcome Jo Ann as a Willing Worker.

At the Henhouse we do birthdays differently. Instead of receiving gifts, we give them.

The way we give to others is to furnish the noon meal. I can tell you that the members have eaten well this month.

The dishes have ranged from good ole country eat'n to Italian cuisine.

Desserts have been the best! The Willing Workers are expert cooks and have cook books to prove their talents.

We always end our meetings with prayer requests.

We heard requests for members of the Henhouse and their families, our community, nation and world suffering from illness, oppression, the lost loved ones, recent deaths and the overall economy affecting so many of

We are praying for God's hand to be on our governing bodies, the up coming election and wisdom for all concerned.

Until next time, "keep thinking the good thoughts and remember to love your neighbor."

A.L. Corbett Middle School Math Night





WAGENER WOMAN'S CLUB

The Cumbee Center's **Annie Clyde Williams** was January speaker

Wagener Woman's Club was pleased to have Annie Clyde Williams, of the Cumbee Center as guest speaker at their January meeting.

Williams related to the club that the Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons, also known as CAAP, was established in 1979 by a local minister and his wife to assist victims of domestic violence.

The Cumbee Center provides free and confidential 24-hour emergency services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

In addition, the agency offers crisis and long term counseling, temporary emergency shelter, legal advocacy, referrals to social service agencies, support groups, emotional support, and community outreach education programs.

Woman's Club of Wagener has been a long-term supporter of CAAP through donations of household products and toiletries for the Cumbee Center safe house.

Club business included the announcement that Project Chairman had submitted necessary materials and information to State Awards Chairman.

Also Woman's Club of Wagener has received a matching funds grant from the Progress Foundation of General Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina. This grant money will be used toward a scholarship for a 2008 graduating senior of Wagener-Salley High School.

Hostesses for the evening were Judith Warner, Mary Lybrand and Emily Branch.

For more information on CAAP, call (803) 649-0480 or (803) 641-4162.

PRESIDENT'S DAY PARTY AT ROY



Submitted photo

Benjamin Yoder, Shaniah Johnson, Ambriah Johnson, Venecia McKelvin, Sakeah Gaymore, Stefan McKelvin, Roack Malik, Tatyana Adamson, Kayla Taylor, Morgan Gatlin, Kaylee Rushton, Deborah Yoder and Alex Leach attended the President's Day Party.

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Get to know the history of Piggly Wiggl

By ANGIE MCHUGH Contributor

On Dec. 9, Piggly Wiggly Carolina celebrated its 60-year anniversary. I submitted



Saunders

photos of our store's (Tyler Bros. Piggly Wiggly Store number 72) celebration to the Wagener Monthly and to my surprise they were published in the December issue.

Dee Taylor asked if someone could write a brief history of

Piggly Wiggly for the January issue. So, I sit at my computer and start researching and honestly, I was surprised.

Every single day, even if unintentional, we take for granted simple things like a trip to the local grocery store. Most people have no idea what it takes to run a grocery store, but did you know how the grocery store got started? I didn't!

I have shopped at Piggly Wiggly for almost 20 years, and I have worked for Tyler Bros. Piggly Wiggly in Wagener for almost three years and I never knew that Piggly Wiggly virtually invented the "grocery store" as we know it today.

This has become more than a brief history of Piggly Wiggly for me. I have discovered a piece of history that was never taught in school.

So what have I learned from all of this? It's simple really, and I don't mean to sound simple, but never take anything for granted, not even a trip to your local Piggly Wiggly!

Clarence Saunders is the man who created Piggly Wiggly. He opened the first store in downtown Memphis, Tenn., in 1916.

His store, Piggly Wiggly, was the first grocery store ever to offer national brand advertising, shopping baskets, self-service shopping and refrigerated produce cases.

By 1922 Piggly Wiggly had grown to 1,200 stores in 29 states and his ideas streamlined the shopping experience for everyone.

Saunders began issuing stock in his company, and in the early '20s a series of stock transactions forced him into bankruptcy and he was forced to sell his stock at a



Submitted photo

Clarence Saunders opened the first Piggly Wiggly store in downtown Memphis, Tenn., in 1916.

loss. By 1929, Piggly Wiggly was the second largest group of grocery stores in the United States, franchising enabled Piggly Wiggly to continue.

Piggly Wiggly Carolina was founded in 1947 by Joseph T. Newton Jr. in an old cotton warehouse on the banks of the Cooper River in Charleston.

Having worked as a butcher and grocer to support his growing family, Newton knew there should be a central source to supply the stores with their needs rather than having 20 or more suppliers for each store.

He knew that with a central buying office he could get lower prices on volume purchases from all suppliers and supply stores at a lower cost. Newton purchased franchises from the corporation, then one by one he convinced small grocery stores to join the franchise.

In 1958, Burt Schools (Newton's sonin-law) joined the business. With Schools' educational background, once again Newton's ability to see great potential shined through.

Newton's leadership led Piggly Wiggly to amazing growth. In 1962, Newton's son "Buzzy" joined the company, working his way to the top by starting from the bottom.

In 1979, "Buzzy" was named president of Piggly Wiggly Carolina and executive vice president of Greenbax Enterprises. His father took on the role of chairman of the board of Piggly Wiggly Carolina. Schools became executive vice president of Piggly

Think you know all of the history of Piggly Wiggly now? We'll try to stump you with a Piggly Wiggly "Did You Know" on page 21.

Wiggly Carolina and president of Greenbax Enterprises.

Schools contributions' to the financial end of the business played a key role in the continued success of the company. He retired in 1998.

Piggly Wiggly Carolina has become the largest privately owned, family-operated company in South Carolina, with annual sales of more than 700 million dollars and a workforce of more than 5,000 employees.

Piggly Wiggly Carolina has proven itself as a strong force to be reckoned with. At Piggly Wiggly every employee is an individual with opportunities limited by his or her own ability and imagination.

In April of 2007, Buzzy Newton retired and David Schools (son of Burt Schools) became the president of Piggly Wiggly Carolina. David Schools has been with Piggly Wiggly since January 1984.

He started out at Piggly Wiggly bagging groceries and worked in many stores and positions throughout the company. As he began his new role, Schools said, "I hope to build on the company's past successes while looking for new ways to entice busy shoppers to pick Piggly Wiggly over the growing field of competitors."

While competing with retail giant like Wal-Mart and Target and with pharmacies, convenience stores and dollar stores increasing their selection of foods, Schools' interest in consumers' feedback underscores his commitment to making the company a true leader in customer satisfaction.

As consumers eat more meals away from home, restaurants are taking a bigger bite out of grocers' bottom line.

Schools plans to get more input from more areas of the company, visit the stores more often and keep in touch with everyone to keep Piggly Wiggly in top shape.

Please see PIGGLY WIGGLY, page 21



Did you know?

Piggly Wiggly was the FIRST to ...

- ... provide checkout stands.
- ... price mark every item in the store.
- ... give shoppers more for their food dollar through high volume/low profit margin retailing.
- ... feature a full line of nationally advertised brands.
- ... use refrigerated cases to keep produce fresher longer.
- ... put employees in uniforms for cleaner, more sanitary food handling.
- ... design and use patented fixtures and equipment throughout the store.
- ... franchise independent grocers to operate under the self-service method of food merchandising.

Piggly Wiggly

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I have no doubt that his plans for Piggly Wiggly will take us far.

As a mother, a consumer and as an employee of Tyler

Bros. Piggly Wiggly #72 in Wagener, my job as deli manager allows me to provide for my family.

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Massage therapy can benefit everyday life

By ELLEN PROVEAUX, RN, CNHP
Contributor

Massage is one of the oldest healing arts: records dating back 3,000 years document its use; Persians and Egyptians applied forms of massage for many ailments; and Hippocrates wrote papers recommending the use of rubbing and friction for joint and circulatory problems.

Today, the benefits of massage are varied and far-reaching (www.massagetherapy.com/learnmore/benefits. php). As an accepted part of many physical rehabilitation programs, massage therapy has also proven beneficial for many chronic conditions, including low back pain, arthritis, bursitis, fatigue, high blood pressure, diabetes, immunity suppression, infertility, smoking cessation, depression and more. And, as many millions will attest, massage also helps relieve the stress and tension of everyday living that can lead to disease and illness.

Massage therapies are often complex mixtures of holistic healing practices involving physical, emotional and spiritual components.

There are more than 250 variations of massage therapies and many practitioners utilize multiple techniques (www.massagetherapy.com/glossary/index.php).

The application of these techniques may include, but is not limited to, stroking, kneading, tapping, compression, vibration, rocking, friction and pressure to the muscular structure or soft tissues of the human body.

The use of oils, lotions and powders may also be included to reduce friction on the skin.

There's no denying the power of bodywork. Regardless of the adjectives we assign to it (pampering, rejuvenating, therapeutic) or the reasons we seek it out (a luxurious treat, stress relief, pain management), massage therapy can be a powerful ally in your healthcare regimen.

Experts estimate that upward of 90 percent of disease is stress related. And perhaps nothing ages us faster, internally and externally, than high stress.

While eliminating anxiety and pres-



sure altogether in this fast-paced world may be idealistic, massage can, without a doubt, help manage stress. This translates into decreased anxiety, enhanced sleep quality, greater energy, improved concentration, increased circulation and reduced fatigue.

Furthermore, clients often report a sense of perspective and clarity after receiving a massage.

The emotional balance bodywork provides can often be just as vital and valuable as the more tangible physical benefits.

In response to massage, specific physiological and chemical changes cascade throughout the body, with profound effects.

Research shows that with massage arthritis sufferers note fewer aches and less stiffness and pain. Asthmatic children show better pulmonary function and increased peak air flow. Burn injury patients report reduced pain, itching and anxiety.

High blood pressure patients demonstrate lower diastolic blood pressure, anxiety and stress hormones. Premenstrual syndrome sufferers have decreased water retention and cramping. Also preterm infants have improved weight gain.

Getting a massage can do you a world of good. And getting massages frequently can do even more. This is the beauty of bodywork.

Taking part in this form of regularly scheduled self-care can play a huge part in how healthy you'll be and how youthful you'll remain with each pass-

The benefits of massage or bodywork treatments

What exactly are the benefits of receiving massage or bodywork treatments? Useful for all of the conditions listed below and more, massage can:

- Alleviate low-back pain and improve range of motion.
- Assist with shorter, easier labor for expectant mothers and shorten maternity hospital stays.
- Ease medication dependence.
- Enhance immunity by stimulating lymph flow the body's natural defense system.
- Exercise and stretch weak, tight or atrophied muscles.
- Help athletes of any level prepare for and recover from strenuous workouts.
- Improve the condition of the body's largest organ
- the skin.
 - Increase joint flexibility.
- Lessen depression and anxiety.
- Promote tissue regeneration, reducing scar tissue and stretch marks.
- Pump oxygen and nutrients into tissues and vital organs, improving circulation.
- Reduce postsurgery adhesions and swelling.
- Reduce spasms and cramping.
- Relax and soften injured, tired and overused muscles.
- Release endorphins amino acids that work as the body's natural painkiller.
- Relieve migraine pain.

ing year.

Budgeting time and money for bodywork at consistent intervals is truly an investment in your health. And remember: just because massage feels like a pampering treat doesn't mean it is any less therapeutic. Consider massage appointments a necessary piece of your health and wellness plan, and work with your practitioner to establish a treatment schedule that best meets your needs.

For more information, call Ellen at 564-3981.

WAGENER HOMESCHOOL CO-OP

Home schoolers meet bimonthly

Co-op Class Day/Monday School offered

This program is the heart of Wagener Homeschool Co-op. It meets for two sessions each year, fall and spring.

We will begin our first session in September and are currently working on building our leadership team.

We rely on the active involvement of our members (parents and grandparents). In the coming months, you will see many different ways you can become involved.

Currently we meet twice a month for mini classes, field trips, and informational meetings for new homeschooling families.

Beginning in March, we will offer a three to four session class "My Body for God's Glory" at FBC Wagener. School-age children will learn about the human body and what is going on inside.

They will also learn what the Bible teaches about our body and will memorize scripture. The cost for the class is \$3 per child.

To sign up for the field trip or mini class, please contact a representative below.

To learn more about First Class, visit our website at www. firstclasshomeschool.org/co-ops/ sc/wagener/.

For more information, call Samantha Phifer at 657-6085 or Scott Griffin at 564-5671.

Wagener Homeschool Co-op is a Christian nonprofit ministry that exists to encourage, support, and build up the local community of homeschool families, reaching out in the name of



Jesus Christ.

Its objective is to be a resource center where members can find information, both practical and spiritual, to assist them in their commitment to homeschooling.



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God's Growing Things at A Journey To Health

By Ellen Proveaux, RN, CNHP

A Journey To Health has expanded! We have doubled our size at 153 Main St in Wagener. We needed the size to accommodate the demands of a population anxious to have Natural Health services available to them. As a result of our expansion, we have also been able to add some services that have been sought after in this community. Dr. Jay Rising is offering chiropractic services on Wednesdays. As the demand for his services increases, he will increase the amount of time he is at the office. Miss Jodi James, LMT, will be offering massage therapy on Fridays. Again, as the demand for her services increases, she will be available more often. Other new services that are being offered are Ear Candling & the Raindrop Technique. Chris & Ellen Proveaux, RN, CNHP, are continuing to do The Lord's work. We are blessed to have the

opportunity to help others on their quest to better health through education. Our practitioners are Christian natural health care providers, who are focused on education for their clients and giving the body the proper environment to heal itself. We are NOT New Age. We only practice in the manner that The Lord designed us all, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made! Other services that we originally offered are NAET (allergy elimination technique) and The KI Method (a form of therapeutic touch). We sell Standard Process & MediHerb Supplements, which are organically grown by the company themselves. Chris & Ellen are also Detoxification Specialists. We offer Ionic Detoxification Footbaths as a mild and gentle detoxification option. And for those ready for more aggressive detox, we offer a 21 Day Purification Program with 5 lectures over the course of this program. The 21 Day Purification Program is offered 4 times a year. The next program should be in May. If you are interested in pursuing your path to better health and need to schedule an appointment, please call our office at (803)564-3981. Our office assistant, Keith Parrish, will answer any simple questions about an appointment & be glad to help you schedule one at your convenience. For the convenience of our clients, our office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday from 11AM to 8PM. For more information, you can check out our website at www.ajourneytohealth.net.

ROY WARNER PARK NEWS

By ROSA FREITAG Park Supervisor

"All for Fun and Fun for All" continues at Roy Warner Park.

Baseball

Registration for Dixie Youth is complete. Our teams are hard at work practicing for season play. Sportsarama will be March 15 in Pelion.

Fast Pitch Softball and Dixie Boys registration is scheduled for March 14-15.

Toddlealong

Toddlealong Moms meet at the park at 9 a.m. for playtime and socialization for children up to 5 years old.

Great Outdoors Getaway

On March 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Teacher Workday) Youth meet at the park and adventure outdoors to collect items and complete scavenger hunt. Followed by a cookout in the park and an afternoon National Geographic Movie. Fee is \$5. Sponsored by Zeus Industrial Products.



Submitted photo

Lily Richardson and McKinley Berry playing dress up at Toddlealong.

Under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

Me & D'Girls can Cross Stitch

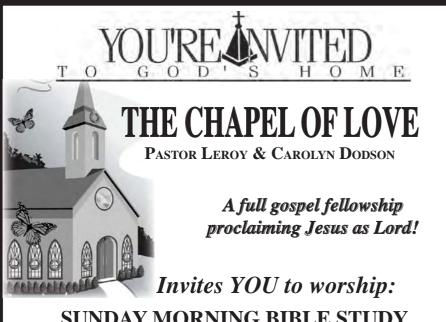
On March 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Teacher Workday) Youth will meet at the park and learn to cross stitch. They will complete a project which will be followed by lunch and manicures. Fee is \$5. Sponsored by Zeus Industrial Products. Under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information on any of these

Unclaimed trophies

The following children have unclaimed trophies at Roy Warner Park. Please stop by the park during regular hours to pick up the trophies.

Kristopher Anderson, William Baugus, Brandon Baughman, Cole Buff, Ethan Busbee, Brielle Busbee (2), Tyler Berry, Purvis Blizzard, Riley Burnett, Alexandria Cannon, Kelci Chavis, Logan Chaffins, Sam Clarke, Kyle Clarke, Ben Collins, Paige Dickson, Kiena Fordham, Shanise Frazier, Amber Fulmer, Kyle Farr, Stephanie Fields, Cecil Furtick, Caleb Green, Ryan Gallop, Bailey Gantt, Shane Hutto, Taelor Hutto, Brittney Hutto, Brittney Howard, Julia Hightower, April Jeffcoat, Nick Jeffcoat, Sanchessa Lee, John Lowerimore, Roxanne Morgan, Taezia Mack, Chris McLean, Connar Poole, Samantha Rushton, Crystal Rish, Taylor Rawls, Taylor Sims, Alex Spires, Rashide Smith, Jamie Swartz, Derek Shealy, Chance Spires, Jordan Schofield, Bailey Spires, Jenna Starnes, Kelsie Swartz, Denzell Skitching, Whitney Tindal (2), Abby Tindal, Debbie Taylor, Morgan Tyler, Kristopher Ulmer, Kaitlyn Vinson, Tiquan Williams, Taylor Williams, Katie Williams, Kaylla Williams, Jesse Williams, Kristin Williams, Hope Williams, Haley Williamson, Adam Walling, Trevor West, Paxton Yon, Payton Yon (2), Matthew Yon



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By DONNA BUNDRICK GRIFFIN
Contributor

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Make exercising a regular part of your life. Take a daily walk through your neighborhood – soak up some rays of sunshine and let off some steam in addition to dropping a few pounds!

Drop the smoking habit and limit your alcohol.

Incorporate these and other healthy choices in your life to feel much better and look better!

Donna Bundrick Griffin is the marketing and promotions coordinator at Walter P. Rawl & Sons, Inc., 824 Fairview Road, Pelion.

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Using a medium pot, cook greens in water and chicken broth for 10-15 minutes or until desired tenderness.

When prepared to desired tenderness, strain well and cool thoroughly.

In a skillet, sauté onion, red bell pepper, and garlic in olive oil until tender.

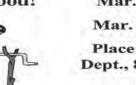
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Area vet offers discount on fees

By APRIL BAILEY Staff writer

Many local residents aren't able to afford proper medical care for their pets, said local veterinarian Marianne Priest. She said that is why she recently opened her new veterinary office, Family Pet Practices, in Aiken.

The office is located at 3834 Dyches Road, Aiken, down the street from the Salvation Army Thrift Store. Priest, a former veterinarian for the Humane Society in Miami, said she wants to minimize the costs for pet

"Here, we'll offer high-tech care at low costs," she said.

One way Priest plans to do that is by working to eliminate fees. From noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, Priest said she will waive the examination fee for office visits. After the two-hour time period, the fee will be reapplied.

"There are a lot of people in Aiken that don't have the money to pay for an office visit," she said.

Priest said Family Pet Practices will give limited veterinary services. The office is also contracted with Palmetto Regional Emergency Hospital for Animals for emergency animal care, which is not offered at Family

Pet Practices. The new office also will have available products such as flea and tick medications and dewormers at discounted prices.

A graduate of the Chi Institute of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine in Florida, Priest said she is certified in acupuncture and chiropractic techniques for animals. She said the techniques are especially effective with older animals who aren't as active as they once were.

While her services are geared toward dogs and cats, Priest said she also has an extensive background caring for horses. She has worked with Olympic horse trainers, managed polo clubs and worked as a horse trainer in the past.

Chiropractic and acupuncture services will be offered to horses as well, by appointment. Priest said she named her office Family Pet Practices because she wants people to feel at home at her office. She said she has worked to give the building a warm atmo-

Photo by April Bailey **Marianne Priest, owner of Family** Pet Practices with her dog, Tutu.

"When people visit here, I want them to feel like they are family," she said.

The office is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Office visits should

be scheduled by appointment. For more information on Family Pet Practices, call 648-0998.

> Contact April Bailey at abailey@aikenstandard.com.



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Christ Central is great resource for the Wagener area

By LILY HERNDON Contributor

Although Christ Central Institute has been written about in the Wagener Monthly before and has been an active presence in the town, the arrival of the institute's new CEO Ken Clark provides the perfect opportunity for CCI to remind Wagener folks just what the institute and its missions are all about, and what it is doing in Wagener.

What's it all about? CCI has a mission to provide free education for everyone!

For now, the focus is Christian Higher Education, but the school hopes to eventually expand to establish various other professional curricula for its students, all of whom receive this education free of charge.

CCI is seeking national accreditation, but until then offers certificates in each division of study.

The institute was birthed because of Christ Central Ministries, which, in a nutshell, endeavors to advance the biblical demand for Christian unity, working through care.

Charged with bringing the hope of Jesus Christ through Christian volunteers, the ministry has established centers of hope – and of help – through their various mission stations, located throughout South Carolina as well as in India.

In the early days of the ministry, it became apparent that formal education would be a critical step in the process of discipleship. Hence, Christ Central Institute came into being in September of 2002.

In addition to the Christian Higher Education courses, all of which are also available to Wagener citizens, CCI offers more general courses such as GED and SAT preparation classes, and hopes to expand these services to include courses like computer training.

If any Wagener school, group, or person is interested in partnering with CCI or receiving help in an educational endeavor or other community challenge or project, they are encouraged to take advantage of the energy and expertise of the faculty and staff of the institute.

Jason Conrad, founder and chief academic officer of CCI, emphasizes that the institute never aspires to take on the role of governing a community; rather the primary goal is "to educate and enrich the Christian community, so that together with them, we can make a larger impact."

Readers are encouraged to check out the Christ Central Institute website at ccins.org to see what the Institute is doing, what courses are offered, and other exciting events.

Stayed tuned to see what's next in this exciting new phase of growth and promise.

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W-S JROTC Battalion Drill Team wins championship

By COLONEL (Ret.) MAXIE L. JOYE
Wagener-Salley High School JROTC Department
Senior Army Instructor

The Wagener-Salley High School JROTC Drill Team won the C.E. Murray High School 2008 Eagle Challenge Drill Meet on Feb. 2 outpacing 17 other high schools from South Carolina and Virginia to claim the team championship.

The team consisting of cadets Kimberly Bailey, Shareka Buckett, Shyekia Corley, Briana Jacobs, Deidre Brown, Tevan Tyler, Raveen Davenport, Demonte Pontoon, Braxton Baughman, Akira Johnson, Douglas Furtick, Porsha Reed, Jessica Cauthen, Andrew Collins, Virginia Fowler, Demetrius Brown, Brandon Smith, Rachel Enlow, and Jonathan Tiedman won seven top place finishes on their way to overall championship.

"What an accomplishment for our cadets, I am so proud of them," stated Command Sergeant Major Michael Fowler, army instructor and drill team coach for Wagener-Salley High School. "The cadets worked hard and sacrificed many hours of their free time to achieve this task. They spent many hours on the drill pads last month during extremely cold weather preparing for the drill meet."

The preparation prior to the meet was important because some of the cadets competed in three or more of the eleven events during the drill meet. Cadets from no other high school had more top place finishes than Wagener-Salley.

Schools earning a top five finished in an event received quality points toward the overall Drill Meet Championship. The War Eagle Battalion top place finishes included:

First Place Fancy Individual Armed

- Cadet Furtick

First Place Fancy Duet Armed – Cadet Furtick and Cadet Tiedman

Second Place Fancy Quartet Armed

- Cadet Furtick, Cadet Tiedman, Cadet
Tyler and Cadet Pontoon

Second Place Regulation Individual Armed – Cadet Tyler and Cadet Collins (Commands)

Third Place Fancy Squad Unarmed

- Cadet Buckett, Cadet Corley, Cadet Bailey, Cadet Enlow, Cadet Johnson, Cadet
Reed, Cadet Jacobs, Cadet Davenport and
Cadet Brown.

Fifth Place Fancy Duet Unarmed

- Cadet Reed and Cadet Fowler

Fifth Place Four Man Color Guard

- Cadet Baughman, Cadet Fowler, Cadet Collins and Cadet Pontoon.

Cadet Akira Johnson won first place in the Knockout Competition Without Arms. During this competition, the cadets were evaluated on how well they executed stationary commands and movements. Cadet Johnson beat more than 120 cadets to win the top individual award.

The Eagle Challenge Drill Meet was the



Submitted photo

Squad Regulation Without Arms performs in competition. Led by Cadet Cauthen, from left, Cadets Collins, Reed, Enlow, Johnson, Davenport and Fowler

last event for the drill team for school year 2007-2008. One word can describe the drill team performance this year, "exceptional."

They won 36 trophies and more than 20 individual awards at drill competitions. Hard work and the burning desire to be a

championship drill team for their JROTC Battalion, school and community fueled these noteworthy accomplishments.



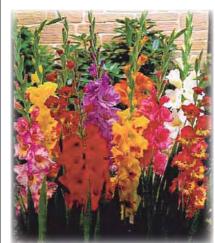
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MINISTRY BY SONG

The McKameys will perform on Friday, Feb. 29

Looking for something special to do on Friday, Feb. 29, Leap Day?

"Why not join us at the Earle Church of God at 7:30 p.m. to receive a blessing from the Lord as the McKameys come to minister to us in song." said Pastor Tim Burroughs. "When the dynamics of the event began to unfold this opportunity seemed to be a great fit for everyone."

Pastor Tim further explained that this year's focus for the Earle Church is on "Family, the Heartbeat of God" – the individual family, the church family and the world wide church family.

The McKameys have been singing the gospel for almost four decades and although the composition of the group has undergone some change the motive has remained the same ... to honor Him who is worthy of all praise.

The group began with Peg, Carol and another sister, Dora. Later, Ruben joined the group and a little later he joined the family by marrying Peg. In 1971, both Carol and Dora left the group to fulfill family obligations and they were replaced by Peg and Ruben's two daughters, Connie and Sheryl.

In September of 1984, the group had its first number one release "Who Put The Tears In The Eyes Of The Lamb" and shortly thereafter Sheryl decided to leave the group to fulfill her obligations as a mother and pastor's wife.

It was at this time that Peg's sister, Carol Woodard, again joined the group. The vocalists have not changed since that time.

Connie's husband and son, Roger and Eli Fortner play the guitars for the group.

The group also uses digital tracks to enhance the value of their performance

the value of their performance.

The McKameys have enjoyed tremendous success from the beginning but most of the national

recognition has occurred within the last decade.

The group has been honored with many nominations and awards including 14 number one songs and almost every single released has charted in the Singing News Top 40 Chart. (The group has had two additional No. 1 songs in the US

Gospel News chart.)



In 1989, "God On The Mountain" was acclaimed Song of the Year by the Singing News Fan Awards.

Peg McKamey Bean has been honored as the Favorite Female Vocalist by The Singing News Fan Awards for seven years.

The McKameys have won the hearts of Southern Gospel music lovers across the country.

They do not boast of a formal education in music or entertainment but they have a rich family heritage which instilled in them the meaning of worship and perhaps it is this realization which sets them apart.

Wherever you see The McKameys, you will be inspired by the pervasive spirit of worship that is evident when they minister before an audience.

The McKameys have always been based out of

Clinton, Tennessee, a small town about 18 miles north of Knoxville, where their office and publishing company are located.

They are pleased to be associated with Horizon Records in Asheville, North Carolina, and The Harper Agency in Nashville, Tenn.

The McKameys remain grateful for the blessings of the Lord upon their ministry and if you were to ask about future plans they would probably reply, "With the Lord's help, we plan to be faithful until He comes."

"There will be a \$10 ticket cost at the door and a love offering taken later that night – all of which goes to bless the McKameys," said Pastor Tim.

Door will open at 6:15 p.m. and you can call the church parsonage for directions to the church located on 345 Earl Church Road in Aiken.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Mary Livingston

ORANGEBURG — Mrs. Mary Belle Stradford Livingston, 94, of 833 Heyward Drive, Orangeburg, and Orangeburg Nursing Home died on Monday, Feb. 4.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 9 at Antioch Baptist Church in North. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The casket will be placed in the church at noon.

Mrs. Livingston was born Feb. 14, 1913, in Lancaster, a daughter of the late Nannie Stradford. She was a member of Antioch Baptist Church where she sang on the senior choir and taught Sunday school classes. She was the widow of Deacon Alton "Cuzz" Livingston. She was also preceded in death by two sisters.

Survivors include daughters, Mary L. Smalls of Orangeburg and Tempie L. Adams of Aiken; grandchildren, Gregory F. Livingston of Lexington, Eric H. Smalls of Columbia, Eryl M. (Hope) Smalls of Orangeburg, Joyce J. Adams of Raleigh, N.C., and John A. Adams of Aiken; great-granddaughters, Anah D. Livingston of Columbia, Lauren M. Smalls of Orangeburg; god-granddaughter, Velice Cummings of Aiken; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors. Her family is sincerely thankful for the love and support given by her caretakers, Francis Whitfield, Patricia Jeffcoat and Mary Myers of Aiken and Shirley Bovian, Janie Cummings, Virginia Johnson and Inez Jenkins of Orangeburg.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 8 at J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, 190 Railroad Avenue, Wagener, SC.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to the Antioch Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Ms. Lynn Rivers, Secretary, 280 Hopewell Road, North.

Tommie Hutto

Mr. Tommie Hutto, 59, entered into rest Thursday, February 14, 2008.

Mr. Hutto was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, who would gladly do what he could for anyone. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Lizzie Jean Baughman Hutto; children, Sherry (Tracy) Miles of New Holland and Melanie (Mark) Jumper of Swansea; grandchildren, Austin Kirkland, Julia Kirkland, Ryan Jumper, Christian Miles and Connor Jumper; special daughter-niece and granddaughter, Jean and Anna Cooper; sisters, Betty Jean (Belvin) Williamson of North and Mary (Alfred) Fabrizio of Fairport, NY; brother, Pat Allan (Gloria) Hutto of Wagener; special aunts, Maradelle Ray and Lois Hutto; sister-in-law, Beatrice Cooper of Orangeburg, and nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hutto was the son of the late Roy Hutto and Lizzie Rushton Hutto Poole. He was also predeceased by his brother, Jackie

Visitation was Saturday, Feb. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Wagener Chapel of Blizzard Funeral Home, 163 Main St. South, Wagener, SC (803) 564-5333.

A Celebration of Life was held in the chapel at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 17 with the Revs. Sam Fulmer and Brian Thomason officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Winyah Community Hospice Care at 305 Stoneridge Drive, Suite B, Columbia, SC 29210. The family also expresses their special thanks to the Winyah Community Hospice Care staff for the loving care provided to Mr. Hutto and the entire family. An online register is available at www.blizzardfuneralhome.com.

Virginia Midgett

Mrs. Virginia Catherine Lloyd Midgett, 94, entered into rest Friday, Feb. 15.

Mrs. Midgett is survived by her brothers, William E. "Boots" Lloyd of Danville, Va., Eldridge B. "Jock" Lloyd of Walnut Cove, N.C., George W. "Shorty" Lloyd of Wilmington, N.C., and several nieces and nephews

Mrs. Midgett was born in Columbia, Tenn. She was the daughter of the late Daniel Eugene and Mary Waddey Lloyd. Mrs. Midgett was preceded in death by her husband of 73 years, Elber Earl Midgett who died in 2003; her daughter, Jeanice Midgett who died in 2005; sisters Mary Lloyd, Lilly Lloyd and Margaret Lloyd; and brother Daniel E. Lloyd Jr.

Mrs. Midgett was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church.

Visitation was Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Blizzard Funeral Home, 153 Main St. South, Wagener, S.C. (803) 564-5333. A graveside service was held Thursday, Feb. 21 at 11 a.m. in the Aiken Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Dr. George Howle officiating. An online register is available at www.blizzardfuneralhome.com.

James Emanuel Courtney

Mr. James Emanuel Courtney, 82, went to be with Jesus Saturday, Feb. 9.

Mr. Courtney is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mildred Hall Courtney; daughters, Jamie (Barry G.) Solomon and Carmen (Robert E.) Faulkner; grandchildren, Shannon Solomon, Aaron Solomon, Mary Courtney Faulkner and LeighAnn Faulkner all of Aiken; and sisters Juanita Garvin of Aiken, Molly Price of Florence and Ida Cain of Ash Ridge Winchester, Ohio.

Mr. Courtney was born in New Holland, the son of the late Jordan and Molly Jackson Courtney. He was predeceased by his four sisters and three brothers.

Mr. Courtney was a member of River of Life Church and the Aiken Masonic Lodge #156, A.F.M. He was a contractor for over 40 years.

Visitation was Sunday, Feb. 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Wagener Chapel of Blizzard Funeral Home, 163 Main St. South, Wagener, S.C., (803) 564-5333. A grave-side service was held Monday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. in the Aiken Memorial Gardens with Masonic Rites. An online register is available at www.blizzardfuneralhome.com.

Donald Owens Starnes

LEESVILLE — Donald Owens Starnes of Leesville passed away Jan. 17, 2008. Born in Lexington, he was the beloved son of Owens and Margaret Elizabeth Derrick Starnes, and was a member of Grace Baptist Church. He was an avid race car driver, and was a backhoe operator. He loved fishing and living at Lake Murray. He was 56 years old. He was born on Dec. 26, 1951.

Active pallbearers were nephews, Brandon, Christopher, Justin and Jordan Starnes, H. Charlton and Ashley L. Light. Honorary pallbearers will be Eddie Moonshine, Jim Ingram, Daniel Rogers, Chad Hayes, Butch Whittle, Dean Rawl, Fred Swygert and Mike Faulkner.

He is survived by his parents of Wagener; longtime companion and friend, Claire Smith; a daughter, Darlene Donofrio of Taylors; two grandchildren; brothers Danny J. Starnes (Alderesa) of Leesville, Randy W. Starnes (Janet) and Marty Starnes (Susan) both of Wagener; sister, Debra S. Light (Henry) of Hoschton, Ga.

The visitation was held on Friday, Jan. 18, 2008, and the funeral was held on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008 with interment at Ridge Crest Memorial Park. Barr-Price Funeral Home of Leesville handled the arrangements.



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DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Evelyn Rish Garvin

Mrs. Evelyn Rish Garvin, 91, was born in Aiken County on Oct. 19, 1916, the daughter of the late Arnold and Onie Richardson Rish. Evelyn had two older sisters, the late Eva Ruth Kitchings and Mildred Williams. They lived on a farm about three miles west of the town of Wagener on what is now known as Fox Young Road. The three of them had chores around the farm, but they always seemed to have time to get into a little trouble. They climbed trees, swung from ropes, played in the hay loft and managed to find a way to come to Garvin's Mill Pond to get in a little swimming.

That is where Evelyn met a dashing young man by the name of Perron Garvin. On Jan. 1, 1939, the two of them married and she moved about half of a mile to her new home out on the main road between Wagener and Aiken. After a couple of years they started a family with the birth of a daughter they named Evelyn Daphne "Dee" (Elmer Outlaw). Several years later another daughter arrived and was named Linda Karen (Charles R. Sharpe). Evelyn and the late Perron were married for 65 years.

Evelyn retired from Tyler Brothers Piggly Wiggly. She and Perron loved camping and would take their camper up near Lake Lure in North Carolina for the summer. During the spring and fall, they loved to go to Hunting Island near Beaufort and do a little shrimping and fishing.

Evelyn has always been known for her beautiful yard. She worked in her flower beds constantly. Every spring, you could see the reward from all the hours she spent digging in the dirt because the yard would be ablaze with the beautiful blooms. Evelyn would tirelessly rake the leaves that fell from the sycamore trees each day during the fall and winter.

Evelyn is dearly loved by her five grandchildren and her three great-grandchildren. She is a special lady who entered into rest Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Visitation was Friday, Feb. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Wagener Chapel of Blizzard Funeral Home, 163 Main St. S.

The funeral service was Saturday, Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. in the Bethcar Baptist Church where she had been a devoted member for many years. Rev. Chris Addy, Rev. Brian Thomason and Rev. Kristen Richardson-Frick led the services. She was placed in the church an hour before the service for viewing. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Bethcar Baptist Church Building Fund at P.O. Box 546, Wagener, SC 29164. An online register is available at www.blizzardfuneralhome.com.

Ruth Jackson Amaker

Mrs. Ruth Jackson Amaker, 83, entered into rest Saturday, Feb. 2, 2008.

Mrs. Amaker is survived by her sisters, Novella Bailey of Salley, Daisy Smith of Augusta, Ga., and Ellie Wingard of Wagener. She was the daughter of the late George Perdue and Adele Jackson.

Services for Mrs. Amaker were private. The family asks, in lieu of flowers, for donations to be made to Blizzard Funeral Home at P.O. Box 235, Wagener, SC 29164.

Rosie Otts Thomas

Mrs. Rosie Otts Thomas, of 481 Anderson Road, Wagener, passed away at her residence on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, 190 Railroad Ave. W., Wagener. Friends may call at the funeral home or at her residence. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Chalk Hill Baptist Church Scholarship

Claude W. Brazil

LEXINGTON — The funeral service for Mr. Claude W. Brazil was Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m. in the Clinton United Methodist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Mr. Brazil is survived by his wife, Nell Brazil; daughter, Kim M. Brazil, and son, Kevin (Angie) Brazil; grandchildren, Skyler and Brayden Brazil; sister, Melita Burgess and brother Al (Kay) Brazil.

Visitation was Saturday, Feb. 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Wagener Chapel of Blizzard Funeral Home. An online register is available at www.blizzardfuneralhome.com.

Curtis Schofield

Mr. Curtis Schofield, of 7009 Columbia Highway, Wagener, passed away Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at InterMedical Hospital of South Carolina in Columbia.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, 190 Railroad Ave. W., Wagener, SC. Friends may call at the funeral home or at his residence.





