

# Wagenermonthly

Aiken Standard covering wagener and eastern aiken county

## Churches Together for Kids celebrates 10 amazing years

By CINDY BLIZZARD

July 1, 1999, was a gathering of 11 people who heard the call of God and wanted to reach out to the children and youth of our community.

A group of people who wanted to make a difference, to bring a great hope to the children and youth and demonstrate the love of God.

On that night, Churches Together for Kids (CTFK) began – Christians coming together for our children and youth.

Within a few weeks, 13 churches wanted to be a part of the vision of Christians coming together for our children and youth.

It started with collecting and passing out starter school supplies and hosting a nationally known speaker to speak in the Wagener schools and at a purity rally. The doors of ministry had been opened, and the vision was exploding before us.

God has blessed us with so many ministry areas. He has blessed this community very caring, loving and giving people. God has opened hearts of churches, individuals and businesses.

It is so amazing how God can take the smallest thing and use it for His glory and



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to advance His kingdom.

Ten years later, the call is even greater, the mission clearer, and hearts just as willing and caring. God continues to use our

CTFK to touch the lives not just in our community but across our county, our state and our nation.

So many times others would ask how can you do what you do in Wagener, and

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## Fulmer is the July Artist of the Month

The July Artist of the Month for the Wagener Home Town Celebrations Calendar Contest is Lindsey Fulmer.

Lindsey lives in Wagener with her parents, Tony and Alica Fulmer, and her younger sister, Lee Ellen Fulmer.

Lindsey chose the month of July to portray in the calendar because a lot of summer festivities take place during the month of July.

Lindsey enjoys attending Vacation Bible School and gets excited when she sees children of all ages so eager to learn about God.

"I wanted to draw this special building because it repre-

sents the Town of Wagener as a whole," Lindsey said. "Its old and grandeur structure and innate beauty symbolize the rest of the town's presence."

Lindsey was ranked eighth in the junior class and served as an usher at the Wagener-Salley High School graduation on June 5.

When asked about school, Lindsey said what she likes the most is the opportunity to meet new people.

"Learning to get along with others and working alongside people who are different than you is an exciting everyday thing," she said.

Lindsey enjoys leading the school's First Priority Club,

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# Memories from a Sweet Sixteen birthday

## Memories

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.

Several weeks ago, I had the pleasure of talking with Nancy Starnes, a good friend from my teenage years. I have seen Nancy only two or three times since we have become adults; we each went our separate ways after high school. This past week, I was telling Mama that Nancy recalled details of my 16th birthday party and that she related many of them to me. As Nancy began to talk about all of the fun we had, I too began to remember the fun we shared and some of the stunts we played on each other that night.

I celebrated my 16th birthday with a pajama party. The day of the party, five of my friends went home with me from school. Mama, Daddy and my brother Charlie spent that night with Grandmama and Granddaddy Tyler. Since I had gotten my driver's license when I was 14, I had the old '55 Chevy at my disposal.

When school was out, we all crammed into the old Chevy; our first stop was Daddy's Red and White grocery store. Daddy and Mama let us get all of the junk food we wanted, and then we went to our house. Mama followed us home and gave us instructions as to what we could and could not do.

Since she did not write the instructions down, we quickly forgot them after she closed the garage door. However, we did get what homework we needed to do out of the way, all the while watching American Band Stand with Dick Clark.

Daddy gave me the money for our supper, and around 6:30 I called Wagener Drive-In. The owners Ottie Lee and Chester Spradley were always so good to all of us teenagers; however, I felt that Mrs. Ottie Lee was especially good to me. We all wanted hamburgers and french fries.

As I was telling Mama this, she asked me what did a hamburger and fries cost then. Well, when I became 16 in 1962, I don't believe that a hamburger and fries cost over 75 cents and possibly not even that much. We all piled into the old Chevy and drove to the drive-in. I don't know why we all thought that we had to go since we went back home to eat.

When we were planning how I wanted to celebrate my birthday, Mama asked

- me what kind of cake
- I wanted. With my usual smart mouth, I replied, "a black one."
- I thought that Mama would know that I was teasing and that the standard birthday cake at that time was a pound cake-like batter with white icing trimmed in pink roses with green leaves.

However, Mama took me at my word, so she ordered me a chocolate cake with chocolate icing from Palmetto Bakery\* in Orangeburg. Palmetto Bakery delivered Sunbeam bread and other bread products to Daddy's store.

After getting our fill of hamburgers, fries and cake, we watched a little television, listened to records and talked about what all teenage girls talked about back then (and probably now, too) – boys, make-up, aggravating teachers and, mercy me, anything else that popped in our heads.

I know we used a lot of hot water that night from all the bathing and hair shampooing that went on. That was the era of Dippity Do and wire brush rollers with pink sticks securing the rollers. Make-up consisted of black rings around the eyes and super pale pink lipstick.

Once during the "black ring around the eyes era," Daddy caught me with "coal pit" eyes. He asked, "What in the world are you doing?" He also said a few other words telling me what I looked like.

Since Elizabeth Taylor was the starring actress in "Cleopatra" at that time, I told Daddy that I had the Cleopatra look! He did not reply to that comment; he just walked out of the house. However, I had a clean face by supper time.

After the baths and hair curling, we were all decked out in "baby doll pajamas" ready for bed. Nancy and her cousin Kay slept in Mama and Daddy's bed; I remember Nancy saying that she felt like King Tut sleeping in that king-sized bed.

Then the pranks began. Several of us decided that we would try to scare the others with an anonymous telephone call. I know that I must have been the one to do the calling.

I dialed our home phone number and then hung up the receiver, thus causing the phone to ring at our house. I went to the back of the house and informed the

others that someone had called and said that he was coming over to our house. I remember one of my friends running around the room like the boogie man surely was after her.

Well, the ones of us in on the prank were laughing so hard we could hardly catch our breaths. Finally, I told the others that it was just me playing a trick on them.

After all of the excitement, we did go to bed, at least some of us did. Wilsie and I tiptoed into where Nancy and Kay were sleeping; very quietly we put toothpaste on each of their faces. We then tiptoed back to my room.

After about 15 minutes, the rest of us went back to check on Nancy and Kay. They were still in dream land, so we shouted time to get up. Nancy and Kay sat up in the bed and immediately began to rub their faces, smearing the toothpaste everywhere.

Nancy said that when she felt the stinging of the toothpaste, she thought the red heat light in Mama and Daddy's bathroom had blistered her face. I think that we all finally settled down for sleep around midnight, since the morning would bring another school day.

Nancy told me she remembered the next morning that Mama came driving up bringing us cereal and bananas for breakfast. I don't remember anything about the next day at school and I doubt if any of my birthday party friends do either; we were too tired after a night of "Sweet Sixteen" fun.

I am retired, gray haired, and a long way past sweet 16, but my heart is full of all the precious memories that even time cannot erase. To Nancy, Kay, Wilsie, Gail, and Lawana, I remember when ...

- When Garry and I got married in 1968 Palmetto Bakery baked our wedding cake; it was white icing trimmed with pink roses and green leaves.

I remember on the morning of our wedding day just a few minutes past 7 o'clock, Mama, Daddy and I were sitting at the breakfast table, and the Sunbeam bread truck drove up in the yard.

Daddy went out to meet them and led the way to Uncle Shorty and Aunt Charlotte's house where our reception was held.

Palmetto Bakery did not charge for the cake. Daddy was a good customer for a long time, and the cake was complimentary.

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# A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL 4TH QUARTER HONOR ROLL AND AWARDS

## Principal's Honor Roll

Elizabeth Busbee, Marisa Finlayson, Jamie Swartz, David Urizar, Sabrina Leguizamón, April Jeffcoat, Shequavia Tyler, Jerel Swedenburg, Brandon Koon, Hunter Buff, George Gallop, Daniel Wiles and Ryan Brown

## A/B Honor Roll

Shawn Moss, Samuel Hutto, Tyler Berry, Charity Bynum, Alex Williamson, Johniya Bynum, Bobby Chavis, Faith Corley, Cleveland Johnson, Jalen Gleaton, Vadarius Miles-Lambert, Robert Tyler, Shanique Coleman, Rontravious Garvin, Tillman Rushton, Alex Walker, Christopher Bumgardner, Laura Stabler-Tindal, Kaylee Rushton, Tyler Wright, Haley Williamson, Kianna Middleton, Douglas Smith, Gamila Staley, Shakayla Wells, Nikia Bloome, Danielle Brown, Loretta Fields, Reshoniques Gleaton, Miranda Gunter, Alexi Henry, Rochelle Jones, Grayson Joye, Trent Rushton, Emily Schettler, Brantley Swartz and Debbie Taylor

## Junior Beta

Shamona Foulks, Reshoniques Gleaton, Miranda Gunter, Ryan Brown, Hunter Buff, Faith Corley, Sam Hutto, Marissa Livingston, Vadarius Miles, David Peterson, Douglas Smith, Robert Tyler, Shakayla Wells, Daniel Wiles, Octavia Bush, Charity Bynum, Melody Corbett, Kelly Frost, Tinisha James, Shyheim Jones, Andy Lewis, David Rathburn, Kaylee Rushton, Tillman Rushton, Jamie Swartz, Jerel Swedenburg, Tzaira Thompson, Laura Tindal, Shequaria Tyler, David Urizar and Haley Williamson

## Gov.'s Citizenship Award

Harley Gallop

## Celebration of Character

Bobby Chavis, Elizabeth Busbee

## ALC Character Awards

Sabrina Leguizamón, Aaliyah Chandler, David Urizar, Jamie Swartz, Laura Stabler-Tindal, Quintin Friday, Tyler Berry, Ryan Brown, Samuel Hutto, Bobby Chavis, Hunter Buff, Douglas Smith, Brent Starnes, Daniel Wiles, Faith Corley, Danielle Brown, Emily Schettler, Debbie Taylor, Alexi Henry, Helen Rumsey, Loretta Fields, Preston Hall, Manuel Sanchez, Nina Overton, Marisa Finlayson, Jena Starnes and Miranda Rawls

## Junior Scholars

Danielle Brown, Elizabeth Busbee, George Gallop and Vincent Walker



Submitted photos

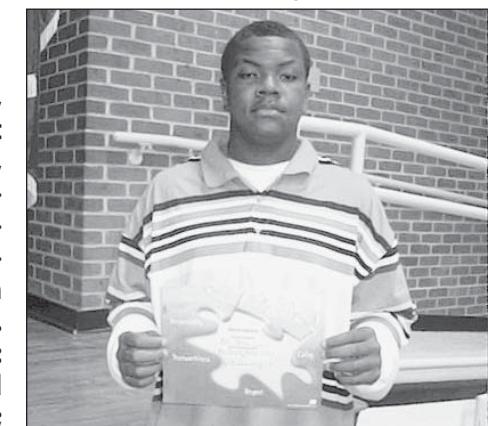
**Aaron Knowles, ALCMS Academic Team sponsor, is shown with the 2008-09 team. The team won several matches this year and competed against Aiken County middle schools. From left, front, Caleb Mason, Daniel Wiles and Kimberly Mason; back, D.J. Smith, Michael Bolton and Ryan Brown.**



**Mrs. Erria Daniels, ALCMS Student Council sponsor, is shown with students receiving citizenship and character awards from the seventh grade. From left, front: Michael Bolton and Chelsea Argroe; back, Ryan Brown and Daniel Wiles.**



**Bobby Chavis is presented a character award by Dr. Debbie Bass, principal at ALCMS, from the Aiken Celebration of Character. Bobby was cited by his teachers as having good character at school and in all activities representing the school.**



**Robert Tyler displays his award for character. He was recognized for a good deed in helping an older adult enter the school.**



**Joseph Enlow and Tyler Wright are shown with their certificates after being honored for having the highest accelerated reader points. Students are required to attain a certain amount of AR points to qualify for intramurals. Joseph attained the most for the nine weeks and Tyler attained the most for the year.**

## Duke Talent Identification Participant (TIP)

Michael Bolton

## Perfect Attendance

Tyler Adams, Ashley Bailey, John Blackwell, Clayton Bryant, Charity Bynum, Johniya Bynum, Aaliyah Bynum, Janeisha Chandler, Katherine Donaldson, Tanesha Friday, Rontravious Garvin, Dante Grapham, Trevor Jackson, Tinisha James, Morgan Leach, Sabrina Leguizamón, Shawn Moss, William Rathburn, Antavia Swedenburg, Jerel Swedenburg, David Urizar, Nikia Bloome, Lexus Brannum, Elizabeth Busbee, Joseph Colvin,

Marty Corley, Timothy Dennis, Najah Donaldson, Audrey English, Loretta Fields, Treggory Garvin, Reshoniques Gleaton, Miranda Rawls, Joshua Hayes, Dustin Hopson, Grayson Joye, Danielle Madore, De-Va'Je Mathis, Kavonagh Mitchell, Emily Schettler, Devon Way, Shawn Wright, Chelsea Argroe, Brandon Baughman, Hunter Buff, Eric Corley, Matthew Farr, Ray Fields, Jalen Gleaton, Phillip Hicks, Jordan Lester, Marissa Livingston, Kianna Middleton, Vadarius Miles, Kyiian Miller, Henry Odom, Keyonda Pontoo, Angelica Russell, Chantale Smith, Douglas Smith, Stavon Staley, Jasmine Stroman, Malcolm Stroman, Caleb Swedenburg, Dion Walker, Nyema Ware and Anthony Wiles

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From left, front, Lyric Posey and Caleb Swedenberg; middle, Daniel Wiles, Marissa Livingston, Michael Bolton and Mrs. Lambert; back, Ryan Brown, Faith Corley, Xavier Keitt and Jalen Gleaton. The math club at ALCMS reached Gold Level Status in the MATH-COUNTS Club Program. The school received an award and banner to display. The team participated in the Ultimate Math Challenges (UMC) and at least 12 of our students scored an 80 percent or better on the UMC. This is an extremely commendable accomplishment. The school is included in the Gold Level Schools list on the Math Counts Foundation website.



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The ALCMS team working on the Veteran's Day truck in celebration of Memorial Day included Mrs. Leah Shackleford, April Jeffocat, Jenna Starnes and Breille Busbee. The truck was used to display veterans' photographs during the dedication ceremony of the Veteran's Park and the Blue Star Memorial.

### New bicycles

Gregory Garvin and Miranda Rawls received new bicycles at A.L. Corbett's eighth-grade awards and promotion celebration. Dr. John Bass, Aiken County Board Member for District 1, donated the bicycles to the school. At the end of each school year, the names of all the parents visiting the school are placed in a box by the coordinator of our LIONS LOOT program coordinated by Mrs. Erria Daniels. This endeavor is to encourage parents to visit



Rawls



the school throughout the year. Bicycles have been awarded for the past several years through donations to encourage parental support.

## A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS



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The award for best costume at the ALCMS Sock Hop went to Emily Schettler and her dad, Donald Schettler.

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# A LETTER FROM ALC PRINCIPAL BASS

Dear Families and Friends of ALCMS,  
What do you say about our local



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- school? The message from the community matters. When we consider the importance of our local school, think about not only the education of our children, but also its economic impact.

- This has been a wonderful year for our students in academics and character development. Our students have been

challenged with a rigorous curriculum and they have been encouraged to excel in all areas of study, including the arts and sports.

Our strings program marked its second year. We now have more than 20 students involved in playing strings instruments, including the bass, cello, viola, and violin. Mrs. Claire Thrower led the students to participation in the All County Orchestra and our students had a full day of working with other teachers and students in the county. Our band students participated in a separate event for the All County Band event. Music is important in our curriculum. We are always looking for ways to get musical instruments in the hands of our students.

During the month of May, all students completed the new state test, PASS and our 8th grade English and Algebra students had to complete the end-of-course (EOC) tests. The EOC tests count as the final exam for these students. All of our 8th grade English and Algebra students passed the EOC. Congratulations to these students and their teachers, Ms. Badger and Ms. Cannon. Our PASS results will arrive later this year.

We anticipate a busy summer for our students. They have copies of books to read to prepare for next year. Their first test for the year will be on their summer readings.

Please continue to visit the local library weekly and encourage reading all summer.

Reading is the mark of academic excellence. We know that with your encouragement and support, our students will read many new books this summer.

Thank you for supporting our school and for entrusting us with the education of your children on a daily basis. I look forward to seeing you at registration Aug. 4 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. The first day of school will be Aug. 17. Have a great and happy summer!

Sincerely,  
Deborah Bass, Ph.D.  
Principal of ALCMS

## ALCMS SUMMER READING LISTS

### Sixth-grade reading list

- How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
- Baseball in April by Gary Soto
- Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes
- A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
- Flip-Flop Girl by Katherine Paterson

### Seventh-grade reading list

- Night by Eli Weisel
- The Upstairs Room by Johanna Reiss
- Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt
- The Red Scarf Girl by Ji Li Jlang
- Heartbeat by Sharon Creech
- Never Cry Wolf by Farley Mowat
- The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

### Eighth-grade reading list

- The Giver by Lois Lowry

- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle
- Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
- Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George

### Summer reading list for Mrs. Gartman's and Ms. Villaescusa's classes

- Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak
- The Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss
- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst
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# ALCMS Principal's Picnic

Two ALCMS traditions and highlights at the end of the year are the Principal's Picnic for students of good character and the yearbook signing. These photos capture some of the celebration the students and principal had together.

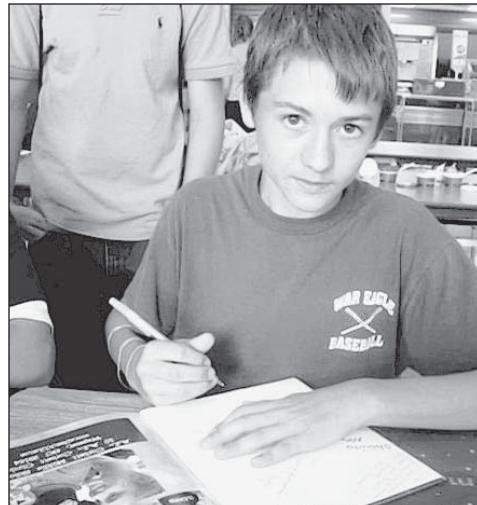


## ALC TEACHER OF YEAR



Claire Thrower

## ALC STAFFER OF YEAR



Leah Shackleford

## YEARBOOK SIGNINGS

**Annual Water Quality Report for 2008 - Town of Wagener, South Carolina**  
**System No. 0210004 - June 24, 2009**

The Town of Wagener is pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is intended to furnish important information about the drinking water provided by the Town to its customers.

Our goal is to provide all of our customers with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. This report shows our water quality and what it means.

The Town of Wagener utilizes ground water as the sole source of water. The Town is supplied by three wells that draw water from an unconfined aquifer. One of the wells is located near the old elevated water storage tank in downtown Wagener. It is known as the Main Street Well. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) monitors the well as water sample 802041. The second well is located across from the Wagener Fire Station along S.C. Highway 90. It is known as the Fire Station Well. It is identified by SCDHEC as water sample 802001. The third well is located on Main Street near Crescent Creek Park. It is known as the Main Street Well. It is identified by SCDHEC as water sample 802003.

**Source Water Assessment.** Tests were completed for public water systems in South Carolina in 2005. The primary goal of a Source Water Assessment Plan is to identify potential sources of contamination to drinking water supplies. The Source Water Assessment Plan for the Town of Wagener is available for your review at [www.scdhec.state.sc.us/water/](http://www.scdhec.state.sc.us/water/). If you do not have internet access, please contact Mr. R. Scott Hudy at (803) 561-3413 to make arrangements to review this document. Federal regulations require each public water system to produce an annual consumer confidence report. The report you are reading was prepared in compliance with that requirement. The reporting requirement was finalized to inform the public about the quality of water that is provided by each water system. As part of the education process, the report identifies any contaminants found in the system's water during the previous calendar year. The report is also intended to inform the public about potential health effects of any contaminants that may have been detected.

If you have any questions about this report or your water usage, please contact the following person: Mayor Steve Clever, Wagener Town Hall, PO Box 400, Wagener, SC 29169. Mr. Clever can also be reached by telephone at (803) 561-3412. We want our customers to be informed about their water usage. If you want to learn more, please attend any community-related Town Council meetings. The Wagener Town Council meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The meetings are held at the Wagener Municipal Center.

The Town of Wagener is subject to state and federal laws that require review and testing of drinking water. The monitoring is designed to detect any contaminants that may exist in the water. The table below indicates which contaminants were detected in our water last year (January 1 - December 31, 2008). Additionally, we have presented information concerning several contaminants that were not detected last year. The most recent monitoring results available for these contaminants were used to prepare the table. It is important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

**Definitions**

In the following table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we have provided the following definitions:

**Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory results indicate that the contaminant is not present.

**Parts per Million (ppm) or Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in 2,080 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$100,000.

**Picocuries per Liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Maximum Contaminant Level** - the "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - the "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known, or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**RAA - running annual average.**

**Action Level (AL)** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**REGULATED DETECTIONS FOR WAGENER WATER SYSTEM**

| Contaminant                        | Violation Y/N | Highest Level Detected         | Year Sampled | Range Detected                  | MCLG   | MCL     | Typical Source of Contaminant   |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---|
| Nitrate (as Nitrogen) (ppm)        | N             | 0.80                           | 2008         | 0.28 - 0.80                     | 10     | 10      | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| Chlorine (ppm)                     | N             | 0.567 (highest qtrly. average) | 2008         | 0.18 - 0.76 (individual months) | MRDL=4 | MRDLG=4 | Water additive used to control microbes   |
| Haloacetic Acids [HAA5] (ppb)      | N             | 2.25 (RAA)                     | 2006         | ND - 4.81                       | 60     | N/A     | By-product of drinking water disinfection   |
| TTHM (ppb) [Total trihalomethanes] | N             | ND                             | 2006         | N/A                             | 0      | 80      | By-product of drinking water chlorination   |

| Contaminant  | Action Level | 90TH Percentile | # of Sites Over Action Level | Violation Y/N | Year Sampled | Typical Source of Contamination         |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---|
| Copper (ppm) | 1.3          | 0.05            | 0 of 10                      | N             | 2007         | Corrosion of household plumbing systems |
| Lead (ppb)   | 15           | 1.4             | 0 of 10                      | N             | 2007         | Corrosion of household plumbing systems |

If present, detectable levels of lead can pose serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Wagener is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We are proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all federal and state requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that these contaminants have been detected.

The EPA has determined that your water is safe to drink at these levels.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man-made. These substances can be inorganic, organic or radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may potentially be contaminated at least small amounts of these contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-433-4373.

MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for 20 years to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants are particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

EWG's guide to appropriate sources to lessen the risk of infections by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline 1-800-433-4373.

Copies of this report will not be mailed to individual customers. Compliance copies are available at the Wagener Town Hall during normal business hours.

The Town of Wagener constantly strives to improve the quality of water provided to our customers. Please call the Wagener Town Hall if you have any questions about this report (803-561-3412).

We will do our best to keep you informed about the quality of your drinking water.

# BUSBEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## Instrumental group

Mrs. Kalary Driggers held an instrumental group afterschool during April and May. The instruments were awarded to Mrs. Driggers and Busbee Elementary through a grant. The students learned to

play "There's a Hole in my Bucket." Parents enjoyed a concert in May. The participating students received recognition during the Awards Day ceremony. The students were Alisa Rast, Larissa Quattlebaum, Angelise Quattlebaum, Cameron Chandler, Tanner Turner, Jacob Yon and Tessa Neely.



## K-Kids honored

The K-Kids have been busy during this school year, they have shown very good leadership skills and have had several community projects. They provided Valentine cards and candy for the Perry Nursing home, as well as Easter baskets. Also, the K-Kids had a pet food drive for the Aiken

## County Animal Shelter.

From left, Kay Bodie (club adviser), Erica Danley (vice president), Tialeisha Corley, Autumn Calhoun, Angelise Quattlebaum, Taylor Williams (president); front row, Cole Buff, Nijae Jerry (secretary), Shelby Bell, Courtney Gallagher, Adam Walling, Avery Snipes and Pam Corbett (school adviser)



## Davina Williams Truitt's grant

The grant I received is a \$500 mini-grant I wrote in order to purchase manipulatives for use in my 5th grade math class that can also be used to integrate science concepts. The title of the grant was "Survival of the Lucki-

est: The Probability of Fractions and Limiting Factors." Some of the items that will be purchased are regular-sized dice, large foam dice, a collection of dice with varying numbers of faces and individual fraction tower sets for students to explore the relationships between fractions with like and unlike denominators. These fraction towers will also aid in adding and subtracting fractions.



## Principal's Award

These students earned all A's (Principal's Award) for all their years of schooling at

Busbee Elementary. They are, from left, Ryan Gallop, Shelby Bell, Avery Snipes, Brett Steadman, and Angelise Quattlebaum (not pictured).

# Thanks for 22 wonderful years at Wagener-Salley High School

After 22 years, I have finally graduated/retired from Wagener-Salley High. I don't think it will really hit me until August comes, and everyone goes back without me. What can I say except that I have loved being there and I have loved all the children that I have had. Even though study hall wasn't anything important and they didn't get a grade, it was a place to come for a little studying, a little rest, guidance,



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advice, a pat on the shoulder or a hug now and then when it was needed. Over the years from 1987 until the late '90s, my husband and I took the seniors on a cruise, and what fun we had! I can honestly say they were the best on

the ship, and nothing bad ever happened to any of us. Well, maybe the air conditioning on the bus giving out on the way back from Miami and stuff like that, but, otherwise, it was fun, fun, fun and left us all with good memories.

With the budget cuts and all the job losses at the schools, my job will be gone, and I might have been moved to another position, but, as most of you know, I now

have a little grandson so I am going to stay home and play with him and teach him all the things he needs to know to have a good and productive life when he is grown.

Hopefully, like LeMyra Young and all the other school retirees before me, I will see you around Wagener when I come through or in Aiken and all the other places we visit, and we can stop for another hug and a hello.

**Annual Drinking Water Quality Report • Town of Perry Water District  
System #1210006 • January - December 2008**

This report shows our water quality and what it means. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Al Brodie at 564-5756 or Alicia Palmer at 564-5756. We want our valued customers to be informed about the water quality. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM, located at Town Hall on 1062 East Railroad Ave, Perry, SC.

Source Water Assessment Plans (SWAP) are available for your review at <http://www.sedcc.net/water/html/sawtr.html>.

The Town of Perry routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2008. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk. In the table below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

**Non-Detects (ND)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

**Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)** - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter** - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

**Action Level** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Maximum Contaminant Level** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.

MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.

MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - (mandatory language) The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - (mandatory language) The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

| Contaminant | Detected Level        | Range of Detection | Highest Level Allowed (MCL) | Goal (MCLG) | Unit of Measure | Violation? Y/N | Year | Possible Source  |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|------|--|
| Nitrate     | 0.073                 | 0.073              | 10                          | 10          | PPM             | N              | 2008 | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Copper      | 90% = 0.015<br>0 > AL | ND=0.019           | AL=1.3                      | 1.3         | PPM             | N              | 2008 | Corrosion of household plumbing. Erosion of natural deposits.                                |

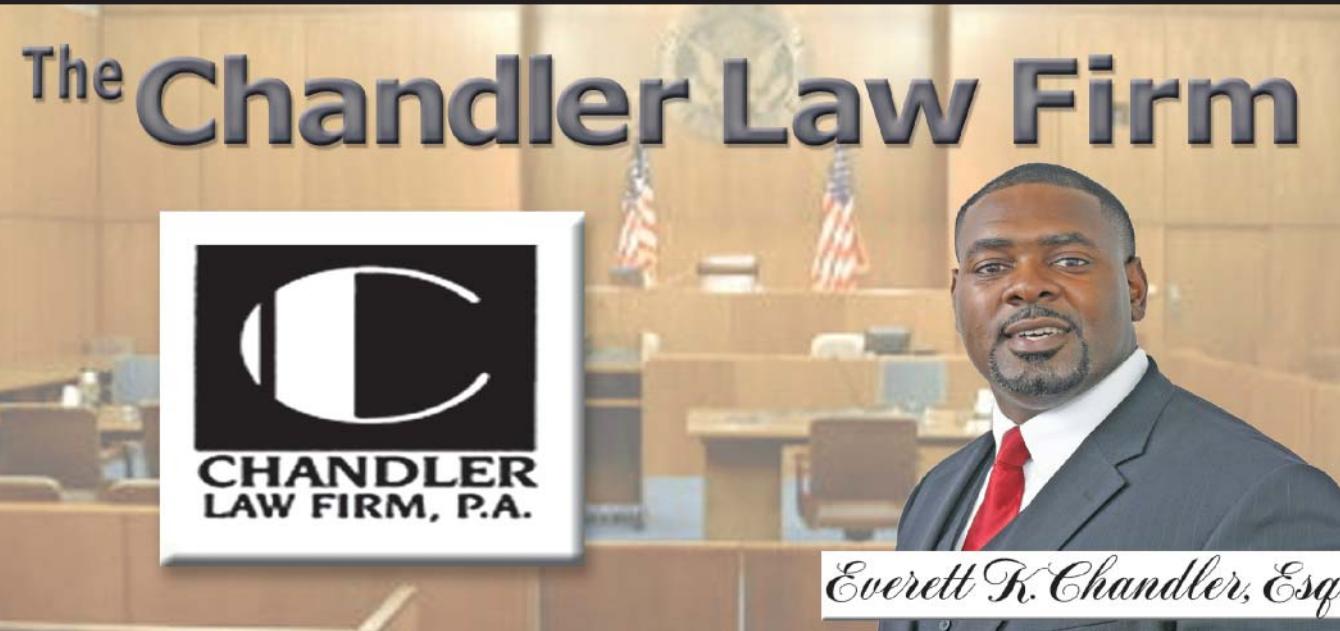
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If you have been charged with a crime or fear you may be charged, the longer you wait to retain an attorney, the more difficult your case could be. Serious legal problems require the advice, support, experience, and knowledge of a lawyer.

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# WAGENER GARDEN CLUB

By NANCY BOMMER  
Wagener Garden Club vice president

The Wagener Garden Club has been very busy with beautification activities in our community this past month. Wow!!

What a celebration Wagener had on May 23rd as we witnessed and shared with our hometown veterans the unveiling of the Blue Star Memorial Monument. It was a memorable day remembering those who served our country and also for those serving, and one garden club members can recall with thanks to all who participated in making the event a reality as well for those who attending.

The day began with music by the 282nd Army Band from Ft. Jackson, to events which included the recognition of Wagener's "Unsung World War II Hero" – Mabel Garvin Crawford, the history of the Blue Star Marker by Betty Mathis of the Garden Club of South Carolina, recognition of the veterans in attendance by their Branch of Service, presentation of the flags by the Wagener-Salley JROTC, a tribute to the emergency responders, reading of a special poem written by Sam Smith on the importance of the Blue Star Marker Program's significance and a framed copy to the Wagener Garden Club, a presentation of the framed funeral flag of Wagener's World War II casualty Daniel David Jeffcoat, music by the Edisto Singers and the unveiling of the monument by members of the Wagener Garden Club.

Once the monument was unveiled, a memorial wreath was placed by Betsy Steele, Garden Club of South Carolina president; Sam Smith, Garden Club of South Carolina civic development chairman; Susanne Bishop, president of the Wagener Garden Club; Betty Mathis, Garden Club of South Carolina Blue Star chairman 2007-9; and Cordelia Shramek, Garden Club of South Carolina West Lowcountry district director.

Closing moments included appreciation of our veterans, retiring of the colors and a special drill exhibition by two members of the Wagener-Salley JROTC.

Refreshments provided by the Wagener Garden Club followed the ceremony and were encouraged to visit a display of photographs of veterans.

Work was completed in two flower beds at Roy Warner Park by the Wagener Garden Club on June 8.

The work was requested of the club by Georgia Seagle to honor the memory of her



Submitted photo

**Nancy Bommer, Sarah Ann Parler, Mary Rivers, Mayor Steve Carver and Susanne Bishop.**

daughter, Rosa Lynn Freitag who had been the park supervisor at Roy Warner Park.

Thanks to Susanne and Ed, Wes, Vernelle, Micki and Mary for the preparation and finalization of the seeing the plans all the way to its completion for all to enjoy.

A special thanks to Pineview Florist for the contribution of 10 bales of pine straw

which were used at the entrance sign coming into Wagener on Highway 302 from Pelion.

Maintenance continues on the four entrance signs coming into Wagener. The entrance sign to Gunter Park is in full bloom so take a drive through the park to see its beauty.

Work will also begin shortly on the

entrance to the Wagener Cemetery. Be sure to watch the work as it is being done as well as seeing the beauty that will be springing forth as we toil.

Our club will continue beautification projects to enhance the Town of Wagener for its residents, as well for those who drive through our town. Our hope is that you will enjoy the progress of our work.

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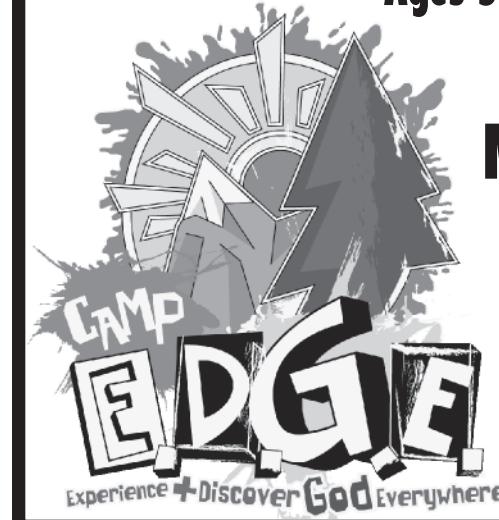
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# 'I HAVE HOPE'

By BRIAN WATTS

God sends me words all the time, I write them everywhere,

Here's some of the words He sent me, I'd really like to share.

Life is like playing a game of chess, You have to make the right move to win,

And if you have a problem with drugs, Then in your heart let Jesus in.

As my year being sober has finally come, This new life I won't lose,

With God as my Counselor, I've put down the dope and I'm not drinking any booze.

I talk with God every day, He walks with me across this earth,

He's cleansed my soul and strengthened my mind, I'm regaining my self-worth.

I did dope and drank over twenty years,

My dealers were on speed dial,

Now I read God's words and help others, When I pray I smile.

My old life is now a story, Like the last chapter of a book,

Part Two is just beginning, It's like my old life was just took.

I've been real busy with my work, Talk of my miracle when I can,

How God has taken my addictions away, Made me the man I am.

My desire to drink and do dope, God took that away,

He's kept me alive so I can talk of His love each and every day.

I was a drunk and an addict of Satan's dope,

Now with God on my side, He cleansed my soul and I have hope!

## Wagener-Salley Class of '84

Wagener-Salley High Class of 1984 to have reunion at Grange Hall. Attention all Wagener Salley High graduates from the class of 1984! A class reunion will be

held on Oct. 10 at the Grange Hall in New Holland. Provide your contact information to Scarlett Nunn if you have not already contacted her so that you can be reached with the details. E-Mail [nunnscarlett@hotmail.com](mailto:nunnscarlett@hotmail.com) or call (803) 507-3416.

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# WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

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Rachel Lynn Enlow  
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Braxton Furtick Baughman



Jennifer Renee Blizzard



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Dominique O'brien Conner



Raven Ureka Conner



Jacquelyn Michelle Crumpler



Marquita Brenee Davis



Lacie Nicole Doolittle



Catherine Daniella English



Hannah Renaye Feagin\*



Virginia Sandra Lee Fowler



Angel Marie Fulmer\*



Bianca Sherrel Glover\*



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Sean Casey Greenhill

# WAGENER-SALLEY HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS



Photo by Rob Novit

## Wagener-Salley High School seniors gather for a class photo after the awards day program.

The following Wagener-Salley High School students were honored at an awards day program recently:

- **Honor Graduates** — Brittany Hutto (valedictorian), Rachel Enlow (salutatorian), Jessica Cauthen, Melissa Colvin, Hannah Feagin, Angel Fulmer, Bianca Glover, Logan Mason, Christopher Newell, Porsha Reed, Marjorie Sliker, Shaquita Tyler
- **Aiken Jr. Woman's Club Scholarships** — Melissa Colvin
- **Aiken Electric Cooperative Washington Youth Tour** — Trevor West, Phillip Clarke, Akira Johnson
- **Aiken Technical College Vernon Ford Scholarship** — Jennifer Barnes
- **A.L. Corbett Public School Alumni Scholarship** — Raven Conner, Whitney James, Shatara Weaver
- **American Nuclear Society Scholarship** — Melissa Colvin
- **Dollars for Scholars** — Melissa Colvin, Marjorie Sliker
- **Churches Together for Kids** — Rachel Enlow, Jonathan Holsenback
- **ROTC Scholarships** — Jessica Cauthen, Virginia Fowler
- **Success for Life Scholarship** — Porsha Reed
- **West Point Leadership Award** — Darrin Rivers
- **Wagener's Women's Club** — Bianca Glover

• **Additional awards** — Brittany Hutton (Celebration of Character, Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce Youth Leadership Recognition); Melissa Colvin (Cedar Lodge Scholarship, S.C. State Fair Scholarship); Logan Mason (Southern Wesleyan Scholarship); Porsha Reed (Clemson Coca-Cola Scholarship, DAR award); Christopher Newell (Emma Salley Education Scholarship); Devontay Pontoo (EnergySolutions Scholarship); Katie Chew, Sara Thomas, Heather Fulmer, Brittany Howard (Converse Junior Scholars); Katie Chew, Trevor West, Fantasia Chandler, Phillip Clarke (Erskine Fellow); Katie Chew, Heather Fulmer (USC Upstate Scholars); Katie Chew, Trevor West, Phillip Clarke, Fantasia Chandler, Shane McVey, Tevan Tyler, Darrian Rivers, Raven Davenport (Newberry College Scholars); Katie Chew, Heather Fulmer, Sara Thomas (Columbia College Scholars); Sara Thomas, Trevor West, Heather Fulmer, Katie Crew (USC Aiken Scholars); Heather Fulmer (Lander University Junior Fellow); Josh Yon (Gene Garvin Memorial Scholarship); Rachel Enlow, Marjorie Sliker (Spencer Smith Scholarship);

• **Army JROTC Awards** — Rachel Enlow, Braxton Baughman, Daniel Porter, Tyriq Davis (superior cadet decoration); Braxton Baughman (National Sojourners award); Porsha Reed (U.S. recruiting

command award); Jessica Cauthen (U.S. Reserve Office Association award); Essie Kitchings, Brian Butler, Rachel Enlow, Virginia Fowler, Catherine English, Heather Yon, Jessica Cauthen, Melissa Colvin, Brittany Hutto, Whitney James (four-year cadet medals)

• **Savannah River Site safety art contest awards** — Aaron Judge, Amber Payne, Andrew Murray, Ashley Brown, Brandon Robinson, Caine Widener, Denisha James, Jamil Scott, Jeremy Poole, Jessica Gleaton, Kris Anderson, Mikayla Jennings, Tiffany McGill, Triana Miller, Tyler Green, Tyshelle Tyler, Whitney Lee, Whitney Tindall, Will Kiester, Fantasia

Chandler, Missy Fields, Jessica Cauthen

• **Perfect attendance 2008-09** — Stoley Corley, Rodrequez Dunbar, Kaljah Hicks, Brittany Isaac, Mikayla Jennings, Brandon Medlin, Tomel Oneal, Josh Robbins, Tiyunda Seawright, Dereck Shealy, Saddeeria Tyler, Britani Williams

• **Spanish Awards for "A" average** — Rachel Enlow, Brittany Hutto, Chris Newell, Samuel Leguizamon, Tabitha Corley, Taelor Hutto, Morgan Tyler, Katie Chew, Fantasia Chandler, Hannah Feagin, Trevor West

• **Biology honors** — Devontay Pontoo, Samuel Leguizamon, Sylvia Settles, Micah Bloome

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At left top: Excited graduates line the hallways of Wagener-Salley High School for one final time. From left, front, Marjorie Sliker, Kasie Sturkie and Logan Mason; back, Braxton Baughman, Jon Holsenback, Cody Rish, Chris Newell and Michael Hicks.

At left middle: Artis Seawright, Brian Butler, Jamie Jenkins, Shaquille Landy, Jamie Jenkins and Christopher Scott and enjoy a few moments together before graduation.

At left bottom: Lacie Doolittle, Marquita Davis, Jennifer Blizzard and Caitlin Williamson share a moment before graduation.

Above: Shatara Weaver, Valedictorian Brittany Hutto, Salutatorian Rachel Enlow and Heather Yon share a few moments reminiscing.



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# Happy Fourth of July, American heroes

By JOHNNIE ALLEN WEST

With the recent dedication of a Blue Star Marker and a beautiful Veterans' Monument in Wagener, which was crafted by one of our own area residents, Ron Clamp, the approaching Fourth of July holiday should hold a special significance for all of us. As we remember our ancestors who fought for our independence, we cannot help but think about all our neighbors and friends who have family members currently fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan, and other areas of the world, to maintain the same freedoms they fought for more than 200 years ago!

I have been thinking a great deal about our current American heroes and who they really are. The greatest of these are the men and women who have volunteered to serve in our military forces at a time when they most certainly cannot be assured of their own safety. They have volunteered for positions that take them far away from family and friends and, more often than not, place them in harm's way.

Most of the ones I have been privileged to meet are doing what they do because they are proud to be Americans and want to protect the freedoms that you and I have become accustomed to enjoying! If you are anything like me, it is very easy to go about our business every day without giving a single thought to the people who are actually making it possible for us to do so!

As most of you already know, I am a Marine Corps mom, albeit one who has aged considerably over the past six months, because my only child has been serving a tour of duty in Afghanistan. I can honestly tell you that I now see the families of our soldiers serving in war zones as true American heroes! Had I not had this personal experience, I probably would not realize how emotionally draining such a deployment is on family members.

I am very fortunate to report that my son is now back in the States, safe and sound in mind, body and spirit. I cannot begin to express how grateful I am for this blessing, because I know that many of his colleagues paid the ultimate price and have not come home to their families!

The families of these soldiers are most definitely heroes, as they have sacrificed what is nearest and dearest to them – their loved ones.

I have learned one very valuable lesson throughout my son's deployment, and that is the fact that there are a lot of American heroes living in small-town

America who may not be wearing uniforms, but they are showing their patriotism as they go about their everyday affairs.

They are the individuals like Honey Heyward of Gilbert who walked into our store three days after J.D. deployed for Afghanistan, introduced herself to us and told us that she knew J.D. and that a mutual friend had told her he had been deployed.

She carried an armful of patriotic-inspired gifts for us and told us how much she appreciated what our son was doing, and the sacrifices we were making. She left her phone number with us, and said to call her anytime we needed any help.

Honey paid us two more unexpected visits during J.D.'s absence, each time laden with gifts, smiles, and encouragement. I have since learned that she devotes a great deal of her personal time to visiting with families of those serving their country. She really qualifies as an American hero in my book!

Robert Ray, a Wagener resident, asked about J.D. often and took the time to send him two care packages, which were much appreciated by all of J.D.'s men!

Area school children sent J.D. letters of encouragement, and several area churches, including Clinton United Methodist and Wagener United Methodist, sent him care packages.

Aunts, uncles and cousins rallied to the cause, with care packages that were shared by many, even though they were addressed to J.D.! My coworkers all pitched in to provide money to send a box of goodies. The list could go on and on.

Many area churches sent me copies of their bulletins showing that they had placed J.D. on their prayer lists. One of my customers, Edward Swartz, walked into the store one morning and handed my husband and me a beautiful clock that plays the Marine Corps hymn every hour, on the hour. Everyday this clock reminds us that someone cares about us, and what our son is doing for the cause of freedom in America.

The moral of this story is that there are many heroes all around us. We do not necessarily have to be wearing a uniform to show our appreciation for our freedoms. As we approach this Fourth of July, consider what you have to offer others in your community and be willing to reach out to those who need you.

Remember, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background we all have something to share in the way of American patriotism.

Happy July 4th, and God bless America!



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## NOISES IN THE HENHOUSE

By MARY CUPSTID

There was lots of noise in the Henhouse today. Thirteen members were present and two visitors joined us. We had fun and accomplished much. We canned squash relish and now we have it in stock. We canned enough to fill all of our orders and still put some squash relish on the shelves. Hurry in to buy a few jars before it is gone. You don't want to miss this delicious relish.

Most people would not think that canning is fun, but that it is all hot and laborious work, but when you have the right people together it can be a great time. We thank Joe, Joy's son, for handling the big hot pots for us. Joe is so much help and we need help when all of our other "roosters" are on vacation.

After the canning was done, we helped Sarah put out the food. Today we had rutabaga turnips, homemade bread, brownies and zucchini bread. Pat, our visitor for the past few weeks brought in a seven-layer salad that was wonderful. (Another great cook!) We are hoping that she will join as we know she will be an excellent addition to our ministry.

Ms. Gussie's daughter, Leah called and offered to treat us to lunch one day soon. It is always nice when she brings lunch. We are looking forward to it.

The Kennerly family reunion was held recently at the Henhouse. We always spruce up the old house for them and make it presentable for this annual event. The date sneaked up on us and we were so busy canning, we almost forgot. But everyone jumped in on the cleaning and before long we had the quilt and rack out of the way, the porch cleaned off and the gift room dusted and straightened up and the whole house looked great. Estelle cleaned the kitchen until it was spotless. Great job everyone. I hope the family reunion was a huge success. It is so much fun when families come together.

Speaking of families, I felt at home back at the old Henhouse. I've been out for sometime after my surgeries. I really enjoyed being with the guys and gals here as they are like brothers and sisters to me. We laugh and work together like a family.

The old Henhouse has a new interior paint job and it looks great. Everyone is invited to come for the fifty-cent tour and see what a difference it makes. We would love to have you drop by for a cup of coffee. We are here every Wednesday.

The Henhouse had the privilege of giving scholarships to both John Edwards, attending S.C. State University and Alma Jumper, attending Columbia International University. We received heartfelt thank-you letters from both of them. It is good to see young people work hard and excel as they are both doing. We are very proud of these two young people, as they can be such a blessing and role model for others.

As Ms. Gussie would say, "Until next week, keep thinking the good thoughts."

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# Cool off from heat at Papa Bear's Café

By CHERYL DESROSIERS  
Contributor

There is nothing more refreshing on a hot, humid day than to walk into Papa Bear's Café located at 315 Railroad Avenue (Highway 39) in Wagener.

They have cold air conditioning and the "Mayfield Ice Cream" sign calls your name as you walk through the door.

Moose tracks (vanilla ice cream, chunks of fudge and Reeses Pieces), black cherry, birthday cake, rocky road, lemon and peach are only a sampling of the 13 flavors they carry.

The ice cream is hand-dipped and reasonably priced at \$1.75 for a small cup/cone and \$2.95 for a large cup/cone.

Darryl Jackson explained that the ice cream is not sold by the scoop but by how much they can squeeze into the cup/cone! My kind of place!

Darryl and Candy Jackson are not strangers to the restaurant business. In February 2002, they opened D & D's Country Kitchen & Ice Cream Shop, located in Perry.

D & D's enjoyed a successful business until the spring of 2003 when the lure of the mountains forced Darryl and Candy to close the restaurant and take up residence in Cherokee, N.C.

While in Cherokee, they operated a thrift shop, and Darryl kept himself busy as a handyman.

Six years passed and, after missing friends, family and their grandbabies, they decided to return to their Wagener roots.

Darryl never could forget the restaurant business and so the first week of March, he and Candy opened Papa Bear's Café, formerly Weeza's Café.

Where did he get the name? "All of the area young'uns called me Papa Bear," said Darryl, and so Papa Bear's Café was born. Darryl loves "to see people leaving my café rubbing their bellies."

Papa Bear's offers home-cooked country cooking. People enjoy the double cheeseburgers and the lunch special of one meat and three vegetables, each priced at only \$4.75.

The meat specials vary from day to day but they offer pork, beef, BBQ, cube steak and barbecued chicken, along with vegetables such as corn, green beans, lima beans, collards, mustard greens and field peas.

Specials may also include hamburger casserole, chicken casserole, lasagna and meatloaf.

For travelers who need to refresh their coolers, ice is sold (8 pounds for \$1) or you may bring your cooler in for refill, priced according to size.

Papa Bear's offers free tea for eat-in customers and free coffee with eat-in breakfast.

Darryl has added plenty of air conditioning, ventilation and seating.

Watch for his produce stand, which he plans to stock with such local produce as watermelon, cantaloupe, potatoes, tomatoes and squash.

Papa Bear's is located across the street from the former Outaways Café. Master Card, Visa and Discover Card are accepted.

The hours are Monday through Wednesday from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Come on by and say hello to Darryl, Candy, Kelly, Doug and Sherri or call ahead for take-out at (803) 564-0535.

I know I'll be back for the moose tracks ice cream!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kamps offered in July

The Chapel of Love Community Church will host "Kid's Kamp" July 17-18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Director Michelle Edenfield said many great learning activities, games, food will be involved. The program is designed for children ages 2 to lower middle school.

At the same time there will be "Adult Kamp" in the main worship center each evening during the children's portion of the program. For more information, call (803) 564-5750.

### Belles & Beaus Children's Consignment held in Aug.

Fall/Winter event will be held Friday through Sunday, Aug. 7-9 at Ball Park Road gym in Lexington. Times will be Friday, Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 9 from 1:30 to 6 p.m. A portion of the proceeds from this sale as well as donations, go to benefit families in crisis in Lexington County. Visit [www.babsc.com](http://www.babsc.com) for more information

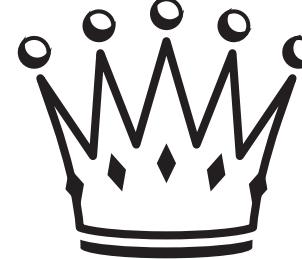
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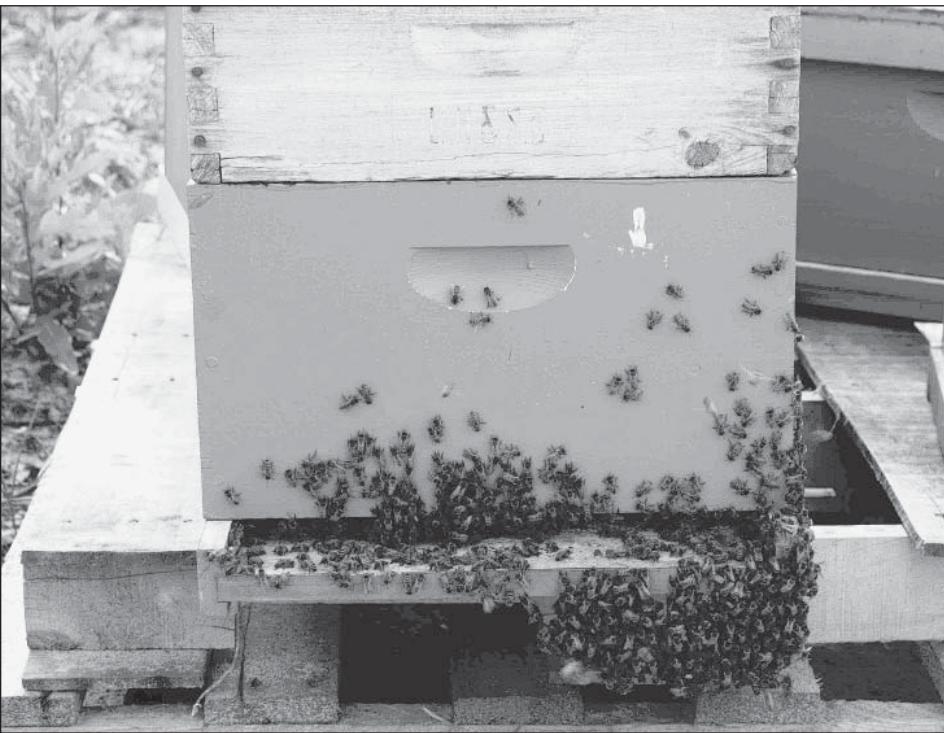
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# Bee season is upon us

By WES BOMMER

Summer is the time for bees. We need to consider the fact that every third bite of food we eat is the direct result of honey bee pollination.

South Carolina is a major producer of squash, cucumbers and melons for the East Coast of the United States. South Carolina beekeepers provide the majority of the bees needed to pollinate these crops with the remaining portion being brought in from other states.

Some South Carolina beekeepers ship their bees all the way to California to pollinate the almond crops and then onto Maine to pollinate the blueberries.

Beekeeping today is an ongoing learning process due to new parasites affecting the longevity of a hive. To facilitate this learning process, South Carolina has two state-sponsored meetings a year.

This year's spring meeting was held in conjunction with North Carolina with more than 500 beekeepers in attendance. These meetings consist of researchers sharing their latest research on diseases and pests in honey bees.

Information concerning Colony Collapse Disorder has appeared at every press and media level in the past year. Finding the cause of this is extremely critical because the bees are the direct link to our food.

Colony Collapse has caused some of our major beekeepers to lose 50 to 80 percent of their hives. This would compare to a farmer losing the same percentages of their livestock or crops.

There is a tremendous amount of

research ongoing, and hopefully we will have some answers later this year as to what is causing Colony Collapse and what corrective measures beekeepers can take to stop and improve colony health and survival.

Most people have had honey on a dessert, but most would never consider that a honey bee only makes 1/12th of a teaspoon in their lifetime. This is why we need 60,000 to 80,000 bees in a working hive during a honey flow. So one might try to calculate how many bees it took to fill up that quart jar of honey.

Locally we have two beekeeping associations – Mid-State Beekeepers, which meets in Lexington (for more information, visit [www.midstatebeekeepers.com](http://www.midstatebeekeepers.com)), and Aiken Beekeepers, which meets in Aiken (for more information, visit [www.aikenbeekeepers.org](http://www.aikenbeekeepers.org)).

Beekeepers are currently preparing for our summer meeting which will be held at the Clemson University Campus in mid-July. There will be a refresher course in beekeeping and lectures will be coming from several state presenters outside of South Carolina, as well.

Both clubs offer a short course, which is a basic beekeeping course offered sometime after the first of the year. People choose to take such a course wanting to become a beekeeper, while others simply want to learn about honeybees and their effect on our environment.

Both clubs have individuals who are willing to speak to schools and organizations to educate and inform about beekeeping.



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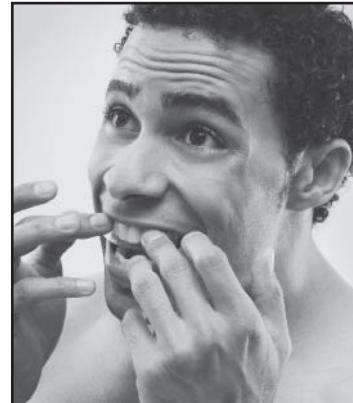
Why do some people seem to have chronic bad breath while others don't? And what can you do to make your breath more pleasant? The American Dental Association (ADA) offers the following explanations and tips to combat bad breath.

- Diet: What you eat plays a big role in how your breath smells. Once food is absorbed into the bloodstream, it is then transferred to the lungs. That food is then expelled through your breath until that food is eliminated from the body.

Another way in which diet can affect a person's breath is through bacteria. People who don't brush or floss regularly allow particles of food to remain in the mouth and collect bacteria, resulting in bad breath. Also, when teeth aren't brushed or flossed, food that remains can rot and lead to bad breath.

- Smoking: While yellow teeth are the first thing people associate with smoking, the same principles that apply to diet apply to smoking as well. When cigarette smoke is inhaled into the lungs, the lungs eventually need to expel that smoke. Once expelled, the odor isn't pretty. Bad breath might not be at the top of the list for reasons to quit smoking, but it's certainly on that list.

- Health: Bad breath isn't always the result of lifestyle choices such as diet or smoking. Sometimes, bad breath can be an indicator of something bigger. Gastrointestinal problems and diabetes can result in bad breath, as can chronic sinusitis or postnasal drip. In addition, sometimes liver or kidney ailments result in bad breath. If you have chronic bad breath but don't eat anything associated with bad breath and you don't smoke, consult a physician as to the possible cause. Your bad breath could be a warning sign of a much more serious problem.



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# Christ Central continues to bear good fruit

By LILY HERNDON WEAKS

The folks at Christ Central are always so busy, it's hard to even catch them for interviews to keep their neighbors abreast of the exciting goings on! They are, as always, doers of the Word, and not just hearers. I did manage to grab a few of them here and there, and I am proud to report just a portion of the recent and upcoming events.

**Christ Central in the news:** Many folks have already seen the great segment on Columbia's News 19, WLTX, which featured an inspiring tale of a homeless person who didn't let his own personal situation stop him from carrying out a Godly mission. Larry Johnson and his special "coffee ministry," offered any and all who passed by Christ Central's downtown location a free cup of coffee and, as reporter Michael Benning put it, "faith, and life's most simple lesson." If you haven't seen it, you can still catch it on the Internet by typing in [tinyurl.com/pffcq](http://tinyurl.com/pffcq) in the address field. This will take you to the WLTX page that features the video clip.

With 75 to 100 people per day stopping by Johnson's free coffee stand, funded by a local church and located at Christ Central's future "Hope Plaza," this awesome ambassador offers his testimony about Jesus along

with personal encouragement to those needing a spiritual lift. Although not all who hear the message are receptive (one man threatened to bend him "like a pretzel"), most appreciate his gentle, Christ-like attitude. Johnson has plans to attend Christ Central Institute – what an awesome addition to the CC family!

#### Speaking of Christ Central

**Institute:** As always, the "Missions Training Intensives" are making a huge impact in the lives of both the attendees and the many they touch while working in the missionary field. The latest was June 22-26, and there folks were able to learn all the details about ministry work at Christ Central, including the details about CC and how it operates, and highlighting the "two pillars of Christ Central," which are Christian unity and charity, along with the history, mission, and vision of Christ Central Ministries, Inc. Anyone curious about Christ Central and/or desirous of learning more about mission training are encouraged to check out the "missions training" area of the website at [ccins.org](http://ccins.org). Don't forget to check the calendar for their next Missions Training Intensive.

**Graduation Elation:** CC President Ken Clark reports that the first official Graduation Ceremony at Christ Central Institute this May was "awesome," with six one-year certificates, one two-

year associate degrees and one four-year bachelor's degree being awarded! Congrats to the grads!

#### Christ Central's Ordination

**Program:** Classes will be held every second Saturday June through November. A special committee has been working hard to develop a more effective process for developing and training ordained ministers, and Christ Central recognizes how closely the training needed for ordination relates to every aspect of the training needed to develop and prepare those looking for a future in mission work, such as Mission Station directors. As always, CC is working hard to continue to develop, assess and reassess what they are doing, the progress they are making, and the direction the organization is going.

**Harvest Field Farms:** Enjoy the fruits of CC's labor by availing yourself of the gorgeous, organic fruits and vegetables being produced by Christ Central's farm ministry, Harvest Field Farms, located right here in Wagener. Whether you purchase a CSA (a subscription to the farm whereby they deliver fresh produce to you on a weekly basis) or stop by the Aiken Farmers Market, be sure to feed your body and soul by consuming healthy produce and supporting a worthy cause. Remember, it's considered a tax-deductible donation!

# Congrats to the '09 grads

I would like to dedicate this article to the 2009 high school and college graduates.



**KEN CHANDLER**

Graduation is a momentous occasion to be remembered for a lifetime, an achieved milestone. I know it was a lot of work, but it was well worth it. Also, congratulations to the proud parents for your countless sacrifices you made to fulfill your responsibilities of being supportive parents.

For the caring educators who took precious lives into your hands, who gave guidance, understanding and compassion. Who refused to give up when potential was

nowhere in site.

But yet, your God-given instinct and passion for what you do, knocked down barriers that stood as negative forces to keep you from reaching challenging students.

Graduates, you have become young men or women and, overnight you have become responsible for your future. The world of opportunity opens before you as you have only dreamed or imagined.

I strongly encourage each of you to pursue your goals in life. The sky is the limit to what you can achieve if you put your mind to it.

You have traveled a long road, and have arrived at many places; some positive and some were negative. Remember to put God first in all that you do and He will direct your steps.

Yes, you will encounter some failures, but your character will not be measured by your successes, of which there will be many, but by how you handle your failures of which there are also likely to be many, especially if you make bold moves, which I hope, you do.

So believe in yourselves, and persevere, stay focus and work hard, no matter how talented you are success requires very hard work. Even after you have worked hard, you can always work harder.

Now is the time to put in to practice all the skills you have acquired over the years. Always remember how you arrived at this point in your lives.

Thank those who played an important role in your lives and pray for those who may have treated you unfairly. Believe in yourself and know that you are somebody.

I urge each of you to find what you love and pursue your passions. Be creative and bold in your pursuits. None of us can foretell the future, so you will have to rely on your instincts, your gut to guide you along your paths. In retrospect, you will be able to see which decisions, which choices were critical for guiding your paths.

I wish you the very best in all your endeavors. Remember, "It ain't over until God says it's over. Keep fighting until the victory is won! It's not always going to be easy, but you are a winner in the end."

# Busbee, Truitt win Toolbox for Education grant

Busbee Elementary School was awarded a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's Home Improvement Stores Toolbox for Education. The grant will fund the school's Outdoor Learning and Activity Center.

Michael Truitt, the school's gifted and talented teacher, wrote the grant and was so excited about receiving the award that will greatly benefit the school and its students.

Toolbox for Education grants are reserved for approved school improvements. The mission of the program is to improve communities that Lowe's serves and having a positive impact in the lives of customers, neighbors and employees.



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# ENGAGEMENT

## Nelson – Tyler

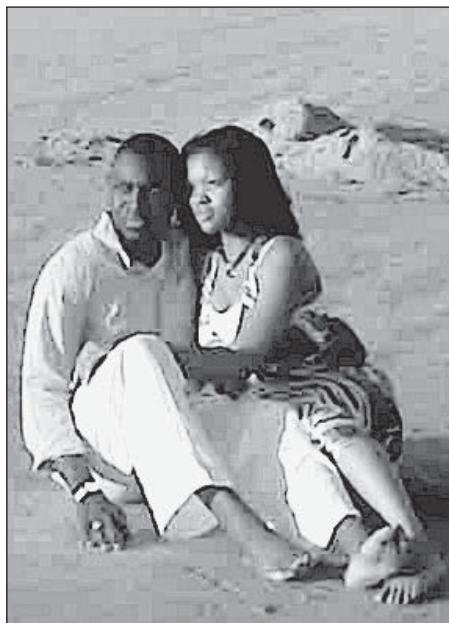
Rev. and Mrs. Arthur J. Nelson Sr. of Charleston are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Arthesia L. Nelson of Charleston, to Rontreal J. Tyler of Knightdale, N.C., a son of Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Tyler. The wedding is planned for July 4, 2009 at Royal Missionary Baptist Church in Charleston.

The bride-elect is a maternal granddaughter of the late Clara Parks and Mr. Robert Parks of Charleston and a paternal granddaughter of the late Arthur Nelson and Mrs. Addie Nelson.

She is a 2003 graduate of James Island High School. She attended Francis Marion University and will complete her studies at the University of North Carolina with a degree in political science. She is employed by the MUSC Transplant Center as a data coordinator II.

The bridegroom-elect is a maternal grandson of the late Mrs. Leonor Landy, and a paternal grandson of the late Mr. Tounith Tyler and the late Mrs. Juanita Tyler.

He is a 2003 graduate of Wagener-Salley High School. He is a 2007 graduate of The Citadel with a degree in busi-



**Arthesia L. Nelson and Rontreal J. Tyler**

ness administration. He is employed by Carolina Sunrock LLC in Raleigh, N.C., as a human resource generalist.

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# WEDDING

## Bailey – Corbett

Cynthia Corbett of Salley and Michael Bailey of Salley were married May 23, 2009, in Wagener. The bride was given in marriage by her father. The Revs. Chris Addy and HJ Jackson officiated.

The bride is a daughter of Larry and Betty Garvin of Wagener.

The bridegroom is a son of Lessie Murl Bailey of Salley and the late Morgan Harvey Bailey.

Pamela Bailey of Salley, sister-in-law of the bride, was the matron of honor. Suzzanna Epperly, friend of the bride, was the bridesmaid.

Ashley Bailey of Wagener is the daughter of the groom. April Rhinehart of Salley, Marty Edington of Windsor and Stephanie Jacovino of Aiken are the children of the bride.

Randy Furtick of Gaston was the best man. James Bailey of Salley, brother of the groom, was the groomsman.

Austin Moseley of Aiken was the ring bearer.

Lori and Tori Rhinehart of Salley were the flower girls.

A reception was held at the bride's parents' house in Wagener. The couple will



**Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bailey (Cynthia Corbett)**

take a wedding trip at a later date.

They will reside in Salley.

The bride is a graduate of North Augusta High School. She is employed by Consolidated Metal in Columbia.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Wagener-Salley High School. He is employed by Aiken County Public Works in Aiken.

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# Women's Well is thriving, seeking more volunteers

Since our grand open house, we have been busy. Visitors are constantly dropping by to either satisfy their curiosity or sign up for activities. Calls are coming in asking questions and wanting to participate. We welcome all with open arms.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays the Women's Well is a place of joy, creativity and fellowship.

All day women are coming and going. Some stay an hour, and others stay all day. It is what time they can spare.

Lunch is served on Tuesday free of charge and a covered dish lunch on Thursdays.

One quilt is almost finished and another one is ready to be put in the frame. These quilts will be sold or given away to some needy cause.

DeeDee is making adult bibs for local nursing homes, Clara and Eartha are making lap robes for the home bound, and Christina is sewing beautiful aprons that are displayed on our wall to be sold later.

Dorothy, a seasoned seamstress, joined us recently, and she brings a lifetime of creative ideas and skill. Her beautifully crafted, handsewn dress is on display and for sale.

These are only a few of the many talented, gifted ladies at the Women's Well. God is bringing women of all backgrounds to enrich this ministry.

We are learning from each other. Women are mentoring women in a safe place.

Our Bible study on Thursday mornings is off to a great start. "Believing God" is designed to bring a deeper walk and understanding in your relationship with God. It is an interactive weekly study with a video lead by Beth Moore, a dynamic woman of God. Feel free to join us at anytime during this 10-week study.



Submitted photo

**Frances Alberta Williams is the associate director of the Women's Well.**

The Women's Well is always in need of volunteers. Many suggestions for additional classes to help our communities have come to our attention. For these classes, we need additional teachers.

Some of the ideas have been a parenting class, sewing and crafts for girls and youth, basic cooking, healthy choices, alterations and even a boys'/men's sewing class.

These are all great ideas, and, with the support of our neighbors, these can become a reality.

There are two groups meeting at the Women's Well on Monday and Tuesday nights. They are called "power groups."

One is lead by Gail Sharpe on Monday and the other by Mike Malpus on Tuesday.

These are prayer and Bible study groups, and all of you are invited to join them. They meet at 7 p.m. and are usually finished by 8:30.

God is at work in the Women's Well. Come, see and be blessed.

# Summer Reading program continues through July

The Nancy Bonnette Library in Wagener continues its Summer Reading program through July 25 for children preschool through 5th grade. Over a hundred children are expected to register. This year's theme is Be Creative @ Your Library, and features all the fun and excitement of the arts.

A certificate and a paperback book purchased with a grant from Target Corporation will be awarded to children who complete the reading requirements (20 books for those under 6 years and 10 books for those 6 or

older). Parents may read books to children who have not yet learned to read. The last day to turn in reading records is Aug. 2.

Children enjoyed a variety of weekly programs during June, such as a puppet show, magician Chad Crews, and singer/storyteller Bob Lisenmayer. There will be no programming the week of July 4th.

Nancy Bonnette Library (Wagener) Programs begin at 2 pm on Thursdays. • July 9 Celebrity Guest Appearance by

# What do we do when we live to be so old?

## Keeping loved ones, selves happy and healthy

The Senior Boom is officially upon us! In 1776, the average life expectancy was 35



**KATHY CRIST**

- years of age. In 1880, it was 45, and today it is 75-plus years of age and growing. In fact, projections are that by 2020 there will be more than 7 million seniors older than 85!

- In fact, our parents may live 10 to 20 years longer than earlier generations and someone will need to care for them.

Any woman reading this article will likely relate to the following facts about caregivers:

- Seventy-five percent of caregivers are women.
- Our average age is 57.
- Thirty-nine percent of us have children at home.
- Sixty-three percent are employed elsewhere.
- One-third of us have lost time from work caring for a family member.

## Keeping healthy

Since the generation who has traditionally cared for seniors is now working outside the home, we need to explore other options. And not only do we need to explore those options to ensure that our family members are taken care of, we need to ensure that we take care of ourselves. It is a proven fact that as caregivers, in many instances our health declines faster than those we're caring for because we DON'T take care of

ourselves. So, let's explore some options to keep us healthy.

When exploring options with our loved ones, there are several things to consider. First, what are their lifestyle demands? How is their physical, mental and spiritual health? And there are financial considerations. It's important to consult with an elder law attorney who specializes in wills, trusts and estates. Make a list of all considerations (with the help of your loved ones, if possible) prior to researching options.

## Options to consider

Options include home care, assisted/independent living facilities, nursing homes, adult daycare, telephone assurance programs, hospice, Meals on Wheels and senior centers. Despite occasional feelings of desperation, we do have resources to assist us in this seemingly overwhelming task.

Once we've identified our top three choices, it is imperative to schedule a visit to the facilities, or schedule a time for the home care agencies to visit us (and your loved ones). After selecting our top option, it's time to check the Better Business Bureau. This is a great way to have peace of mind and to know that we're helping our loved ones make the best choice. And, once that choice is made, we'll be better able to take the best care of ourselves. Here's to an extra 10 to 20 years on our own lives!

*Kathy Crist is the president/owner of Right at Home of the CSRA, a non-medical home care agency specializing in care for seniors and adults with disabilities. To contact Kathy, call 877-227-9029 or visit [www.rightathome.net/csra](http://www.rightathome.net/csra).*

during the months of June and July, patrons can put their names and telephone numbers in for a drawing to win a handy tote bag. Each library will have one winner. The drawing will be July 31.

The library is located at 204 Park Street, NE, in Wagener. Library hours are noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. For questions about the children's events or regular library services, call branch manager LeWanda Fulmer at (803) 564-5396.

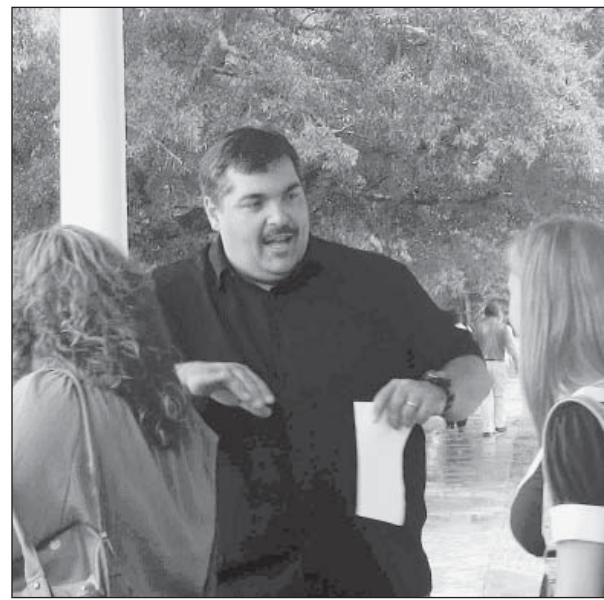
This summer the library is extending the fun of Summer Reading to adult patrons 18 and older. For each library book read

# BETHCAR BAPTIST CELEBRATES 164 YEARS



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**Lee Ellen Clark looks at picture from the past.**



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**Rev. Chris Addy talks to members of Bethcar Baptist Church.**

On May 24, 2009, Bethcar Baptist Church celebrated 164 years of doing the work and the will of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We had a wonderful day of worship, praise and special music featuring members of Bethcar. We also had a look back at our church history; everyone in attendance received a copy of the church covenant from 1845. There was also a 12-minute video of pictures comprised from early 1900s to present day. We are thankful for God's blessings upon us and may we always do his will and not our own so we may enjoy another 164 years of ministry.

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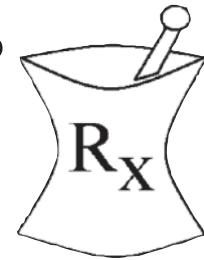
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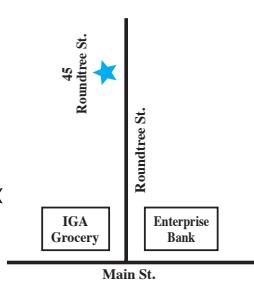
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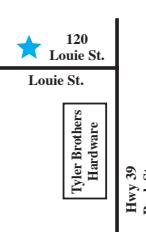
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# Ex-death row inmate speaks of God's grace at Bethcar on Sunday

By CHERYL DESROSIER

Ronald Francis Smart spent 37½ years of his life in the South Carolina federal prison system.

He was destined to become a criminal. His father was an alcoholic and a white-collar criminal. He spent his childhood moving from place to place, as far south as Texas to as far north as Canada and many places in between.

At each destination, Ron had to take on a new alias, his father always one step ahead of the law.

The only thing Ron knew about religion at that time was the sign of the cross. His mother was a good solid Christian woman and raised her son in the Catholic faith. However, at that time, services were spoken in Latin, and Ron didn't understand a word of what was being said.

Ron's life of crime first began at age 13 when he stole a bicycle and was sent to a detention center.

His crimes escalated from there, and, at age 26, Ron's new home was prison. After numerous prison breaks and the commitment of felonies, which he will speak about on Sunday, Ron again had a new home. This time it was on death row.

The headline of the radio broadcast at the time of sentencing was "Ronald Francis Smart will die in the electric chair."

Ron knew that he had to go to prison to pay for the terrible crimes he committed, but it wasn't justice he was looking for.

He was looking for mercy, and it was God's amazing grace that finally freed him from prison.

Ron has a grueling schedule at Smart Ministries, and, because of this, Ron generally gives telephone interviews only.

I was asked how it was that I got a face-to-face interview with Ron.

At the time, I didn't know he didn't give personal interviews so I just asked him for one, and I got it.

Ron told me that while it was true that his policy was to grant only telephone interviews, God told him that he needed to meet me in person.

During the course of our interview, Ron asked how I was doing. I told him about a few things that were happening in my life, and suddenly an overwhelming feel-



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**Ron Smart will speak Sunday, June 28 at 11 a.m. at Bethcar Baptist Church about his life, prison and death row.**

ing came over me.

I felt my eyes well up with tears. He handed me a freshly pressed handkerchief and said, "That's the Holy Spirit inside of you."

Although I am a spiritual person, I do not consider myself deeply religious.

I do know that something happened at that moment which I could not explain.

I believe that we all have something to learn from Ron Smart who explained that "God knows changes in your heart."

If this were not true, Ron Smart would not be outside prison walls speaking with us today.

Come to Bethcar Baptist Church on Sunday, June 28 at 11 a.m. to hear Ron's entire story.

I have only touched on a small part of that story and hearing about his crimes, prison life, his marriage while still incarcerated, his numerous escapes and finally his release will amaze you.

Bethcar Baptist Church is located at 950 Bethcar Church Road in Wagener.

If you have any questions, contact Rev. Chris Addy at (803) 622-8044.

You will be glad that you came.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Courtney Senior Center Events

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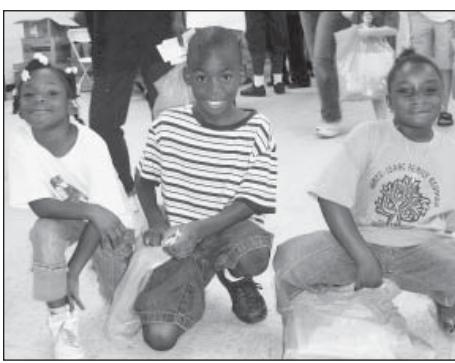
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CTFK response is "why not Wagener?"

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It is so amazing to reflect on the last 10 years. We have been blessed to provide more than 15,000 starter packets of school supplies, more than 400 people have made a decision for Christ, more than 2,000 children have been provided a brighter Christmas through Angel Tree, \$19,000 of scholarships have been awarded to graduates of

Wagener-Salley High School, the Wagener Pregnancy Care Center was established.

Ministry opportunities have grown to CTFK hosting Back2School Bash, Light the Night, Angel Tree, First Priority, Breakfast Café, Harvest Table, National Day of Prayer, The Learning Key (afterschool tutoring), Brave Heats Club, Pure Hearts Clubs, the Wagener Pregnancy Care Center, Future Builders Scholarships and outreach events.

CTFK is so very thankful for all the volunteers, churches and businesses who have made the ministry possible. Through countless volunteer hours, much prayer and dedication, God's ministry celebrates its 10th anniversary. All praise to God for what He has done.

If you would like to find out more about CTFK, to volunteer or make a donation, call (803) 564-7773 or visit [www.churches-togetherforkids.com](http://www.churches-togetherforkids.com).

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where she teaches about the love that God has for everyone.

"Hopefully, I will be able to share this with more people as I get older. My goal in life is to help as many people as I can. By demonstrating love and by being understanding – and not judgmental, I can show them how much they mean to God."

After graduating, Lindsey says she wants to go to Lee University in Tennessee. "I just like interacting with people, which is why I plan to be a youth leader after attending college."

Lindsey has many hobbies some of which include, hanging out with friends and family, sharing God's Word with others, and drawing. During the month of June, Lindsey and Lee Ellen attend acGATEWAY (the Aiken County Gifted and Talented Art Program), which is held at South Aiken High School.

# Family recovery can aid the alcoholic's recovery

By OPAL CAMERON, BSW, MTS  
Registered social worker, Shell Lake, Saskatchewan

Alcoholism is a disease of denial by the entire family.

It is one of the first areas I check out in the initial interview. It is easy to miss the real source of the problem.

Because of denial, I explain the illness and its effects on the entire family. If I suspect there is alcoholism in the home, I refer the spouse to Al-Anon.

Regardless of whether the alcoholic is willing to get help, it is important for the partner to know where to get support and find valuable information.

Because Al-Anon members truly understand, clients receive support, friendship, and an openness they will never find in any other organization or club.

They all have something in common. Many alcoholics have found recovery because the spouse found Al-Anon first. The whole family benefits from Al-Anon and so do we professionals.

I keep a list of all local Al-Anon meetings and give it to my clients. I have a list of

Al-Anon contacts and make arrangements for someone to pick my client up and take him or her to a meeting.

I have also taken them to a meeting, introduced them to someone, and made sure they felt comfortable before leaving.

It may seem like going a step too far, but the payoff – seeing clients become their own persons with dignity and a sense of belonging, recognizing their worthiness to themselves and others – is worth it.

These clients discover a whole new outlook on life and develop healthy relationships with their family, friends, and relatives.

The greatest insight for the spouse and the family is: "It doesn't have to be that way anymore."

You may find similar articles by visiting [www.al-anon.alaTeen.org](http://www.al-anon.alaTeen.org) and click on the icon on the right referring the Al-Anon Faces Alcoholism 2009.

For local Al-Anon information, call Nancy B. at (803) 564-6487.

Local meetings are Mondays at 7 p.m. at Wagener United Methodist Church, 153 Columbia Highway, Wagener and Saturdays at 8 p.m. at Saron Baptist Church, Wagener.

## PORTRAIT OF THE PAST



A.I. Corbett seventh-grade teacher Cindy Holder works on a writing project with Dion Eugene Sisher in November 1987.

Aiken Standard file photo

# DEATHS AND FUNERALS

## Stanley Andre Jones

WAGENER — Mr. Stanley Andre "Farmer" Jones, 40, passed away Thursday, June 4, 2009.

He was born Jan. 20, 1969, in Wagener, the son of Sidney Bruce and Julia M. Rowe Jones.

Services were held Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at 3 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 607 Kestrel Dr., Leesville. The Rev. Dennis Jackson officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory his wife, Linda Jones; two daughters, two sons, his parents, three grandchildren, two sisters, two brothers and many other relatives and friends. J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, Wagener Chapel, 190 Railroad Ave. W. is assisting the Jones family.

## Fannie L. Gantt

WAGENER — Mrs. Fannie Lou "Sister" Gantt, 94, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2009. She was born July 20, 1914, in Wagener. Services for Mrs. Gantt were held Tuesday, June 23, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Baughmanville Baptist Church, 125 Baughmanville Road, Wagener, with the Rev. Eugene Guyton officiating with the Rev. Otis Kitchings pastor presiding. Burial was in the church cemetery. Mrs. Gantt leaves to cherish her loving memory grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends. J.H. Robinson Funeral Home Wagener Chapel, 190 Railroad Ave. W., is assisting the Gantt family.

## Quincy Marie Ashley

PERRY — Mrs. Quincy Marie Ashley, 91, wife of the late Clyde Ashley Sr., passed away Friday, May 30, 2009, at Lexington Medical Center, W. Columbia.

Services were held Saturday, June 6, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Piney Grove Baptist Church, 220 Center St. E., Perry with the Rev. Kenneth Waldo officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

She was born Nov. 20, 1917, in Salley. She was the daughter of the late Willie and Ethel Richardson Williamson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sons, Clyde Jr. and Clayton Ashley.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory three daughters and a stepdaughter, Eleanor Marie Sweeney and Essie L. Ashley (Johnny) of Wagener, Dr. Mary A. Livingston (Vandie) of Perry and Audrey A. Humphrey (James) of Schenectady, N.Y.; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, Wagener Chapel, 190 Railroad Ave. W.

## Gertrude S. Baskett

WAGENER — Mrs. Gertrude S. Baskett, 97, beloved wife of the late Ulysses "Bill" Baskett, passed away Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at Laurel Baye Healthcare, Blackville.

She was born Feb. 8, 1912, in Aiken County to Austin and Leathella Key Singleton.

Service for Mrs. Baskett were held Sunday, May 31, 2009, at 3 p.m. at Saron Baptist Church, 352 Railroad Ave. W., Wagener. Burial was in the Gantt-Baskett Cemetery.

She is survived by her grandson, Wade Friday Sr. (Janice) of Salley; great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends. J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, Wagener Chapel, is assisting the Baskett family.

## Lois Starnes Poole

PELION — Mrs. Lois Starnes Poole, 90, entered into rest Saturday, May 30th.

Mrs. Poole is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Larry Poole, and Wayne and Mildred Poole of Pelion, and Nelson and Ruth Poole of Hopkins; grandchildren; Larry and Debbie Poole, Jr., Kim and Richard Kneece, Ervin Poole, Sabrina and Shannon Walker, and John Anthony "Tony" and Rachel Poole; great grandchildren; Sarah Poole, Elizabeth Poole, Caleb Kneece, Andrew Kneece, Mark Kneece, Derek Poole, Colton Poole, Sophia Walker and Skyler Walker.

Mrs. Poole was the daughter of the late Reuben B. and Ada Hutto Starnes. She was the widow of John B. Poole and also predeceased by brothers; T. L. Starnes and Kelly B. Starnes, and sisters; Mary Rawls, Eula Mae Smith, Blondell Ott, and Katie Lou Roebuck.

Mrs. Poole was a member of Mount Hermon Baptist Church.

The funeral service was Tuesday, June 2 at 6 p.m. in the Mount Hermon Baptist Church with the Rev. Josiah Mazzell officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

The family request no flowers be sent, and in lieu of flowers that memorials may be made to Mount Hermon Baptist Church Building Fund, 1845 Cedar Creek Road, Pelion, SC 29123. The family also expresses their appreciation to the staff of Reliant Hospice for the compassionate care they provided.

## Edward F. Lyons

PELION — Mr. Edward Franklin Lyons, 74, entered into rest Sunday, June 14, 2009, after a short battle with lung cancer.

He is survived by wife of 52 years, Sue Lyons; daughter, Susan Lyons and her companion, James Mathis; grandchildren, Jacey and Jenna Lyons of Pelion; and brother and sister-in-law, Don and Jean Lyons of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Mr. Lyons was born in Richmond Hill, N.Y. He was the son of the late George Lyons and Elizabeth Lyons Sawyer. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Lyons was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church where he was very active. He spent much love and time taking care of the grounds and flowers. Prior to moving to Pelion, Mr. Lyons was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lexington where he was a Boy Scout Master for many years. He was retired from Otis Elevator and the State Department of LLR. The employees of Otis and LLR were Mr. Lyons' second family and a great comfort in the last few weeks of his life. Mr. Lyons was always known for his caring and generosity towards others, and the special light of his life - his granddaughters. He will be greatly missed by many.

The funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Friday, June 19 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church



Lyons

with Pastor Charles Seastrunk officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 510, Pelion, S.C. 29123.

Pallbearers were Bill Brewer, Phillip Crede, Tony Davis, Melvin Smith, Clint Walker and Ronnie Walker.

Blizzard Funeral Home, 153 Main St. South, Wagener, (803) 564-5333 is assisting the family.

## Edith Baughman Rawls

PELION — Mrs. Edith "Edie" Baughman Rawls, 53, entered into rest Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Rawls is survived by her husband Johnny Rawls and daughter Mary Lynn Rawls. She was the sister of Dale Baughman and Debbie Preston, both of Wagener, and the late Laurie Baughman, and is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

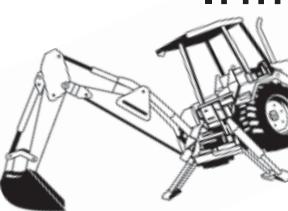
She was born in Aiken County, the daughter of the late Willie Albert and Evelyn Poole Baughman. "Edie," as most people knew her, was an inspiration to her family and everyone she met and although she had many struggles in life she always kept a positive outlook.

Funeral services were Friday, June 12 at 11 a.m. in the Wagener Chapel of Blizzard Funeral Home, 163 Main St. South, Wagener, SC 29164 (803) 564-5333, with burial at the Pauline Church of Christ Cemetery.

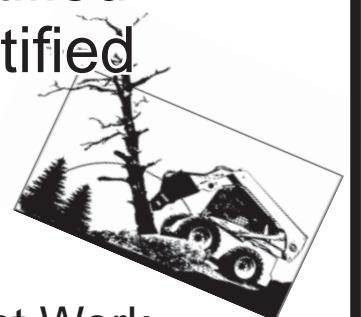
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