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W-S Boggin' Bots have had terrific season

Submitted article

The team members this year included Brady Baughman, Braxton Baughman, Nick Brayton, Josh Bolton, Shane McVey, Ryan Palmatier, Aaron Kirkhart and Daniel Shumpert. Our marvelous mentors (without whom we could not have even begun) were Von and Sammie Baughman and Davis Shull. Our superlative sponsors were Aiken High School (many thanks to Kelly Russell), SC State Clyburn Transportation Section, Aiken Electric Cooperative, Bridgestone Firestone, Randy Shumpert's Well Drilling, Wagener Milling and Washington Savannah River. A special thank you to the students who sacrificed their "free" time and parents who provided transportation and refreshments.

Students started designing the robots at the beginning of the school year. The robots were built, tested, redesigned, rebuilt and retested. It is a long process that encompasses all the inquiry steps of the scientific method, as well as physics, mechanical engineering, computer engineering, technology and team work (gracious professionalism). This year was another huge learning experience, and we are exceptionally proud of all of our members. They



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Back, from left, Davis Shull, Josh Bolton, Bob Bryan, Von Baughman, Sammie Baughman, Aaron Kirkhart, Nick Brayton; front, Brady Baughman (seated), Daniel Shumpert and Shane McVey.

were tenacious and determined even while juggling schedules between football and basketball games as well as ROTC drill and rifle competitions. Many Tuesday night meetings ran until 8 p.m., and a couple Saturdays were sacrificed.

In December we joined the Wagener Christmas Parade and operated the robot on

a float.

On Feb. 8, the Boggin' Bots, took two robots to competition at S.C. State University in Orangeburg. One robot, nicknamed the scorpion, lifted PVC rings onto goals, pushed rings into the end zone and pulled goals onto our side of the quad (field). The other robot, nicknamed the crab, unfolded its arms to

push as many rings as possible into the end zone for points.

We competed against 62 teams from across the state. We participated in four matches and formed alliances with different schools in each match. We placed 30th out of 62 teams.

On Feb. 12-13, we went to the Savannah River Tech Fest at Fort Discovery and demonstrated our bots, videos and gear ratio knowledge for middle school students from Georgia and South Carolina.

We returned home inspired and combined the qualities of both robots into one. Next, we headed to a competition in Atlanta on Feb. 23. Brady, Josh, Daniel, Aaron and Ryan competed against 32 teams and placed fifth! During elimination rounds, we chose to form an alliance with the M' Aiken Magic team from Aiken High and had a fantastic defensive strategy with another team from Florida known as A Witty Name.

Our goals now are to continue fund raising for next year, focus on winning an award next year, and develop a strategy for a brand new competition next year.

Our team requirements are that you have 30 hours of participation, maintain a C average in all classes and obtain \$250 in donations in order to travel to competitions.

Those with high school diploma, GED are more successful

By DEE TAYLOR

Students who fail to graduate from high school face a very bleak future. Because the basic skills learned in high school and higher education are essential for success in today's economy, students who do not receive these skills are likely to suffer with significantly reduced earnings and employment prospects.

Among those over 25 years old who failed to complete high school or receive a GED (General Education Diploma), as many as 55 percent report no earnings in some population census data to 25 percent of those with at least a high school degree or GED. For people reporting any earnings, the median income for those who left

school without a high school diploma or GED is \$15,334 compared to \$29,294 for people with at least a high school degree or GED.

To combat these issues, the Crescent Cities Parenting Center (CCPC) offers participants the opportunity to earn their GED. A GED is an equivalent to a high school diploma. The CCPC GED Program also provides books for the courses required. If you are a parent and can't find childcare, CCPC provides skilled childcare and meals. The center is located in the Busbee annex of Wagener-Salley High School (the former Busbee Elementary campus). Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. For more information, call 564-1125 or (803) 663-4204.

* Information from the Manhattan Institute website.



Taking a look back to seven years ago

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.

Looking Back

In April 2001, Dee Wooten Taylor, an employee of *Aiken Standard*, with encouragement from Scott Hunter, the publisher, and help from the staff of the *Aiken Standard*, began a monthly publication that has come to be a staple in the lives of the readers of the *Wager Monthly*.

In that first issue she invited anyone interested in contributing to this monthly publication to contact her. Since I had been writing stories for my family, I thought ... why not give it a try. And I did, giving birth to my *Memories* column.

Dee recently left me a message reminding me that this month is the seventh anniversary of the *Wager Monthly*. After listening to Dee's message, I thought it does not seem possible that I have written 84 columns that contain 62 years of memories.

Looking back over my first column *Ma Jo*, which ran in the May 30, 2001, *Wager Monthly*, I thought how appropriate that my first column was about birth, for not only was it the birth of my long time desire to try my hand at writing but also the story of my own birth 62 years ago ...

Ma Jo

While riding in my car, I was listening to 87.7 on my radio, which is actually WJBF television. The women of "The View" were interviewing Rikki Lake. She was talking about the impending birth of her baby. She explained to the ladies that she is going to have her baby at home with a midwife in attendance. Joy, one of the hosts of "The View," expressed some concern. "What if something goes wrong?" Rikki Lake's immediate reply was, "Oh, I only live two blocks from

the hospital!" I instantly began to remember the times that I have heard



LEMYRA YOUNG

my parents relate the events that led up to my birth. Josephine Matthews was the first one to see me as I entered the world. She was the attending midwife in Wager at that time, and I had the privilege of being one of her white babies.

Once my mother alerted my father to the news that it was time for me to be born, he went for Dr. J.H. Brodie, who also happened to be my mother's uncle. However, since I was my mother's first child, Dr. Brodie did not believe that my mother would deliver before he got there, so he told my daddy to go get Josephine and that he would arrive shortly after.

Well, as usual, I surprised them all. My mother had several hard pains and there I was.

I began my entrance into the world in the hands of Ma Jo. The good doctor arrived just in time to aid Ma Jo in the aftermath of my delivery. I was not Ma Jo's first baby nor was I her last. In fact, she was in attendance at the birth of my brother Charlie, too. She was a mighty important person in the lives of many people in the Wager area. A home delivery was not unusual during this time. Many mothers chose to have their babies at home, just as Rikki Lake is choosing to do so. Unfortunately Rikki Lake will not have Ma Jo to help her.

For as long as she lived, Ma Jo never failed to point me out, speak to me and tell all around that I was one of her white babies. This little piece of knowledge has always made me feel special and part of the past; the past that has quickly escaped into the present. Now we rely on sonograms, ultrasounds and this computer that I am still trying to master.

Ma Jo has passed on now, as have so many of our loved ones. She still holds a special place in my heart, for she and I are a little piece of history that cannot be replaced – May 30, 2001.

When I wrote my first column, I was 55 years old and had been retired from teaching for three years. I was quite a few pounds lighter and was walking four miles a day. And as I commented to a friend the other day, "I always wanted to be a queen but not queen size!"

Not only am I now queen size, but I often use the aid of my best pal to get around – my walking stick!

Since the printing of my first column, I have had the joyous pleasure to recall and share so many memories from the past and you have graciously accepted me and asked for more.

I am truly amazed and thankful at the number of people who have taken the time to write me a note, call me on the phone or stop me at church or while out shopping to tell me how much he or she enjoys my column.

And often times he or she relates to me how my memory triggered a memory, too.

I sincerely thank each of you for

your notes, phone calls and kind words. A lot of things have changed, but a lot of things have stayed the same.

I'm still making memories and I'm still saving memories – memories, precious memories – keep on making memories.

** I know from firsthand account that the *Wager Monthly* is read and enjoyed by many. Dee Taylor and the staff at *Aiken Standard* are to be applauded on the great job that they do each month in publishing the *Wager Monthly*; not many small towns have a community newspaper of the quality that we have.

However, we the people of our community must share in the success of the *Wager Monthly*, too.

Every issue is made better by the variety and content from the contributors each month.

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Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary Unit 43 News

By JANET DESANTIS
Contributor


The DAVA will be holding another monthly Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, May 3 at the blue building at 2194 Columbia Highway N. (Highway 1), Aiken, between the airport and fairgrounds. It will be held rain or shine. You can find like new clothes, shoes, purses, kitchen items, what-nots, books, kids toys, bedding, glass, etc. All items are in excellent condition and all clothes/bedding have been freshly washed. We even have new clothes with original price tags on them. You will not find better quality for lower prices. We work off of donations from the community. All men's clothes and shoes are cleaned and go directly to the VA Clothes Closet which serves long-term patients in the hospital and the CSRA Homeless Veterans. All proceeds from the yard sales support activities at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center as well as area veterans and their families. We host a yard sale the first Saturday of each month until November.

The kitchen will be open from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will serve hotdogs and BBQ sandwiches as well as chips, homemade dessert, and drinks. All proceeds of the kitchen will go to purchase new underwear, socks and T-shirts for the long term patients at the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in Augusta.

On May 10, we are going to make goody bags and visit every female in both VA Hospitals in Augusta for Mother's Day. One of our members from Aiken makes homemade flower corsages out of scrap materials and crafting gems. The ladies

get to pick out their own flowers, lipstick, nail polish and fragrance samples. We purchased candy (sugar-free for the diabetics) and lotion, hand cream, emory boards, etc to fill their reusable tins to the brim. It is such a fulfilling project because none of the patients are told that we are coming – it's a total surprise.

On April 15, elections were held and three Wagener residents were re-elected. Janet DeSantis was re-elected as commander for her sixth term, Jeanne Hair was re-elected adjutant/treasurer for her fifth term, and Vonnie Gentry was re-elected chaplain for her second term. The auxiliary now accepts males as there are a growing number of female veterans. To be eligible for membership, you must be a child, parent, grandchild, grandparent, spouse or sibling of a disabled veteran. That disabled veteran does not have to be a member of the DAV to qualify, only eligible. Annual membership is \$15 per year, or life memberships are available based on your age at time of application. Any person 80 years or older qualifies for a free membership. We also have a Junior Charter for all children and grandchildren ages 0-17. Membership is only \$3 per year. Children and parents are encouraged to attend quarterly functions held at the VA. The patients love to see a young one come to visit them. We have invited ROTC units, church choirs, etc., to come and entertain the patients with us. It is always a big hit and brings smiles to many lonely faces. Please call Commander Janet DeSantis at 564-5971 if you have any questions, would to join us or would like to donate items for our yard sales.



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A.L. CORBETT MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!



Seventh-graders at A.L. Corbett Middle School took a trip to the Riverbanks Zoo.

Make a difference for our school with box tops

We've recently launched our 2007-2008 Box Tops for Education fundraising campaign. This year we've set a goal of earning \$500 through Box Tops to purchase supplies.

For more than 10 years, Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools raise over \$200 million to buy the things they need. The Box Tops for Education program offers three easy ways to make a difference through everyday activities: buying groceries, shopping online and purchasing books. School budgets are tighter than ever, and A.L. Corbett Middle School is asking for the support of families and community members like you.

Another easy way to help our school is to sign up for the Box Tops website at boxtops4education.com. You'll get updates on our school's Box Tops earnings, money-saving coupons, family-pleasing recipes, chances to win Bonus Box Tops, the latest Box Tops news and much, much more. Best of all, it's absolutely free!

For more information on how you can help our school earn cash through Box Tops for Education, contact Leah Shackelford, our Box Tops coordinator, at LSHACKLEFORD@aiken.k12.sc.us, (803) 564-1056 or visit boxtops4education.com.

Help us earn cash

Help us earn cash by bringing these recyclable items to our school:

- ▶ Used cell phones
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- ▶ Laptops
- ▶ PDAs/palm pilots (include all accessories)
- ▶ iPods (include all accessories)
- ▶ DVD movies (include original packaging)

We are collecting these items year-round. Our school secretary, Mrs. Leah Shackelford, is coordinating this project.

Art zoo field trip

The seventh grade visited the Riverbanks Zoo on Thursday, April 17. Students had lots of fun completing a scavenger hunt. The trip integrated science, social studies and math.

History mural in cafeteria

A.L. Corbett Middle School is planning a huge mural for the cafeteria wall. The subject is the history of Wagener, Perry, Salley and Kitchings Mill.

Students and teachers are working together to find as much information and as many images as possible to be represented in the mural. If you have any pictures we can scan, any information about interesting people who helped to make our communities great, call our school.

Contact Deborah Bass or art teacher Carmen Holley at 564-1050.

Dear ALC Friends and Families:
PACT (Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test) is the state test that used to measure the progress of all students. This year the tests will be May 13-15 and 20-22. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their levels of learning the expected content standards. It is a time for us all to encourage students to get ready for testing by first getting rest each night.



DEBORAH BASS

The test measures students individually and the scores become part of their permanent records. There are four categories in which students can score. Our expectation is that each student scores either Proficient or Advanced. The BASIC score, which our state has at meeting standard, does not meet standard for the No Child Left Behind criteria.

Tests will be given in the four content areas: math, English/language arts, science and social studies. All seventh graders take all tests. Sixth- and eighth-graders take either science or social studies and they take math and ELA.

Eighth-grade students in algebra and English I have their end of course tests on

May 6 and May 8. This measurement is factored in as their exam grade and has a weight of 20 percent.

It is important for all our students to get plenty of rest, eat breakfast and arrive at school early. We will have breakfast available at the school each morning of testing for students who arrive between 7:30 a.m. and 7:50 a.m.

April and May are filled with many opportunities for our students to demonstrate success. You can stay updated by going to the ALCMS website <http://www.aiken.k12.sc.us>. Click "schools," "middle schools," "A.L. Corbett."

There is so much talent at ALC and we enjoy celebrating the academic achievements of students. Each student always needs encouragement and support to reach their full potential. All adults can help students learn to set high standards and develop strong study habits.

Ultimately, it is an individual choice on how successful each student wants to become. Let's continue to work together and provide ample support and encouragement for all children. Supporting the school, supports the community and no one is left behind.

Sincerely,
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First Baptist holds annual Chili Cookoff

By CHRIS FRASER

Johnny Mueller, director of missions for the Edisto Association, was asked to judge an annual Chili Cookoff held at First Baptist Church of Wagener.

Although we did not envy his position, three winners were chosen, Tondia Harrison, Sandra Summer and Pastor Scott Griffith. For the second year, there were two entries made by youth in our church, Nathan Middleswarth and Jordan Fraser.

Nathan had a little help from his dad, but would not share the secret ingredient; we are still working on this. Jordan made her chili on her own, and just like a girl, had recipe cards to share.

After announcing our winners, Mueller gave the youth \$10 each with a charge to multiply their winnings for God's kingdom and glory. As Jordan's mom, I was with her as she spoke of the many ways she could multiply this money.

She talked of donating it to our church building fund, in hopes that when we added on a Family Life Center, children could be reached for Christ. She thought of the children in Peru that Mrs. Val (Sliker) had ministered on her mission trip.

"What about Churches Together For Kids?" she said, remembering the fun she has had at their community ministries. Samaritans Purse, sponsored by her Girl Scout Group, seemed so far away.

Cora Bodie, our WMU president, had recently spoken



of The Lottie Moon offering. There were so many choices, some with instant results and others she would never see. I shared with her a statement that my friend, Jackie Busbee, made.

Simply put, she said you cannot share Jesus if you could not meet the physical needs of someone. A sweet smile came across her face and I could see "the light bulb" moment happening right before me. She had taken a tour of a local food pantry and clothes ministry, The Jack Atkinson Ministry.

Our church had been collecting food for them, but they have such a need for rice, cereal and grits. Food items such as these run out quickly at the larger food banks. The Holy Spirit pointed her in the direction she was searching for, and




Photos by Chris Fraser

so it was then she decided to buy a huge bag of rice that could be divided among many.

With this, one little girl, with a charge from our D.O.M., having been around Godly people that openly share the love of Christ and being led by the Holy Spirit, was a vessel used to meet the spiritual and physical needs of those in her community.

As I photographed her with Nellie Black, the director of The Jack Atkinson Ministry, I wondered who it was that received the blessing; I know I did!

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Lambert, Henry Odom, Dewayne Pough, Kashawn Stroman, Malcolm Stroman, Caleb Swedenburg, Zachary Turner, Ja'Lonzio Tyler, Robert Tyler, Dion Walker, Shakayla Wells, Anthony Wiles, Lexus Brannum, Lakeiya Corley, Trevian Davis, Audrey English, Shane Fulmer, Joshua Hayes, Alexi Henry, Brianna Jennings, Tamais Kenner, Miranda Rawls, Michael Rushton, Manuel Sanchez, Emily Schettler, Devon Way, Shawn Wright, Justin Adams, Briana Bellinger, Austin Bodie, Ashley Brown, Darryl Bynem, Candace Coleman, Bruce Corley, Rodriguez Dunbar, Charmaine Edwards, Quar-maine Edwards, Casey Fulmer, Jessica Gleaton, Tyler Green, Derrick Harrison, Kaljah Hicks, Heather Hooker, Kandace Hutto, Denisha James, Mikayla Jennings, Shawn Lily, Brandon Medlin, Triana Miller, William Miner, Demetrius Patterson, Shaquanda Seawright, Tyshelle Tyler, Khadijah Walker, Marniqua Williams, Nakontae Williams and Joshua Wooten.

Woman's Club visits complex, home of the Wagener Museum

Submitted article

Woman's Club March meeting was held at Wagener Municipal Complex which is also the home of the Wagener Museum.

Club members enjoyed a self-guided tour of the museum with help from Woman's Club member and museum docent Martha Anne Tyler and Woman's Club member and docent Mar-adelle Ray.

Club members especially delighted in looking at the many group pictures of the various high school classes ... some from more than 70 years ago, as well as, the group photo taken in the late 1950s of Wagener Manufacturing "The Shirt Factory," and of scenes of Wagener in the very early 1900s. Club business for the evening included

Wagener-Salley graduate scholarship, State Convention in April, and the selection of new officers for 2008-2010. The project for the evening was Wagener Pregnancy Care Center. Members brought useful and necessary items for the center. Members were encouraged to continue all club projects on an individual basis.

Hostesses for the evening were Annie Clyde Williams, Willa Mae Anderson and Emily Branch.

The museum is opened to the public on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and Sunday from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. and by appointment at other times.

The museum is also open to school and church groups and any other group or club that is interested. Appointments may be made by contacting Wagener Town Hall or by calling 564-5172.

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Successful business advice from a friend

By JIM WEST
Columnist

Recently I had the privilege and honor of attending the funeral of one of the best people I have ever know – V.T. Heyward. V.T. worked with me, after spending many successful years at Pet Milk Co.

Little did I know the impact that he would have on my life and my family, and how much I would learn from him. V.T. did not consider himself a teacher, and I guess that is why he was so successful at teaching all of us about life. V.T. always said that life is what happens to you, while you are busy working

and raising your family.

According to V.T., there were several requirements for running a successful business.



Heyward

Always keep your temper out of any discussion – it will only get you in trouble. If you want to say something that might hurt someone's feelings, just wait until the next day to say it, and by that time, whatever it was that you wanted to say probably won't be that important.

Try to make peace with everyone. Always take the initiative to make

peace, before the sun goes down, if you have argued with someone. You will be the winner and so will your business.

People in a successful business always treat everyone the way they want customers to treat them. You will deal with all kinds of people – just treat them the way you want to be treated.

You must conduct your business affairs according to the way you must pay your bills. Bills coming due are a necessary part of business and everyone must understand that.

Keep the rules of the Almighty in the forefront of the way you treat people. You will always be headed in the right direction if you do this.

Take the time to enjoy your family and take an active part in supporting your community. Do what you can to help – no matter how small it may seem.

Change will happen – be a part of it and learn from it.

I shall never forget the laughs we all had, while V.T. and the rest of us were learning to use the computers at work; he mastered their use quite well and then went on to something else. “Change happens,” he always said. V.T. Heyward taught me that if I wanted to change, tomorrow is the first day of the rest of my life. Change happens, so if I want to change, I should do it for the better – go for it!

BUSBEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

PACT is coming!

The Palmetto Achievement Challenge Test (PACT) is right around the corner. The testing dates are as follows:

- May 13 – ELA Day 1
- May 14 – ELA Day 2, (1st and 2nd grade to complete District Writing Assessment)
- May 15 – Math
- May 20 – Science (half of 3rd grade, half of 5th grade, all of 4th grade) and Social Studies (half of 5th grade)
- May 21 – Social Studies (half of 3rd grade, all 4th grade)
- May 22 – Field Testing
- May 16th and 23 – Make-up testing

On May 20-21, the testing schedule becomes complicated. For 3rd grade, only students who have been selected to take the science portion of PACT will do so on the 20. Also on the 20, all fourth grade students will take the science test. All fifth grade students will take a test. For fifth grade, they will take either the science or social studies portion. On the 21, those students in third grade who did not take science will take social studies. All fourth grade students will take social studies. Confused? That's OK, it took us a while to understand also!

Breakfast for students

All students of Busbee Elementary school will be able to eat breakfast at school during the weeks of PACT. Students who do eat will not be charged during that time. All your child has to do is go to the cafeteria in the morning and proceed to through the service line. A good breakfast is one of many ways to make sure our students are ready to do their best on the test!

Test Taking Tips

Are you asking yourself “How can I help my child?” Here are a few tips on preparing your child for PACT.

- Get a good night's sleep the night before each test day.
 - Eat a healthy breakfast each morning before testing.
 - Be on time to school everyday.
 - Wear comfortable and school appropriate clothes.
 - Show respect for yourself and your classmates by using good behavior before, during, and after testing.
 - Have two pencils sharpened and 1 good eraser ready the day before testing.
 - Listen carefully to all directions from your teacher.
 - Read all directions carefully and ask all questions before the test begins.
 - Use your time wisely.
 - Read the entire question and answer choices before making your final decision.
 - Try to answer all of the questions.
- If you come to a question you don't know, skip it and come back after you complete the test.
- Check your work when you are finished.
 - Remember: Some questions are easy and some are meant to be hard.
 - Do your very best work. Do not quit or give up because you come to a question that is difficult.
 - Take slow, deep breaths when it gets to hard. Remember that you have been studying all year for this test and you are going to do your best.

Honor Rolls

Busbee Elementary School has named its honor rolls for the third nine weeks of school:

First Grade: All A's: Taylor-Lauren Adams, Kaitlyn Allen, Candace Amaker, Annaleise Black, Jennifer Dougherty, Dylan Douglas, Samuel Driggers, Tia Fulmer, Kayla Gallop, Marcus Glover, Macie Grantham, Camron Gunter, Mitchell Hall, Kaylee Harvey, Brittany Howard, ZyAundria Jackson, Nijala Johnson, Denzel Kitchings, Mason Klimek, Amber Lapine, Taylor Love, Katelynn McFee, Abel Mendiola, Christian Miles, Tristan Nisbet, Heath Prokop, Darius Quattlebaum, Annie Revell, Zynavia Robinson, Avery Ruehmer, Thomas Savage, Bryson Shealey, Eva Strosnider, Hannah Taylor, Alexis Tindal, Keion Tyler, John Michael Upchurch, Lasy Williams, Jade Yon and Zaria Yon. **A's & B's:** Cooper Brown, Carson Corbett, Jabarrik Corley, Josh Davis, Kesler Corley, La'Kaya Dunbar, Benzel Fogle, Quinshawn Friday, Jeremiah Green, Demarco Gleaton, Ty-Teana Gleaton, Haley Griffin, Tyler Hunnicutt, Austin Hutto, McKensy James, Chloe Johnson, Dallas Johnson, Destiny Johnson, Hunter Kirby, David Laughton, Imani Miller, Zach Newman, Elijah Phillips, Tanijah Phillips, Brandon Pynes, Trenton Rish, Aaliyah Sharperson, J.B. Stearman, Austin Williams and Ricky Williams.

Second Grade: Principal's Honor Roll All A's: Cadena Amaker, Ariel Brown, Troy Carson, Joshua Cherry, Zachary Dunbar, Wade Friday, Anslee Hiers, Shania Jackson, Jini Justice, Shane Mays, Gabriella Palazzolo, David Snipes, Taylor Still, Morgan Taylor and Daisy Young. **A's and B's:** Takayla Allen, Anthony Baker, Steven Clifton, Zymbraya Corley, Maegan Danley, Sara Farr, Payton Fleming, Cooper

Gettys, Montashia Golson, Chance Griffin, Jaryan Harvey, Drayton Hearn, Savannah Jordan, Ny'Zarria Kitchings, Brenna Kirkland, Nicolas Navarro, Shantel Patterson, Jessica Rabon, Ashlyn Rawls, Caleb Rhoden, Dequan Robinson, Terrance Steadman, Krista Tindal, Eric Toland, Tanner Turner, Alexus Valentine, LaJava Williams, Kaylee Wright and Angelica Urizar.

Third Grade: Principal's Honor Roll All A's: Tristan Brown, Jaiesha James, Ambriah Johnson, Brianna Kirkland and Preston Rodgers. **A's and B's:** Eboney Adams, Ta'Nauziah Corley, Balam Gunter, Holly Jackson, Alannah Laughton, Bobby Livingston, Robby McGee, Amanda Poole, Larissa Quattlebaum, Cameron Shiffner, Timothy Sims and John Simmons.

Fourth Grade: All A's: Shelby Bell, Tia-leisha Corley, Ryan Gallop, Hannah Still and Courtnie Yon. **A's and B's:** Aleyah Burgess, Erica Danley, Morgan Foster, Courtney Gallagher, KeAunri Holmes, Jade James, Amirah Miller, Cayla Odom, Angelise Quattlebaum, Amy Rodgers, Kelly Rogers, Terrance Samuels, Brett Steadman, Jordyn Still, Jamira Tyler, Adam Walling, Keiante Williams and Taylor Williams.

Fifth Grade All A's: Sabrina Leguizamon, Joseph Odom, Kaylee Rushton, Jamie Swartz, Jerel Swedenburg, Alex Williamson and Haley Williamson. **A's and B's:** Tiana Burgess, Charity Bynem, Joniya Bynem, Candace Crumpler, Deavis Edwards, Louis Flowers, Kelly Frost, Bernard Ginyard, Chardonnay Harrison, Omar Jackson, Morgan Leach, Andy Lewis, Shawn Moss, Gabby Murphy, Jai' Bria Quattlebaum, David Rathburn, T.C. Rushton, Rhiannon Tanner, Lori Tindal, Shequavia Tyler, David Urizar, Phillip Woodward and Tyler Wright.

Kindergarten Registration

If you were unable to register your child for kindergarten on April 23 or 24 it is not too late. You may still register between the hours of 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the front office. For more information, call the office at 564-1000.



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Wagener Monthly celebrates seven years

By DEE TAYLOR

Thank you for reading the *Wagener Monthly*, this month we celebrate our seventh birthday. Without you reading and our advertisers advertising, there wouldn't be a *Wagener Monthly*.

But did you know that in January 2001, if my icemaker hadn't flooded my kitchen, there really might not have been a *Wagener Monthly*? You might wonder how a malfunctioning icemaker would lead to the birth of a newspaper, so here's the story again!

There's nothing worse than walking on a cold vinyl floor in January, except when that floor has been flooded with about 2 inches of cold water. That's what awakened me on that cold January morning.

After realizing what had gone wrong, I filed my homeowner's claim with Farm Bureau and they told me to get quotes from someone to replace my kitchen floor along with the carpeting in my great room (there was a lot of water).

I called Scott Hoover, from Hoover's Flooring to come give me a quote and before long, new flooring was on its way. During the installation, Scott and I spoke several times about his business and he mentioned that if Wagener had a newspaper, he would advertise. I agreed that a Wagener newspaper would be good but doubted that we could get the advertising needed to support a newspaper.

A little later, in February, I had a dental appointment at Edisto Dental Associates with Dr. Williams. During my visit (don't you just love conversations with dentists when your mouth is full of dental instruments), Doc mentioned advertising and how much he wished Wagener had some sort of newspaper representation. I then asked if Wagener did have a monthly newspaper, would he advertise – he said yes.

So me being the advertising salesperson that I am, I thought about the prospects of trying to launch a newspaper in Wagener.

After going over the project in my head for a couple of weeks, I thought I would share the idea to our publisher, Scott Hunter. I thought that I would just walk down the hall, mention that Wagener needed a monthly newspaper and then it would be his problem.

I knew how to sell ads, not create newspapers. So after I shared my news, he then said to me, "I know just the woman for the job!" – looking at me with confidence that I sure didn't have.

Boy, that conversation didn't go as planned. So I came up with the sales information and our advertising staff sold enough advertising to publish the first *Wagener Monthly* on April 25, 2001.

At that time, Bill Bengtson (now in our North Augusta bureau) was the staff writer who helped cover eastern Aiken County. He pursued stories



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that I suggested and came up with some of his own. Tim O'Briant provided the layout and design of the first edition.

After that first edition, I had a phone call from one of my favorite former teachers, "Mrs. Young." She said that she enjoyed reading the first issue and asked if she could submit a monthly column about Wagener's colorful past. It was my honor to have her as part of the *Wagener Monthly*.

I have so many people tell me that her Memories column is their favorite each month. I honestly can't wait until I get her information each month so I can read it.

I appreciate LeMyra's input and turn to her often for advice on story ideas. She cares so much about this newspaper.

By the way, it probably took me four years to stop calling her "Mrs. Young" and start calling her LeMyra, it honestly still feels a little disrespectful.

Thank you to our other contributors that make the *Wagener Monthly* possible. Our contributors send e-mails, send handwritten notes or drop off information in Aiken for our little paper. We have some new regular contributors.

Jim West provides inspirational thoughts about patriotism and faith. Jim West is one of my heroes, he is a true patriot that loves our community and his country and his family.

Ken Chandler and Cheryl Poole contribute parenting advice and humor. One of the newest is Lily Herndon-Weeks, who has a farm in Wagener. Lily works as a volunteer for Christ Central and her contribution will help inform and educate us about Christ Central and its missions.

Ellen Proveaux gives us health tips, which I promise to start following! Sam Smith tells of us about the beautiful gardens we have. I appreciate all of the story ideas – keep them coming. Anyone can contribute, it's easy.

Each month, I publish all of my contact information. If you think it's important – chances are our readers will as well. If you have a digital camera and email, it's very easy to contribute.

Over time, there have been several *Aiken Standard* reporters and copy editors that have worked very hard on the *Wagener Monthly*. However, our



copy editor for the last several years has been Karen Herbold.

Karen takes my files and photos and turns them into the beautiful layout that you see each month. There are many times that she works until 4 a.m. or later to get the pages done. This is not her primary job – it is an additional responsibility for her each month.

She might be from Michigan but she now has a little Wagener in her heart. She puts a lot of care into the paper each month.

I appreciate our advertisers who invest their hard earned money with the *Wagener Monthly*. This newspaper would not be possible without our advertisers.

My mom, Brenda Wooten is delivering papers now, with my aunt Gail Shiffner as her co-pilot. Thanks, Mom, for your support of the paper!

And the last "thank you" goes to you, our readers. This paper is about you and most of the material each month is reader submitted.

I appreciate the compliments that are given about the *Wagener Monthly* and I also appreciate the suggestions that you give to make this paper better. Please e-mail your suggestions to me at dtaylor@aikenstandard.com or call me at 1-800-559-2311, ext. 2371.

I hope we have another successful seven years! Thank you for reading the *Wagener Monthly*.

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Wagener UMC holds Egg Hunt

Submitted article

On March 22, Holy Saturday, Wagener United Methodist Church held its annual Easter Egg Hunt. Nearly 30 children searched the church yard for over 300 plastic, goody-filled eggs. Pastor Kristen Richardson-Frick shared the Easter story, reminding everyone of the sacrifice Jesus made for us all. As a special treat, the Easter Bunny hopped in for a visit. The children enjoyed a light lunch served by the ladies of the church before departing with memories of the bunny and a fun-filled morning.

On Sunday, April 13, brought another very special event. After years of work and planning; a lot of frustration and speculation; and a tremendous amount of prayer, the congregation of Wagener United Methodist church re-consecrated its sanctuary with a special Homecoming service and celebration meal.

A flaw in the original design of the structure and the passage of time had left the building in dire need of some "firming up." The construction project began last fall and was finished in time for Christmas to be celebrated in a stronger, yet much different-looking sanctuary. However, the newly-placed steel supports, cables and turnbuckles disturbed the old shingles covering the roof. Before the project could be considered complete, a new roof would have to be installed.

The Homecoming service, you see, wasn't just to remind us of our past. It was also to remind us of the present and the future. Because of the perseverance of several church members who saw this project through to completion, the sanctuary will be standing for generations to come. The new look of the sacred space – the new steel supporting the old wooden beams – serves as a reminder of how without Jesus in our hearts, we aren't strong enough to be the people God wants us to be.

Wagener United Methodist Church is located at 153 Columbia Road in Wagener. Join them for worship on Sundays at 9:45 a.m., with Sunday School at 10:50 a.m. You may contact the church office at 564-5561. For information about upcoming services and events.



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Photo submitted by Chris Fraser

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Dental Tips

from
Dr. Williams
Edisto Dental Associates

How to Whiten Your Teeth Naturally



If coffee, cigarettes and food have left their mark on your teeth, you're not alone. There are plenty of people who would try anything to get back their pearly whites. "Teeth naturally yellow for a number of reasons" according to Elisa Mello, DDS, from NYC Smile Design, a New York-based cosmetic and restorative dental practice. But did you know that Mother Nature has some natural solutions to getting back your pearly whites? Here are

some tips provided by Dr. Mello:

Do's

- Eat foods that act like detergents and whiten teeth naturally. To keep teeth bright and prevent yellowing, you need to remove the staining bacteria by chewing certain crunchy fruits and vegetables that produce high salivary flow and actually work like tiny toothbrushes to help scrub away stubborn stains over time.
- Eat dark green vegetables. Vegetables like broccoli, lettuce and spinach act like a barrier on teeth by creating a film that prevents stains from recurring and can actually help scrub away stubborn stains over time.
- Eat lots of high-fiber and whole foods — they act as natural tooth cleansers.
- Mash a few strawberries in a bowl and then take your finger and spread the pulp all over your teeth. Leave it on a minute or two, and then thoroughly rinse and brush it off.

Don'ts

- The rule of thumb is that anything that can stain a white T-shirt can stain your teeth too. That means most varieties of berries, as well as soy sauce, red wine, many fruit juices, coffee, tea, and cola. You don't have to avoid them altogether, but immediately after indulging, rinse out your mouth with water, brush your teeth or chew gum.
 - Keep in mind that citrus fruits contain acid that can cause enamel to deteriorate over time.
 - Be aware that those sports drinks, energy drinks and fitness waters contain organic acids which are known to break down calcium. So they're especially good at eroding your teeth. Recent studies show they were more damaging to tooth enamel than cola-based drinks.
 - Reduce your intake of acidic foods like vinegar. Foods that are slightly acidic open up the pores of the tooth enamel allowing for easy staining.
- "Thorough cleaning by a dentist or hygienist will remove most external staining from teeth caused by food and tobacco. Using a whitening toothpaste can also help remove these surface stains between dental visits. If stains have been present for years, you may need to have your teeth professionally whitened to remove these more stubborn external stains."

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Preacher James Hunnicutt was a man's man

By ROGER HUNNICUTT

Our father was truly "a man's man." Few people of our generation really do not understand the meaning of this phrase, nor have they seen it lived out before them. Here is one genuine example.

James C. Hunnicutt was born May 25, 1928, in the foothills of upstate South Carolina, affectionately known as "God's Country." He was born into a farming family who barely etched out a living in the stubborn, rocky, red fields surrounding his tiny home. He had eight older siblings, some of whom had already married and had children by the time Daddy was born. As soon as he was old enough to use a hoe, he was expected to pull his weight in the family. Thus, very early on, hard work became his constant and lifelong companion.

Around the tender age of 9 an event occurred on a bitter, Christmas morning that would change the course of his life. He and his older brother were sent out to cut and bring in firewood for the family. Our uncle's job was to swing the axe; our father's job was to steady the log. An unintentional, but miscalculated strike brought the axe down across the top of Daddy's right hand, very nearly severing the three last fingers. An emergency trip was made to the local country doctor, who sewed up the hand the best he could. In the end, it was a very crude job by today's standards. But, the doctor was not focused on trying to repair tendons and nerves; he was focused on saving the hand – and the life of the boy. In that regard, the doctor was successful.

Although this hand may have appeared "crippled" to the casual observer, those of us who knew Dad understand he never thought of it in this way. When our father's four older brothers joined the Army, our dad had to quit school to work on the family farm. He was 12 years old at the time.

When Daddy got older and tried to join the Army, this "crippled" hand kept him from being acceptable to the military. But this hand did not keep him from working two or three jobs at a time during most of his adult life. It didn't keep him from changing the numerous gears in an 18-wheeler truck. It didn't keep him from working under the hood of those same trucks, or from the numerous building projects he started over the years. And it sure didn't keep him from occasionally spanking the bottom of a wayward child!

While our dad did perform all of these



Submitted photo

Family photo of all eight Hunnicutt children with their parents, Mildred and James Hunnicutt.

jobs, he didn't see any of these as his most important calling. They simply served to put food on the table and clothes on our backs. His highest calling was to preach the Gospel. Daddy was about 18 when he became a Christian and about 20 when he was called to preach. In 1951, he became the pastor of a little log cabin church in Oconee County. By this time, he had married his sweetheart, Mildred Todd, and had two small boys, the oldest having cerebral palsy caused by trauma during childbirth.

Over the years, Daddy went on to pastor eight more churches and to have six more children, a total of four boys and four girls! These times were often hard, but this man had a relentless passion about the work he knew God called him to do. Daddy pretended to "retire" several times in his last two decades of life, but he just couldn't say no to little churches in need of a loving shepherd. He worked and prayed most of those churches back into healthy condition before he moved on to other hurting congregations. He said more than once, "I work as if it all depends on me and I pray as if it all depends on God." Most of his past church members can attest to that fact!

Many of you knew that our father experienced great joy in giving to others. We're sure it was difficult for Mom during our

growing-up years as Dad would often give back more to the church than he was given in salary. He continued this practice right up to his death. Don't misunderstand – although we didn't often dine on steak, we always had enough food to eat and always had warm beds in which to sleep (often due to several other warm bodies in them!). We believe there were years in which our father did not even make the amount of money required to fill out an income tax return. However, whatever we lacked financially was more than made up in the building fund of our faith. Very few children in this day are given the opportunity to see the faithfulness of God, as they have every material thing they can possibly imagine. We were children most blessed in this respect.

Those who knew James Hunnicutt knew he had a great sense of humor. He loved to hear and tell a good joke. You knew you were especially loved if he teased you relentlessly or, better still, if he gave you a nickname! There are very few memories of him when he wasn't smiling or enjoying a good ole' belly laugh! This isn't to imply that his life was easy and all fun. The saying, "If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all" was written especially for him. But the thing is, he didn't believe in luck. Because he knew God was in complete

control, he was one of the most optimistic people we have ever known. He always believed tomorrow would be a better day. Sometimes it would be, most often it was not. But it did not dampen his optimism and cheerfulness.

This was his most constant disposition, even when things were bad – really bad. Ask the nurses who took care of him during his last days. More than one walked out of the room with tears in their eyes – from laughter!

Yes, we knew Daddy as "a man's man," in every sense of the phrase. But more importantly, God knew him as His man, His own, one that He loved enough to send His only Son to die for, so that James Hunnicutt could live in eternity with His God. Daddy is with his Savior today and the only thing that could bring him more joy is for you to join him one day in Glory. He would have wanted us to tell you so.

Cleaning out our father's desk, one sister ran across a song he had penned a few years ago. The song's first and last verse tells us much of this man. For him, it was not about the material things one could possess in this life. It was about that which was waiting for him in Glory. In this case, not a mansion, but a log cabin and a Savior who welcomed him home!

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John Michael Doolittle Jr., 18, entered into rest Tuesday, April 1.

John Michael was the loving son of Alice Garvin Doolittle and John Michael Doolittle Sr., loving brother to Lacie Nicole Doolittle, all of Wagener, and Heather Harmon of Leesville. He was the grandson of Mary and Billy Payne of North Augusta, the late Samuel Mack Doolittle and Lloyd and Velda Garvin of Wagener. John Michael had several aunts, uncles and cousins, which include Dawn, Dale and Amanda Doolittle, Zach, Jake and Seth Garvin, Rosita, Cecilia and Nick Navarro, and Mack and Timothy Doolittle.

John Michael was born Dec. 25, 1989. He was a member of Bethcar Baptist Church and a lifelong member of Fox Town Buck Club. John Michael was a big Georgia Bulldogs football fan as well as a Dallas Cowboy fan. He was employed by Yohe Plumbing in Aiken. He loved to spend time with his friends.

The memorial service was Saturday, April 5 at 4 p.m. in Bethcar Baptist Church with the Rev. Chris Addy officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church or charity of your choice. An online register is available at www.blizzardfuneralhome.com.

Voyte T. 'V.T.' Heyward

Mr. Voyte T. "V.T." Heyward, 72, entered into rest Wednesday, April 9, 2008.

Mr. V.T. was the husband of Diane Goss Heyward for 52 years. His children are Duane Heyward, the late Eric Heyward, Liz Ann Jackson and Susan Bolin. Grandchildren are Crystal Meetze, Bailey, Kasie and Charles Heyward, Andrew Jackson, the late Megan Jackson, Cory and Derek Bolin, Erin Wright and Angie Heyward. Great-grandchildren are Nathan, Cade, Alana, Emily, Taylor, Ashton and Kaylee. Mr. V.T.'s brothers are Charles Earl (Carol) Heyward and Owen (Betty) Heyward. His parents were the late Nolton and Erlene Jackson Heyward and his father-in-law is Charles M. Goss.

Mr. V.T. was a member of Bethcar Baptist Church and a Sunday school teacher. He worked for Baughman's Oil Co., Pet Milk Co. and West Tire and Oil. Mr. V.T. loved riding his golf cart with his dog, Bentley.

The funeral service was Friday, April 11 at 4 p.m. in the Bethcar Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bethcar Baptist Church at P.O. Box 546, Wagener, S.C. 29164. An online register is available at www.blizzardfuneralhome.com.

Jeannette J. Quattlebaum

Mrs. Jeannette Jackson Quattlebaum, 82, went home to be with her Lord on Friday, April 11, 2008.

Mrs. Quattlebaum is survived by her children, Rodney and Marilyn Quattlebaum and Regina and John Harvey; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, Andrew Jackson, and sister Martha Jackson. Mrs. Quattlebaum was the widow of Frank P. Quattlebaum and the daughter of the late Houston and Mattie Robbin Jackson.

Mrs. Quattlebaum was a lifelong and faithful member of Bethcar Baptist Church, member of the Eula Heath/Fidelis Sunday school class and enjoyed being a part of the senior activities.

The funeral service was Monday, April 14 at 3 p.m. in the Bethcar Baptist Church with the Rev. Chris Addy officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Bethcar Baptist Church at P.O. Box 546, Wagener, SC 29164. An online register is available at www.blizzardfuneralhome.com.

Jeffery Gordon Hair Sr.

SALLEY — TSgt (Retired) Jeffery Gordon Hair Sr., 51, died Saturday, April 12, 2008.

Jeffery was the son of Carrie Bell Jeffcoat Hair and the late Jesse Gordon Hair. He was the father of Jeffery G. (Mesha) Hair Jr. of North Dakota, Christopher G. Hair of Salley, Tracy Yon of Martinez, Ga., and Kimberly Hair of Batesburg, and the grandfather of Jeffery "J.J." Hair III, Christian Hair, Payton Yon, Paxton Yon, Kyle Hair, Preston Hair, Trevor Hair and Julia Hightower. Jeffery was married for 32 years to the mother of their children, Barbara Gail Gleaton Hair. He is also survived by his brother, Michael Hair of St. Matthews.

Jeffery was born at Fort Jackson and graduated from Wagener-Salley High School with the class of 1974. He was a member of Rocky Grove Baptist Church and retired from the U.S. Air Force after 15 years of service.

The funeral service was Wednesday, April 16 at 11 a.m. in the Wagener Chapel of Blizzard Funeral Home with the Rev. Henry Cooper officiating. Burial was in the Salley Oak View Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the church or charity of choice. An online register is available at www.blizzardfuneralhome.com.

Lucy T. Hallman

SPRINGFIELD — Funeral services for Lucy T. Hallman, 65, were held Thursday, March 27, 2008, at 4 p.m. at Rocky Grove Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Earl "Buddy" Hallman Jr.; children, Therisa Tate, Tonia Beverett, Tamara Ivey, Tony Baxley, Al Hallman, Irby Hallman and Bonnie Still; sisters, Eathel Mason, Dorothy Sooter and Johnnie Robertson; 17 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Blizzard Funeral Home, Wagener.

Gladys R. Hickman

SALLEY — Mrs. Gladys Romanstine Hickman, 100, went home to be with her Lord Saturday, April 12, 2008.

Mrs. Hickman is survived by her stepdaughters, Elma H. Phillips of Beaufort and Marjorie Brown of Walterboro; sister, Margery Talbert of Columbia; 18 grandchildren including Gayle Hickman of Columbia; 26 great-grandchildren including Robbie Hickman of Birmingham, Ala., and many friends.

Mrs. Hickman was the widow of John V. Hickman and the daughter of the late William Frederic and Susie Lucille Campbell Romanstine. She was also predeceased by stepchildren, Vernon, Victor and Leonard Hickman, Ouita Elliott and Theresa Corley; and sisters, Edith R. McLaughlin and Ethel Lois Romanstine.

Mrs. Hickman graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1929 and graduated from Columbia Bible College in 1931. She taught at the state orphanage and the John De la Howe school before beginning her teaching career in Salley in 1943. Mrs. Hickman retired in 1971 after a career of 40 years in teaching as well as private piano lessons to hundreds. She was a faithful member of Salley United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School for 64 years and was an associate musician for 60 years. Mrs. Hickman founded an interdenominational prayer group in Salley which has been active for over 35 years.

The funeral service was Tuesday, April 15 at 4 p.m. in the Salley United Methodist Church with the Revs. Kerrie Plump and Henry Cooper officiating. Burial was in the Salley Oak View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Robbie Hickman, Mike Hickman, Bryan Caughman, Art McAlexander, Scott Elliott and James Brown. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salley United Methodist Church at P.O. Box 446, Salley, SC 29137. An online register is available at www.blizzardfuneralhome.com.

Johnny Shaw

Funeral services for Mr. Johnny Shaw of Aiken were Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery, Salley, at 3 p.m.

Born to the late Christopher Frederick and Betsy Clifton, he was raised by Nathaniel and Phyllis Shaw. He was the husband of the late Katherine Sanders Shaw. Mr. Shaw passed away Friday, March 28 at Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

Mr. Shaw is survived by his children, Jeanie Landy, Debra Stroman, Lorene Gray, Sandra Brown, Johnny Mae English, Johnny Stroman, Leon Shaw, Lannie Stroman, Freddie English, Christopher Davis and Marcus Davis; 20 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and very close friends.

James Green Jr.

Funeral services for Mr. James Green Jr. were at 3 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2008, at Jerusalem Branch Baptist Church cemetery, 576 Jerusalem Branch Road, Salley.

Born in Orangeburg County to the late James (Jim) and Idella Kitching Green Sr., he was a member of Jerusalem Branch Baptist Church. Mr. Green passed away Sunday, April 6, 2008, at Heartland Hospice House in Augusta.

Mr. Green is survived by his two brothers, Samuel and John Green of Aiken; a sister, Mildred Stallings of Aiken; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, 190 Railroad Ave. W.

Harry Truman Brown

Funeral services for Mr. Harry Truman Brown of Wagener were Friday, April 18, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the Sardis Missionary Baptist Church, Salley. Burial will be in the Christian Hill Cemetery.

Born in Aiken County to Artee Q. Brown and the late Elmore (Bill) Brown, he was educated in the public schools of Aiken County. He was a member of the Smyrna Baptist Church. His former jobs consisted of Gregg's Division of Graniteville Company and Wilbert's Vault Company and Fiberglass, where he retired.

Those left to cherish his loving memories are his wife of 41 years, Willie Mae Sampson Brown; two daughters, Wileen (Wesley) Williams of Perry and Sibel (Wayne) Patton of Detroit, Mich.; mother, Mrs. Artee Q. Brown; four grandchildren, Wynesha, Westin, Sterling and Wayne; three sisters, Ruth (Buist) Johnson, Artistine (Surgeon) Simmons and Deborah Brown; two brothers, Elmore Brown Jr. and Rolland (Rosa Mae) Brown; three sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and very close friends. J.H. Robinson Funeral Home is in charge of services.



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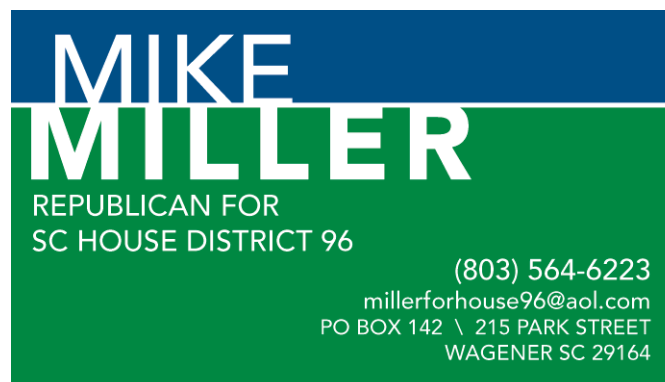
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“I look forward to meeting the people in District 96,” Miller said. “I want to know first-hand what their thoughts are, the problems they face and what goals they would like to reach in their neighborhood.”

Miller now serves as a member on the Town of Wagener Council.

“I would like to return a high level of accessibility and visibility to District 96, which our constituents have been missing” Miller stated. “This area is composed mostly of the small towns and rural areas of Lexington and Aiken Counties, which are often overlooked. We need a strong, aggressive voice in the State House to see that our people are heard, and their needs and concerns are addressed.”

Former S.C. House Rep. Ken Clark states, “I have known Mike Miller for about six years; he is an outstanding candidate to represent House District 96. “He is educated, hard working and has an excellent reputation as an upstanding, involved citizen with a strong work ethic and sound Christian morals and values. His involvement in community activities and his service on the Wagener Town Council prepare him well for the role. District 96 needs a Representative who is active and involved in the District’s business.

Clark went on to state, “There are many issues that need attention and need to be worked on and improved in the small rural towns and unincorporated areas that make up District 96. Unfortunately, that is not currently the case. Since leaving that position, I have been asked many times, “Who is this guy Kit Spires and how come we never see him anywhere?”

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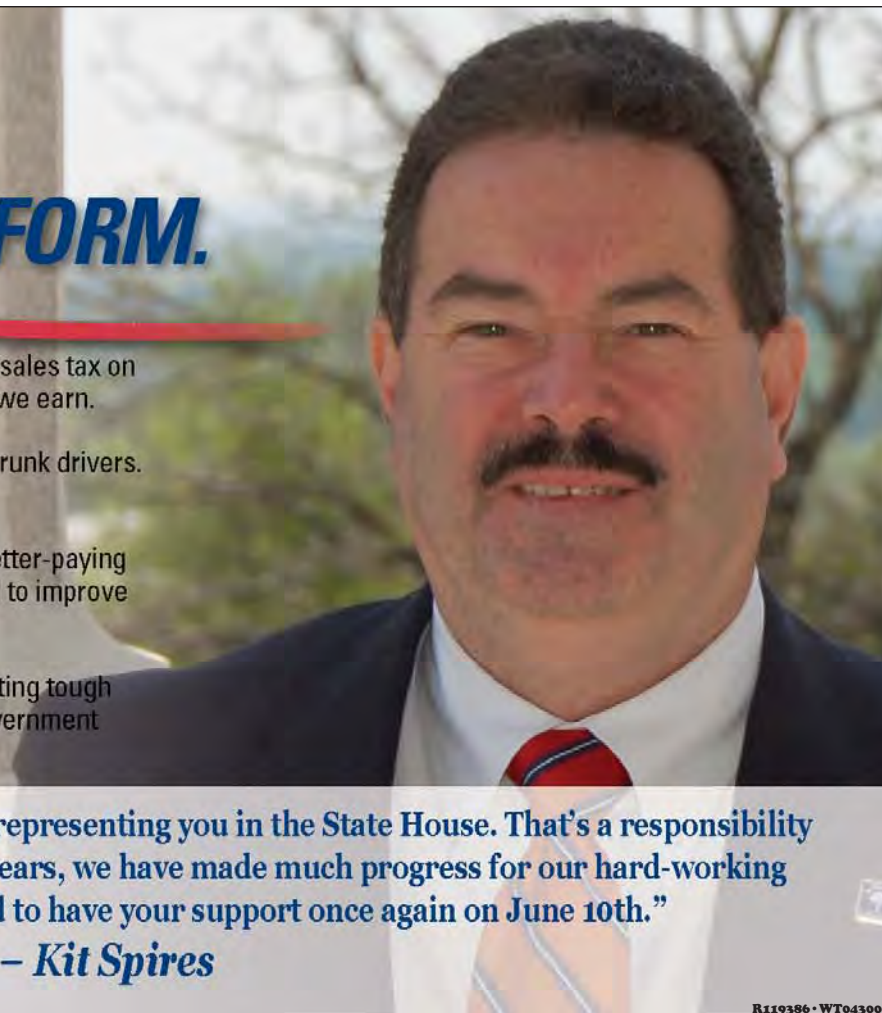
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TOWN OF WAGENER NEWS

The downtown park areas are starting to take shape, and a good shape at that. The work is progressing very well, and the inconveniences seem to be minimal, thanks to the citizens being considerate, the work crew's planning, and the help of the Town staff. Critical and indifferent questions and comments are changing, to positive and optimistic compliments. I think our people will be very satisfied with



MIKE MILLER

the finished project, and other towns will look at, and refer to our improvements as a model for their future planning. We thank everyone for their patience. There is still a long way to go and much more to come. Our Garden Club has been busy lately with the improvements to Gunter Park, and the addition of another "Welcome Sign" on the west side on Highway 39, it's all looking good and we appreciate their hard work. We are extremely fortunate to have the Garden

Club, Women's Club, Museum Committee, Crescent Cites Park Committee, Wagener Downtown Development Committee, and local school and church groups, who are all instrumental in the recent improvements and beautification of Wagener. The impact of their hard work and input is immeasurable and above reproach, thank you all.

In March, Police Officer McElmurray restarted a project of distributing fliers with photos and information on "Wagener's Most

Wanted." These are people wanted for past violations, outstanding warrants and charges pending. Thanks to information from our citizens and vigilance of our officers, all of our "most wanted" have been apprehended and are awaiting due process. Chief Key tells us this has proven most effective and will be a continuing program as a part of our police department's effort to protect our community. Once again, we would like to thank and commend our staff and employees of the Town of Wagener, for a job well done. Sometimes, I think we expect too much of them, but with their dedication and initiative, they always seem to exceed our expectations.

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W-S FFA Tractor Operators team is state champs

Submitted article

COLUMBIA — The Wagener-Salley High School Tractor Operators Team took first-place honors in the State Finals held in Columbia, recently, according to John W. Parris, state director of public affairs with the SC FFA Association.

Team members Kenny Reynolds, Derek Shealy, Trevor West and Ethan Busbee successfully outscored other FFA teams from throughout the state. Ethan Busbee was the second high scorer in the state competition. They were coached by Allen Williams, agricultural education instructor at Wagener-Salley High School.

“The primary objective of this agricultural engineering-related competition is designed to provide FFA members an opportunity to demonstrate their skill in operating a tractor with an implement attached while practicing appropriate safety measures,” Parris said. “Teaching students to properly operate a tractor in a safe manner is a part of the agricultural engineering curriculum of the Wagener-Salley Agricultural Education Department and many other departments in secondary schools throughout South Carolina,” he added.

Crescent High School FFA team members were named Runner-Up and the York team came in third in the state finals.



Submitted photo

State FFA President Spencer McLeod (left), congratulates Wagener-Salley FFA Tractor Operators Team members Kenny Reynolds, Derek Shealy, Trevor West and Ethan Busbee. National FFA Vice President Morgan Parker (right) also joined in congratulating the state champions.

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Location: Perry Town Hall

Current Fiscal Year Revenue	Projected Revenue 2009	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$241,472	\$241,908	0.48 %	30
Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected Expenditures 2009	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Estimated Millage for 2009
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*Estimated Millage Equals \$30 per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value

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NOISES IN THE HENHOUSE

After the Willing Workers work long and hard on a quilt, it is nice to know that the person who gets it really loves it. It is not too often that we know what happens to those quilts made by the quilters after they leave the Henhouse. Debbie Roof has had the Willing Workers make two such quilts as family heirlooms for her grandchildren. The blue Dresden Plate quilt in the picture is for her grandson, Bryson Hutto. Earlier the Henhouse made one for her granddaughter, Carlee Hutto. That one was a log cabin quilt in shades of mauve/pink. These quilts will be presented to her grandchildren on their wedding days. What a beautiful memory for them to have of their loving grandmother, Debbie.

The Willing Workers are getting all geared up for our pre-Mother's Day Sale. We will be taking special orders for cakes and pies. There will be plenty of baked items to purchase the day of the sale also. Just call the Henhouse Ministry at 568-5499. The sale will be on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. There will be a huge yard sale outside and our many quilts and crafts inside. Mark your calendars for this special event.

There is always something exciting happening at the Henhouse. Of course, our definition of exciting may differ from yours. Just having visitors or customers who come to the Henhouse excites us. You can bet that when visitors/strangers come in, we strike up a conversation by asking all sorts of questions. Inquiring minds have to know! Because we are out here on this back country road in an old farm house far from the city, visitors bring news from the outside world.

This past Thursday while Steve and Rachel were painting and making repairs to several rooms in the Henhouse they had visitors from a foreign country. The travelers were Tjoan Lian Ie and Menno Dekhuyzen from towns near Amsterdam in the Netherlands. They arrived in Atlanta on March 30 which marked the beginning of their adventurous tour. Tjoan and Menno are bicycling across America and into Canada.

Their modes of transportation are recumbent bicycles, which are designed for long trips. These bicycles look comfortable, allowing the body to recline which relieves stress on the body while peddling. Everything they needed for camping along the way was packed in bags attached to the bicycles. Only someone in good physical shape could undertake a trip of this kind.



Submitted photo

Menno and Tjoan in front of quilt.

Part of their adventure is getting to meet locals and learn of their culture. Tjoan and Menno both speak very good English and several other languages to boot. Communication should not be a problem. Probably the most difficult problem will be when Americans use slang or colloquialism and expect them to understand. For example, Rachel referred to an old man they met as an "old cuss." Rachel said they looked puzzled at each other. No wonder! Can you imagine what else they will be hearing during their traveling? Just wait until they get the mountains of Tennessee.

On Friday morning, Rachel, Steve and Nancy took our foreign visitors to a local café in Swansea for breakfast. Nancy noticed they ordered only vegetarian foods. This explains their healthy lean bodies. The Willing Workers enjoyed meeting and getting to know our new friends. The time they spent together revealed more things in common than differences. Our prayers go with these young men for safe travel throughout the USA. We pray for God's protection, good health and return to their families in the Netherlands. If you want to learn more about our new friends, you can go to their website - www.st82st8usa.nl.

In addition to praying for our new friends, we have members in the Henhouse and community who need our prayerful support. Mary is still recovering from knee surgery. Willie, LaVerne, Jo, Letha, Vertie Lee and Juanita have been absent with sickness.

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- Protects your internal organs from injury and infection.
- Helps detoxify wastes through perspiration.
- Provides an important line of immune defense against infections – your healthy skin creates a barrier to viruses and bacteria.
- Protects you against extreme changes in temperature, through its thermoregulatory effect of controlling heat flow between you and your environment.
- Produces and stores Vitamin D in the presence of sunlight and ultra violet radiation, which is important to your immune system.
- Rich in receptors, it allows you to sense conditions around you – like hard/soft and hot/cold – and send information to your brain so you can react to it for self-preservation.
- Protects your body from sunburns.
- Protects you from dehydration.

The loss of any of these functions will compromise your best health and can accelerate signs of normal aging. Put simply, your skin plays a major role in your health. It functions as an organ that can absorb and excrete both nutrients and toxins through its pores. The condition of your skin is a powerful reflection of just how healthy you are on the inside.

The first ingredient of any product is what makes up the majority of that product. For example if the first ingredient of your cleanser is water, then the majority of your cleanser is nothing but water. That is why it is important to know what is in your products. Are you interested in knowing what you are applying to your skin? Just as there are healthy and unhealthy foods, the same applies to skincare products. Because your skin has the ability to absorb whatever you put on it, careful choices are essential. You want to give your skin the same thoughtful care you give your internal organs. Why don't you run and get a bottle of any of the skin care products that you are currently using. You might find that they contain one or probably more of many possibly dangerous ingredients.

Here is a list of skincare ingredients to



Ellen Proveaux from A Journey To Health

avoid.

- Mineral Oil, Paraffin, and Petrolatum – Petroleum products coat the skin like plastic, clogging pores and creating a build-up of toxins, which in turn accumulate and can lead to dermatologic issues. Slows cellular development, can accelerate free radical damage thus speeding up the aging process. Suspected cause of cancer. Disruptive of hormonal activity. By the way, when there's an oil spill in the ocean, don't they rush to clean it up? Why put that stuff on your skin? All waxes such as Paraffin, Beeswax, Candellia Wax, Carnuba Wax are widely used in cleansing creams, eye creams, and moisturizers. Waxes clog pores creating blackheads and whiteheads. They also smother the skin, which over a period of time, creates an enlarged pore problem.
- Parabens – Widely used as preservatives in the cosmetic industry (including moisturizers). An estimated 13,200 cosmetic and skin care products contain parabens. Studies implicate their connection with cancer. They have hormone disruptive qualities – mimicking estrogen – and interfere with the body's endocrine system.
- Phenol carbolic acid – Found in many lotions and skin creams. Can cause circulatory collapse, paralysis, convulsions, coma and even death from respiratory failure.
- Propylene glycol – Used as a moisturizer in cosmetics and as a carrier in fragrance oils. Shown to cause dermatitis, kidney or liver abnormalities, and may inhibit skin cell growth or cause skin irritation.
- Acrylamide – Found in many hand and face creams. Linked to mammary tumors in

lab research.

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- Dioxane – Found in compounds known as PEG, Polysorbates, Laureth, ethoxylated alcohols. Common in a wide range of personal care products. The compounds are usually contaminated with high concentrations of highly volatile 1,4-dioxane, easily absorbed through the skin. Its connection to cancer was first reported in 1965 and later confirmed in studies including one from the National Cancer Institute in 1978. Nasal passages and liver are the most vulnerable. Warning: it is a synthetic derivative of coconut. Watch for hidden language on labels, such as "comes from coconut."

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- Ethyl Alcohol, Isopropyl Alcohol, SD Alcohol 40 – Alcohols dissolves the body's own natural moisturizers and strips the skin of its own protection, leaving it vulnerable to infection. Alcohols destroy the skin pH balance and since they absorb water, they speed up wrinkling of the skin.

- Acetone – Used in nail polish and nail polish removers. This colorless, volatile liquid is often used in astringents, fresheners or clarifying lotions. It is extremely toxic and will dehydrate the skin while speeding up the aging process.

- Fragrance – Artificial fragrance can cause numerous health problems including headaches, lung problems, skin irritation and dizziness.

- FD&C – When this abbreviation precedes the name of the color, it means that the FDA has certified it as safe for use in drugs and cosmetics, but not in food. D&C colors are usually synthetic, coal tar colors; they're toxic and should be avoided.

So why are these potentially harmful chemicals still being used? Because they are cheap, readily available, easily diluted, and most of all – because people keep buying them. So, I suggest finding products the good Lord made to care for your skin. Obviously, get the nutrition that we put in our mouth correct. The best way to care for the skin is to feed it from the inside. But the next step is to carefully select products that will be absorbed directly into your bloodstream. My advice: Switch to skin care products, as well as hair care, etc that are made of plant names you can recognize, can pronounce and could even eat – if you had to. There are many safe products on the market today and they are not expensive. They are easy to use and will have your skin looking healthy and radiant.

W-S FFA Tool Identification Team takes top honors

COLUMBIA — The Wagener-Salley High School FFA Tool Identification Team took first-place honors in the state agricultural engineering-related event held recently in Columbia, according to John W. Parris, state director of public affairs with the SC FFA Association.

Team members Daniel Shumpert, Ethan Busbee, Josh Yon and Samuel Leguizamon were coached by Allen Williams, Agricultural Education Instructor at Wagener-Salley High School. Josh Yon was the high individual scorer in the state competition.

"Participation in this FFA-sponsored career development event is limited to first year agricultural education students in the ninth or tenth grades," Mr. Parris said.

The state competition is conducted by Clemson University Agricultural Education administrative staff with assistance from the Clemson Collegiate FFA Organization.

The mission of the FFA is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through Agricultural Education.



Wagener-Salley FFA Tool Identification Team members Daniel Shumpert (left), Ethan Busbee, Josh Yon and Samuel Leguizamon.

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Screening mammograms

You should have a screening mammogram annually, beginning at age 40. If you are not yet 40 but have a family history of breast cancer, ask your doctor if you should begin screening mammograms at an earlier age.

Clinical breast exam

Not all breast cancers can be found by mammograms. A good clinical breast exam can also help identify cancers relatively early. Most women should have a clinical breast exam every three years when they are in their 20s or 30s, and every year for women age 40 and older.

Pap test and pelvic exam

Regular Pap tests and pelvic exams can help identify abnormalities that could indicate pre- or early cervical cancer.

Most women should have a Pap test and pelvic exam every one to three years, beginning at age 21 or after they become sexually active. Women with certain risk factors may need a different testing schedule, so be sure to check with your doctor.

Bone density

Women age 65 and older should have a bone density screening to identify possible osteoporosis. If you are under 65, ask your doctor if you should have a bone density screening.

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