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## Cadet Williams finished 35th in nation

Submitted article

Cadet Amber Williams from Wagener-Salley High School JROTC Battalion finished 35th in the nation at the 2010 Army JROTC Service Championship for marksmanship held at Camp Perry, Ohio.



Williams

Williams and 110 cadets from around the country and overseas competed in the competition held in February. She qualified for the championship by receiving an at-large bid by scoring the highest score in South Carolina for an Army JROTC cadet in a competition held in December.

For Williams to receive a bid is significant because a total of five at-large bids were given to cadets from the states of South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

She is the daughter of Ricky and Carol Williams of New Holland, a junior at Wagener-Salley and has been a member of the War Eagle Battalion rifle team for three



Cadet Amber Williams shoots in the standing position.

years. She holds the rank of first lieutenant in the battalion and is serving as the executive officer for Bravo Company and the deputy commander of the rifle team.

As a member of the rifle team, she has

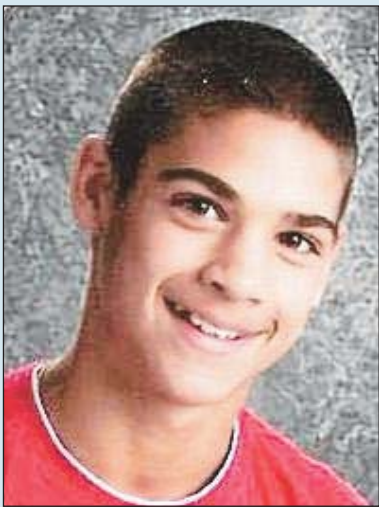
won numerous medals in competitions to include more than 13 first-place awards. These medals were for individual shooting positions such as prone, standing and kneeling and for having the highest score in a rifle match.

Williams' performance in the two-day Army JROTC Service Championship was truly remarkable. She competed against the best cadets in the Army JROTC Program.

When asked what was the most significant experience she had competing in the championship, she said, "meeting new people and having the experience of competing at the national level in a marksmanship competition."

Williams also stated that her first time flying was truly amazing and she was glad her father was there to see her shoot in the competition. Her goal next year is to lead the entire rifle team of Wagener-Salley to the nationals and to have an individual top 10 finish.

Pat Keating, principal of Wagener-Salley High School, said, "Amber exhibits what hard work, dedication and commitment can do for a person. She is driven to be the best that she can possibly be. We are very proud of her."



Tyler Berry is April's artist of the month

See Tyler's drawing and find out why he chose April as the month to illustrate in her photo. | 10

## Take Great Strides for Taylor and help find a cure for CF

By ASHLEY WILLIAMSON

Once again this year, I am asking for your help to find a cure for the disease that my daughter, Taylor, has.

Cystic fibrosis is the most prevalent genetic disease in the United States. Advances continue to be made in finding a cure, but your help is needed now – more than ever – to help keep up the momentum of this life-saving research. Too many young lives depend on this vital research to let it go unfunded!

Great Strides is the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Foundation's largest and most successful national fundraising event. This year, Taylor's Tigers are walking in the Great Strides event at Riverfront Park in Columbia on April 17.

Please help us meet our fundraising goal by sponsoring me. Your contribution will enable the CF Foundation to take full advantage of the tremendous opportunities in CF research that are now on the horizon.

In fact, I am excited to report that there is a drug in clinical trials that actually attempts to correct the basic genetic CF defect instead of just treating the symptoms.

The study has had encouraging results. Because of this research, I am more hopeful than ever that a cure for CF could be found within Taylor's lifetime.

This particular drug could have a profound impact on the lives of those with the disease. The only thing standing in the way of a cure is additional money to fund this life-saving research.

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Donating to Great Strides is such a simple and effective way for you to show your support for this important cause. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those with CF! I am amazed every year at the generosity shown through the donations that are given.

Please see GREAT STRIDES, page 23



Ashley and Taylor Williamson.

Submitted photo

# Times – and clothing – have changed quite a bit

## 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.*

## A Smile for Style

I watch a good bit of television, and it never ceases to amaze me at the outfits that some people wear. It seems to me that in the last few decades, any and all style of dress is acceptable. As I recall, there was a lot more decorum in the way that children, teenagers, and adults dressed in the '50s, '60s and even into the '70s. As I remember, wearing pants to school was a "no no" for girls once they reached sixth grade. I recall that Mama had me to ask my sixth grade teacher if it was OK for me to wear pants when the weather was real cold. Mrs. Reed said that wearing pants would be acceptable during cold weather; however, upon entering seventh grade, I knew that pants would not be acceptable. Girl students and lady teachers always wore dresses or skirts and blouses. Girls also wore socks with their shoes; bobby socks were the style in the '50s and early '60s. Lady teachers generally wore stockings and shoes with high heels. Some lady teachers wore 3 inch heels which were as stylish then as they are now. I can envision right now one of my teachers walking down the hall at Wagener High School. She had on a dress suit with matching high heel shoes, and her body was bound by the popular under garment of that day – the girdle. It makes me hurt just to think about the girdle. My, how times have changed.

My first teaching job was in 1969 at Goose

Creek High School between Moncks Corner and Charleston. The only dress code then was that female teachers or female students could



**LEMYRA  
YOUNG**

- not wear slacks. That was
- not a problem for me,
- because I could not wear
- slacks to class when I was
- in college. However, that
- was the mini, mini skirt
- era; girls could not wear
- slacks to class, but they
- could wear a mini skirt or
- dress that was only a little
- longer than embarrass-
- ment. One of my college
- classmates wore such short
- mini skirts and dresses that

she always carried a coat to cover herself when she sat down. I taught at Goose Creek High School for two years, during which time my husband Garry was finishing his education at nearby Baptist College. When he graduated in 1971, we moved back home to Wagener. Garry then began teaching at the alternative school in Ridge Spring, and I taught at Ridge Spring-Monetta Middle School.

At RS-M, I could wear pants, but it had to be a pants suit; just a blouse or sweater with slacks was not acceptable. For the men, there was no dress code; however, Garry was told to shave his beard, which he did. The alternative school closed after two years, and Garry transferred to Ridge Spring-Monetta High School. During the summer of 1980, Garry grew a beard; he sported a beard until he retired in 1999, and yes, he still has a full beard today. Garry's school attire was creased Levi jeans, a button-down collar shirt, and a tie (usually one embellished with a Looney Tunes character). The students loved his ties. If Garry needed to dress-up a little, he would add a sports coat to his attire.

One year when school began, RS-M High had a new principal, a lady. When Mrs. Benton saw Garry, she said, "You must be Mr. Young or Mr. Gibson, for all of the other teachers have been by to meet me!" What made this even more comical is that Buck Gibson and Garry are very good friends; anyone who knows them is not surprised that they both waited until the start of school to meet the new principal. Garry and Buck grew on Mrs. Benton, and no matter when or where I see Mrs. Benton, she always asks about Garry and if he still wears Levis with a sports coat, and the answer is always yes.

I began teaching at A.L. Corbett Middle School in 1975, Mr. J.O. Brown was the principal. There was not a specific dress code for the students; however, Mr. Brown would not put up with any shenanigans from the students. If he felt a student was not properly dressed, he would call him or her to the office. The next step was that particular student had to call someone to bring proper attire for him or her to wear. With the first breath of spring, Mr. Brown would make an announcement somewhat like the following: "I know that the sap is rising and I don't want to see any scooter skirts or halter tops. And you, boys, I don't want to see a tank top on you either." Every year, I would get so amused; Mr. Brown had a way of putting it out in front of you. He is one of the most amazing people that I ever had the privilege to know.

Mr. Brown retired, and time marched on. By the time I retired 12 years ago, the boys and

girls students were trying to wear whatever they pleased – sagging pants, short shorts (or as the students called them Daisy Dukes), tank tops, mini skirts – you name it, it was worn. I kept a yard stick to measure the length of the shorts and the skirts. Sometimes I felt like I was a clothes designer instead of an English teacher.

About 15 years ago, I remember Myra Fogle saying that when she was young, she dressed for style, but as she had gotten older, she dressed for comfort. I can certainly identify with that statement.

When I taught school, I always tried to look my best. Every night I would decide from head to toe on what I was going to wear the next day. I even laid out the jewelry that matched the outfit. I got out of bed at 5:00 every morning to shower and wash my hair. I then spent about an hour drying, rolling and styling my hair and putting on make-up.

Since I have retired, I wear whatever loose fitting garment is in sight. I don't mix plaids and stripes, but beyond that, my wardrobe is rather mundane. However, I do "dress-up" when I go to church, club meeting, appointment, and such.

One of the best accessory item that I have acquired since retirement is the ball cap. I have at least 10 ball caps in 10 different colors, and I wear one daily.

I have many vivid memories of the confrontations with Mama and Daddy about the way I dressed when I was a teenager – I always lost. Precious memories how they linger.

## Thanks for reading the Wagenermonthly

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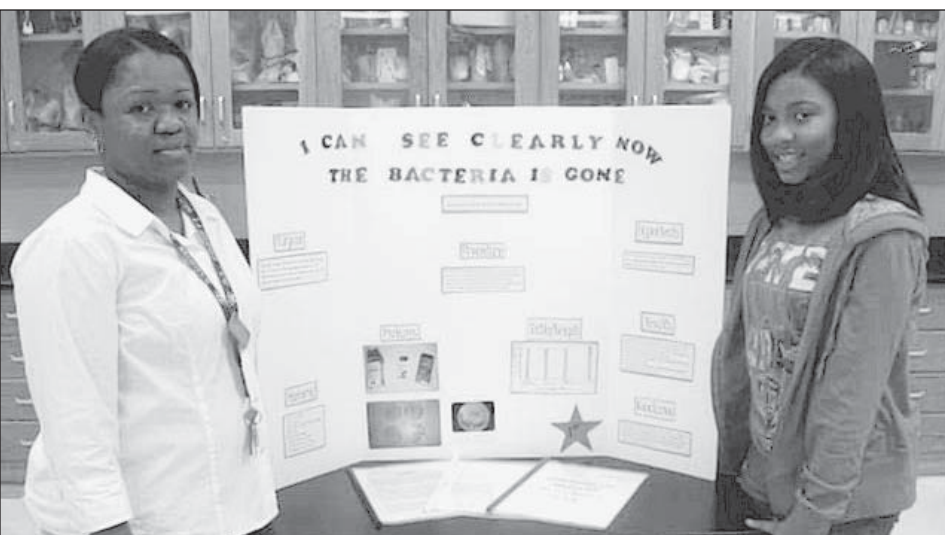
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Congratulations to Charity Bynem for her honorable mention award at the CSRA Science Fair. Her study focused on the bacteria found on contact lens. Pictured with the award-winning research is Mrs. Erria Daniels, seventh-grade science teacher, and Charity Bynem. The 2010 CSRA Science and Engineering Fair include more than 200 projects representing schools from the entire region.





Congratulations for being selected to participate in the Aiken County Band Directors All-County Band. Pictured are Lori Stabler-Tindal, Shakayla Wells, Chris Allen, Charity Bynem and Megan Waters. These students performed in the honor band concert with students from schools throughout the district after a day of rehearsals on their day off with a guest conductor. The concert and clinics were held at North Augusta High School.



March students of the month – Students are selected by their grade level teams based on their display of the character trait of the month. The March character trait is honesty. Pictured from left are Jerel Swedenburg, Jade James, Xavier Keitt (back), JaQuiel Williams (front center), LaChania Edwards and Shaina Key.



The Principal's Lunch Bunch enjoys lunch with Dr. Bass to honor their contributions to the success of the school with their academic achievement and behaviors that support success. A different grade level is invited each week. The eighth-graders enjoying the most recent lunch is pictured from left are Dr. Bass, MyOndrea Landy, Teonshia Coleman (back), Brent Starnes, Bobby Chavis, Matthew Farr, and Michael Bolton.



## *Dental Tips* from **Dr. Williams** Edisto Dental Associates

### Does My Child Need Braces?

Genes are responsible for many traits in a person. They'll determine if you'll have brown eyes or blond hair, and could dictate whether you will be tall or short. Genes are also largely responsible for dental problems that could necessitate orthodontic braces, something many children need to correct crooked teeth or bite issues.

#### Finding Out About Braces

Your family or pediatric dentist will likely be the first person to point out the need for braces. He or she can usually recommend an orthodontist who specializes in children's teeth.

#### The Mechanics of Braces

Braces work by slowly forcing teeth into a position the orthodontist decides upon. Brackets are glued onto the front (or rear, lingual side for "invisible braces") and then connected by an arch wire. A buccal tube on the band of the last molar holds the end of the arch wire securely in place. At each visit, the orthodontist will either trim the wire or place a shorter wire in place that draws the teeth backward. The child might also have to wear rubber bands or headgear, a metal brace that fits into slots in the brackets and wraps around the head, pulling the front teeth back for additional pressure.

#### Length of Treatment and Cost

Braces are worn between one and three years depending upon the severity of the problem and how diligent the patient is regarding the use of headgear or rubber bands, or other treatment procedures. After braces are removed, a retainer will likely have to be used to maintain the position of the teeth until wisdom teeth have grown in -- or even into adulthood. The cost of braces ranges from \$5,000 and up. Less visible braces may cost more because of their cosmetic nature.

A child will generally see the orthodontist every month for adjustments made to the hardware in his or her mouth.

#### Are Braces Painful?

Most patients will experience mild soreness after tightening appointment or irritation from friction with mouth tissues and the metal hardware. Over-the-counter pain medications can alleviate soreness, while dental wax can smooth over points of irritation. Today's braces are smaller and more advanced than in years past. Therefore the wires and other hardware used may cause less discomfort.



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# Aiken County natives paved the way for us

By JIM WEST  
Columnist

Many changes have occurred in South Carolina and in Aiken County, in particular, over the past 10 years. I have witnessed tremendous changes in the eastern side of Aiken County in business, people and physical landscapes.

Whole sections of the county have changed ownership and vast tracts of land have been bought, sold, the timber clear cut and then sold again. At times, it seems that we are all chasing dollars to survive another year.

As we look about us and see the beauty of Aiken, Orangeburg and Lexington counties either disappearing or changing drastically, we can also see many businesses that were almost bankrupt, suddenly spring up, grow and prosper because of the hard work and dedication of a few hearty souls. Every instance of renewal that I have witnessed is the direct result of people caring about their community, their job and their family.

It takes a personal commitment for any size company to survive and be profitable. This personal commitment must come from each individual employee from the president down the line. The companies that have employees with the right attitude survive. Others go bankrupt or cease to operate.

Our individual towns are no different; Aiken, Lexington and Orangeburg counties are no different; the state of South Carolina is no different; and the USA is no different. We can all talk about our own brand of patriotism, but unless we are actually willing to get in there and help our community leaders, our neighborhoods will always be what someone else thinks they should be.

My mom, Sadie West, left our fam-

ily a book called "Ninety Years in Aiken County." Various references were made throughout the book to individuals from all sections of the county, especially eastern Aiken County. All of these people expressed a personal commitment to the future of our county.

Many of the good things you and I enjoy today were the direct results of the personal dedication of people like C.J. Asbill, Lonnie Garvin, John Tyler, Carroll Warner, Barney Garvin, Charlie Tyler, Jim Busbee, Lucas Ray, Clarence Whetstone, Wade Brodie, Lowman Tyler, Al Tyler, Brunson Gantt, J.O. Brown and Tony Cofer.

I also think of Marvin Baughman, Bob Salley, Tommy Williams, Oneal Miller Sr., D.K. Gantt, Buddy Robinson, James Graham and Al Brodie. Their persistent belief in small-town, middle-class America is why our towns are here today.

These fine people should serve as examples for all of us. It is our personal service and dedication that will insure that our communities 50 years from now are still worthy of the hard work and effort these people put forth.

Remember, the eastern side of Aiken County will become whatever you want it to become. If you think you can't make a difference, stop and consider the legacy you will leave Aikenites 100 years from today!

As we close this month, please remember all of the men and women from Aiken County, as well as those from around America, who are serving us in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Please send a card, a letter or a care package to a soldier; these men and women need to know that we appreciate what they are doing, and that they are not forgotten! God bless you, and God bless America!

# Wagener resident speaks across the state

Submitted article

As reported earlier, Sam Smith of Edisto Lake in Wagener was appointed as the civic development chairman for The Garden Club of South Carolina Inc.

Since that time, Smith has capitalized on his professional training prior to retirement to develop the dialogue for a DVD presentation "Touching Dreams through Outside Funding."

This presentation focuses on the successes of the Town of Wagener and the Wagener Garden Club in obtaining funds from outside sources to enhance the beautification of the downtown area and make it more attractive for visiting tourist.

Smith encourages garden clubs across the state of South Carolina to get organized and go after funding that belongs to them for the special dreams for community development.

He states to all listeners, "Go after those funds that rightly belong to you if you don't others will obtain the funding."

The DVD presentation gives clubs an additional plan on how to get organized and make decisions on community development.

As The Garden Club of South Carolina Inc.'s civic development chair, he has begun traveling with the State Garden Club President Betsy Steele as the keynote speaker to all seven district meetings which

is composed of more than 6,000 members.

Smith hopes that the district directors will encourage members of local garden clubs to come to Wagener and see the progress being made as Wagener is being successful in "Touching their Dreams" through special funding being secured and used in civic development projects.

The Wagener Garden Club has brought into Wagener more than \$75,000 through outside funding.

These funds sponsored such projects as welcome signs, new entrance into the Wagener Cemetery, the Blue Star Marker featured in the Wagener Memorial Park and help the planting of 2,000 daffodil bulbs for the the "Golden Days" of South Carolina.

Smith will serve as a delegate to the South Atlantic Regional Conference in Pawley's Island in March and has been appointed to the Nominating Committee for the appointment of officers for positions to be filled in the Garden Club of South Carolina Inc.

He also serves as National Garden Club Week Chairman for the West Low Country District Garden Club and served two years as the West Low Country Blue Star Marker Chairman.

He is also a member of Millbrook Baptist Church in Aiken and is an active member in Ms. Betty Heyward's Sunday School Class.



## Busbee K-Kids participate in 'Be A Bunny' program

The K-Kids at Busbee were busy this month filling baskets for the "Be A Bunny" program. This is a program sponsored by the United Way of Aiken County, and the baskets will be delivered to seniors that need a little "spring" cheer.

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# WSHS FFA members celebrate FFA Week

Along with thousands of FFA members from across the United States, Wagener-Salley FFA members celebrated FFA Week Feb. 21-27.

The week was kicked off with the chapter president, Derek Shealy, proclaiming this week as FFA Week to all of his fellow students through the public address system. Each morning an FFA officer announced an FFA fact, as well as an agricultural fact.

On Wednesday, 15 members traveled to our state capital where they along with about 500 other South Carolina FFA members met with state leaders and discussed the importance of agriculture in our state. The ceremony ended with a meal and remarks from the National FFA President, Levy Randolph from California.

On Thursday, the FFA sponsored its annual Career Fair with 25 career representatives from industries like Blanchard Equipment, PBT, Aiken Electric Co-op, Department of

## Spring plant sale

The Wagener-Salley FFA will have its annual spring plant sale on Friday, April 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, April 3 from 9 a.m. until noon. Flowers and vegetable plants will be available.

Natural Resources, Aiken Tech. and West Tire and Oil speaking to Wagener-Salley students about career opportunities.

On Thursday evening, members from five local FFA chapters met at a local skating rink where they visited with each other, learned from each other as well as enjoyed themselves skating.

FFA Week ended with the FFA members of Wagener-Salley High providing lunch for their teachers and staff as well as local businessmen and women.



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Wagener-Salley Platoon Regulation with Arms competes.

# Cadets finish in top 10 in drill championships

By COL. (Retired) MAXIE L. JOYE  
Senior Army instructor at WSHS

The Wagener-Salley High School JROTC Drill Team finished eighth place overall at the U.S. Army Cadet Command Eastern Drill Championship held in Macon, Ga., on March 20. Twenty-one teams from Army JROTC programs east of the Mississippi River were invited to participate in the competition. Wagener-Salley was one of two schools from the state of South Carolina invited to the event.

Wagener-Salley participated in all eight events in the armed and unarmed divisions during the competition. Wagener-Salley earned a fourth-place finish in the Platoon Regulation with Arms event. This is significant, because Wagener-Salley was able to finish ahead of teams that participated at the master level at the National Drill Championships. Cadet Dillon Overton led the 13 member platoon during the competition. In addition to this competition, this 13-member platoon earned no less than a top-three finish in four competitions during this school year. Cadet Overton said he contributed the success of this platoon to the hard work of its members.

The top 10 finish by the drill team at the championships is a source of pride for its members, JROTC cadre, school and community. The journey to this point by the drill was paid for through the personal sacrifice, dedication, determination, hard work, and sweat of its members and coaches. This journey started more than a year ago prior to the end of the school year and continued through the summer to now. The framework of the drill team's success comes from their coaches: Command Sergeant Major Michael



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**Cadet Dillon Overton (center) stands behind fourth-place team trophy for Platoon Regulation with Arms.**

Fowler, Army instructor for the JROTC program; and Melissa Bauer, math teacher at Wagener-Salley.

The next competition for the drill team was the fourth JROTC Brigade Best of the Best Drill Championship held in Winston-Salem, N.C., on March 27. The team will travel to Daytona, Fla., for the Nationals JROTC Drill Championships.

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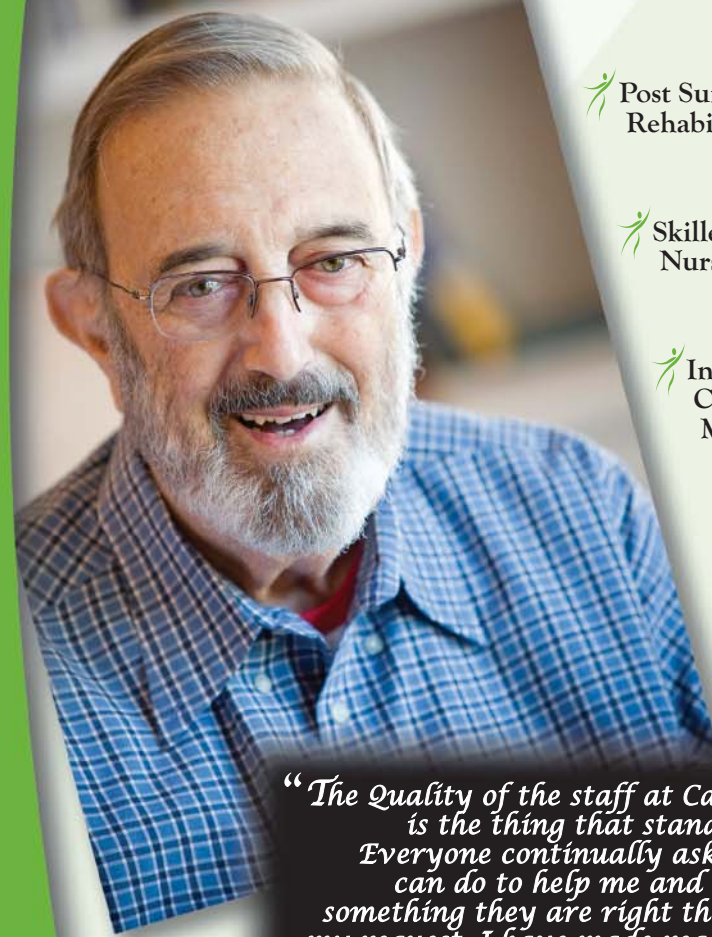
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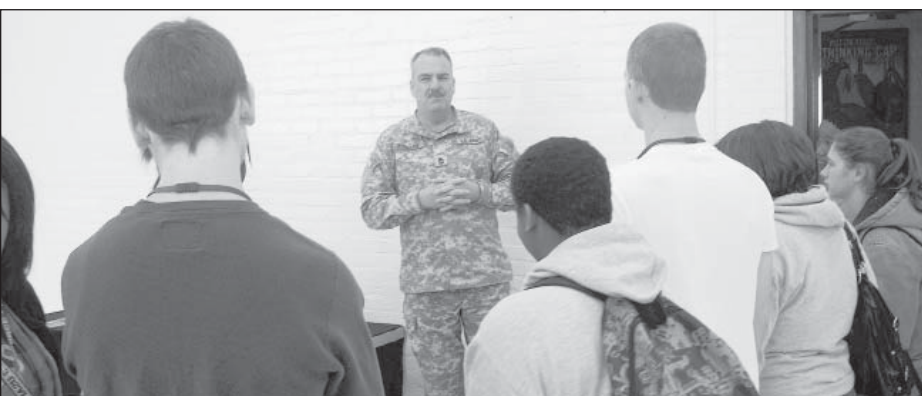
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## WSHS holds career fair

As part of National FFA Celebration, W-SSA sponsored a schoolwide Career Fair. Students selected three career areas to learn about from more than 20 career representa-

tives participating in the Annual Career Fair. Karen Swink of SCDNR, Jackie Busbee of Busbee Law Firm, Jim West of West Tire and Oil, Tommy Harman of Comporium Communications were a few of the career representatives in attendance.

# WAGENER WOMEN'S WELL



By DIANNE LEMACKS

For all who came by to wish Ms. Geneva happy birthday, you know how humbled she was to see you and be honored in such a way. Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer made a declaration that March 9, 2010, would henceforth be known as "Geneva Benjamin Day" throughout all of South Carolina. Congratulations, dear Geneva, you are so deserving.

The Women's Well is back at work as usual (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.) We are busy planning for our next event. Easter is just around the corner (April 4) and we have crafts to sell. To help raise money for the ministry, we are taking orders for Easter cakes, (coconut cream) pies and Easter eggs. We will be selling them through April 3 at the Women's Well on 117 Railroad Ave. Call us at 606-1780 or come by to place your order.

We have many talented women at the Well. Dorothy is our resident seamstress and can make alterations expertly. DeeDee has many years experience as a caterer and can put a party together in a flash. Clara, Eartha, Christina, Delores, Alyssa, Lorene and Lennie are ready to assist with teaching sewing, quilting and crafts.

See more photos from Ms. Geneva's birthday on page 24.

Bible studies are happening Monday nights at 6:30 and Thursday mornings at 10:30. We welcome you and invite you to join us.

Gail Sharpe, Nancy Rockwell and Michelle Edenfield have started a new youth program (third through 12th grades) on Mondays and Tuesdays. The response has been tremendous by both the youth and volunteers assisting them. Ms. Lorene has been teaching cooking and Mary Livingston is teaching dance. Sewing classes start April 5. These classes are being taught at 115 Railroad Avenue from 3:30 til 5:00 p.m. A listing of present classes and future ones are posted on the window of 115 Railroad Avenue. You can also get a copy from the Women's Well.

It is obvious that God's mighty hand is on Wagener. Many churches around the area are focusing their efforts on getting children and youth involved too. CTFK is another great program for our youth. Working together we can make a difference in the lives of children and young people. Our future is our youth. Let's train them well.



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# Blooms trigger bees

By WES BOMMER

President of Mid-State Beekeepers Association  
and the S.C. Beekeepers Association

The weather has been cold, but the red maple and willow are finally in bloom later than normal. This is the trigger for the first pollen to start the queen laying.

Beekeepers also have the option to feed a dilute sugar solution to help with this process. This buildup will insure sufficient numbers for the honey flow. A maximum number of bees are needed to produce surplus honey as a bee only makes 1/12 of a teaspoon in her lifetime which is approximately 45 days in a honey flow. Pollen is collected as the protein source to feed the emerging bees. The pine pollen which will soon turn your cars yellow is of little or no value to bees. The honey flow in the midlands area normally starts the fourth week of March. After last year's flow, beekeepers are excited about the possibility of a real good honey flow this year.

Our South Carolina Spring Beekeepers meeting was held on March 6 which was very well attended. Vendors were present to display their wares. Speakers presented topics such as "Beekeeping Around the World," "Pest Management" and ongoing research. A research fund is at the point where later this year we will be soliciting proposals for honeybee research. If you desire to learn more about this fund go to [www.scstatebeekeepers.org](http://www.scstatebeekeepers.org). Beekeepers throughout the state are collecting the data for our chart to make our honey plant bloom dates more accurate. This data collection will be conducted for several years



Submitted photo

so that it can be compiled for greater accuracy.

Beekeepers throughout the area are preparing equipment for the arrival of new bees at the end of March. New beekeepers are assembling their bee equipment for the first time with excitement. Experienced beekeepers have their plans set on how this is going to be a better year and readying their equipment. When these bees arrive, they will be in a screen-sided package with approximately three pounds of bees and a queen. This is an accepted way to start a hive of bees. The arrival of bees and replacement queens is an exciting time. These people will line up for several hours prior to the arrival of the truck containing the bees. There will be excited conversation about the upcoming year.

A fun event for the entire family coming in April is the Sparkleberry Fair at the Clemson Extension Station. Beekeepers will be there to share their knowledge with those attendees. Stop by with your questions and enjoy all of the events there.



Submitted photo

**Berlin Baptist's transitional pastor, Dr. Tommy Huddleston promised church members that he would sing a duet with Edisto Association Director, Rev. Johnny Muller on the roof of the church if members could get to 100 in attendance for Sunday school. They did and so the members of Berlin were entertained on Sunday, Feb. 28.**

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THURSDAY MAY 6, 2010

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## April artist is Tyler Berry

By KIMBERLY FONTANEZ  
ALC art teacher

The artist of the month for April is Tyler Berry.

The 12-year-old is the son of Shawn and Rachelle Berry and a seventh-grade student at A.L. Corbett Middle School.

Tyler chose the fire department because of the dedication that the volunteers demonstrate to help the residents of Wagener.

He incorporated an umbrella into his drawing because April is the month in which it seems to rain a lot.

Tyler said, "I chose the month of April because April is my mom and dad's wed-

ding anniversary."



Berry

Tyler's favorite Wagener Celebration is the Christmas parade because of all the sweet candy treats that are handed out during the parade.

His favorite subject in school is math. His hobbies are baseball and football.

When asked about how art fits into his plans, he states, "I just like to draw and I am very good at it!"

Tyler has in his goals to attend Clemson University and play baseball.

## BBA plans annual flower show

The Batesburg Business Association (BBA) is making plans for its Annual Flower & Garden Show on Railroad Avenue in the historic downtown Batesburg business district on Saturday, April 3.

This year's show will provide visitors the opportunity to purchase a large variety of bedding and flowering plants, container gardens, topiaries, flower arrangements and wreaths, landscaping and gardening items and implements, lawn decorations, baskets, crafts and more.

There will also be a food vendor on site with refreshments for sale.

As in years past, free seminars and demonstrations will be offered at scheduled times during the day, and a Master Gardeners booth will be available, staffed by certified Master Gardeners, to answer questions and give valuable advice about all aspects of gardening and landscaping. In

n addition, drawings will be held throughout the day for door prizes provided by various Batesburg district merchants and Flower & Garden Show sponsors.

The Sixth Annual BBA Flower & Garden Show will be held from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Railroad Avenue in the Batesburg business district and is free to the public. The event helps the BBA raise funds for revitalization projects within the business district.

In the event of rain, the Flower and Garden Show will be moved to the covered area of the building directly across from Wendy's at the corner of Mitchell Street and Church Street (Highway 23).

Join the BBA for a delightful day with friends and neighbors and help your yard and garden reach their fullest potential.

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Submitted photo

Harry Kirkland presenting Mozelle Darmody a plaque for years of dedicated service to the Edisto Singers.

## Mozelle Darmody honored

Submitted article

Mozelle Darmody, a native of the Wagener area, recently moved to Virginia Beach, Va., to be with her two granddaughters and her great-grandchildren. Darmody was employed at the Wagener office of Pond Branch telephone for many years. She was also a member of the Wagener Order of the Eastern Star and served for many years as Worthy Matron. She held various offices on the state level of the Eastern Star and was a member of the Edisto Singers, acquisition chairman for the Wagener Museum and an active member of Convent Baptist Church in the Fairview community.

"Mo," as she is affectionately called, got to know many people through her work and various affiliations. She never meets a stranger and loves everyone.

On March 6, Mo was honored with a surprise going-away party. Many friends and relatives assembled at Bethcar Baptist Church to bid Mo a fond farewell.

Harry Kirkland, director of the Edisto Sing-



ers, presented Mo with a plaque in recognition of her faithful service. She also received a plaque from her Sunday school class and a picture from Sam Smith.

Charlie and Ann Tyler sang "She Loved." Mo's great-nephew, the Rev. Matthew Yon, closed the program with prayer. Mo's nieces, Patsy Cook and Annette Jackson, hosted the occasion.

## IRMA TURNER'S BIRTHDAY



Submitted photo

Barbara Kimsey of Summerville, Sandra Kirkland, Fran Fields of Wagener and Sharon Canada of Pelion gave their mother Irma Turner of Pelion a surprise 70th birthday party on March 28 at the Pelion Community Center. She has 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren that she loves very much. She was surprised and happy to see her family and friends there to help her celebrate. She loves to bake, work in her yard, go bowling and spending time with family and friends.

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The beautiful kitchen has new cabinets, range, dishwasher and microwave. The 3 bedrooms have wood floors and spacious closets. Roof, central heat/air, vinyl siding and windows all new in 1996. Included is a shop/garage and a second septic tank. The land is mostly open with frontage on Hwy. 113 and Cline Taylor Road. Low taxes of \$280/year. Reduced to \$105,000



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7.25 ACRES  
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11 ACRES  
Country Lane, Perry. Lightly wooded. \$2500/acre

11 ACRES  
Hwy 302 between Wagener & Aiken. Pasture, some fencing. \$15,000 per acre



## BRIEFLY

### Hospice Care of Tri-County is seeking volunteers

Hospice Care of Tri-County is seeking volunteers in your area. We provide all of the training needed. We will be having a volunteer training on April 27 at 105 Rodriguez Court, Orangeburg (Hospice Care of Tri-County) at 6 p.m. For more information, call Deborah at (803) 535-0537.

### Chemo with Style to hold a fashion show on May 6

Chemo with Style (CWS) is a nonprofit organization through the Hospice of the Tri-County. Chemo with Style provides free wigs, scarves, pins, etc., to those going through chemotherapy. CWS is having a fashion show on May 6 to raise money for this event. Models for the show are all cancer survivors of all ages. CWS is looking for donations or businesses that can donate any type of service to use at the silent auction. If you can help with this much needed cause, call Jerri or Deborah at (803) 535-0537.

### Harvest of Love presents its annual giveaway

Harvest of Love Ministries will host its annual giveaway on April 10 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on the Wagener Pavilion. There will be free food and drinks, free hair styling and hair cuts, free clothing, free car washes, free gas, door prizes and free cash

(\$100 every 30 minutes, must be present to win). Live entertainment will feature some of the best musical artists in the CSRA.

### Faith Missions Thrift Store finds new, larger location

The Faith Missions Thrift Shop is expanding and has moved to the back section of the former Wagener Manufacturing Building. The shop is open Monday through Saturday. The Food Bank will remain in the warehouse on Highway 39. Check the sign outside the building for hours.

### King Academy to host kindergarten enrollment

Wyman King Academy 2010-11 kindergarten enrollment for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds will be held Monday, May 17 at the school from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Enroll before May 21 to receive a discount. For more information, visit [www.kingacademy.org](http://www.kingacademy.org).

### WSHS Class of 1990 to meet for 20th reunion

Wagener-Salley High School Class of 1990 20th-year reunion will be held on Saturday, June 5 in the Municipal Building in Aiken from 7 until 11 p.m. This is a free event to all 1990 class members plus one guest. T-shirts are on sale until April 30. For more information and to RSVP, call Leah at (803) 507-4277 or (803) 258-3545 or [m\\_lshackleford@yahoo.com](mailto:m_lshackleford@yahoo.com).

### Census 2010 – March to your mailbox

“If you have already mailed back your census form, thank you!”

“If you have not yet mailed back your census form, please do so now and include everyone in your household.”

“If you did not receive a Census form or can’t locate it, call the Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Center for assistance.”

If you are in Wagener area and would like to get involved volunteering for the March to Mailbox on April 10, call Fred Voss at (803) 391-5721 or e-mail Angela Pride at [angela.pride@census.gov](mailto:angela.pride@census.gov).

### Is someone’s alcoholism suffocating you?

You don’t have to hold your breath anymore.

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Local Al-Anon meetings in Wagener are Monday nights at 7 p.m. at Wagener United Methodist Church, 153 Columbia Highway, and Saturday nights at 8 p.m. at Saron Baptist Church, 352 Railroad Ave. W.

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



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## NOISES IN THE HENHOUSE

By MARY

Easter is almost upon us and we have lots of Easter gift ideas on the shelves. We have little chicks; blue, yellow and pink. We have several other crafts, as well as baskets.

Hilda is making some little rabbit babies with cute little clothes. Just the sight of these little Easter things reminds me of when my daughters were little. I used to make their dresses and their hats. They went to church Easter Sunday just as cute as bugs. I love thinking back to those days.

We elected officers today. Jo V has accepted the position of assistant coordinator. Joy L is our new president and Steve K is vice president. Pat D is secretary and Charlotte H and Sarah will be our treasurers. Estelle will be in charge of all the correspondence we receive. This is a great group, and I know we can expect another

successful year.

Henry has our first March birthday, so next week we will enjoy a fish fry. Henry and Steve will cook. We all look forward to that.

We took a beautiful sampler quilt out of the frame last week, but we are already putting another in.

Three sisters brought in some of their deceased mother’s clothing and asked us to make three lap robes using these garments.

Nancy, Joy and I have taken on the project. Nancy has finished hers, and it is lovely. Joy is just about finished with hers, and I can tell it is going to be very nice, too.

I had a little trouble with my machine recently so I’m a little behind, but I’ll catch up. This is a fun project.

Remember to stop by any Wednesday and visit. We look forward to seeing you. Until next time, keep thinking the good thoughts and God bless.



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## WAGENER GARDEN CLUB

By NANCY BOMMER  
Wagener Garden Club vice president

Spring is bursting forth in Wagener with the 2,000 daffodil bulbs that were planted throughout our town by the Wagener Garden Club. We hope you will enjoy this splash of yellow as you enter Wagener from every direction. Where there were no areas to plant in grassy areas or flower beds, you will find containers planted with daffodils and pansies in front of businesses. Two varieties of daffodils were selected as one variety will bloom early and the other variety will bloom a little later.

If you are entering the Town of Wagener on Highway 302 from Pelion, notice the daffodils planted at the entrance to the Town of Wagener interspersed amongst the pansies, then at the entrances to the Wagener Cemetery. As you reach Main Street, businesses including West Tire & Oil, Disher Automotive, Bailey Tire, Security Federal, Kwik Karry, Wagener Drug, The Carousel, Jeffcoat Realty, No. 1 Kitchen Chinese, Wagener Vision and Journey to Health have containers filled with daffodils and pansies. A separate area in front of West Tire and Oil contains daffodils but will be planted in April with lantana once the daffodils are no longer blooming. Across from the high school, you will find a container at Dr. William's office filled with daffodils and surrounded by pansies.

As you travel out of the Town of Wagener toward Aiken on Highway 302, Gunter Park will soon show its burst of yellow as well, and we are looking forward to the splendor of the daffodils planted there.

Bulbs begin on Highway 39 under the sign at Crescent Cities, then in two flower beds at Roy Warner Park, under the sign at Garvin Oil, under the sign at Wok-N-Roll, across the road at Busbee Auto under their sign, and along the fence near the bee at Busbee Hardware, and also at Hermandos Upholstery Shop. At the Entrance Sign entering Wagener from Perry, the daffodils are just starting to burst forth. At Papa Bears, you will find a container of pansies interspersed with daffodils, then onto Sophisticuts the daffodils are planted on each side of their sign. While at the Nancy Bonnette Library, enjoy the beauty of the two containers of daffodils and pansies – one at the front entrance, and the other facing Highway 39. Behind the Blue Star Marker, daffodils are blooming along the semi-circle, then in the large flower bed daffodils

are interspersed amongst the pansies and liriopie.

Across the street, there are four small areas facing the street that will soon have daffodils blooming in front of Tyler Brothers. In front of B&B Loans, Koster Brown and Wagener Town Hall, you will find planters filled with pansies and daffodils which are breaking through the soil. At Wagener Milling Company, you will find a container filled with pansies and daffodils that are enjoying the wonderful sunshine they receive. At Dr. Fair's office you will find daffodils planted around his sign and four containers filled with daffodils and pansies in front of the Wagener Museum.

As one leaves the Town of Wagener on Highway 39, in the large flower bed near Wagener Milling, several daffodils are blooming with others just breaking through the soil. Around the sign at Robinson Funeral Home, several are blooming with others ready to open. Traveling further toward the interstate on Highway 39, you will find containers filled with blooming daffodils and pansies at Thompson's Barber Shop, Loose Endz Beauty and Barber Shop, and Adams Ultimate Beauty Shop. Daffodils are planted along a sign at Adam's ABC/Convenience Shop as well as at the Entrance sign leaving the Town of Wagener.

On Park Street, you will find daffodils planted at the Petal Shoppe around the flag pole, and a container at Wagener Insurance filled with daffodils and pansies. Then on Lee Street, one of the plantings contains daffodils under the sign of the Handwash Car sign which is amazing seeing how the bulbs rose through the soil and gravel that we dug through to accomplish this planting. Daffodils surround a large kettle at the Claridge House as well containers sitting on top filled with pansies.

The assistance given by the local merchants provided the funds for this brilliant yellow spring display. We are most grateful and appreciative. Be sure to thank your local merchants for their help in making this project possible.

Our March meeting consisted of an exciting program "Accept the Challenge" ... Backyard Habitat by club member Micki Potter with a review of the Habitat Certification Application. It is hope to get everyone's yard certified.

On April 24, the Wagener Garden Club will hold a daylily plant sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wagener Pavilion as well as raffling of two quilts.

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# THOUGHTS

June 8, 2008



**BRIAN WATTS**

It's been a long time since I went into the corners of my mind  
Thought I would release some more sorrow, write it in a rhyme

I've got to go to the deep bottom, the darkness of my soul  
Try to find the reasons for how I lived and how they took their toll

There are many things that bother me inside my head  
Like why am I here today? Why am I not dead?

I sit and wonder all the time, thoughts are in my brain  
About my troubled life, about the sadness and the pain

I also think about my childhood, about when I made the football team  
Running with gangs in the streets and having bad dreams

I often think of my earlier years, at fourteen I had a gun  
My brother and I robbed houses, stole cars, we did it just for fun

We had cars, we had money, we thought we were big shots  
As time went on we got braver and we finally got caught

We had a trial, we were found guilty and put in a cell  
Everyone prays while on their bunk in their makeshift hell

As time goes by, days get longer, thoughts of all that was lost  
You'll do anything to get out, no matter what the cost

Life goes on, you finally get free, but it is all too short  
Did some more crimes, got caught again, now we're back in court

This is how my young life was, I was always getting busted  
Now thinking back I wish I'd known God, He I would have trusted

Now my life is so much different, those are just thoughts of my past  
God helps me release them so that my new life will last

I now thank God every day that he has shown me the way  
Hopefully someone will read these words and have a better day.

*Brian is a miracle! He has recovered from more than 20 years of abusing, and being heavily addicted to several kinds of drugs and alcohol. God literally "showed him the light" on Oct. 31, 2007. If you are interested in contacting Brian, his e-mail address is finallysober2000@yahoo.com.*

## God sees the best in you

Sometimes we may feel like we are all alone, no one cares. Seems as if everything that we attempt to do, someone is there to block it by putting you down, saying you are this and you won't be that, but there is a song that says God sees the "Best in You."

No matter what everyone else may say, we must remember that the final say comes from God! We need to stop living below our means, stop accepting the negativity of others, stop allowing others to tell us what we ought to be and realize that

God made us in His image; He gave us His best, so we must return our best.

Your thinking must change in order to receive the change that God has for you, so stop putting yourself down, stop saying that you are not enough, and remember that when God made you, He said it was good and very good!

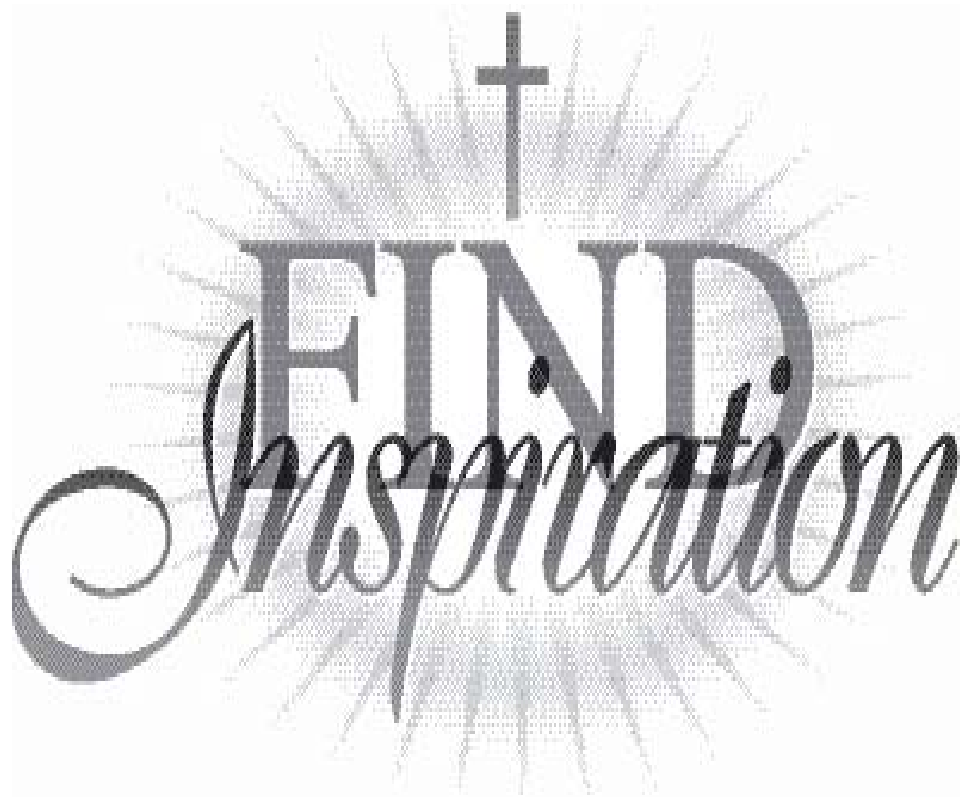
Speak the word of God and the Word will work for you, but when you speak the Word, make sure you believe what you are speaking!

God is love!

*Memory verse: "For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."*



**MARLON HUDSON**



## Easter story: He's alive

The celebration of Easter, along with Christmas is the foundation of the Christian faith. Christmas reminds us that God came into our world through



**TOMMY HUDDLESTON**

- the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, so that by faith in Him, we could enter into His world. Christmas is more than Santa Claus and presents. Easter is more than the Easter Bunny and new clothes. They are all about God keeping His promise to redeem humankind

for Himself.

All of us struggle with the flesh. Choosing to satisfy the flesh rather than God is the root of sin. Look no further than the Garden of Eden and the spiritual defeat of Adam and Eve.

When we encounter the spiritual victory of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, we witness total surrender. Jesus pours out His heart to His Father when He says, "all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from me; nevertheless, no what I will, but what You will." In His humanity, Jesus struggled with the flesh. So do we!

Maybe you are facing a Garden of Gethsemane moment. It is here that a life changing moment can occur if you

choose.

Jesus emptied Himself and was determined he would endure every painful moment of the crucifixion for God's glory. He willingly shed His life's blood to pay the sin debt that humankind could not pay. Oh, what a Savior!

The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus validate who He is and the life He offers. These powerful words of victory, "He is not here. He is risen," distinguish Jesus from every religious leader who ever lived. Cults and other religions can point to a grave with their leader still entombed.

Christianity rejoices in the biblical fact that Jesus is alive and ascended to the Father. He has conquered sin, death and the grave. He is alive!

If not, we have no hope and Jesus is who He says He is.

As you face Easter, is it date on the calendar or an experience in your soul? Are you facing struggles? Remember, because He lives you can experience victory, forgiveness and peace.

Christmas and Easter go together. God came into our world so by faith in Jesus Christ we can enter into His. Jesus made it possible to have a personal relationship with God through His death, burial and resurrection. He offers everlasting and abundant life.

HE IS ALIVE! This is the Easter story. Is it yours?





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This year's event will be held **Friday May 7, 2010** at Charwood Country Club.

Registration begins at 7:45 AM, with a Shotgun Start at 8:30 AM.

The cost for this event is only **\$200 for a four man team**. This price includes 18 holes of golf, cart, range balls, lunch, and various awards and door prizes.

There will be an awards presentation and a meal directly after golf rounds.

To help us properly plan for this event, please pre-register by going to: [www.churchestogetherforkids.com](http://www.churchestogetherforkids.com) or calling 803-564-7773.

Early Registration Deadline: April 30<sup>th</sup>. Register early, limited to the first 32 teams.

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# Salley Head Start holds February Ball

The students and their families of Salley Head Start have a day to remember, Feb. 20, The February Ball: The Prince and The Princess. Fathers danced with their daughters, and mothers danced with their sons.

Princes were Keylan Gunter, Trevic Whaley, Landen Phillips and Joe Rouse III, and princesses were Ja'Nyah Hooper, Paige Strang, Madison Strang and A-Tear Tu-Bazzah.

The Royal Court raised money for field trips; the students that raised the most money were crowned the Prince and Princess of the February Ball and Runner-ups. Keylan Gunter was crowned Prince of the Ball, while Ja'Nyah Hooper was crowned the Princess of the Ball. A-Tear Tu-Bazzah and Trevic Whaley were the runner-ups.

Salley Head Start has other days to remember, also.

For example, the students enjoyed the Savannah River Ecology Laboratory (reptiles and amphibians) on Jan. 7, and Science Enrichment (solar system, human body, and minerals) by the USC Aiken Traveling Scientists on Feb. 19, and The Learning Station on March 9.

The students are also looking forward to more memorable days, such as Walt Disney on Ice on April 16 a fashion show, Pajamas' Day, and a lot more!

Salley Head Start is recruiting, now, for next school term 2010-11, and if you have a 3- or 4-year-old student that would benefit from free child care, health screenings, transportation, parent involvement, family services (referrals), mental health/disability screenings, nutrition (two meals and a snack), and education (Creative Curriculum), you may call (803) 258-3826 for more information.

Salley Head Start is located at 286 Maple St., Salley. We enrolled 75 students for a full day of fun learning. School starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

Our schedule consists of attendance, large group time, small group time, choice time, transition times, mealtimes, rest time, and outside time

Students learn about "literacy, math, science, social studies, arts, technology" (creative curriculum).

We believe in "preparing the children for the future by giving them a Head Start." Therefore, if you wish to give your 3- or 4-year-old a Head Start in the areas of Salley, Perry, Wagener and parts of Springfield, call (803) 258-3826 to schedule an appointment to complete an application.



Submitted photos  
**Keylan Gunter was crowned prince of the ball.**



**Landen Phillips dances with his mom Rachel Phillips.**



**Pashie Scott dances with her prince, son Steve Hallman Jr.**



**Tameika Porterfield and her son Trevic Whaley pose for a picture.**



**Joe Rouse III dances with his mother Vickie Taylor.**



**Madison and Paige Strang are members of the Royal Court of the February Ball.**



**Ja'Nyah Hooper, princess of the ball, is pictured with her father.**



**A-Tear Tu-Bazzah dances with her dad Decosta Tu-Bazzah.**



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## "Future Builders" Scholarships

Churches Together for Kids Ministries values the positive growth and development of youth. We believe that the education and spiritual growth of our children today is the future of our world tomorrow. That is exactly why we award scholarships based on Godly character and Community Service to graduates of Wagener- Salley High School.

CTFK can award up to 2 scholarships, at a minimum of \$1000 each, to graduating seniors of Wagener-Salley High School for the school year 2009-2010. Applications for the "Future Builders" Scholarships are available at the CTFK office, 231 Main Street, South Wagener or at Wagener-Salley High School Guidance Office.

Deadline for Application is April 15<sup>th</sup>.  
For more information or questions call us at 564-7773 or visit our web [www.churchestogetherforkids.com](http://www.churchestogetherforkids.com).





## Lots-a-Tots Yard Sale coming Saturday, April 3

A tremendous yard sale will take place at Wagener United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 3.

The yard sale will have the usual yard

sale fare, but there will be great items for moms, moms-to-be and kids (from infants to teens).

If you are looking for strollers, high chairs, furniture, toys and clothing, you've just got to attend.

The sale will start at 7:30 a.m. Come early for the best selection!

## AT THE SENIOR CENTER



Submitted photo

Miriam Brinkley at the piano along with Sallie Yon and Alma Cofer entertain the seniors at the Courtney Center in Wagener.

## Courtney Senior Center

- Third Friday Bingo – April 16 at 2 p.m. sponsored by the *Aiken Standard* and *Wagener Monthly*
- Fifth Friday Bingo – April 30 at 2 p.m. sponsored by Kents Korner
- Scrapbooking – We are bringing it back! Each Tuesday at 1 p.m. Bring a scrapbook and some pictures, well get you

going from there.

- Wednesday Canasta Card Day – Come play with us!

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# KING ACADEMY NEWS

By KAITLIN GIBSON and RACHEL PERRY

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6*

This month at King Academy has been one of faith, fellowship, and gratitude.

As we kicked off our Pennies for Patients campaign, we were very blessed to have Amy Harmon, a representative from Pennies for Patients, Scott Black and his son Jayce come share the story of Jayce's battle with leukemia. Diagnosed at birth, Jayce went through chemotherapy the first six months of his life. Defying all odds, Jayce miraculously survived and has now been cancer-free for two and a half years.

Jayce's story is just one of the heart-wrenching stories of the horrors of cancer. However, we also remember not every story has a happy ending like Jayce's, and that is why we are so privileged and excited to have the opportunity to take action against cancer through Pennies for Patients.

Pennies for Patients is a fundraiser put on by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help raise money for research to find new treatments and one day, hopefully, a cure for these two blood cancers.

For us, cancer, especially lymphoma, is very near to our hearts. Having both lost a grandparent to lymphoma, we know firsthand how strenuous the battle of cancer is and have seen its effects on those we love. We both can say that watching our grandparents die of cancer was, without a doubt, one of the hardest experiences we have ever been through.

Though we wish that no one else would ever have to experience cancer or watch a loved one suffer, we know that, unfortunately, that will never happen. But we are hopeful that through charities and foundations like Pennies for Patients, cancer will one day have a cure.

The Student Council and Gina Smith would like to thank all who donated for their generosity and support for the Honor Flight Program and the Pennies for Patients campaign.

Through your help, we are going to be able to send two WWII veterans (Hoyt Gibson and D.S. Cone) and one guardian (Dallas Cone) to visit the WWII monument in Washington D.C. The exact date of the trip is not set, but they will hopefully be able to go on May 20.

Also, through the Pennies for Patients campaign, we raised \$1480.82 for the S.C. Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of Jayce Black. Thank you all so much for your prayers and support in helping us make the fundraisers such a great success!

This month at King Academy has been



Submitted photos  
**Proskuneo had chapel with students. The group travels all over the South to sing and to share the Word of God through contemporary and multicultural Christian music.**



one full of fun and activities. We were privileged to have Al Eidson come speak to Mrs. Dorn's study skills class about his job as a game warden for the Department of Natural Resources and as part of the investigation team. Eidson shared that the main focus of a game warden is to enforce laws and legal limits. He also shared countless stories of incidents and hunting accidents he has seen.

Phillip Darnell and Bobby Gaus, a graduate of King Academy, spoke to Keith Gibson's physics class about how they apply physics in their jobs. Darnell is an instructor at the Criminal Justice Academy, and Gaus works with reconstruction. They both talked about math and how they use physics and trigonometry to succeed in their work. They also explained that when they reconstruct an accident scene and calculate how fast a vehicle was going and determine what hap-

pened, their math skills make all the difference.

On April 19, the physics class will be visiting the Criminal Justice Academy for a field trip. We are very thankful for all our visitors this month who shared their jobs with us.

We were also honored to have Proskuneo have chapel with us. Proskuneo is a group that travels all over the South to sing and to share the Word of God through contemporary and multicultural Christian music. At chapel, we enjoyed a service filled with many languages as we sang in Spanish, English, Hawaiian, and Arabic, and we even sang in sign language. By worshipping in different languages, we are reminded that no matter what country, culture or language we come from, we all come together as one when we praise God. We thank Proskuneo



**K-4 student Kiara Perry**



**From left are Marcia Black, Jayce Black, Scott Black and Amy Harmon.**

so much for sharing their music with us and giving us a chance to worship God in new ways.

The fifth grade presented their book reports and dressed up as the main character of their books. They presented their reports in front of the class and explained why they chose their outfits to describe their characters. Overall, it was a fun day for students to share the adventure of reading.

The kindergarten classes celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday. The kids made hats, read Dr. Seuss stories and made Dr. Seuss people puppets. It was a day filled with fun as they celebrated one of the most well-known children's author's birthday.

For more information about these or any upcoming events, contact us at [www.kingacademy.org](http://www.kingacademy.org). Have a wonderful month, and God bless!





The Girlfriends of Faith hosted their second Valentine's Day Banquet at Wagener United Methodist Church on Feb. 13. Despite snowfall the night before, there was a good attendance. The guests followed a pathway lined with luminaries to a candle light dinner. They dined on a homemade Italian meal followed by desserts of chocolate and cake.



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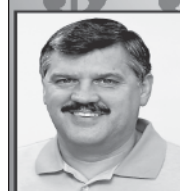
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# One second may prevent a lifetime of consequences

One second may not seem like a lot of time, but for some it could mean a lifetime, depending on how that second is used.



**KEN CHANDLER**

• How would you use one second that may possibly affect the rest of your life?

• My name is Jericho; I am 17 years old. Here is the story of why I should have taken one second to think about the consequences for my cowardly action before pulling the trigger of a 45 caliber assault rifle.

One second would have saved me from a lifetime of pain that resided within the depth of my aching heart from missing my family, especially my little boy who will turn 2 years old in a month. Yes, I was 15 years old when I thought being a man meant bringing a life into the world, following in the footsteps of my father, apparently. He thought the same when he decided to stroke his own ego by bringing me into the world at the age of 15.

I lay awake, thinking; where was that man when I was standing behind the barrel of an assault rifle about to make the biggest mistake of my life? Where was that man when my mom had to work two and three minimum wage jobs to keep a roof over our heads and food on the table? I can remember going days without eating because she had to choose between buying food and paying the light bill so that we did not freeze from the blistering winter cold. I swear, if it was not for those nice people from my mother's church, I don't know how we would have made it.

As I sit in the back seat of the police car, I could feel my heart beating fast. I began to hyperventilate. Never in my life have I been more afraid. I should have listened to my mother when she told me to stay home. "There's nothing out there in those streets but trouble," she said.

But, no, I was one of those teens who lived life like there was no tomorrow. I was invisible with a ruthless attitude; nobody

controlled me but me. The thought of me going to jail will break my mother's heart. She worked so hard to provide a decent life for me and this is how I repay her.

My eyes began to overflow from the tears, I tried desperately not to show. I had no way of wiping them because my hands were locked tightly behind my back.

All of a sudden, I saw the lady bursting through the crowd, yelling, "Not my baby," as she fought desperately to throw her weakened body across a black shiny bag covered with misty rain. Unable to hold up any longer, she fell to her knees with her face buried in the palms of her hands, calling out a name I often heard my mother called late nights when I was awoken from muffled cries coming from the heat vent beside my bed.

My heart went out to that mother whose son's life I had ended in a split second. I wanted to reach out to hold her and tell her how sorry I was for causing her so much pain.

Oh God, I just realized, that is my body lying lifeless in the street faced down in a pool of blood. The gun I was shooting backfired in my face; I died instantly.

A bright light rested against the side of my face; a well-dressed man knelt down next to me. I felt the touch of his cold fingers brushed across my wrist. "DOA (dead on arrival)," he said in a very low tone voice.

It did not take me long to figure out what DOA meant because in my neighborhood you hear it quite frequently. What kind of person would do this to another human being? Who gave me the power to decide when a person's life has run its course? Just think, if I would have only taken one second, I would still be alive today.

To my readers, I wrote this short story to help bring awareness that it takes only a second to make the biggest mistake of your life. There are too many of our young people in jail, on drugs, in the street and dead because of a senseless act caused by someone else. We have to bring an end to this. They are our children, and they deserve to live.

## Great Strides

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If you are interested in walking or donating to our team, you can do both online at [www.cff.org/Great\\_Strides/AshleyWilliamson6023](http://www.cff.org/Great_Strides/AshleyWilliamson6023). You can also send checks directly to the foundation. Make them out

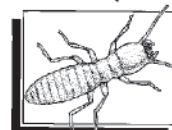
to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and mail them to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 215 East Bay St., Suite 205B, Charleston, SC 29401. Please let them know that your donation is in honor of Taylor Williamson.

I will be accepting donations until the day of the walk. Help us in our fight to help make "CF" stand for "Cure Found." Thank you, Wagener/Salley, for your support!

## Public Notice

The Town of Perry is holding a CBDG needs assessment meeting on March 31, 2010 at 5pm at the Town Hall.

The Town of Perry is holding a CBDG grant application meeting on April 12, 2010 at 5pm at the Town Hall.



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# Making mistakes, learning

Everybody makes mistakes. We always have and always will. The most pertinent question is, "Do we learn from them?"



**CHERYL POOLE**

If you answered no, then you've got a lot to learn. If you answered yes, then you told a whopper of a lie. If you answered sometimes, then you're on the money. We all have learned from mistakes we have made, but we just don't achieve it all of the time or near enough for that matter.

So why learn from mistakes? It is as simple as wanting to be an appropriate role model for your children. How can we expect our children to do any better if we, as parents, don't hold ourselves to a higher standard? Children watch and emulate our actions more than our words. If you don't believe it, observe your child closely, and I guarantee you will see yourself in them if you truly look. It's like looking in a mirror, and if you don't like the reflection, then you know who to talk to – yourself.

As I said earlier, adults are not perfect when it comes to learning from our past lack of judgment episodes. We will never be 100 percent, but there are some areas in which we definitely need to strive. Vulgar language and immoral sexual content are at the top of the list.

Adults curse, unfortunately, because we have not learned to channel our displea-

sure or anger with other human beings in a proper manner. It is a lack of self-control. When parents curse, we show our children that self-control is not valued. Self-control should be a characteristic we cultivate in ourselves and your children in order to survive in this rat race of a world. A lack of self-control is why we have a high divorce rate, drop-out rate, prison population rate, etc. If people would learn to control their emotions in order to make appropriate decisions, so many life-changing mistakes could be avoided.

Foul language is not the only thing that some adults have a cavalier attitude about. Immoral sexual conduct is also a definite concern. All one has to do is peruse through the satellite channels, and over half of the shows have some inappropriate form of sexual content. The kicker is that some adults allow their children to watch this trash! The children are allowed to view it either because they are sitting next to mom and dad while the show is on or are left unsupervised with this garbage at arm's length. However, if it isn't on the television, children can be exposed through musical lyrics and even adult conversations. If we, as adults, make the mistake that this conduct is acceptable, then our children will see it as so.

Making mistakes is human and unavoidable. These mistakes we make need to be learned from and not repeated. So if the above mistakes are ones you have made, learn from them now or suffer the consequences. Your child may be a reflection of something which you aren't proud – you.



From left are Miss Sophomore Kedesha Samuels, Miss Freshman Jenna Starnes, Miss War Eagle Tiffany Chavis, Miss Senior Melinda Otts and Miss Junior Bailey Gantt, who also won Miss Congeniality.



First runner-up for Miss Freshman was Anslee Adams with Miranda Gunter as second runner-up. First runner-up for Miss Sophomore was Whitney Tindall with Kaitlyn Vinson as second runner-up. First runner-up for Miss Junior was Crystal Rish with Chessa Crosby as second runner-up. First runner-up for Miss Senior was Ashley Boone with Garriette Kelly as second runner-up.

## BRIEFLY

### Roy Warner Park news

Make plans to come out and watch a game of Dixie Youth baseball and softball.

Games will begin Monday, April 5 at our park. If the lights are on, stop and take in an inning or two. Admission is always free.

Below are a listing of a few games scheduled for April.

April 5 – Wagener Minors 1 vs. Gaston Minors 2 at 7:30 p.m.

April 6 – Wagener Majors vs. Gaston Minors 2 at 7:30 p.m.

April 8 – Wagener T Ball 1 vs. Pelion T Ball 5 at 6 p.m.

April 12 – Wagener T Ball 2 vs. Wagener T Ball 1 at 6 p.m.

April 13 – Wagener Ponytails vs. Swansea Ponytails 4 at 7:30 p.m.

April 15 – Wagener Minors 2 vs. Pelion Minors 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Sportsarama will be held in Gaston on Saturday, April 3.

### April Story Times at the Wagener Library

Story times wind up this month for the spring season. We will take the month of May off to prepare for summer reading!

Join us for good books and a craft activity on the first and third Wednesday of April at 3:30 at the Nancy Bonnette Library in Wagener. Children of all ages are welcome.

The theme on April 7 will be rabbits. Hop on down so you won't miss all the fun with books, songs and rhymes, and activities.

On April 21 our story time theme will be "Head to Toe." Hands, feet and other assorted body parts are all part of the fun as we read books about our wonderful bodies.

The library is located at 204 Park St. N.E. in Wagener. Please note that our extended library hours are noon to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

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

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## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

For the last two or three weeks, I have been trying to get some problems cor-



**KATHY RAWLS**

rected with EMS that never should have happened.

This was a clear violation of county policy with the EMTs on the ambulances and should not have happened.

The employees have been disciplined but unfortunately that doesn't undo what happened. County

employees should serve the public and most of our employees do an excellent job.

Please don't let one or two reflect badly on the rest of our employees. We are lucky to have so many employees from this area working for the county.

I thank the ones of you who called to let me know about these incidents, and I thank the first responders and officials who called to let me know about the problems. I especially apologize to those who were affected.

I apologize to my neighbor and fel-

low church member, to the family of the 18-month-old, to the family near Salley and to the teen and her family. I am glad to hear that all of you are now doing well.

A special thanks to our first responders (firemen) who respond at all hours of the day or night to assist until the ambulance can get there and who often ride in the ambulance to the hospital when our EMTs need a third person to help. We are all lucky to have such excellent first responders in our fire departments.

The expansion of the Nancy Bonnette Library should soon be starting. The architectural plans are almost finished so the County should be going out for bids shortly.

The EMS station will be moving to the Listine Gunter Courtney Building until a new EMS station can be built. The moving of the EMS station will make room in the park for the location of the fighter plane and bronze sculpture of Donald Cooper, along with the new Wagener Museum.

Please keep calling about missing road signs (564-5435). For all those who have called, I have ordered those signs, but our sign department is backed up at present. The signs should be up soon.

## Petal Shoppe celebrates 5 years

By TONY KIRKLAND

The Petal Shoppe recently had its fifth anniversary. Time really flies and we continue to be excited about serving the Wagener area with quality flowers and gifts!

We would like to thank all of our customers and friends for their support the last five years.

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# DEATHS AND FUNERALS

## Dee Alma Jackson Young

Entered into rest Saturday, March 6, 2010, at Aiken Regional Medical Centers, Mrs. Dee Alma Jackson Young, 89, of 13 Marion Young Court, beloved wife of the late Mr. Marion Young, and daughter of the late Mr. Willie Jackson and Mrs. Rossie Chavis Jackson.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at Couchton Baptist Church with the Rev. Brian Adkins, Rev. Mayhew West, Rev. Jimmy White, and Rev. Dwayne Anderson officiating. Interment followed in Aiken Memorial Park.

Mrs. Young was a native of the Township of Goodland in Orangeburg County and had made Aiken County her home for most of her life. She was a charter member of the Couchton Baptist Church where she was a member of the Faithful Workers Sunday School Class.

Survivors include two daughters, Evelyn Young Williams of Aiken, Nancy Young (Jimmy) Tinsley of Wagener; one brother, James David Jackson of Orangeburg; two sisters, Thelma Chavis of Savannah, Ga., and Mary Harbeson of Ellore; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Bobby Smith, Mike Campbell, Willie Simmons, Randy Simons, Richard Burkhardt. Cole Funeral Home, 1544 University Parkway (118 Bypass), Aiken, 648-7175.

## Mary Frances Rodgers

June 23, 1940 – March 11, 2010

WAGENER — Mrs. Mary Frances Dinkins Rodgers, 69, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 11, 2010, after a brave battle with cancer.

Mary Frances is survived by her children; Tony (Kaye) Rodgers of Gaston, and Fran (Drew) Sullivan of Lexington. She was blessed with six grandchildren; Justin, Dalton, and Bailey Rodgers of Gaston and Hayden and Macee Finch of Lexington, and PFC Vanessa Finch of Camp Lejeune, N.C. She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be greatly missed. She is also survived by brothers Elroy Dinkins of Elgin and Jack Dinkins of Lexington.

Mrs. Rodgers was born in Columbia to the late Walter and Eunice Bryant Dinkins. She was preceded by a brother Albert Dinkins and sisters; Judy Fuller and Faye Disher.

The funeral service was held on March 14 at 3 p.m. at Wagener Chapel of Blizzard Funeral Home with Bishop Bruce Fox officiating. Burial was in the Wagener Cemetery.

An online register is available at [blizzardfuneralhome.com](http://blizzardfuneralhome.com).

## Iris W. Richardson

June 1, 1922 – March 19, 2010

WAGENER — On Friday, March 19, 2010, Mrs. Iris Elizabeth Wall Richardson, 87, went home to Heaven to be with the Lord, whom she served all her life.

Mrs. Richardson was a devoted, loving wife and mother who gave her all, and, in return, they gave her their all. She was loved by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. She graduated from Coker College

with a Bachelor of Arts and was librarian at the Main Post Library at Fort Jackson for many years until her retirement.

Mrs. Richardson, formerly of West Columbia, was born June 1, 1922, in Timmonsville to the late William Mallory and Laura Katherine Keels Wall. She was married for 49 years to the late Donald L. "Coach" Richardson and was the mother of Fran Richardson of Wagener. Mrs. Richardson was the sister of the late Francis Glenn Wall and James William Wall. Special thanks to Twanda Nesbitt for her loving care and devotion the past few years.

A graveside services were held Sunday, March 21 at 3 p.m. in the Southland Memorial Gardens, West Columbia. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial be made to the Aiken County Animal Shelter, 828 Richland Ave. W., Aiken, SC 29801. An online register is available at [www.blizzardfuneralhome.com](http://www.blizzardfuneralhome.com).

## Mac Arthur Owenbey

Jan. 25, 1942 – March 9, 2010

CORDOVA — Mr. Mac Arthur Owenbey, 68, entered into rest Tuesday, March 9, 2010.

Mr. Mac is survived by his wife Diana Reitenour Owenbey; children, Elizabeth (Russell) Lewis, Tina Presley and Michael Owenbey; grandchildren, Noah Lewis, Elizabeth Jane Lewis, Camille Lewis, Anthony Reitenour, Michael Williams, Cody Presley, Ciara Owenbey and Arianna Owenbey; brothers, Sonny, Ronnie, Ray and Bill Owenbey; and sisters, Velda Brooks, Ann Reece, Wanda Moore and Fay Feedback, all of Asheville, N.C.

Mr. Mac was born in Asheville, N.C., the son of the late Jack and Carra Penley Owenbey, and was also preceded in death by a sister and brother.

Visitation was tentatively planned for April 2, 2010. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, please make donations to Blizzard Funeral Home, P.O. Box 235, Wagener, SC 29164.

## Lucile Thompson Hall Sims

April 6, 1927 – March 5, 2010

AIKEN — Mrs. Lucile T. Hall Sims, 82, of 1182 Martin St., entered into rest Friday, March 5, 2010. She had been a resident of Eastview Nursing Center in Macon, Ga.

Mrs. Sims was born on April 6, 1927, in Shady Dale, Ga. She was the daughter of the late Tommie W. and Gladys Spears Thompson. She moved to Aiken after high school and worked for many years as a telephone operator for Southern Bell Telephone. She retired from the Aiken County Hospital.

Mrs. Sims lived in New Holland for many years and attended New Holland Baptist Church. She was a member of Memorial Baptist Church of Aiken at her passing.

Mrs. Sims is survived by her son, Keith Hall and his wife Jennifer of Thule, Greenland; her former husband, Marion D. Hall of West Columbia; stepsister, Lucile Nix of Toccoa, Ga.; brother-in-law, James M. Hall of Wagener; sisters-in-law, Martha Jane Thompson and Mildred H. Courtney of Aiken and Merle Hall Temples of Batesburg; granddaughters, Jennifer, Markie, Kenya and Cailley; a very special niece, Ellen and Raymond Martin of Macon, Ga.; and several other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her stepmother, Gladys Thompson; brothers, John T. and William H. Thompson; and sisters, Christine Kimball, Ethel Wood and Elizabeth Buff.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 3 p.m. in the Wagener Chapel of Blizzard Funeral Home with burial in the Bethcar Baptist Church Cemetery. The pallbearers were Bobby Hall, Danny Kimball, Wayne Kimball, Danny Martin, William Sizemore and Jimmy Wood.

## Joseph Scott

SALLEY — Mr. Joseph "Joe" Scott, 71, of 233 Joe Scott Road, Salley, passed away March 13, 2010, at Aiken Regional Medical Centers. He was a native of Salley. Services were held Thursday, March 18 at 3 p.m. at Union Hill Baptist Church with the Rev. Eugene Guyton, pastor, and the Rev. Andrew Johnson, officiating. Interment was in Danley Cemetery. Retired from Richter Brick Co., he was the son of the late Thomas Foster and Felisa D. Scott. He was a member of Union Hill Baptist Church where he was a deacon, chairman of the deacon's board, a member of Islam Temple No. 3 Shriner and Getseme Lodge No. 625. He is survived by his wife, Gracie Scott; three daughters, Annette (Tommy) Bright, Peggy (Stephone) Way and Lisa (Levi) Moore; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; seven brothers and three sisters. J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, 190 Railroad Ave. W., Wagener.

## Ellie Mae Rushton Bell

Aug. 21, 1932 – March 18, 2010

BAMBERG — Mrs. Ellie M. Rushton Bell, 77, entered into rest Thursday, March 18, 2010.

Mrs. Bell is survived by her husband, Eldon Bell of Bamberg; daughter, Martha Sue Beasley Hutson of Barnwell; stepchildren, Tommie (Nancy) Bell of Tazewell, Tenn., Tony (Gloria) Bell and Jerry (Rita) Bell of Pelion; grandchildren, Marvin "Guy" (Lori) Hutson Jr. and Lonell James "L.J." Hutson; great-grandchildren, Taylor Hutson, Austin Hutson and Jordan Hutson; sisters, Sallie Poole of Salley, Aileen Gainey of Aiken, Hazel Peebles of Hanahan and Millie (Byron) Williamson of Springfield; and a brother, Stanmore Rushton Jr. of Walterboro.

Mrs. Bell was born in Aiken County, the daughter of the late Stanmore Rushton Sr. and Callie Pearl Rushton. She was also preceded in death by her brother, James E. Rushton, and her sister, Louise Garrick.

A memorial service was held Sunday, March 21 at 6 p.m. in the Chapel of Blizzard Funeral Home. The family expresses their appreciation to the staff of Palmetto Hospice for their compassionate care.

## Gladys Tyler Davenport

Jan. 24, 1920 — March 15, 2010

WAGENER — Mrs. Gladys Tyler Davenport died March 15, 2010, at Aiken Regional Medical Centers.

She was born Jan. 24, 1920, in Aiken County (Red Hill Community). She was a member of Saron Baptist Church and the gospel choir and served on the Deaconess Board.

Surviving are her husband, Melvin L. Davenport; sons, Melvin L. (Blondell), Benny (Beatrice), Charles (Gloria) and Benjamin (Evelma) Davenport; daughter, Janice Davenport; 23 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 1 p.m. from Saron Baptist Church with the Rev. L. Jones, pastor, and the Rev. R. Davenport officiating. Burial was in Barr Cemetery, Wagener. J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, 190 Railroad Ave. W., Wagener, is in charge of arrangements.

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on page 27.



# DEATHS AND FUNERALS

## Anthony Bruce Russell Sr.

Funeral services for Anthony Bruce Russell Sr. will be held on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 1 p.m. at Mount Harris Missionary Baptist Church, 1729 Powderhouse Road, Aiken.



**Russell**

Mr. Russell was a native of Orlando, Fla., where he worked for Walt Disney World and later enlisted in the Army. Anthony leaves behind those who shared the joys of life and now cherish his loving memories, his beloved wife, Barbara Hill Russell; four children, Richard (Angela) Hill of Charlotte, N.C., James Rutherford of Orlando, Fla., Thelma (Alvin) Corley of Freeport, N.C., and Jonathan Russell of the home; three sisters, Shirley Russell, Shelia O'Barron of Orlando, Fla., and Theresa Carlock of San Antonio, Texas; two brothers-in-law, William (Trina) Mosley of Oxen Hill, Md., and Ledelle (Olympia) Jordan of Wagener; mother-in-law, Mattie (Deacon Henry) Jordan; father-in-law, William (Mattie) Mosley Sr.; 14 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, Wagener, is in charge of funeral arrangements, (803) 564-5521.

## Lonnie 'Bug' Swedenburg Jr.

*Jan. 31, 1935 – March 2, 2010*

WAGENER — Mr. Lonnie "Bug" Swedenburg Jr. died Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Mr. Swedenburg was born Jan. 31, 1935, in Wagener. He was a member of Chalk Hill Baptist Church of Wagener. His parents, Lonnie and Massie (Jones) Swedenburg Sr., and three children preceded him in death.

He is survived by a son, Randolph (Jaurita) Swedenburg; three daughters, Geraldine (Richard) Ford, Teresa (James) Oates and Glendale (Jared) Holland, all of Philadelphia; four sisters, Lela Mae Florence and Teacora Kent, both of Philadelphia, Minnie (Joseph) Golson and Vernease (Albert) Edwards; three brothers, James (Devon) Swedenburg and Willie (Thelma) Swedenburg, both of Wagener, and Percil Peter Swedenburg of Philadelphia.

Funeral services was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Chalk Hill Baptist Church, 3419 New Holland Road, Wagener. Burial was in the Swedenburg-Gunter Cemetery, Wagener.

J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, Wagener

## George Griffin

*April 22, 1952 – March 13, 2010*

WAGENER — Mr. George Griffin passed away Saturday, March 13, 2010. He was born April 22, 1952, in Wagener and was a member of Baughmanville Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his mother, Clara Griffin Kitchings. He is survived by his children, grandchildren, sister and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and good friends.

A memorial service for Mr. George Griffin was held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, 2010, at Baughmanville Baptist Church, 125 Baughmanville Church Road, Wagener, with the Rev. Otis Kitchings officiating. J.H. Robinson Funeral Home, 190 Railroad Ave. W., Wagener, was in charge of the service.



Expressions Coffee Co., 112 Park St., Wagener, held a ribbon cutting on March 18.



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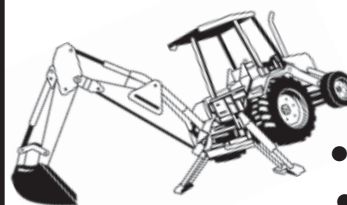


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