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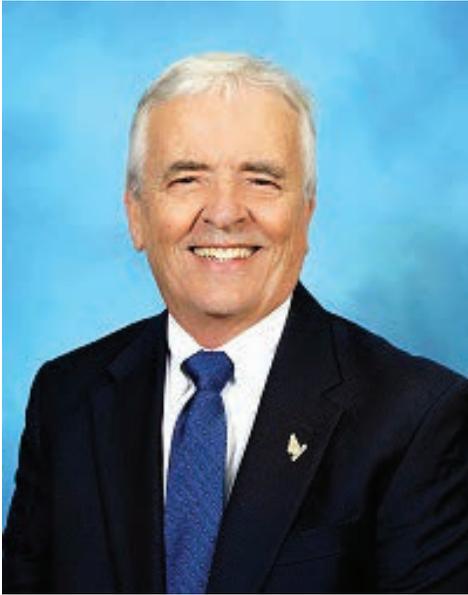
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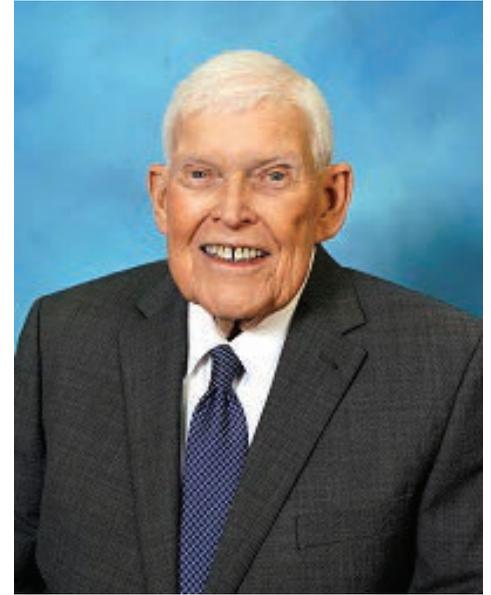
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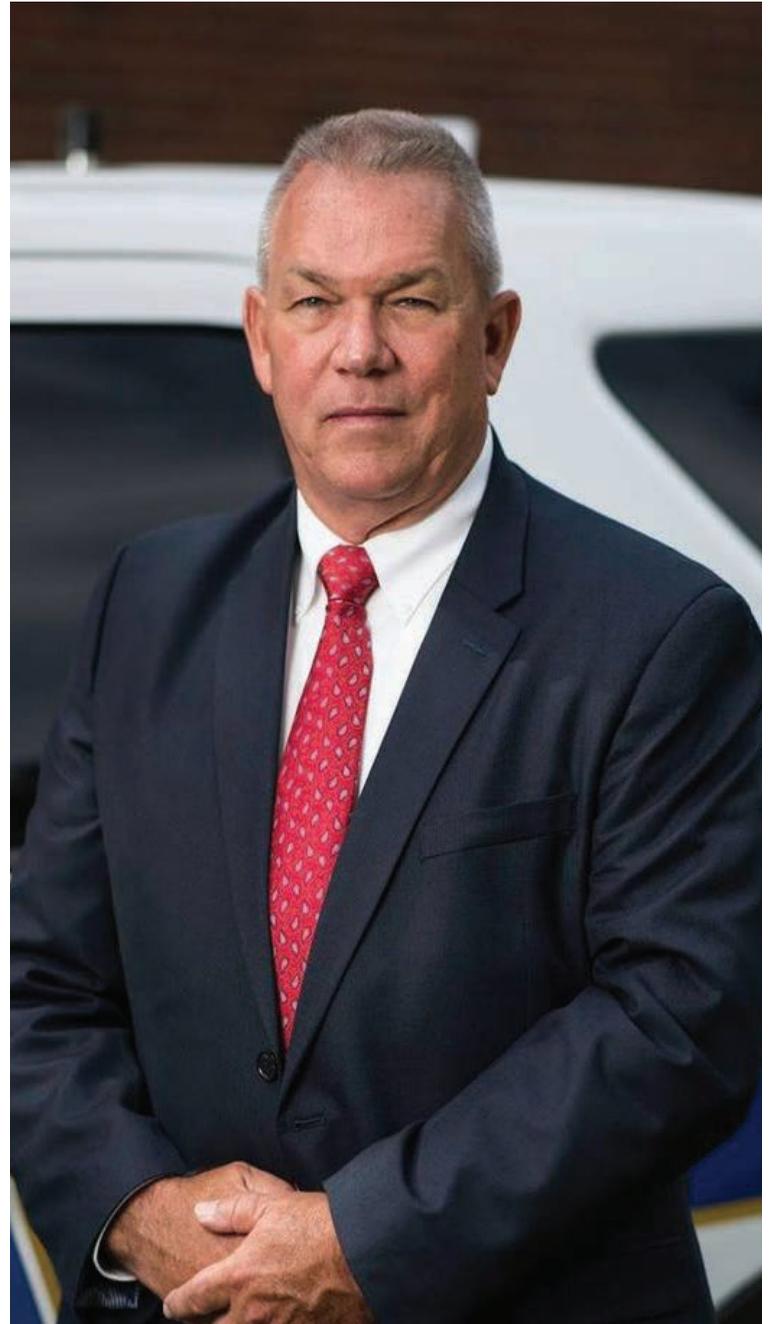
A letter from Sheriff Baxley

BY SHERIFF TIM BAXLEY

Sheriff Tim Baxley has spent his entire adult life working in the Law Enforcement in Clarendon County. He is a graduate of Barnwell High School and attended the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie Campus in Allendale, SC.

He started his career with the SC Highway Patrol when he was 21 years old. For the next 39 years, in addition to the Highway Patrol, he served on the Governors Raid Team at the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), 28 years with the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division (Game Warden), and the last 6 as Sheriff of Clarendon County.

Clarendon County has a population of about 31,000 according to the 2021 census. The county covers roughly 640 square miles which includes 78,000 acres of Lake Marion, a man made lake of 110,000 acres that borders Berkley, Orangeburg, Calhoun, and Sumter counties. In addition to the 741 miles of Primary and Secondary Roads, there is an additional 34 miles of I-95 within Clarendon County.



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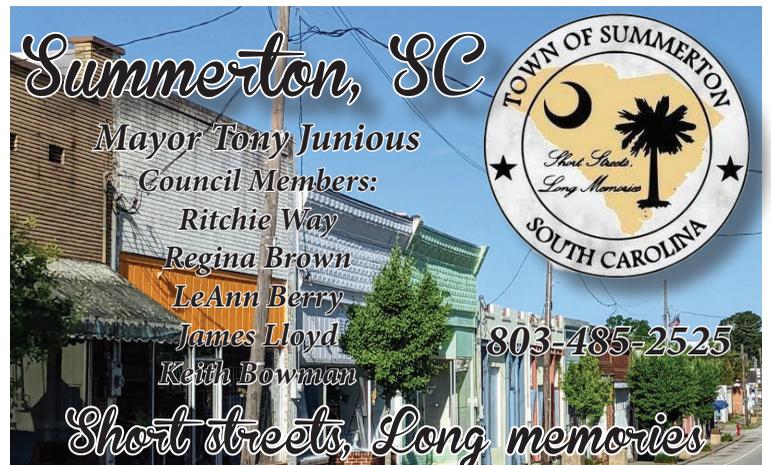


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There are 12 public and 4 private schools within Clarendon County. There is also the City of Manning, Town of Summerton, and Town of Turbeville. The City of Manning and Town of Summerton each have their own Police Departments. The Town of Turbeville contracts with the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office for police services.

The Clarendon County Sheriff's Office consist of 78 sworn officers to include patrol deputies, investigators, narcotics officers, victim advocates and a School Resource Officer at every public school. The Sheriff's Office has within this group an on call Special Response Team (SRT), 3 K-9 teams to include 3 K-9's that are able to track, 2 of which are full service in which they can apprehend a suspect, locate discarded objects and detect illegal drugs. We also have a special service K-9 that provides comfort to victims of tragic events.

Clarendon County is a rural county with lots of timber and agriculture, so the crime rate is relatively low compared to other counties comparable in size. According to the 2021 South Carolina Statewide Crime index,

Clarendon was 0.88% of the states total reported Murder Rates, 0.59% of the states total reported Sexual Battery Counts, 0.45% of the states total reported Robberies, 0.85% of the states total reported Aggravated Assault Cases, 1% of the states total reported Breaking and Entering Cases, 0.46% of the states total reported Motor Vehicle Thefts, 0.57% of the states total reported Larceny Cases, and 1.1% of the states total reported Arson Cases.

With the above numbers being reported from all 46 counties, the numbers for Clarendon County are most all less than 1 % of the totaled reported cases of South Carolina.

Now knowing all of the above information about Clarendon County, we welcome you and invite you to visit around the county and take in all that it has to offer and know that The Clarendon County Sheriff's Office is here to serve all. We patrol all areas of the county daily to ensure the safety of our citizens and visitors.

It is an honor to serve as Sheriff and I certainly look forward to serving for many years to come.

Tim Baxley



Spotlight: City of Manning

BY LEIGH ANN MAYNARD

Manning, South Carolina lives up to its welcome sign “Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality.” Manning is convenient to many drivers on I-95 due to its many on and exit ramps. Manning is located minutes from Lake Marion and home to a 40 acre boardwalk, Pocotaligo Park. The city is growing leaps and bounds yearly.

The city of Manning is a recipient of funding from the American Recovery Plan recently passed by Congress. The following expenditures were approved from this funding:

- The purchase of a new grapple truck to better maintain streets and right of ways by removing debris in a timely manner. The new truck will be delivered in April of 2023.
- A new street sweeper was purchased in 2023 and is in operation. This made a difference in the cleanliness of Manning’s City streets.
- Broadband access will be made available in public parks allowing free public internet access.
- Manning also purchased new radio and safety equipment for the Fire and Police Departments. Manning is commit-



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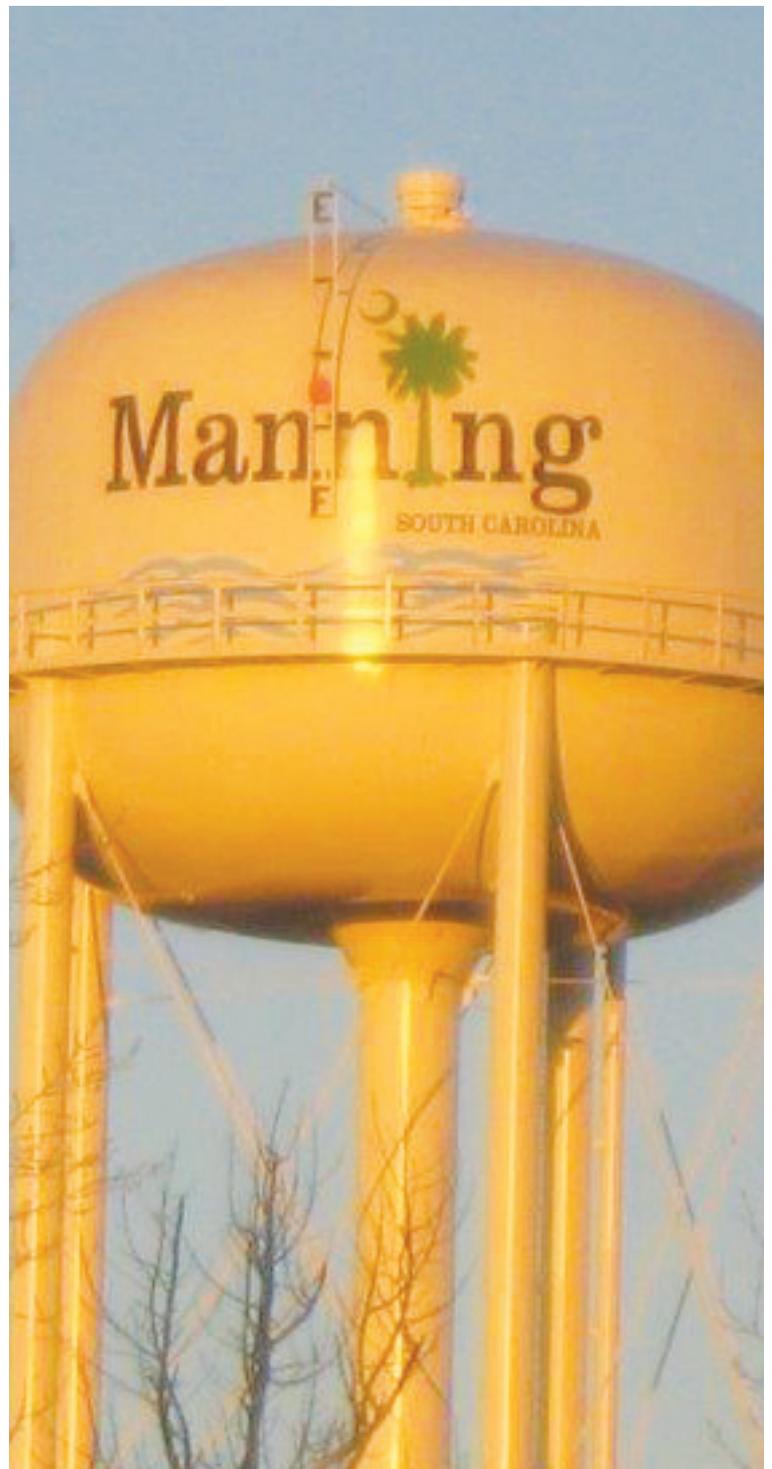
ted to providing the best possible equipment to protect its citizens, visitors and personnel. Manning is also pursuing the installment of a camera system through the city that will help solve and deter any criminal activity within the city limits.

- Two fire engines have also been purchased. One is a brand new pumper. The second engine is a red engine that better equips the city to manage structure fires that are widespread or in tall buildings. Both engines have better prepared Manning to serve and protect the citizens, visitors, and business owners of Manning. The engines were purchased with a \$440,000 USDA grant.

Manning continues to work toward establishing additional recreational opportunities. A grant was secured from the State of South Carolina for \$700,000 to build a new park on Church Street, which will house a walking path and serve as an outdoor venue for concerts, water features, and many other amenities.

Manning is also home to a splash pad for residents and visitors. The splash pad is located at Gibbons Street Park.

For more information on the city of Manning visit <https://cityofmanning.org>



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The City of Manning is the county seat located in the center of Clarendon County. Manning, a city rich with history, is home to more than 4,000 of South Carolina's friendliest people. South Carolina's largest lake, Lake Marion, is located less than 10 miles away from Manning and provides a place for recreation and all types of water activities. Every April, Manning is home to the annual Striped Bass Festival showcasing Lake Marion's famous landlocked striped bass. "Matches for Beauty and Hospitality," Main Street Manning is a member of the South Carolina Main Street program, whose goal is to revitalize the economic vitality of downtown commercial districts. The area features several quaint shops and restaurants. Come visit us!

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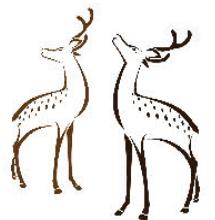
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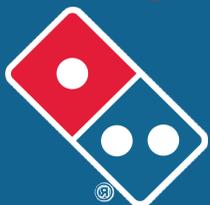


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A guide to the library's resources and programs

BY DIRECTOR HOLLY COCKFIELD

Located in beautiful downtown Manning, S.C. within walking distance of local boutiques and eateries, the Harvin Clarendon County Library has a little something for everyone—whether you are a resident or just visiting. No library card required!

We offer all guests access to books, newspapers, and magazines in-house, as well as, job-hunting assistance, public computers, free Wi-Fi, free tax preparation, and much more.

Computers are available to all adult guests with a valid ID whether you need to write a paper, print some documents, or just check your email. Wifi is available in the library or accessible from the parking lot outside.

There is a computer especially designed and dedicated for kids to use featuring age appropriate games and a special mouse and keyboard combo. The children's area also has a computer for parents to use while their kids play. Kids can explore our indoor fire engine or read about Amelia Bedelia, the loveable character depicted in front of the building. All ages will love learning about Amelia Bedelia's ties to Clarendon County.

The Harvin Clarendon County Library collection includes a special section for South Carolina fiction and non-fiction, a sizable large print collection, audiobooks on CD, and DVDs. In-house, you can enjoy a range of magazines, regional and national newspapers, and even some family-friendly games.

There are more than just books at the library. Programs like weekly storytime, craft groups, and book clubs are all open to the public.

Join us for storytime every week on Wednesday at 10:30 am. Children of all ages are welcome to join for stories and age-specific activities. There are books and graphic novels for our young readers, and a Teen Advisory Board is in the early stages that will tune our programming for teens and young adults.

Monthly adult programs include two crafting clubs – Knit Night and Crafternoon – and a book club. Our new adult program dubbed OATS, Older Adults Training and Services, is kicking off this month and will continue every Thursday at 10am with programs like funeral and estate preparation, living wills, and consumer affairs topics like avoiding scams and identity theft.

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days to help all guests with job searches, applications, resumes, and more. Currently, we are offering free tax preparation services through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. The library always has print, copy, notary, and fax services available for a small fee.

Looking for things to do with the family this summer? The Summer Reading program kicks off June 1st through July 31st. This year's theme is "All Together Now" and will include prizes for reading, take-home crafts, and plenty of family programs. All ages can read and win prizes.

You can also borrow an All Park Passport and become an Ultimate Outsider by visiting all 47 state parks.

- This summer will also include visits from special friends:
- The Edisto Island Serpentarium - June 8
 - The South Carolina Aquarium - June 15
 - The Center for Birds of Prey - June 22
 - Porkchop Productions Presents "Imperfect Strangers: The Ant & The Grasshopper" - June 27
 - Naturalist Joshua Castleberry - July 20

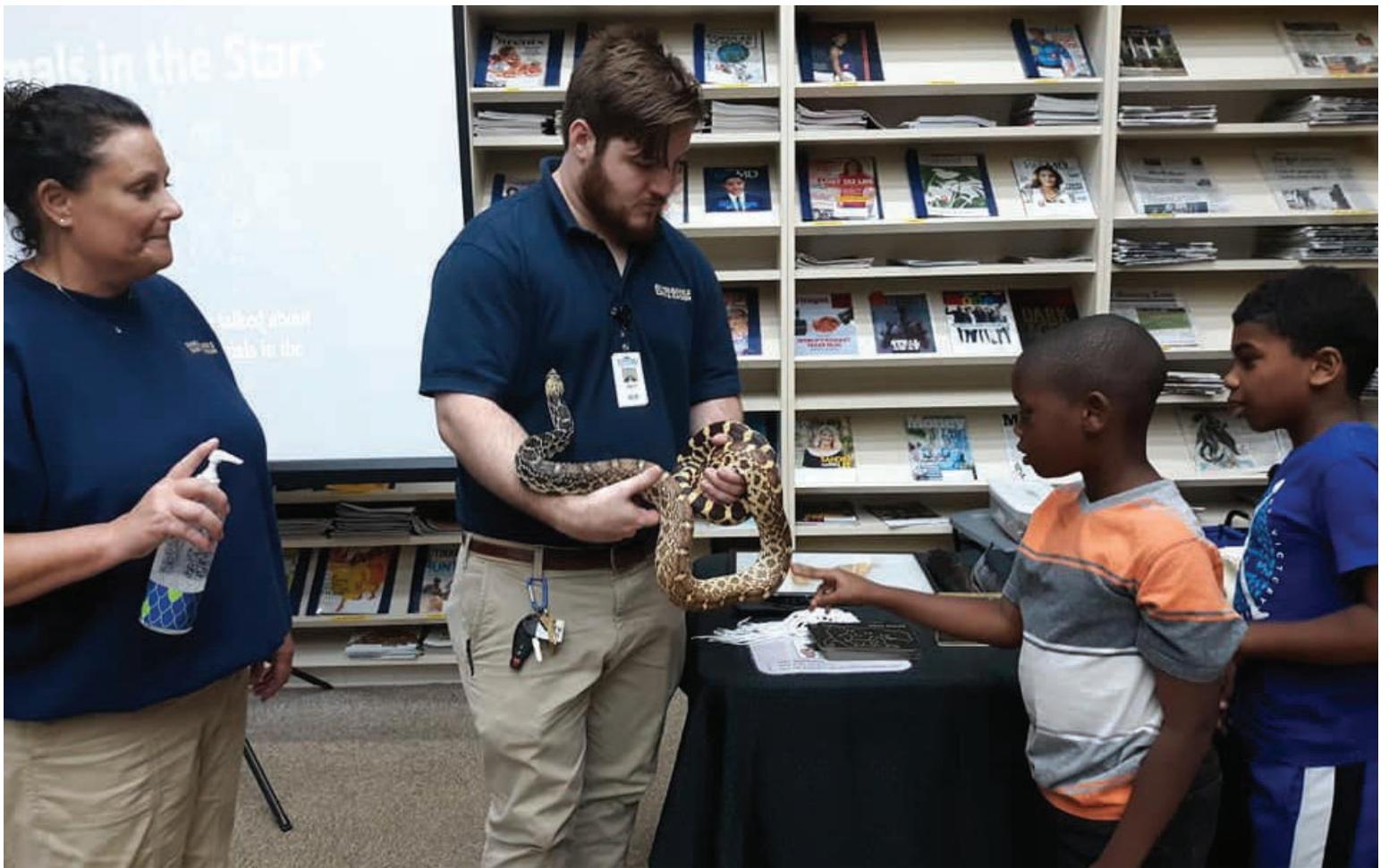
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Library card holders can borrow South Carolina State All Park Passports which grant you access to any South Carolina State Park. Check out a Park Passport and explore this great state!

A library card will also give you access to online resources. Libby and Hoopla are apps available on most wi-fi enabled devices and are free to download. Take fun classes with Creativebug. Read e-books and audio books with Libby. Hoopla has a little of everything with e-books, audio books, streaming video and music. Having trouble signing in? Call the library for help at 803-435-8633.

The friendly staff of Clarendon County Library can help you in many ways. Our trained librarian team taps into their different educational backgrounds and

career experience to help with basic computer skills like printing documents from email or navigating websites. We can recommend books to read based on those you like. Or we can help you find the answers to your questions, whether you need local directions, help with research, or assistance finding the correct resources.

What if you can't make it to Manning to visit the library? Our Mobile Library makes regular stops around the county. You can find books for all ages, videos, audio books and more. The Mobile Library schedule is published each month on our website: www.ClarendonCountyLibrary.com.

Harvin Clarendon County Library, at 215 North Brooks Street, is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also find us online at www.ClarendonCountyLibrary.com, on Facebook at ClarendonCountyLibrary, or look for our booth at upcoming events like Clarendon Evolves, the Striped Bass Festival, the Puddin' Swamp Festival, and Rocket Girls Convention.



Backyard Distillery making traditional moonshine

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Clarendon County may have its first legal moonshine distillery since Prohibition, in Backyard Distillery located in the Home Branch Community near Paxville. The founders of Backyard Distillery saw an opportunity to do something legal that was long done in the county and state when the microdistillery changed to allow distilling again in The State Newspaper article several years ago.

The founders of Backyard Distillery are Harrison Conyers, a farmer, and Howard Conyers, P hD, an engineer. They came together to put their minds and hands, and of course, a lot of resources together to take a newspaper article and turn moonshine into a legal and taxable product. The founders are also a home grown father and son team from Paxville, in particular the Home Branch Community. The Conyers both have decades of welding and engineering experience and they were educated right here in Clarendon County at Manning Training School and Manning High School, respectively. For over 3 years,



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they labored and sacrificed to turn an idea into a tangible product in small milk jugs that retail 900 mL. The team went to various conferences and training to make this a reality.

Starting out, the Conyers also went to the community to buy services or products from farmers and septic tank installers to help get the moonshine into production. They were able to get various components from various local people and integrate them into a fully functional distillery.

An interesting thing the founders did from a farming and distilling perspective was integrating two heirloom products to make one product, the Cocks Prolific Corn and sweet potatoes that Harrison Conyers has spent a lifetime growing and cultivating. The Conyers grow the sweet potatoes mainly for personal and family use, but they have sold a few bushels in the past to community members. It is very laborious to grow non GMO foods at scale and get a return on investment.

Harrison said that he wanted to try making some moonshine from an old white corn and his son Howard decided to buy some Cocks Prolific and old White Dent Corn.

In 2020, the Conyers purchased Cocks Prolific Corn from the now late Mr. Manning Farmer that was

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stewarding the corn in Dark Corner (near Spartanburg County) since the 1940s. Cocke's Prolific Corn was developed by John Harwell Cocke and planted at President Thomas Jefferson's home in Monticelloe. That was the first non GMO corn they grew to turn into moonshine and while the yields were low, they had enough to make a few gallons of moonshine.

The Conyers will go back to growing regular commodity corn on their own land due to yields and position themselves to grow this Cocke's Prolific Corn using some more modern processes. For a small family farm their size, it is not sustainable at present to grow the Cocke's Prolific Corn because one acre of the Cocke's Prolific only yields 40 bushels of corn, while one acre of normal corn yields 100 bushels of corn. The Cocke's Prolific Corn made better moonshine than the commodity corn, but was not sustainable to grow so the Conyers decided to try using their heirloom sweet potatoes.

For those that supported Backyard Distillery over the holidays, we soldout of 40 jugs of the Sweet Potato Moonshine.

In all of that, we look to be able ferment and distill other things that are grown by other producers that we may not grow or could go to waste in making value add product right here in Clarendon County that could ship to

the world.

Some of you are possibly asking when Backyard Distillery will be opening again. The Conyers are using the data from Christmas to come up with a monthly or bi-monthly frequency to fill orders, and they are thinking of implementing an appointment process for those that will be buying at least four jugs at time per person. However, if four adults come in the car, we can sell each adult six jugs at a time to stock up.

As Backyard Distillery looks to grow, a bigger emphasis will be on working within the local communities of Clarendon, Sumter, and Williamsburg counties because the founders have a lot friends in those areas. They still plan to distill moonshine and eventually other spirits based on what the agricultural community can provide.

Backyard Distillery Co-Founder Howard Conyers is bringing The Roots of BBQ back to Paxville, but this time as a BBQ invitational to bring more Agritourism to Clarendon County. Of course, Backyard Distillery is significantly involved in the production of The Roots of BBQ along with media production company Conyers Family BBQ. That means moonshine will be part of the experience along with good bbq and music on a farm in Paxville.

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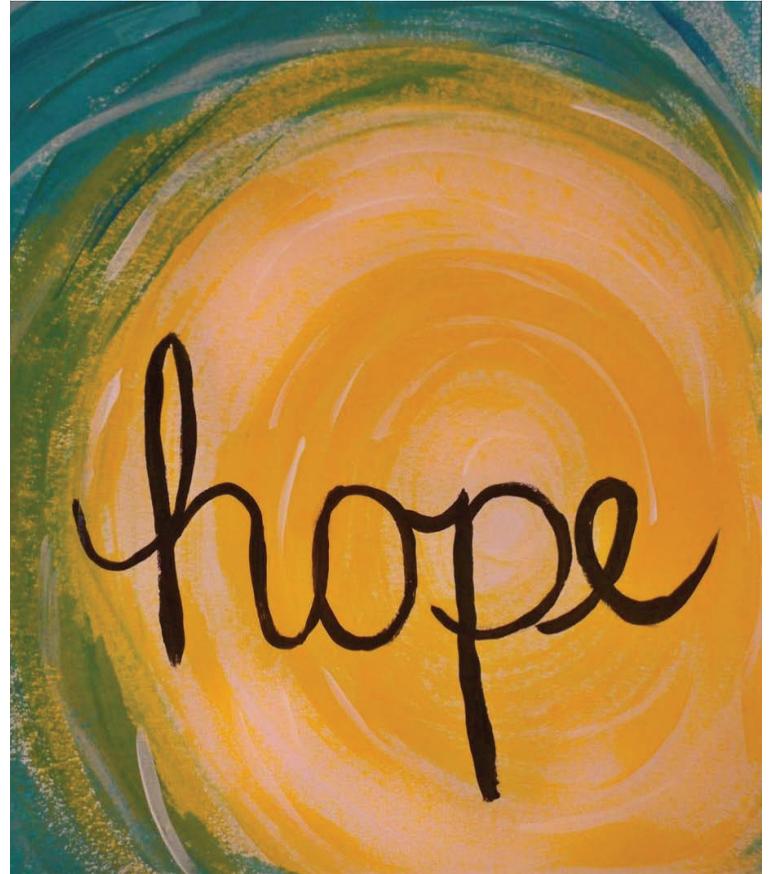
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Clarendon Behavioral Health Services is the designated authority for Clarendon County on matters related to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and has been since an ordinance was established in 1979. We serve a community with a 2021 estimation in population slightly more than 31,000. The mission of this agency is to provide our citizens with affordable, accessible, and high-quality behavioral health services that enhance the physical, emotional, and social health while reducing the negative effects of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use in our county. We work to achieve this by providing high-quality prevention, education, intervention, and treatment services. Treatment is available to all adolescents and adults who seek services.

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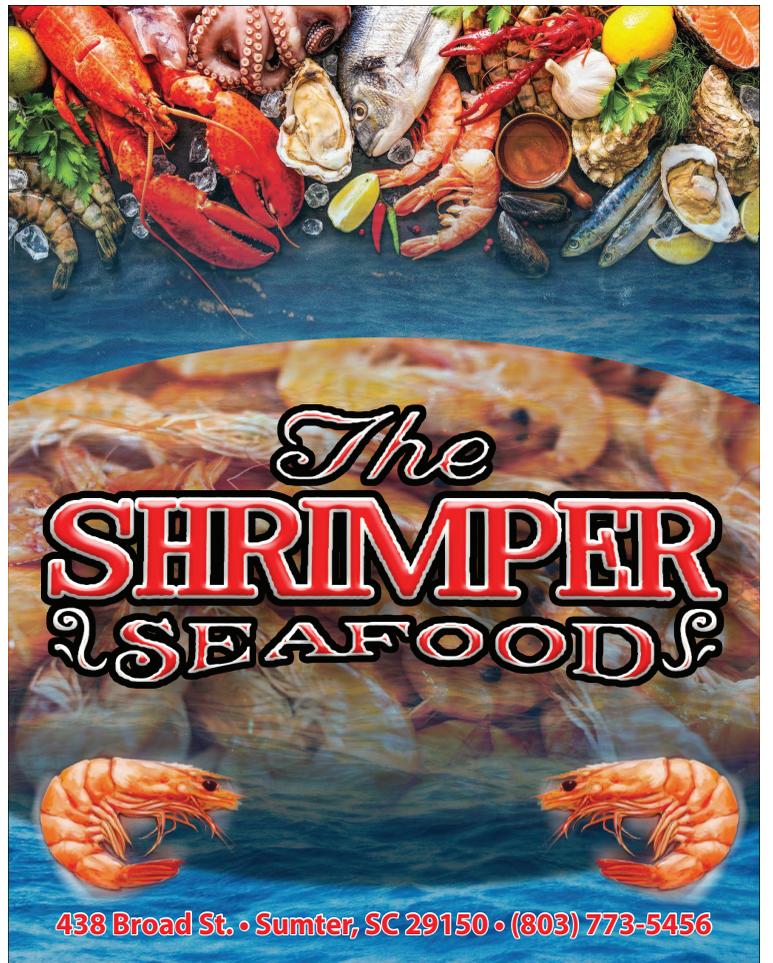




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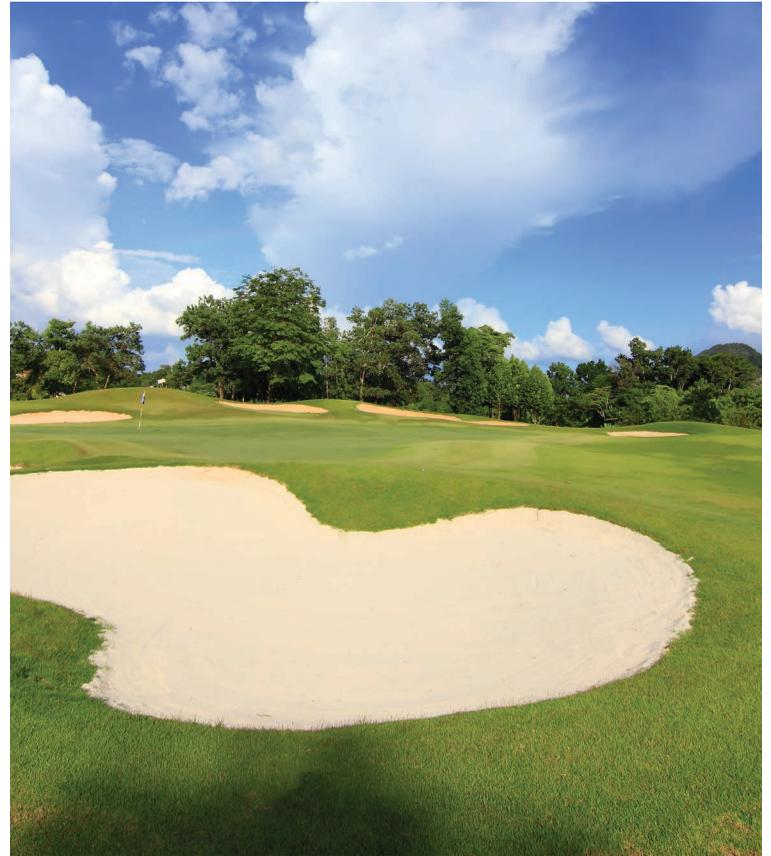
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Spending the summer in the Pee-Dee

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Nothing says South Carolina like summer. A warm early morning starts the day, perfect for the outdoors. Golfing, gardening, fishing, hiking, you name it, we've got it (unless you say skiing or snow shoveling). No chance for chill awaits as the morning turns to afternoon. Fellowship with friends and family at a local diner for some lunch and a nice tall glass of sweet tea? Yes, please! In the evening beautifully orchestrated melodies serenade those interested in slowing down for a moment of quiet introspection or just accepting still contentment. The bountiful wetlands are one of our state's most truly treasured and unique of natural landscapes which can be enjoyed with photography and lakeside cookouts. Of course, this is only a brief snippet of one possibility in this uniquely characteristic season.

I serve mostly the beautiful counties of Clarendon, Sumter, and Lee which are right in a sweet spot on the border between the Midlands and Pee Dee Regions of this overall ideally situated state. The salty seas, while just a short trip away, do not penetrate inwards leaving the



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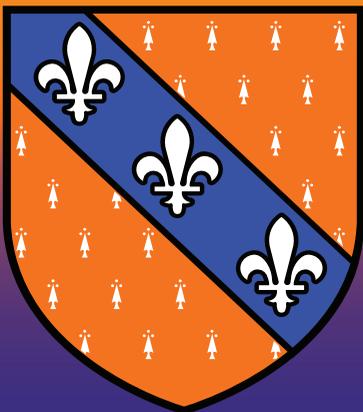


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area afforded some protection from offshore storms. The plentiful forest lands and strategically planned development help to combat events such as erosion. Farmers hold stakes over many vast acres placing our state as a top producer of protein, vegetable, and fiber crops which contribute to the outstanding views and country feel of our little area. The sight and smell of a freshly harvested hay field with its yield partially packaged in huge round bales and smaller square ones in all their golden glory have always been a personal favorite.

The season starts officially in June however we start getting warmer “shorts weather” days or “False Start Summer” in March. These days are nature’s way to get you hyped up for the fun to come. The boats will come out and the children will be breaking out the yard sprinklers as they enjoy their school break. The breeze is cool, and the air is warm, front porch enjoyment at its finest. This is also considered to be one of the best times for golf, opportunities for which are abundant.

As the season comes into full bloom in June the lantana, marigolds, and geraniums paint the landscape. Roses are still growing and those spring flowering trees have lush green leaves. Temperatures are normally upper 80s to 90s with the tail end usually occurring in June and July with the potential for 100 degrees F or even on an oc-



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Summer brings festivals to our areas! Clarendon County has the Striped Bass Festival, Puddin Swamp Festival, and Birdfest. Sumter County hosts the Iris Festival, the Sumter County Fair, and the Annual Bethune Legacy Parade and Festival. Lee County celebrates Spring Farm Frolic and The Lizard Man Stomp. These celebrations are jam packed with fun such as parades, street vendors, and live music. Information about all of these events is easily obtained online and runs from the start of spring into summer. There is also ample opportunity for attending car shows, horseback riding, and camping.

With the summer season comes the arrival of summer storms. Thunder, lightning, wind, and rain are normal occurrences for a while as nature tends the landscape we enjoy. The storms bring rain to the waterways which keeps the environment healthy and thriving. The sounds of the storms can be quite relaxing. Take precautions to secure any outdoor furniture or items that could be easily blown away or damaged.

In conclusion, our rural hometown areas which are filled with the abundance of the Southeast are typified by our hot balmy summers. This is part of what makes us unique. The lakefront, ponds, wetlands, forests, and crops all depend on the warmth and humidity, which also serves to invigorate our communities. With a little preplanning and knowing what to expect you'll be ready to enjoy the heat with the best of us.



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Clarendon Health System joined McLeod Health on July 12, 2016 and began a season of transformation that continues even today. "As a testament of our commitment, we are continually developing plans to expand our services, staff and medical capabilities," explained Rachel Gainey, McLeod Health Clarendon Administrator.

The highly-skilled physicians and medical staff at McLeod Clarendon provide a wide range of services from Emergency and Critical Care to Labor and Delivery and Surgery. The hospital also offers Infusion, a Sleep Lab, Radiology, Laboratory, a Wound Care Center and a Swing Bed Unit. In addition, Cardiac, Speech, Physical and Occupational Rehabilitation services are located at McLeod Health and Fitness Center Clarendon.

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Renovation and Expansion

Numerous projects have been completed to renovate and modernize areas within McLeod Health Clarendon. These efforts include the recent expansion of the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), which has been crucial in the care of COVID-19 patients. The expansion offers increased square footage to allow for more spacious patient rooms and a designated exam room. There is also a private family consult room for providers to meet with family members as well as a family waiting room.

“When patients suffer a critical illness or injury, they want quality care close to home,” stated Rachel. “Our ICU patient volumes have rapidly grown over the past few years. Not only does this renovation underscore our continued investment and commitment to bring quality health care to Clarendon and all communities from the midlands to the coast, but it also allows patients and their families to heal and recover close to home.”

McLeod Medical Plaza Clarendon also recently underwent renovation and expansion to include the ad-

dition of McLeod Family Medicine Rural Residency Program, McLeod Primary Care Clarendon, McLeod Rehabilitation Clarendon and The Spa at McLeod Health Clarendon. The final phase of development will include additional medical office space for McLeod Women’s Care Clarendon. Expected completion of the final phase is late Spring 2023.

Increasing Access to Primary Care and Specialty Services

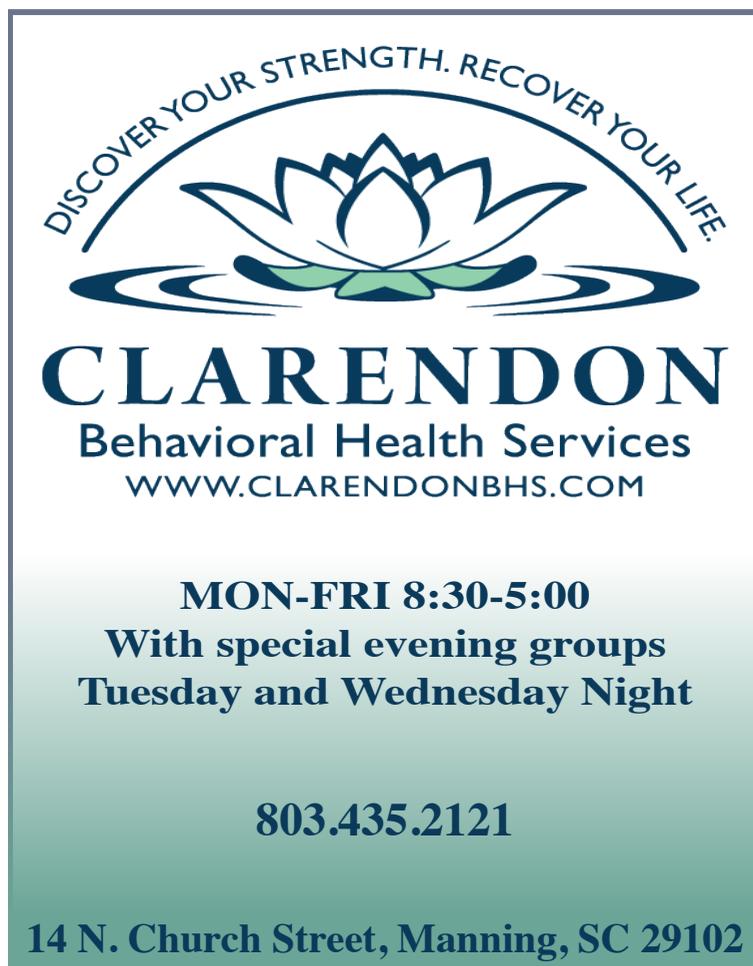
To increase access to primary care, the McLeod Family Medicine Rural Residency Program launched its first class of residents in June 2020. The mission of the McLeod Family Medicine Residency Program is to graduate skilled physicians committed to intensive training in caring for patients and practicing the full scope of Family Medicine, particularly in rural settings. Resident physicians train in the Family Medicine specialty under the close supervision of physician faculty. They provide care for the entire family -- from delivering babies to end-of-life care -- including pediatrics, women’s and men’s health and obstetrics.

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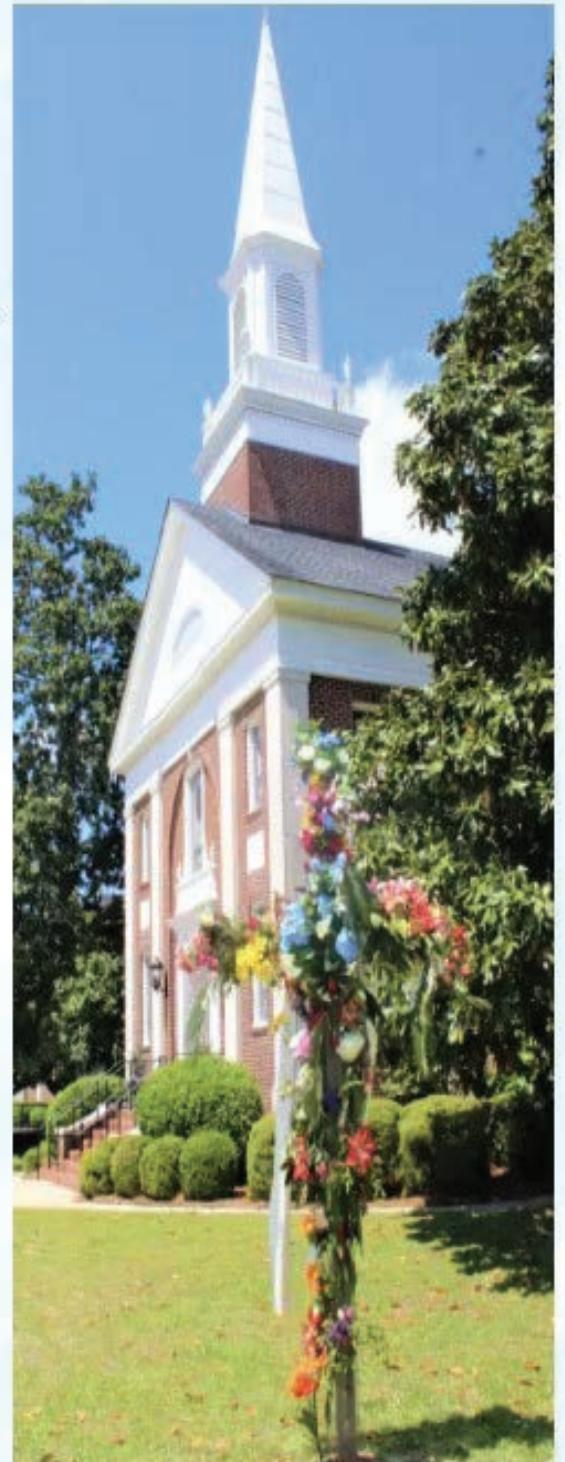
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needed access to physicians, enhances recruitment efforts, and affords physicians the opportunity to practice medicine in a small community setting,” explains Rachel.

In addition to the residency program, McLeod Health Clarendon has welcomed several new providers to include Dr. James Johnson; Hospitalist; Nurse Practitioner Ann Norton, Hospitalist; Dr. Laine Way, Nurse Practitioner Jennifer Weich, McLeod Cardiology Associates; McLeod Primary Clarendon; Dr. Michael Ouzts, McLeod Primary Care Turbeville; Dr. William Sabina, McLeod Health Emergency Department; Certified Nurse Midwives Alison Saran, Rebecca Cartledge and Shaquinda Dowdle; Nurse Practitioners Chaz McDonald and Scarlett Manchin, McLeod Orthopaedics.

Additionally, McLeod Primary Care Turbeville was established in the late summer of 2020. Dr. Michael Ouzts and Family Nurse Practitioners Amanda McConnell and Abbie Kirby provide primary care for adults and children. “We are pleased to provide convenient access to primary care in the Turbeville community,” said Rachel. “In a time when access to health care is crucial having local providers for primary care is essential in meeting one’s health care needs.”

Advancements in Technology

McLeod Health Clarendon now offers patients more advanced imaging services through a newly installed CT Scanner and 3D Mammography unit, which includes a breast biopsy attachment.

“Three-dimensional mammography allows early detection and diagnosis of breast cancer and is a highly effective tool in detecting breast cancer long before any physical symptoms develop. Early detection is documented to be critical in reducing mortality rates,” Rachel explained. “With the new CT Scanner, we can produce higher quality images with lower radiation and more efficiency.

“This means quicker treatment of acute issues like stroke, which are very time sensitive. It is our mission to continue providing the most advanced diagnostic imaging equipment for our patients.”

Installation of a new, state-of-the-art MRI was completed late Fall 2021. With the addition of the new technology, physicians will be able to receive more complex imaging faster. This will provide patients at McLeod Health Clarendon earlier diagnoses.

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Quality Health Care

McLeod Health Clarendon has achieved many noteworthy accomplishments to ensure high quality health care for the patients it serves.

McLeod Health Clarendon was recently awarded its fifth consecutive ‘A’ in the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade, a national distinction recognizing the hospital’s achievements in protecting patients from harm and providing safer health care. The Leapfrog Group is an independent national organization committed to health care quality and safety. The Safety Grade assigns an ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’ or ‘F’ grade to all general hospitals across the country and is updated every six months. Grades are based on a hospital’s performance in preventing medical errors, injuries, accidents, infections and other harm to patients in their care.

Additionally, the hospital achieved the Healthgrades 2020 Outstanding Patient Experience Award™. This distinction recognizes McLeod Health Clarendon as being among the top 15 percent of hospitals nationwide



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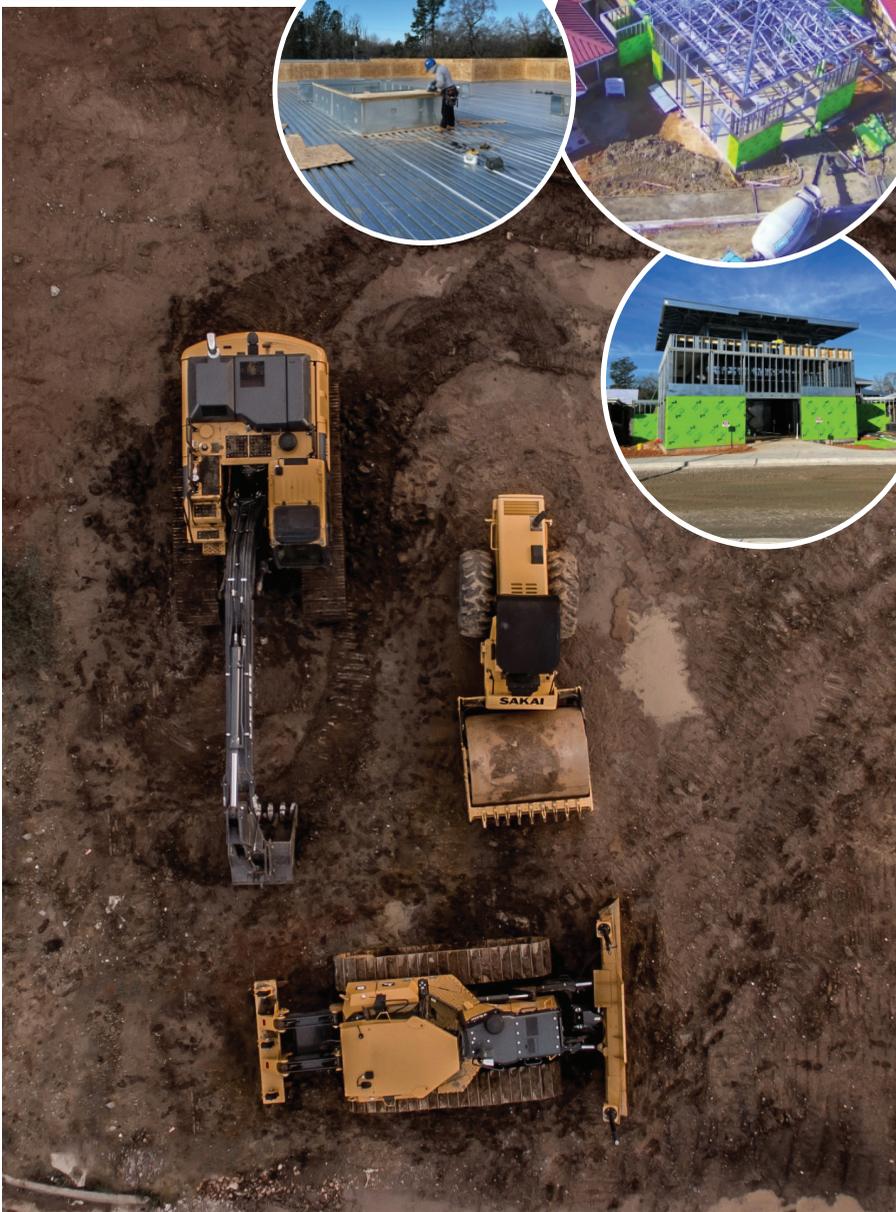
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“McLeod Health Clarendon is pleased to receive these quality recognitions achieved through the teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff. However, our pursuit of quality improvement is unending. These accom-

plishments are a positive step in our patient experience and quality journey, yet we recognize that we can never stop improving care for patients. Health care is constantly becoming more complex and challenging, and our team is committed to providing the best care possible to our patients both now and in the future,” added Rachel.



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Spotlight: Town of Paxville

BY LEIGH ANN MAYNARD

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Spotlight: Town of Turbeville

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Spotlight: Town of Summerton

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In the plans for 2023 for Summerton is a new Water Tower project along with cleaning up the smaller neighborhoods of Summerton through demolition of blighted homes and adding new and updated infrastructure.

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- Everyone knows to get low if there is smoke, and to call 911 once they are outside and do not go back into the house until the fire is completely out.
- Escape plans are practiced twice a year.

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- Anything that can burn (towels, wood utensils, paper) are kept away from the stovetop.
- The oven, stove top, and hood are all clean and free of grease.
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- There is a “kid-free” zone of three feet around the stove when adults are cooking.
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- A lid is always nearby to smother the small grease fires.
- When cooking in the oven, a timer is always set.

Fire & Burn Safety

- Ensure candles are in fireproof containers, kept 12 inches from anything that can burn, and are always blown out before leaving the room.
- Portable space heaters are always turned off when adults leave the room or goes to sleep.
- Portable space heaters are at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn.
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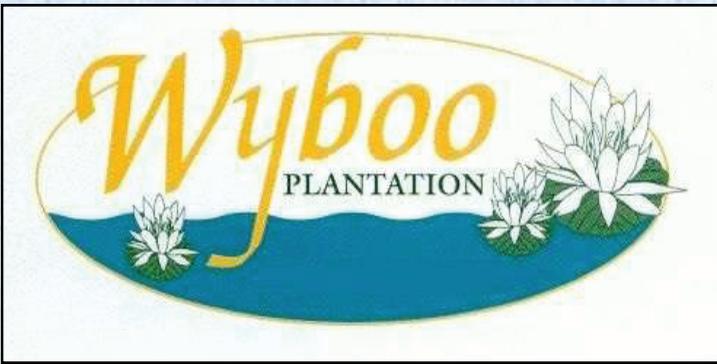


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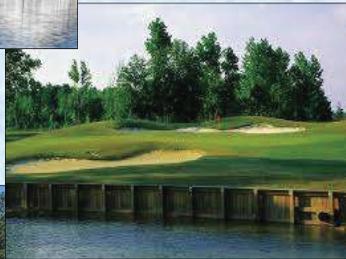


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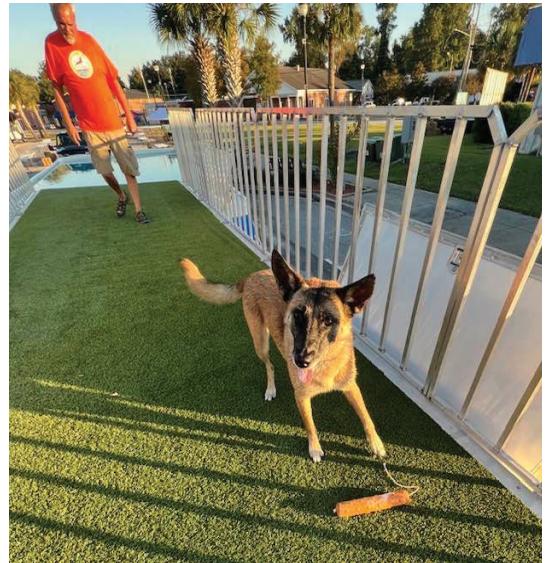
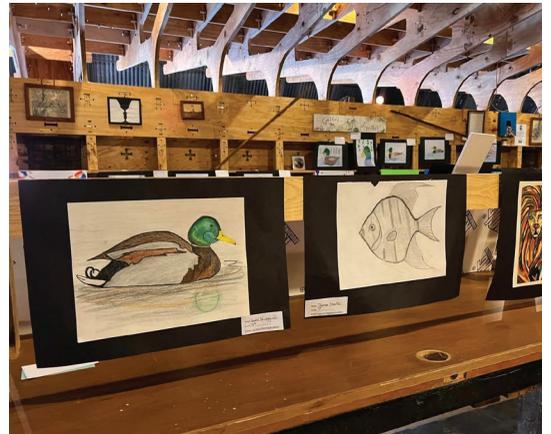
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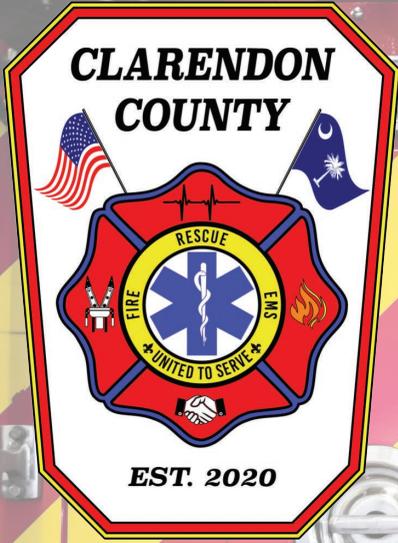
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