



Photo by Judith Brown

**THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG ...** — Ashley Rochester may be City of Clinton’s business license coordinator during much of the year but for several days this season she’s also Mrs. Claus, reading “The Night Before Christmas” to Laura James’ kindergarten class from Clinton Elementary School.

# — Bush —

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mother pointed out how important it is to be humble and used him as an example.”

Bush’s stop at PC was relatively brief but his U.S. Secret Service protection detail — his Secret Service code name was Timberwolf — arrived two days in advance to prepare for the appearance at PC.

Secret Service agents took over the office of Debbie Vaughn, who was then director of the Springs Campus Center and student activities.

Vaughn said the agents brought in bomb-sniffing dogs as part of the preparations for Bush’s campaign stop.

“It was really interesting to watch them,” she said. “They were very nice and helpful.”

Bush spoke to a packed house of PC students, faculty and staff on the first floor of the Springs Campus Center and is pictured in a PC jacket during the rally.

Vaughn said she was able to meet Bush prior to his appearance, take a photo and shake his hand.

“I was holding onto his hand and realized I hadn’t let go,” she said. “He was very nice and very congenial. I was just excited but I didn’t realize I would be that excited.”

Bush went on to win the 1988 Presidential Election in a landslide over Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis. After one term, Bush was defeated by Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton.

Bush’s memoir of those years and his long life in public service, “All the Best, George Bush: My Life in Letters and Other Writings,” was given to Senn as a gift by his parents. Senn later wrote to Bush asking for a signed bookplate, which he received along with a note thanking him for reaching out. Now, the book and autograph are prized parts of

Senn’s collection.

“The big deal for me is service above self, and that’s what he was all

about,” Senn said. “I wish that not only public servants but everybody would try to emulate that character.”

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## Obituary

Ronald E. Allen

Ronald Edward Allen, 83, of Fountain Inn, died Oct. 6, 2018, at the Hospice House of Laurens County.

He was the eldest son of the late Arnold and Lola Duck Allen.

Surviving are his wife, Sheril Jones Allen; a daughter, Loretta (Glenn Hayward); a son, Mark (Tami Brandes); five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Juanita Allen and brother, Rick Allen, the children of Arnold and Ann Allen.

He was preceded by a younger brother, Jerry Allen.

Services were held Oct. 9, at Westgate Baptist Church, Spartanburg.



Ronald E. Allen

## Flag Observance

Pursuant to 4 U.S.C. § 7(m) and S.C. Code Ann. § 10-1-161(D), the United States Flag shall be flown at half-staff, for a period of 30 days, due to the passing of former President George H.W. Bush. Accordingly, the Governor ordered that the flags atop the State Capitol Building and on all state buildings shall be flown at half-staff until sunset on Dec. 30, 2018, in tribute to President Bush’s extraordinary legacy and lifetime of distinguished and patriotic service to the United States of America.

## Storm likely to impact county

By Nick Herman

Staff Writer

Winter weather is likely to make its first true appearance of the season starting today (Saturday) in Laurens County as a major storm system winds its way through the southern plains and into the Southeast.

Bill Martin, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service at Greenville-Spartanburg Airport, said Thursday they do expect a significant storm in the area, with the main uncertainty coming down to what kind of precipitation different parts of the county may get.

Rain, freezing rain, sleet and snow could all impact the county today through Monday, before the storm winds down Monday night and into Tuesday. Sunday, Martin said, looks likely to be

the worst day of the storm.

The current NWS forecast is for less than an inch of snow for most of Laurens County, with slightly higher amounts in the parts of the county that border both Greenville and Spartanburg County. The area could also see a fair amount of freezing rain, however, as the current forecast is for between a tenth and two-tenths of an inch. The storm, no matter

what it generates, will likely impact travel around the area.

“Don’t plan to go anywhere,” Martin said. “Just hunker down at home.”

Martin also said residents should be prepared for power outages that could last a day or longer if there is significant freezing rain.

Once the storm clears out, however, the current forecast calls for temperatures to rise into the 60s by Thursday.

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