

## Laurens Electric offers golfers shot at \$1 million

Come to the Eagle Zone Golf Improvement Center on Pelham Road in Greenville Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 for a chance to win \$1 million in Laurens Electric Cooperative's 16th Annual Hole In One Shootout.

All proceeds from the event will benefit Laurens Electric's new Community Impact Initiative, which provides grants to community members through their local Chambers of Commerce for public charitable purposes that enrich the quality of life of citizens in the communities the cooperative serves.

At the Shootout, 10 players will qualify each day by being closest to the pin to compete in the finals, where participants have a chance of winning one million dollars by shooting a hole-in-one. Qualifying times are Friday, April 27 from 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The finals will follow on Saturday at 6 p.m.

Other prizes include \$500 each day to golfers with shots closest to the pin, and during the finals, \$1000 to the golfer closest to the pin, \$500 for the second closest, and \$250 to third.

Laurens Electric is dedicated to improving the quality of life of the citizens in the upstate and in the communities the coopera-

tive serves. The Community Impact Initiative, new this year, provides grants of up to \$2000 for individual projects chosen by Chambers of Commerce in Laurens, Mauldin, Simpsonville and Fountain Inn.

Suggested interest areas are community development, education, the environment, health or arts and culture.

Examples so far include \$500 to the Fountain Inn Fire Department to provide emergency kits for local schools and \$1,000 to Simpsonville Elementary School's Leadership Development project.

Last year's Million Dollar Hole In One Shootout earned \$12,000 for charity. Every dollar spent at the hole-in-one event is a dollar that will go to improve the lives of participants' friends and neighbors; it's a fantastic way to support the community and have a great time in the process.

Laurens Electric Cooperative, a Touchstone Energy Cooperative serves 54,000 member-owners in Laurens, Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, Newberry, Union, and Abbeville counties. Since 1939, the co-op has been dedicated to being the provider of choice for energy and related services in the Upstate.

## Spring events across Laurens County

By Judith Brown  
Staff Writer

Laurens County has its share of residents who assume "there's nothing to do here," but the next few weeks of this spring shows the opposite is true.

In the upcoming days and weeks, events which offer everything from dancing to sporting tournaments are scheduled and are all open for members of the public, whether or not they have a prior connection to the non-profit.

- Friday, April 20
- Annual Spring Gala, Laurens County Museum, 6:30-10 p.m. Ticketed, open to public. 116 S. Public Square.

- Saturday, April 21
- Kicks for Kids Dodgeball tournament, features Rickie Foggie and Woody Dantzler.

Open to public. Fundraiser for field renovations at Park Place, Laurens, and Bridging the Gap and HYPE. Register at 10 a.m. and games at 11. Old Sanders football field, corner or Park Place and Pridmore Street. Open to public.

- Walk for Williams Syndrome and YMCA Healthy Kids Day. Laurens Family YMCA. Register at 10 a.m. and walk begins at 11. YMCA Healthy Kids Day free of charge and open to public.

- Sunday, April 22
- Clinton Community Garden Project offers The Evening Dish, film and covered dish dinner. Broad Street UMC, 5:30. Free of charge and open to public.

- Friday, April 28
- Joanna Textile Festival, starting with registration for Puttin' on the Hits" vocalist registration Thursday evening.

Concert begins Friday evening, 7 p.m. at 302 Old Milton Road, and festival events begin Saturday, April 27, at 10 a.m. Free of charge and open to public.

- Main Street Laurens' Sip & Stroll Wine and Beer Tasting, Friday, April 27, 5:30-9 p.m. Downtown Laurens at Historic Courthouse Square,

Wine and beer sampling is ticketed, but free outdoor music with Wide Open DJ. Downtown Laurens at Historic Courthouse Square,

- Saturday, April 28
- Laurens County March of Dimes, March for Babies Saturday, April 28, Downtown Clinton.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and 3-mile walk begins at 10. Free of charge and open to public.

- Saturday, May 5
- Relay for Life, Laurens County, 4 to 10 p.m., K.C. Hanna football stadium, Laurens District High School. Come to participate or just to enjoy. [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org). Free of charge and open to public.

- Sunday, May 6
- Laurens County Museum, at 3 p.m., two different programs at the same time, Sunday afternoon.
- South Carolina in the Majors,

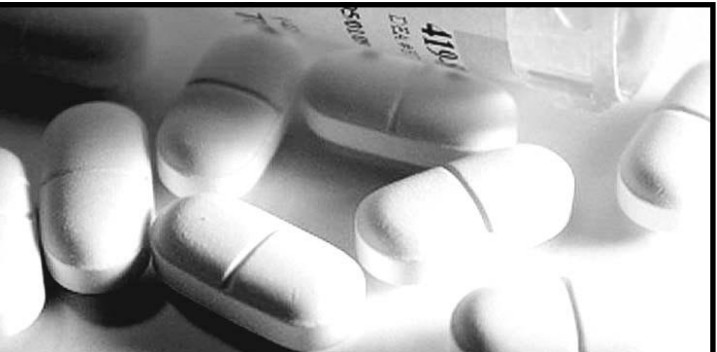
3 p.m. with local baseball history inside the theater at the Witherspoon Building, 116 S. Public Square. Free of charge and open to public.

- Spring Afternoon Tea, 3 p.m. Ticketed fundraiser is open to the public. Downstairs in the Witherspoon Building, 116 S. Public Square.



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