Photo by John Clayton

NET GAINS — Presbyterian College freshman Summer Overstreet, of Gray Court, takes advantage of this week's warmer weather to play tennis at Laurens City Park with classmates Leighton Cuthbert, of Charleston, and Haymes Harlan, of Laurens.

Interactive exhibit featuring Batman, Superman and more to open Jan. 19

The State Museum's new interactive blockbuster exhibit, Hall of Heroes, opens, Saturday, Jan. 19. This popular traveling exhibition celebrates and explores both the history of and science behind America's obsession with superheroes. Enhanced with incredible interactives and hands on displays, Hall of Heroes explores how these iconic characters have influenced our popular culture throughout the 20th century and beyond while offering guests the chance to discover their own superpowers.

Hall of Heroes brings guests into the world of superheroes, crime- fighters, gadgets and spies through immersive experiences. As soon as guests enter the "Hall of Heroes," they immediately find themselves in the thick of the action as their journey takes them through several themed environments with surprises around each corner.

Guests of all ages are encouraged to explore, learn, and test their heroic abilities at engaging and challenging interactive stations including:

•Thematic sections like Powers of the Body, Gadgets, Elements and Mastery and more.

•Interactive displays exploring the history and culture of heroes from comics to radio and beyond.

•Challenges to test out guests' 'super' abilities and demonstrate the science of superheroes.

•1966 George Barris Batmobile interactive Batcave environment.

•Hands-on stations including: a wind tunnel, a laser lab, memory and logic interactive games, a super balance test and more.

•Fun photo ops with iconic heroes, including Batman, Superman, The Hulk and others.

The exhibit features a full-scale "half" replica of the 1960s Barris Kustoms' Batmobile and various other movie props, replicas and rare artifacts from past and present major motion pictures and television shows. Interactive displays will take guests through a history of heroes and how people relate to them, from the 'Radio' to the 'Pop Culture' display that talks about everything from blockbuster films, to large-scale comic conventions. The Hall of Heroes exhibit is truly a place for guests of all ages to discover their superpowers.

The State Museum will host special member mornings on Feb. 23, March, 23 and April 13 where museum members will have exclusive hands-on fun, meet and greet a superhero and receive a digital green screen photo from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m.

Admission for Hall of Heroes, which includes museum general admission, is $13.95 for adults; $12.95 for seniors 62 and up; $11.95 for children ages 3-12 and $4.00 for museum members. The State Museum is open Monday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Wednesday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Sunday, 12 – 5 p.m. To learn more visit scmuseum.org.

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