



**SLEEPOVER** — The Laurens County Library and Laurens County First Steps is hosting an Stuffed Animal Sleepover at the Laurens County Library on Jan. 22. The next morning children are invited back for a special story time with their stuffed animals.

## Library to hold Stuffed Animal Sleepover Jan. 22

In their continuing partnership, the Laurens County Public Library and Laurens County First Steps is hosting a 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, at the Laurens Library on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 22 and the morning of Wed., January 23.

On the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 22, between 5-7 p.m., parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children to the library to drop off a stuffed animal. The children are encouraged to fill out an emergency contact form in case their stuffed friend needs them during the night. Once dropped off, the stuffed animals will get ready for bed, have story time, and be tucked in by trained library staff. The next morning on Wednesday, Jan. 23, the children are invit-

ed back for a special story time with their stuffed animals. Participants will enjoy breakfast snacks and a presentation of pictures of the previous night's mischief.

Whether or not a child has dropped off a stuffed animal, all children are welcome to attend the Wednesday morning story time and participate in snacks and stories. Each child will receive a free book provided by Laurens County First Steps.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten helps to provide a word-rich environment, increasing a child's exposure to a wide variety of books and promoting the child's use of the library — a gold mine of free material available to community members. Family members are encouraged to count each book read to a child by a parent, grandparent,

older sibling or anyone else. Since many children will ask for the same book to be read many times, parents may count every book read every time it is read.

The Laurens County Library and Laurens County First Steps have dedicated themselves to family engagement and early literacy. The Laurens County Library Youth Services is happy to offer a welcoming environment for children and their families. The library has resources for parents as well as grandparents who are raising their grandchildren.

For information on 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and other story time programming, patrons may call the Laurens Public Library at 864-681-7323 or visit the library website at [www.lcpl.org](http://www.lcpl.org).

## OBITUARIES

### Mark J. Guion

We honor the life and passing of Mark James Guion, 48, of Gray Court. Mark left us on Dec. 23, 2018, after sudden cardiac complications. The son of Richard and Carolyn Guion of Simpsonville, Mark was born in Detroit, Mich. He attended Riverside High School and the University of South Carolina.

He leaves behind his wife, Sandy Glenn of Gray Court; three sons, Parker, Dylan and Mason Guion; two daughters, Jason and Jordan Guion-Brooks of Loris; stepsons, Gabriel, Isaiah, Josiah and Jonah Glenn of Gray Court; and sisters, Melissa Smith of Simpsonville and Amber Alexander of Knoxville, Tenn.

Mark was laid to rest at Saluda Rest Natural Burials in Marietta.

A gentle and giving soul, Mark's smile will be missed, but the joy he left us will be held dear to our hearts for our lifetimes.

### Yvonne M. Noffz

Yvonne Mann Noffz, 78, of 444 Lakeview Drive, Laurens, passed away on Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, at her home.

Born in Laurens County, she was a daughter of Margie Gorman Mann and the late L.T. Mann. Yvonne retired from Milliken and was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church. She was a loving mother and grandmother who loved to cook for her whole family and especially liked to spoil her grandkids.

Surviving in addition to

her mom are her four children, Mike Noffz (Maria Kennedy) of Simpsonville, Tim Noffz (Jackie) of Laurens, Amanda Noffz of Laurens, and Leigh Greene (Rod) of Piedmont; a brother, Johnny Mann (Martha) of Greenville; a sister, Patsy Mann of Waterloo; a sister-in-law, Linda Mann of Carey, N.C.; seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her father, Yvonne was predeceased by a brother, Sherman Mann.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at The Kennedy Mortuary Chapel conducted by the Rev. Phil Hall. Private burial will be held in Westview Memorial Park.

The family will be at their respective homes. Visitation will be at The Kennedy

Mortuary from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service on Sunday. The family will also receive friends at the residence following the private burial Sunday afternoon.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Laurens County, PO Box 178, Clinton, SC 29325 or to Caris Healthcare Hospice, 111 Smith Hines Road, Suite D, Greenville, SC 29607.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Amy, Paulette, Tamara, and Tara with Caris Hospice for the loving care provided to Mrs. Noffz.

Condolences may be expressed online at [www.thekennedymortuary.com](http://www.thekennedymortuary.com).



Mark J. Guion



Yvonne M. Noffz

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## Local residents graduate from Clemson

Local residents were among students who graduated in December from Clemson University.

They are:

Clinton - Molly G. Scarborough, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology;

Cross Hill - Chase Michael Dembisky, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering; Robert H. Williams, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management;

Enoree - Amber Renee Vance, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Biological Sciences;

Fountain Inn - Kathrine Stannetia Allen, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems; Landon Ray Byrd, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Holly A. Cannady, who graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Health Science; Taylor Caroline Ellis, graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Christopher T. Flathmann, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Aura Marcela Perez, graduated with a Master of Professional Accounting in Accounting; Alena Carol Poltorak, gradu-

ated with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology; Elizabeth Evans McNeill Wright, graduated with a Master of Education in Teaching and Learning;

Gray Court - Kaitlyn Elizabeth Barringer, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Management;

Joanna - Kallison N. Cook, graduated with a Bachelor of

Science in Biological Sciences;

Laurens - Benjamin C. Bagwell, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology; David B. Childress, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Turfgrass.

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**Celebrate Laurens County!**  
Thursday, Jan. 24 • 5:45-7:30 p.m. • The Ridge at Laurens, 301 Exchange Road  
Learn about the resources available in the Laurens County community to help you eat healthy and live an active lifestyle. Speakers will discuss nutrition, local trails, outdoor resources and more. Free; no registration required.

**Girls on the Run**  
February-May • Times and locations vary  
This program combines training for a 5K with esteem-enhancing workouts for girls ages 8-15. Scholarships and payment plans available. Register at [ghs.org/girlsontherun](http://ghs.org/girlsontherun).

**Diabetes 101**  
Thursday, Feb. 14 • 5:30-7 p.m. • Laurens County Memorial Hospital, Women's Life Center  
Those with diabetes can receive basic information on this condition along with tips and ideas for simple meal and lifestyle changes to help manage diabetes. Free; no registration needed. Call 864-455-4003 for more information.

**Welcome, Dr. Bruce Marshall!**  
Bruce Marshall, MD, has joined Prisma Health General Surgery in Laurens, located at 1012 Medical Ridge Road in Clinton. He can be reached at 864-833-3852.

*Unless noted otherwise, registration is required for each event. To register, learn more or see a schedule of events, visit [ghs.org/events](http://ghs.org/events).*

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