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HONORED — Former Laurens County Council Chairman Joe Wood is presented with a ceremonial gavel as a tribute to his service as chairman at county council's most recent meeting. From left, council members Diane Anderson, Garrett McDaniel, Jeff Carroll, Chairman David Pitts, Wood, Stewart Jones and Kemp Younts. Wood is now vice-chairman of council.

February Bookmobile Schedule

Monday, Feb. 4 — Fountain Inn (Greenpond Community Center) 1:30-2:15 p.m.; Gray Court (Downtown) 2:30-4 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 5 — Enoree (Lanford) 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 6 — Ware Shoals (Poplar Springs Baptist Church) 11:15 a.m.-noon; Honea Path (Princeton Baptist Church) 1-1:30 p.m.; Hickory Tavern (Hickory Tickory Tots) 2-2:20 p.m.; Hickory Tavern (Dollar General) 2:30-4 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 7 — Cross Hill (near Post Office) 11:15 a.m.-noon; Waterloo (Cedarwood Community Church) 1:30-2:15 p.m.; Waterloo (at Nu-Way/Marathon) 2:30-4 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 8 — No stops
 Monday, Feb. 11 — Laurens (Fairgrounds Village Apartments) 11-11:45 a.m.; Clinton (Whitten Center) 12:30-1 p.m.; Clinton (Glendale Manor Apartments) 2-2:15 p.m.; Clinton (Belleville Apartments) 2:20-2:35 p.m.; Joanna (Dollar General) 2:45-4 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 12 — Clinton (Landau Apartments) 3:15-3:30 p.m.; Clinton (Clinton Manor) 3:45-4 p.m.; Clinton (Westchase Apartments) 4:15-4:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 13 — Mountville (Beaverdam Baptist Church) 10:45-11:15 a.m.; Mountville (Post Office) 11:30 a.m.-noon; Laurens (Summercrest Apartments) 3:40-4 p.m.; Laurens (Laurens Villas Apartments) 4:05-4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 14 — Laurens (Meadowbrook Apartments) 3:40-4 p.m.; Laurens (Laurens Terrace Apartments) 4:10-4:30 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 15 — No stops
 Monday, Feb. 18 — No stops
 Tuesday, Feb. 19 — No stops
 Wednesday, Feb. 20 — Laurens (Independence Avenue) 3:40-4 p.m.; Laurens (Hilltop Apartments) 4:10-4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 21 — No stops
 Friday, Feb. 22 — No stops
 Monday, Feb. 25 — No stops
 Tuesday, Feb. 26 — Clinton (Presbyterian Home) 10 a.m.; Clinton (NHC-Clinton) 10:30 a.m.; Clinton (Langston Place) 10:45 a.m.; Clinton (Laurens Memorial Home) 11 a.m.; Laurens (Martha Franks Retirement Center) 11:45 a.m.; Laurens (Laurelwood Apartments) 12:30 p.m.; Laurens (Laurens Estates) 1 p.m.; Clinton (Piedmont Agency on Aging) 1:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 27 — No stops
 Thursday, Feb. 28 — No stops

Alumni Spotlight: Cassie Power

The District invites you weekly to meet some Laurens Alumni who have joined us as teachers and faculty of Laurens County School District 55. Our alumni have taken some time to look back on memories from high school, favorite teachers and faculty, and give us an opportunity to learn more about them and their accomplishments thus far.



Cassie Power

The dedication and loyalty of Laurens alumni in our school district are legendary. Laurens alumni make extraordinary things happen in our classrooms and schools. We are grateful to have them back with us influencing the future leaders of America. If you see any of our alumni in the hallways or grocery stores, please stop and thank them for coming back to make a difference. Please meet our Alumni Spot lighter, Cassie Power.

What year did you graduate? I graduated in 1998

What is your overriding memory from high school? Journalism with Amy George and Mrs. Johns. There were so many laughs!

Who was your favorite teacher/faculty member at the high school? Joe Walker - he was an amazing person. He pushed everyone to do their best in everything. Not realizing it at the time, but he also taught me that God and

my marriage/spouse needed to come before anything else.

What activities were you involved in at the high school? Cross-country, track, newspaper staff, and every club I was capable of joining.

Details of further/higher education: USC Columbia - majoring in Finance, minor in Political Science (member of Omicron Delta Kappa, Mortar Board, Bicentennial Homecoming Committee, ZTA, Sorority Council).

Where do you teach? What subject and grade level do you teach? LDHS - Statistics nine years; GCO - Advanced sixth grade math one year; LDHS - testing coordinator and Instructional Coach (current position)

Tell us about yourself-family, where you live, etc. I am a member of Mauldin Methodist Church where I teach Sunday school to second thru fifth graders. I am married to Barrett and have been married for 14 wonder-

ful years. We have three children: Mary Ellis (11), Hunter (9 - soon to be 10), and Tanner (5). We live in the Greenpond community. I enjoy running, reading, watching movies with my children, and much needed dates with Barrett.

What do you think your greatest accomplishment is thus far? My marriage and children. Unfortunately, you never know if the decisions you make are the right ones so it would be better to ask me this in about 20 years. :)

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Lander readying for annual arts exhibit

Students and professors alike are bracing to see who takes the top prize next week at Lander University's annual "Student Juried Exhibit."

The public exhibit, run by the College of Arts & Humanities since the mid-1970s, takes place from 5-7 p.m. Feb. 7, in the Monsanto Art Gallery of the Josephine B. Abney Cultural Center.

"We've had considerable interest in this year's show from all levels of art students," said gallery director Jon Holloway. "It should be a very beautiful and engaging exhibit."

All student works will be on display from Feb. 7-28, with sculpture, ceramics, computer graphics, drawing, painting and print making, and photography.

A total of 45 entries from 36 students were chosen for this year's exhibit, and Dr. Jim Slagle, associate professor of art and Chair of Lander's Art Department, said anticipation is running high to see the outcome.

"Each student is allowed to submit three works," Slagle said. "There will be a first, second, and third place prize in each category, plus honorable mentions and a best in show."

The exhibition juror will be Jennifer A. Smith, Gallery Director for The Arts Center of Greenwood.

A Lander alum, Smith graduated in 2010 and has organized over 120 art exhibitions from 2010-19.

"Jennifer will pick all the winners in this year's show," Holloway said. "It should be one of our most anticipated exhibits of the year, and the students' work continues to get stronger each year."

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