



**YOUNG SCIENTISTS** — Eight of the 10 participating Clinton High School Science Olympians gathered around advisor Michael Mack Saturday during the regional event in Newberry. The CHS Science Olympians qualified for state but likely won't be able to due to a lack of numbers.

## — Olympians —

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Mack said Saturday's performance came in spite of the fewest team members ever to compete. In addition to Nelson and Perkins, others who competed Saturday include Mentrez Davis, Anson Foster, Grace Johnson, Leah Meana, Anders Orr, Tytjha Robinson, Cecilia Santiago and Nina Sauls.

Competition at regionals or state requires participation in all of the more than 20 events and failure to fill those slots results in a lower ranking.

"We were a bit shorthanded Saturday and considering the small numbers, the students competed very well, and I was impressed with the performance," Mack said. "We still won five events, winning in the air-

plane, fossils, forensics, experimental design and geologic mapping."

The team took second place in astronomy, third in herpetology and fourth in answering the Fermi questions, unusual questions related to the work of physicist Enrico Fermi.

"The smallest group I've ever taken was 15, and that's difficult to fill all the slots," he said. "To go to state the students had to have been at regionals, and there's no way to compete at state with 10 students."

Most of the students already compete in multiple events but there are more than 20 competitions and many are happening at the same time so several had to be forfeited, leading to their lower overall score. Mack said the fact they still came in sev-

enth place overall out of 16 teams shows the strength of the program.

"These kids are well prepared, but high school students are really busy and have a lot pulling at their time," Mack said.

For the Clinton Middle School team, however, there are 19 students in Charleston this weekend for another regional, and advisor Terri O'Shields hopes to again defend Clinton's state title March 23 in Charleston, where The Citadel is hosting its first Science Olympiad state finals. O'Shields said she opted to take the younger students to Charleston for their regional so they would feel more comfortable during the state competition.

## — Arrest —

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weather. The \$540 purchase was for 121 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

"This man purchased seven packs of cookies. Gave the girls \$40, told them to keep the change," the post from Girl Scout mom Kayla Dillard read. "Then he came back to the table and said 'pack up all of your cookies. I'm taking them all so y'all can get out of this cold.' \$540 he spent on cookies. What an amazing soul!!!! #troop1574 #kindheart #that-greenville #greenillesc."

The post quickly went viral with 777 comments, 6,200 shares and 17,000 reactions by Monday afternoon.

DEA agents noticed, too, and they charged McGowan with conspiracy to distribute heroin, cocaine and fentanyl; racketeering and selling and distributing con-

trolled substances. He is also charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States and other related charges.

McGowan, 40, was one of 11 people charged in the indictment. Eight of them are from the surrounding areas of Greenwood, Piedmont and Simpsonville, and the other three are from North Carolina.

According to the indictment, McGowan is accused of trying to conceal more than \$1 million in

U.S. currency and transport it outside the U.S. as well as manufacturing drugs at a building on Jefferson Davis Road in Laurens County between 2016 and the present. Fentanyl and heroin was detected in the Laurens County building, the report said.

McGowan is being held in the Spartanburg County Detention Center.

According to the DEA, McGowan's arrest is unrelated to the cookie purchase.

## Man killed in Laurens ATV wreck

By John Clayton

Editor

A Laurens man was killed early Monday morning in an ATV accident on Exchange Drive in Laurens.

The victim was identified by the Laurens County Coroner's Office as Terrance Suber, 42, of Flatwood Drive in Laurens.



**Terrance Suber**

According to the coroner's office, Suber was driving the ATV when he collided with another vehicle and suffered multiple blunt-force trauma. He was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident at 1:29 a.m.

According to Suber's Facebook page, he worked at Anderson Hardware.

The Laurens Police Department released a statement Thursday saying the accident is still under investigation. The LPD is working with the South Carolina Highway Patrol's Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team (MAIT) and the coroner's office to "recreate the collision and gain insight into how the collision occurred."

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**LET IT SHINE** — In celebration of Black History Month, Clinton High School students were treated last week to a performance by actors of the Bright Star Touring Theater in "Let It Shine: The American Civil Rights Movement." The program brought key figures to life from important civil rights events such as the Freedom Riders, "Bombingham," the Montgomery Bus boycott and the March on Washington.

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**From Sylvia Stoddard Douglas Candidate for Re-Election for Laurens City Council Ward 3**

*I see Ward 3 as my home as well as home for many multi-ethnic families. I want each citizen residing in Ward 3 to feel secure in his or her home and neighborhood. I have an assurance from a city level of city politics, perhaps we can have some good effect on our own lives and create in Laurens a city that we can be proud of and a city that may serve as an example to other cities of what can be done at a municipal level.*

*We the citizens and residents of Ward 3 must extend The Main Street approach to include our neighbors. As a team we must become involved and work together to revitalize our home (Ward 3) to strengthen our diversities. We must work together to form community crime watch zones and neighborhood buddies.*

*I feel our city government is our most accessible, our most personal, and our most local form of government that influences individuals in the community. We are most affected by our local government. City council, school board, local police, it's all something that affects us.*

*I encourage each citizen of Ward 3 to register and vote in the national and local primaries. If one isn't registered to vote, his or her political voice isn't heard.*

*Every day in America, many mayors and council members are reminded that children, youth, our senior citizens, and families are the lifeline of their neighborhoods and communities. Strong cities are built on the groundwork of strong families.*

*I feel that you should know your area Ward 3. I feel that I am qualified to VOICE and VOTE your concerns and needs in a manner that would bring about change. I will work within council as a team member and someone that you can trust and count on to VOICE the concerns of OUR home Ward 3.*

**Thank You and God Bless Our Home (Ward 3), Our City, Our County, Our State and Nation, Sylvia S. Douglas**

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