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TINY TIME — Presbyterian College alum Jesse Isley on set for an appearance on NPR's Tiny Desk concert series with friend and band mate Scott Mulvahill in February.

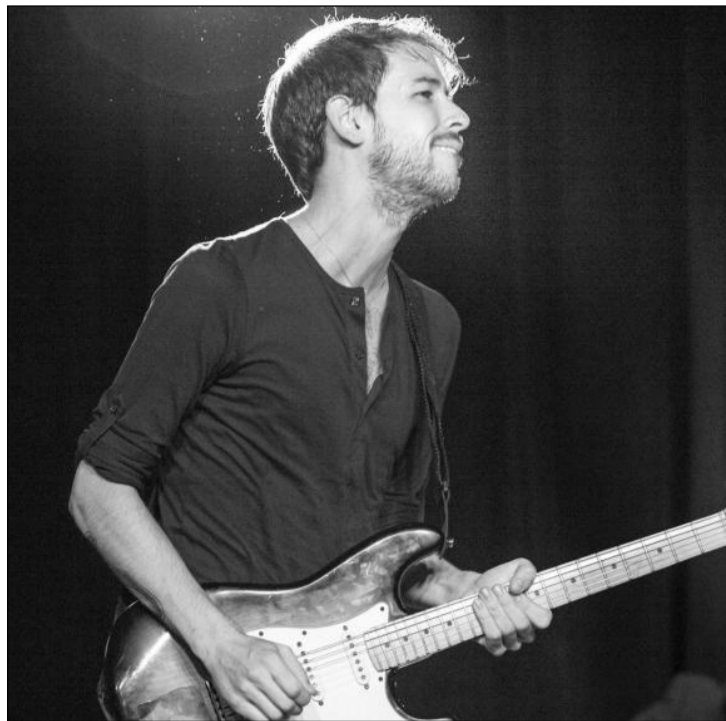


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SHREDDING IT — Presbyterian College alum Jess Isley on stage.

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toured with former Ricky Skaggs bassist turned songwriter and front man.

"I'm super proud of (Mulvahill)," Isley said. "It's super to watch one of your friends continue to elevate themselves and what they do. There's such a brotherhood there, such a friendship, and I was so glad to go up there and play with him on this."

Isley has also elevated his

own career since arriving in Nashville after playing across South Carolina's music scene while at PC and after his graduation. Unlike so many talented hopefuls who arrive in Nashville, Isley said he has always found work as a professional musician, which has allowed him to stay focused on his craft.

"I know I'm in the minority as far as that," he said. "I haven't had any job other than music since I moved here, but that

doesn't mean times haven't been hard."

Isley, a native of Irmo, said becoming a professional musician was the plan since he picked up the guitar for the first time as a youngster. He was recruited by PC, but never had any intention of going to college.

"It was the best decision I ever made," he said of going to PC. "The professors in the music department really supported me a lot. They encour-

aged me, and they never let up on me. They really customized their education program toward me because I was something of a strange bird. I wasn't the most academically minded student there. They were working to prepare me to get to Nashville.

"I hope I've made the music department proud."

Enoree man arrested

By John Clayton
Editor

An Enoree man who failed to appear for several 8th Circuit Court dates was taken into custody on bench warrants relating to eight different criminal charges.

Jertavious Mantrail Mack, 27, remains in the Johnson Detention Center after being taken arrested on Feb. 25.

Mack is charged with a litany of crimes, including attempted murder. He also faces charges of armed robbery, manufacture/distribution

of cocaine, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, possession of narcotics, unlawfully carrying a pistol, marijuana possession and distribution of methamphetamine.

Because Mack was arrested on bench warrants, he is ineligible for bond.



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offenders and not a flight risk, though an armed guard is present at all times, said Martin.

"We're doing this every Tuesday and Thursday when weather permits," Martin said. "A road sign will say, 'Inmates at Work,' so motorists will know to slow down for workers on the roadway."

So far the inmates that have taken part have enjoyed getting out and enjoy making a difference, he said, and they also received a small stipend.

"Sheriff Reynolds met with them and walked the road with them on the first day and thanked them for taking part," Martin said.

The trash on the roads was just increasing beyond the county's ability to keep up, even with the help by volunteers, Martin said, so the inmate program is one that is sustainable, especially when the county's new trailer comes in.

Though it's beginning in the spring, Martin said the program will be ongoing as long as the weather cooperates. The LCSO also wants to begin offering some other specific community clean-up days, which could possibly coordinate with the chamber's Keep Laurens County Beautiful efforts.

"All the groups working together and in other parts of the county will make a difference," Martin said, "but people also need to understand that the sheriff's department is serious about littering and people will be fined."

Obituary

Azalee P. Matthews

Azalee Beatrice Pittman Matthews, 95, widow of George Wesley Matthews her husband of 61 years, passed away Monday, March 4, 2019, at the Hospice Care of the Piedmont in Greenwood.

She was born in Greenville, and was a daughter of the late Boyce Dean Pittman and Lillie Pauline Becco Pittman. Mrs. Matthews was the Co-Owner of Tall Pines Campground, was a volunteer for nine years with the Hospice Thrift Store in Clinton, a volunteer at the Self-Gift Shop, and was a member of the Mountville Red Hat.

Mrs. Matthews is survived by her two children, George William (Bill) Matthews (Cheryl Jordan) and Patricia Ann Coleman (David); her six grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; her sister; two sisters-in-law; and a brother-in-law.

The family wanted to extended special thank you and recognition to, "My Girls" Frances Simpson and Ann Shankle, Jean Dye, Lorraine McGowan, Ava Taylor, Lura Williams, the Rev. Johnny Waller, and the Rev. Delores Rapp. And to the Hospice Care of the Piedmont Staff, Patricia, Regina, Valerie, Jay, Anna, Jan, and Dr. Snelgrove.

A graveside memorial service will be held Saturday, March 9, at 11 a.m., at the Liberty Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery of Cross Hill.

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