

# The Extra

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## Tarp it or Ticket, clean up days making a difference

By Judith Brown  
Staff Writer

After a dreary winter, the proverbial spring cleaning is taking on a countywide meaning regarding the amount of trash taken off the roadways. The coordinated efforts of individuals, groups and agencies are making a significant impact on the county's litter problems.

The Laurens County Chamber of Commerce's Keep Laurens County Beautiful quarterly clean up took place on Saturday, March 2, but several volunteers groups also worked over a period of several days with South Carolina Department of Transportation employees.

"Just during the time frame from Feb. 26 through March 5, there were 169 different people who picked up more than 1,050 bags of trash," said Diane Wyatt, the quarterly cleanup coordinator with the Chamber.

SCDOT employees and volunteers worked on some of those days, Wyatt said, and on Saturday there were well over 100 volunteers working in Clinton, Laurens and Mountville, as well as groups near Lake Greenwood.

The spring quarterly cleanup is typically the best attended and gets the most trash, Wyatt said, but this week was more successful than usual. The improvements along the county's roadways will continue since the Laurens County Department of Public Works and the Laurens County Sheriff's Office is tightening enforcement of ordinances in an effort to curb littering.

The Laurens County Sheriff's Office is joining many counties in South Carolina to enforce the Tarp It or Ticket campaign, which, in addition to intentional littering charges, can result in fines from \$250 to \$1,000, said LCSO Capt. Chris Martin.

Trash blowing off trucks can bring fines, whether or not the driver knows it has littered the roads, Martin said.



Photo by Judith Brown

**SATURDAY VOLUNTEERS** — As part of the Keep Laurens County Beautiful campaign by the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, Clinton Middle School students worked along with other volunteers cleaning trash from Highway 308 outside downtown Clinton Saturday morning. The Beta Club members and other volunteers collected 123 bags of trash in just that one section of highway.

Not only are the fines being more heavily enforced by the sheriff's department, but the county Animal and Litter Control officers can also write citations, which are then turned over to the county magistrate, said Dale Satterfield, the director of Public Works for the county.

The county has ordered a specialized trailer which will be useful when the SCDOT and the LCSO need to take groups of inmates from the

Johnson Detention Center out to pick up trash from the roadways, as it includes a couple of port-a-lets.

Laurens County Sheriff Don Reynolds has recently instituted a program using sentenced inmates to help collect trash along county roads. In just three weeks they have collected 2,000 pounds of trash. To participate inmates must be non-violent

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## 'Tiny Desk' big deal for PC alum

By John Clayton  
Editor

The musical career of Presbyterian College alum and guitarist Jesse Isley took a tiny step this past month.

Isley, a 2010 PC graduate with a degree in music, made an appearance with friend and headliner Scott Mulvihill on NPR's popular "Tiny Desk Concert." The Tiny Desk concert series has nearly 2.5 million followers on YouTube and is produced by Bob Boilen, who also hosts and created NPR's "All Songs Considered."

"The show has been around for 10 years, and every single performance is good," Isley said. "To go there and step in that space and see that desk from the other side was really special."

The performance, which debuted in mid-February and features three songs from Mulvihill's 2018 album "Himalayas," has over 160,000 views so far.

Artists such as Chris Stapleton, Adele and The Roots have performed on the Tiny Desk series.

Isley, a native of Irmo, said he and Mulvihill became friends after Isley moved to Nashville to pursue a music career in 2012. Isley played on Mulvihill's recent album and has

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