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Laurens County Spotlight on Ag

Long-time farmers honored, youth encouraged to continue

By Judith Brown
Staff Writer

All Dot and Billy Garrett's family members were excited about their selection as Farm Family of the Year at last week's Spotlight on Agriculture dinner, but 3-year-old Sydney was the only one clapping and cheering from atop the shoulders of her dad, the Garrett's oldest son, Pat.

"She has no fear of the cows and we really have to watch her when she's in the fields with us," said Billy. "She wants to go right up to them."

The Garrett family was among the many from Laurens County who attended the annual Spotlight on Agriculture. More than 350 people attended the annual event at First Presbyterian Church of Clinton's Christian Life Center.

Located in Mountville, the Garrett farm still includes some of the acreage farmed by Billy's father, William, and his grandfather before him.

"My boys are fourth generation farmers but we're really more than that because everybody farmed back then," Garrett said. The family owns about 130 acres and cuts and bails close to 600 acres of hay each year. In previous years they raised and sold produce at the family farm as well. They are currently growing their herd of about 70 Angus crossed cattle. His poultry houses are also successful, and led Garrett to be the top broiler producer in the county last year.

"Everybody helps," Garrett said. "The boys and their wives help with fencing, and my granddaughter, Micah, likes to help bail hay."



FAMILY FARMERS — Dot and Billy Garrett and their family get a cheer from the couple's granddaughter, Sydney, as the family heads up to accept the award for Farm Family of the Year last week. More than 350 people attended the Spotlight on Agriculture dinner and award ceremony.

he said, "It's totally a family operation."

Agriculturalist of the Year

Like the Garretts, all farm families will agree on the proverb that a farmer's work is

never done, and it's one reason the final award presented at Spotlight on Agriculture is such an important one, said Bryan Smith, Clemson Extension agent for Laurens County.

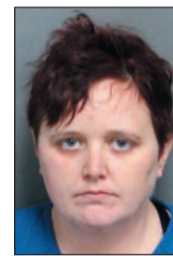
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Trial continues in fatal DUI

By John Clayton
Editor

Testimony for the defense in a felony DUI case continued Thursday morning in Eighth Circuit General Sessions Court at the Hillcrest Judicial Complex.

Nancy Goodbar, assistant dean for professional and student affairs at the Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy, testified that the prescription drugs in the system of Pamela Michelle Tackett did not necessarily cause the 2018 car accident that left one man dead and another critically injured. Goodbar holds a doctorate in pharmacology from the University of South Carolina and an undergraduate degree in biology from PC.



Pamela M. Tackett

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