



**PARTNER COMPANIES** — Boeing's Tommy Preston, left, speaks with Willie Fowlkes, right, of Clinton's CCL Label, after the "In the Know" Breakfast presented by the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce and county Development Corporation Thursday. Boeing invested \$700,000 in Laurens County last year for combined supplies and services from CCL Label and another Laurens County company, Eastern Crane and Hoist of Fountain Inn.

Photo by Judith Brown

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County last year with just the two of them," Preston said.

Education has become a priority because it's becoming more difficult to fill all the 7,000 positions from within the state, which is Boeing's preference.

It's invested \$2 billion in land and facilities so far in the North Charleston area since 2009, and because of its expansion plans for the future, workforce development is a huge priority.

Of Boeing's \$48 million in charitable giving within South Carolina last year, some is going to various charities, and a new conservation program for the Lowcountry, but about half of the total was for educational programs.

Last spring Boeing participated in the 2018 STEM Signing Day in Columbia, which offered awards to then-graduating seniors, Bailey Stephens of District 56 and Kathryn Tribble of District 55. The efforts are to further encourage STEM studies after high school, and this week's school visits were to potentially spark an interest in aerospace careers for today's students.

"We are spending time in classrooms today in (Dist. 55) Sanders Middle School and (Dist. 56) Clinton High School talking about the importance of manufacturing," Preston said, adding that it includes dispelling misconceptions about the appearance and work of an advanced manufacturing facility.

"We tell them we are using

robots instead of heavy tools," Preston said, "but we still have a lot of work to do to male people understand what it means to be in advanced manufacturing in the state of South Carolina."

**CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL FFA Plant Sale**



**FINAL TWO WEEKS!**

**GREENHOUSE SALE DATES:**

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Residents living in and around the Laurens, can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening. First United Methodist Church will host this community event on April 9. The site is located at 244 West Main Street in Laurens.

Screenings can check for:

- The level of plaque buildup in your arteries, related to risk for heart disease, stroke and overall vascular health.
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**CSU softball team in wreck after leaving PC**

By John Clayton  
Editor

One of two vans carrying the Charleston Southern University softball team was involved in a collision Wednesday as the team made its way back to the North Charleston campus.

None of players were injured. The driver of the other vehicle involved, a Volkswagen car, complained of minor injuries at the scene, according to the Clinton Police Department. No one involved was transported for medical attention.

The softball team had just defeated Presbyterian College, 8-3, Wednesday evening and was leaving Clinton when the accident occurred.

According to Clinton Police, the driver of the Volkswagen failed to yield right of way at Willard Road (Highway 72) and Adair Street, directly across from Rosemont Cemetery. The driver of the Volkswagen was ruled at fault.

Both vehicles involved were towed from the scene.



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**PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION** — Blue pinwheels line the entrances of the City of Laurens Police Department and the Laurens County Sheriff's Office to draw attention to the need to prevent child abuse. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Laurens County First Steps, in conjunction with the two law enforcement agencies, is hosting a public candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. Friday, April 12, on the steps of the Historic Courthouse in Downtown Laurens. The speaker will include the grandmother of a Clinton child who died as a victim of child abuse.

**HOPPY Easter Egg Hunt & Activities**

Saturday, April 13th

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