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M&M Scrap Metal Inc. supports local schools

Concession stands at school events provide more than an eating option for sports fans. Laurens County School District 55 (LCSD 55) Athletic Director Ed Murray said, "Proceeds from the concession stands help supplement the athletic department and other activities at each school while providing a valuable service to our guests at these events."

However, not every school in LCSD 55 has a concession stand, yet. John Dobbins II, owner of M&M Scrap Metal Inc., hopes to change that with a program called Our2cents (O2C). Dobbins started the O2C initiative at their facility to raise funds for Laurens county schools and students. The way the program works is very simple. When you recycle with M&M Scrap Metal Inc., the customer has the opportunity to donate 1 percent of their earnings for their recycled materials to the program. When they donate 1 percent, M&M Scrap Metal Inc., matches their donation with an additional 1 percent. Currently, the O2C is designating all proceeds to go to Gray Court-Owings (GCO) until the program raises enough money for GCO to build a concession stand and restrooms at the school's football facility.

Dobbins has worked in Laurens County for the last 10 years. His company has been located in Laurens County since 2005. He wanted to come up with a way to use his business to help our schools and students. When asked about the goal of O2C, Dobbins had this to say:

The goal of O2C is to raise money from the recycling industry to improve, renovate, and build our schools. This will increase the success level of students, and better prepare them for the workforce. Great facilities bring great educators, and great educators develop

great students. We need great students who can then become great leaders in the much-needed workforce for this county. We have spoken with GCO and have several ideas on the table. The one that seems to keep coming up is the need for a concession stand and restrooms. The timeline will depend on the promotion and growth of O2C. I believe that once

people and corporations in the community become aware of it, we will see substantial growth.

GCO Principal Kim Penland is thankful for the partnership with M&M Scrap Metal Inc. and for the support of LCSD 55 Director of Operations Dr. Rhett Harris for choosing GCO to be the first school to benefit from this community partnership.

SCDNR asks public not to bother 'lost' deer fawns

If a deer fawn is found alone in the woods, leave it there. Its mother has not abandoned it; she is probably nearby. Removing a fawn from the forest is also illegal because the animal is being taken outside the legal season for taking deer, which is the hunting season.

Many people who come upon a solitary spotted fawn in the woods or along a roadway mistakenly assume the animal has been deserted by its mother and want to take the apparently helpless creature home to care for it. Young fawns like this have not been abandoned and are still in the care of a doe.

The apparently "helpless" deer fawns born during April, May and June in South Carolina will begin daily movements with their mothers in about three or four weeks. Human handling and disturbance of fawns can cause a doe to shy away or even desert her offspring. Also, a bleating response by the fawn can summon nearby predators.

It's part of nature's plan for a doe deer to leave her fawn or fawns alone for their first few weeks of life. The reason for this unusual maternal action is that the fawn at this age is better protected away from the doe. The presence of the doe nearby would attract predators because the doe lacks the protective coloration of the fawn, and the older and larger doe has a much stronger

odor. A fawn that appears abandoned is merely awaiting a visit from its mother. A doe, after brief periods of feeding and grooming her fawn, will spend much of her day feeding and resting somewhat removed from her young. The fawn ordinarily stays bedded down as if sleeping, but will occasionally move short distances to new bedding sites.

Each spring and summer, SCDNR gets many calls from people who have discovered these "lost" deer. Young fawns are without a doubt cute and cuddly, but if taken into captivity they grow into

semi-tame adult deer that can become quite dangerous. Adult buck deer, no matter how they were raised, are especially dangerous during the breeding season. Even does raised by humans are unpredictable. Occasionally, "tame" deer seriously injure people and, in cases where the deer are a threat to humans, the deer sometimes have to be killed.

People often ask SCDNR if it needs deer fawns for its research projects. Although SCDNR is actively engaged in deer research, current studies do not involve captive animals.



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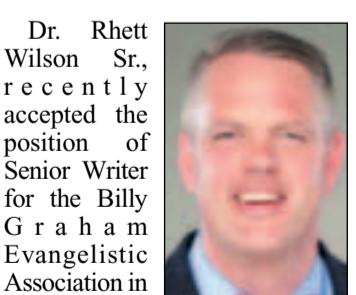
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Wilson accepts position as Senior Writer



Dr. Rhett Wilson Sr.

Dr. Rhett Wilson Sr., recently accepted the position of Senior Writer for the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association in Charlotte, N.C. Dr. Wilson pastored three churches in Laurens County for 19 years and graduated from Presbyterian College as an English major. He also wrote a column for The Clinton Chronicle from 2015-2017. You can view his website at www.rhettwilson.org and his blog at www.wilsonrhett.com. He and his family live in Lancaster, where his wife serves as the Minister of Music and Worship at Covenant Baptist Church.

As Senior Writer for the organization, he will ghostwrite for Franklin Graham in direct mail and email correspondence, help create materials for use in Crusades, and work on other printed materials distributed by the BGEA.

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