



MUSIC VIDEO SCENE — Anjali Naik, center, sings in a screen shot from Diaspouara's "Glisten" music video, which was filmed in Laurens County. Read about her homecoming concert on page 1.

Tucker joins Sherman College Chiropractic Health Center as intern

Charles Tucker III of Fountain Inn, is now seeing patients at the Sherman College Chiropractic Health Center, a teaching clinic for senior students in their final stage of internship prior to graduation from the doctor of chiropractic program. Interns celebrated the entrance of the final phase of their chiropractic education recently during a pinning ceremony on the Sherman College campus in Spartanburg.

The teaching environment, coordinated by licensed doctors of chiropractic, allows interns to practice chiropractic under close supervision

and constant consultation. Because the clinic is open to the public, residents in Upstate South Carolina experience excellent chiropractic care at affordable prices through 30,000 patient visits per year.

In the clinical phase of the doctor of chiropractic program at Sherman College, interns practice every aspect of patient care, including case histories, physical and spinal examinations, x-ray, diagnosis, report of findings, chiropractic adjustments and case management. Interns are encouraged to work with the research department to

advance the profession with evidence based study; they also complete remaining clinical and business courses.

The chiropractic internship also gives these senior students the opportunity to participate in community events, both in the Health Center and off campus - including spinal screenings, health fairs, school visits, and more - to help them build communication, leadership and community relations skills so they are well prepared for practice following graduation.

For more information, visit www.sherman.edu or call 800-849-8771.

Jones defeats McDaniel for State House District 14 seat

By John Clayton
Editor

Republican Stewart Jones won Tuesday night's special election for the State House District 14 seat, defeating fellow Laurens County Councilman Garrett McDaniel.

Jones finished with 56.4 percent of the vote in Laurens County and easily took four Greenwood precincts with 226 votes, compared to 82 for McDaniel.

In Laurens County, Jones garnered 1,932 votes and McDaniel finished with 1,490 (43.5 percent).

Jones said he expects to be sworn into office before the end of the legislative session and cast some votes on key issues as the State House debates education reform and other key issues.

"Education is a really big issue. Roads continue to be an issue," Jones said. "I want to take some of the things I've learned here in Laurens on county council and apply them at the state level - transparency and accountability."

As the early results came in, McDaniel took an early lead after the absentee votes were counted along with precincts



Stewart Jones

inside the City of Laurens.

Laurens 1 and Laurens 4 gave McDaniel an early cushion but it was not enough to overcome the GOP votes in the largely rural areas of the county.

Garrett won Laurens 1 with 126 votes to 17 for Jones. In Laurens 4, McDaniel won 156-15.



Garrett McDaniel

"I have no regrets. I think we sent a message with the amount of support that we had that people aren't necessarily going to put up with the same old thing in Columbia," McDaniel said. "I wish Mr. Jones the best of luck. I hope he works hard and doesn't forget the people of Laurens County."

Later in the evening, the tide shifted toward Jones with precincts from Greenpond and Hickory Tavern coming with large GOP numbers. Jones carried Green Pond 146-27 and Hickory Tavern 223-36.

Results from Tuesday night's special election are unofficial until they are certified this week. After that, Jones will tender his resignation from county council and plans for another special election to fill Jones' District 4 seat will get underway.

Election officials expect pri-

mary elections for the seat to be held sometime in July and the special election to follow in early August.

Jones said he is confident that he is ready to fill his new role in the State House as he prepares to replace former Rep. Mike Pitts (R-Laurens), who was elected to nine consecutive terms in the House of Representatives. Pitts resigned in January citing health concerns following a heart attack.

"I feel like I'm a little bit ahead of the curve because of my experience on county council," Jones said.

Jones also thanked McDaniel for running a clean race focusing on an issue-based campaign.

"It was a very clean race, and I appreciate Garrett very much," he said. "I've enjoyed working with Garrett on council, and I'm going to work with him in a different capacity now."

Upon announcing his candidacy, McDaniel said he believed a Democrat could win in a largely Republican district. He said he still believes so following Tuesday's results.

"Ever since the beginning, people have like, 'Why are you doing this? You can't win in this Republican district,'" McDaniel said. "But I remembered something Rep. Jim Clyburn told me about a turtle. He said, the turtle has a hard shell, and he can pull himself inside and be protected; he has a home at all times, but he never gets anywhere unless he sticks his neck out."

March for Babies May 4 in Laurens

Laurens families, businesses and volunteers are welcome to participate in March for Babies next Saturday, May 4, for the March of Dimes' biggest annual fundraising event.

Justin Benfield, Chief Operating Officer of the southern region of Prisma Health, is serving as the 2019 March for Babies Chairman and Pete Yanity will be the walk's emcee.

The Laurens County Ambassador Family is The Webb Family. The Webb family lost their son Kash due to prematurity, and their family wishes to honor him and fight for the day when all babies are born healthy.

March for Babies is a day for everyone and there will be kids' activities and a free lunch for walkers.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the 3 mile walk starts at 10, at the football stadium behind Laurens Middle School. The walk will go onto West Main Street, through the Sherwood neighborhood and back to Collyar Park.

A "Super Hero Sprint" for the tiniest walkers and runners is prior to the walk, when babies and children ages 0-10 can participate in various heats and each will receive a superhero cape.

March for Babies takes place rain or shine but in cases of dangerous conditions, the event will be canceled.

Parking is available beside the event site. For more information, visit marchforbabies.org/event/laurens.

March for Babies is sponsored nationally by Kmart, Famous Footwear, HCA, Cigna, and regional sponsor Publix. In our community, March for Babies is sponsored by Walmart, Prisma Health, PRTC, Richloom Fabrics, Laurens Commission of Public Works, Laurens County Water & Sewer, Carolina Concrete and AstenJohnson.

March of Dimes leads the fight for the health of all moms and babies, supporting research offering education and advocacy so that every baby can have the best possible start.



FOND FAREWELL — Smith Chevrolet recently hosted a retirement party celebrating Miriam Corley's 45 years of service. On her final day at the Laurens dealership she was the honored guest for a special luncheon capped with cake and parting gifts. Gathered around William Smith, Miriam and Ann Bishop, center, for a group picture are current and former employees and Miriam's family members.

Man sentenced in church burglaries

A Newberry man pleaded guilty just before his trial was set to begin in 8th Circuit Court Monday in connection to a string of church break-ins in Newberry and Laurens counties.

Terrance L. Chisolm, 38, pleaded guilty to five counts of second-degree burglary and was sentenced to 10 years in prison on each of the charges by Circuit Judge R. Scott Sprouse. The five 10-year sentences are to run concurrently.

According to the 8th Circuit Solicitor's Office, Chisolm broke into five churches across the two counties during the overnight hours of May 15-16, 2018, stealing computers, televisions and other electronics. Chisolm left behind a tire iron at one location and a milk carton with a straw in it at another location. Investigators found Chisolm's DNA on both items.



Terrance L. Chisolm

"The churches in our communities are beacons of light for our communities," 8th Circuit Solicitor David Stumbo said following the sentencing. "Terrance Chisolm violated these peaceful sanctuaries simply to pad his own pockets. It is my hope and prayer that Chisolm being brought to justice this week will bring some closure for these bodies of believers across our counties."

Deputy Solicitor Dale Scott

and Assistant Solicitor Taylor Daniel handled the case for the state with assistance from 8th Circuit Investigator Walter Bentley and Victim Advocate Rhett Christian. Chisolm was represented by Charles Verner of the 8th Circuit Public Defender's Office.

Stumbo praised the work of his staff as well as the Laurens and Newberry Sheriffs' investigators for their work in securing the convictions and sentences.

Laurens High School Horticulture Department

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