



RIBBON CUTTING — The Laurens County Chamber of Commerce, friends, and family, celebrated the opening of Southern Twist and Rita's Tax Service in Downtown Laurens on Friday, April 28. These two businesses, located at 123 East Laurens Street, Laurens, hosted an official grand opening, welcoming customers throughout the day and through the evening, in conjunction with the annual Main Street Laurens Sip and Stroll. Pictured are Rita Hughes, Rita's Tax Service owner; Christie Finley, Southern Twist owner; Johnna Revis, family friend; Jonathan Irick, MSL Director; and Nathan Senn, City of Laurens Mayor.

State Legislature proclaims Adopt-A-Highway Month, announces award winners

The South Carolina Legislature proclaimed May as Adopt-A-Highway Month and honored the 21,005 volunteers and group winners with a concurrent resolution on May 7, 2019. Among the Group of the Year County Award winners was TJ's Scrap Metal in Gray Court.

"These volunteers do it because they care about their communities," said Sarah Lyles, Executive Director for PalmettoPride. "They want to make a difference and lead by example, hoping with each cleanup that litter will not come back."

The financial benefit or "cost avoidance" this provides to state and local governments equates to almost \$6,000,000. The dedication of the many volunteers in South Carolina's Adopt-A-Highway program have helped state and local governments save millions in costs to pick up litter.

"South Carolina is a beautiful state and maintaining that beauty can be a daunting task" added Lyles. "If it were

not for these incredible volunteers, state and local governments would have to cover the cost of litter removal, something that is needed but often not available to the extent needed in administrative budgets."

The benefits of adopting a highway are many — personal pride, honoring a loved one, community service hour requirements — but perhaps the most important reason is that volunteers can connect to their community, building a responsibility for its overall health. Clean communities are safe communities. Clean communities are good for tourism and economic development.

Since 1988, Adopt-A-Highway volunteers have been cleaning up litter along South Carolina highways, providing a crucial source of

litter removal services from the mountains to the seas. PalmettoPride has coordinated the program for the S.C. Department of Transportation since 2012.

Adopt-A-Highway 2018 Annual Statistics
 •21,005 volunteers
 •1,574 groups
 •4,875 miles adopted
 •1,093,539 pounds of trash collected

•150 new groups
 For more information about Adopt-A-Highway, please contact PalmettoPride at info@palmettopride.org 803-758-6034.

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Laurens District 55 to host Spring Visual Arts Show

Laurens County School District 55 (LCSD 55) will host a Spring Visual Arts Show in honor of its dedication to the Arts. This year's show will open with a reception for students and parents at the District Office on Tuesday, May 14, from 4-6 p.m. The gallery will remain open for public viewing during normal office hours until Tuesday, May 21.

The theme of this year's Youth Art Month is "Your Art, Your Story."

"Our students are encouraged to tell their stories not only through written expression and verbal communication, but also through the art," said Dr. Ameca Thomas, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning. "I believe

art is a universal language, which helps students build and integrate the skills needed to make sense of the world."

The community is encouraged to stop by the District Office and view the art pieces created by students from all over LCSD 55.

"Through the arts, people of all languages can communicate. Art has an allure that captures people from all walks of life," said Dr. Stephen Peters, Superintendent of LCSD 55. "In LCSD 55, we believe the arts are an integral part of a high quality education."

The Laurens County School District 55 Office is located at 301 Hillcrest Drive, Laurens. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Small black female dog with a little bit of gray around ears and mouth. Looks like a Yorkshire or Wire Hair Terrier. Approx. 10 lbs. Goes by the name Lil. She is very friendly! Last seen off of Conway Ave. (between Robinson Rd. & Walker Ave.) with a bright green collar on. Call 984-3091, please leave message if no answer.

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24th Annual BENEFIT AUCTION
CROSS HILL MENNONITE SCHOOL
 12146 Hwy. 39, Cross Hill (3 miles south of Cross Hill)
SATURDAY • MAY 11 • 10 A.M.

AUCTION ITEMS:	Strawberry Jam Child Airplane Swing Dog Crate End Table Hand-Turned Pen Wild Horse Wall Hanging 40"x35" Dresser Bed Jolly Cabinet Pork Sausage Trail Bologna	Ground Beef Candle Holders Western Style Plant Pots John Deere Wall Hanging 43"x35" Sewing Machine Bird House Hallway Bench with Storage	2 Mid-Century Style End Tables 3 Quilted Throw Pillows Camping Cot Storage Reading Nook Compost Bin House Plants Collapsible All-Terrain Wagon Lawn Swing Set
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Bring Your Lawn Chairs & Enjoy The Day!

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Breakfast 8-10 a.m. BISCUITS & GRAVY FRESH DOUGHNUTS FRIED PIES	Quilts Hand-Stitched & Pieced Heart of Rose ~ 100"x112" Long Star Quilt ~ 114"x104" Peacock Quilt ~ 111"x106" Star Quilt & Deer Quilt ~ Queen Log Cabin Quilt ~ 94"x104" Lone Star Applique ~ 100"x112"	Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. BBQ PORK & CHICKEN Plate Includes Slaw or Potato Salad, Beans, Dinner Roll
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Baby Quilts, Comforters & Cheater Cloth Quilts

If you wish to donate items for the auction, contact Jason Fehr 864-993-1832 or Colton Webb 910-934-6621. Donations don't need to be new, but functional & current items are appreciated.
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QuitWell Tobacco Cessation
 Fridays, May 17-June 21 • 8-9 a.m. • Laurens County Hospital
 Make 2019 the year you quit using tobacco. Through QuitWell's five weekly sessions, we will provide the tools you need to quit smoking. Open to those 18 and older. To enroll or for cost information, call 864-455-WELL (9355).

BattleMud
 Saturday, May 18 • 9 a.m. • Laurens YMCA
 Challenge yourself with this two-mile race that includes a nature trail, many obstacles and a slip-and-slide finale. Two-person teams compete for top honors; at least one member must be 18 or older. \$50 registration includes a free T-shirt while supplies last. Register at the Laurens YMCA or on go-greenevents.com.

Dine & Discuss: Hypertension
 Tuesday, June 11 • Clinton Community Garden • 5:30-7 p.m.
 Come learn and have dinner on us! Join our discussion to learn basic information about high blood pressure and how it may affect you. Participants also will be trained in hands-only CPR. This event is FREE, but registration is required: Contact Jamie Adair@PrismaHealth.org or 864-833-9131.

Vision 20/20 Laurens County
 Thursday, June 13 • 1-4 p.m. • Laurens County Community Care Center, 22725 U.S. 76, Clinton
 Take advantage of free vision and health screenings at this community event. Screenings help identify early signs of diabetic eye disease and other conditions, which leads to better outcomes. Free; no registration required.

Unless noted otherwise, registration is required for each event. To register, learn more or see a schedule of events, visit prismahealth.org/upstateevents.

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