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CALL HER DOCTOR — Abigail Davis Campbell, center, receives her hood and is congratulated by Presbyterian College School of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Cliff Fuhrman, left, during last Friday's hooding ceremony and commencement of the 72 who received Doctors of Pharmacy degrees from the PCSP. Campbell, a Clinton native, was the recipient of the P.C. Mortar and Pestle Award. For more on the pharmacy school ceremonies see the Wednesday, May 15 issue of *The Laurens County Advertiser*

County council recognizes 4

By John Clayton
Editor

The Laurens County Council was busy handing out awards and commendations at its Tuesday meeting.

Council approved resolutions of commendation for former state Rep. Mike Pitts and former councilman Stewart Jones, who took Pitts' place in District 14.

The Henry Laurens Award, the top civic award presented by the county, was presented to former Gray Court Mayor John Carter and James Gambrell, who has been instrumental in the development of the Laurens County Museum.

Pitts was elected to a ninth term in the state house in November but resigned soon thereafter citing health concerns. He suffered a heart attack just prior to the general election. He began his political career on the Laurens County Council.

Jones was elected to the District 14 seat in a special election in April and took office just prior to the end of the legislative session this month. He had been the representative for District 4 on county council since 2016 and was re-elected to the seat in November.

At a prior council meeting, Jones nominated Gambrell for the Henry Laurens Award, noting Gambrell's service to the community as the first president of the Laurens County Museum Association and for his dedication to litter pickup in the county.

By Jones' estimation, Gambrell has picked up more than 23 tons of trash and discarded items over the

past three decades.

"I wasn't expecting to receive anything for what I do," Gambrell said. "I'm grateful to Stewart and to the council for showing me this kind of support, and I'll just keep on doing what I'm doing."

Gambrell said he and his late brother began picking up trash along Laurens County roads because they wanted the county to be more inviting.

"I hate seeing litter on the highway," he said. "Visitors and everybody who comes here, that's the first thing they see, and it puts a bad taste in their mouths."

Former Gray Court Mayor John Carter was also presented the Henry Laurens Award after his nomination by Councilman Garrett McDaniel.

Carter served a total of 42 years as Gray Court's mayor and on town

council. He was defeated in his bid for a ninth consecutive term in March's municipal election.

McDaniel called Carter "an icon for the Gray Court community."

In other actions:

Council members voted to take over property that includes the Ora Community Park. Laurens County Parks and Recreation Director Andy Howard said his department plans to take over the park's maintenance and operation.

A contract for the local Clemson Extension Service was approved by council, allowing the service to continue overseeing the county's 4-H program in local schools.

Geoff Brown, the new supervisor for Laurens County Animal Control, was sworn in along with Litter-Humane Officer William Dixon Hayes to their new posts.

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table in Wingerter's yard, and this year the non-profit has been publicizing that it will be selling baked goods and hot dogs at 4062 Greenpond Road, with proceeds going toward the work of assisting Laurens County cancer patients with a wide range of resources and assistance.

To contribute baked goods, call LCCA director Ann Casey at 864-833-3976.

The Four Mile Yard Sale has brought people to Greenpond who had heard about it from Facebook shares or word of mouth.

"I've had people tell me they've traveled there from Georgia and Asheville, and, of course, Simpsonville and Greenville," Wingerter said.

For sellers, Wingerter said it's a popular yard sale because, except for making sure people don't set up on private property without permission, there are no rules.

"There's no registration. No booth rental fees. If you know someone on Greenpond Road, you can set up a table or a tent, and if you don't know someone, the Greenpond Fire Department has a 5-acre lot and anyone

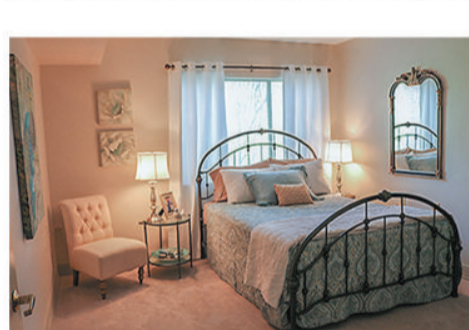
can set up there," Wingerter said. "You can just bring a table or a blanket and come sell your stuff and make some money, and either keep it or donate it to a non-profit if you want."

Residents of some side streets also have begun to set up booths right in their yard, Wingerter said, and with all the vehicles from people coming to sell and shop from out of town, the 4-mile stretch is busy, so many park and walk the entire route.

"Yes, it definitely gets crazy," Wingerter said, "but it's a fun chaos."

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