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County line moving after geodetic survey

By John Clayton
Editor

Laurens County Attorney Sandy Cruickshanks told members of county council Tuesday at their regular meeting that they have 60 days to appeal a redrawing of areas of the Laurens-Greenville county border.

Cruickshanks said the affected areas include about six plats of land that have come into question during a South Carolina Geodetic Survey. The survey team has used historical documentation and monuments to redraw the line as it originated.

While Cruickshanks notified council members an appeal was within their rights, he did not encourage it.

"We can certainly appeal but there's not a lot to win," he said. "We're losing some land in that area but we're gaining some subdivisions."

In a text, Laurens County Administrator Jon Caime said the county will lose an estimated $20,000 in annual revenue to Greenville County with the redrawing of the county line in the Fountain Inn area. Laurens County will gain an estimated 22 parcels of land and lose 60.

The new Geodetic Survey is a statewide effort to redraw boundaries.

"This is not something we requested," said Council Chairman David Pitts. "We just got a letter from the state that this was happening, and that's why I just want to put that out there in the public record."

In other action Tuesday:

Council members voted 5-0 to approve a $1.875 million expenditure for the construction of a solid waste transfer station. Under the plan, the county will loan the solid waste fund the money for the project, and it will be paid back at 2.4% interest.

Council did not award a bid as requested by administrators of $1.375 million to Sossamon Construction of Gaffney.

Councilman Joe Wood asked to see plans for the project before voting. Councilman Jeff Carroll agreed to withdraw his motion to award the bid with the understanding he would reintroduce it at council's next regular meeting.

Council members did approve $500,000 for rolling equipment for the transfer station.

The construction of a transfer station was necessitated when the county's agreement with a private company with its own transfer station expired at the end of 2018.

Also, council approved a request from the Fire Services Department to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for 12 new vehicles, including two rescue trucks. The arrangement would be for $3.5 million over 10 years and immediately replace a nearly identical expiring vehicle lease-purchase agreement.

Council members also approved the purchase and outfitting of a transport vehicle for the Laurens County Coroner's Office at a cost of $34,000.

The funds are to come out of a department surplus from this past fiscal year.

County council also designated June 24-28 as County Employee Week. A cookout for county employees will be held at the Laurens County Park on Friday, June 28.

DEDICATED VOLUNTEER — Sandra Power was a wonderful volunteer at Laurens Middle School this semester. Mrs. Power worked with students through Kashenna Cunningham's seventh grade reading classes. The students looked forward to this extra reading with Mrs. Power and enjoyed their small group time. When asked about having a dedicated volunteer to work with her students, Ms. Cunningham said, "Mrs. Power was a pleasure to work with. My students looked forward to her coming each week. She had a strategic way of engaging and preparing them for a successful school year. I look forward to working with her in the future." The group pictured is, from left, Steven Nava, Luis Santamaria, Sandra Power, Davian Tapia and Rymazea Grant.

Lander announces spring graduates

Lander University conferred bachelor and master degrees upon 343 graduates during the university's 159th commencement ceremony on May 12. The Honorable Curtis M. Loftis, South Carolina's state treasurer, delivered the keynote address during the formal program held inside Lander's Finis Horne Arena.

The class of 2019 includes graduates from local communities, cities and regions across South Carolina and other states across the country, as well as internationally. In addition to the list below, graduate information can be found online at www.lander.edu.

The names of those graduating with honors for their academic achievements are listed below.

Summa Cum Laude

Among those earning Summa Cum Laude honors, a distinction awarded to graduates with a cumulative GPA of 3.90 or higher, was Quinton K. Amick of Clinton.

Cum Laude

Earning Cum Laude honors, a distinction awarded to graduates with a cumulative GPA of 3.50-3.74, are Kasey Nicole Wood of Ware Shoals; Ravon Nichole House of Waterloo; Stephanie Louise Allen of Fountain Inn; Malik Rashad Goodman of Enoree.

Golden L Award

Receiving the Golden L Award, given to graduates who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher in the last 60 hours of instruction at Lander, are Kasey Nicole Wood of Ware Shoals; Quinton K. Amick of Clinton; Stephanie Louise Allen of Fountain Inn; and Malik Rashad Goodman of Enoree.

Spring 2019 Graduates
Laurens County

Stephanie Louise Ahn of Clinton, Master of Science in Nursing—Clinical Nurse Leader; Stephanie Louise Allen of Fountain Inn, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Quinton K. Amick of Clinton, Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems; Jesse Wayne Cape of Clinton, Bachelor of Arts in English; Rachel Alyse Clayton of Laurens, Master of Education in Montessori Education; Jori Elizabeth Garland of Laurens, Bachelor of Science in Psychology; Ravon Nichole House of Waterloo, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Biology; Jenna Francis Rampey of Laurens, Master of Education in Montessori Education; and James Dean Whitt of Hickory Tavern, Bachelor of Science in History.

Sherman College releases dean's list

Vice President for Academic Affairs Joe Donofrio, D.C., A.C.P., is pleased to announce the students included on Sherman College's Dean's List for grades earned during the winter 2019 academic quarter. Dean's List students have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5 for the quarter.

Among those named were: Cameron Clowser of Gray Court and Jennifer Lee of Clinton

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This course will teach water safety and introduce participants to the duties and responsibilities of a lifeguard. It will build a foundation of knowledge, attitudes and skills in preparation for the American Red Cross Lifeguarding course.

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ULTIMATE FRISBEE
JULY 9-11 • 6:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M.
AGES 12-21 • Y MEMBER $50/NON-MEMBER $60
Ultimate Frisbee is an exciting, non-contact team sport that is a fast-paced game where players develop sharp throwing skills, stamina and agility!

BABYSITTING
JULY 16-18 • 9:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.
AGES 12-15 • Y MEMBER $50/NON-MEMBER $60
This camp is designed to teach the fundamentals of safety and child care. It will provide instruction on treating basic first aid emergencies, performing choke-saving procedures, handling fire and safety emergencies, age-appropriate activities and telephone techniques.

ARCHERY
JULY 23-25 • 9:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.
AGES 7-15 • Y MEMBER $50/NON-MEMBER $60
Ready, aim, fire! Campers will learn the basic skills of archery, shooting targets, and learn styles of shooting. The camp will be instructed by Ed Prescott. Spaces are limited for this camp!

SOCCER CAMP
JULY 29-AUG. 1 • AGES 5-9 9-11 A.M.
AGES 10 & UP 6-8 P.M. • Y MEMBER $50/NON-MEMBER $60
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ADULT/TEAM ARCHERY
JULY 30-AUG. 1 • 6:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M.
AGES 15 & UP • Y MEMBER $50/NON-MEMBER $60
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IMPORTANT UPDATE!
There has been some concern that Family Eye Care Center is merging with Montgomery and Riddle Eye Associates to become part of Clemson Eye. Nothing could be further from the truth! Dr. Bernadine Donaldson and Dr. Tom MacMillan have never been in any discussion and will continue to be a doctor-owned private practice, which we feel best meets our patient's needs.
The confusion was brought to our attention because Montgomery and Riddle, Clemson Eye and Donelson Eye Associates (which is located in Greenville) are merging together to form one group called Clemson Eye. Some of our patients thought our own Dr. Donaldson was going to be working with this group. Donelson sounds an awful lot like Donaldson, doesn't it? But never fear! You will still see her and Dr. MacMillan on the Square in Laurens and Clinton.
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