



LAURENS ACADEMY GIRLS HONORED — The Rotary Club of Laurens proudly honored the Laurens Academy Girls Basketball Team during the weekly Rotary Club meeting, held on Thursday, May 30. These talented girls impressed the Rotary Club with many accomplishments, including and highlighting their recent State Championship. The Club's 2018-19 theme "Be the Inspiration," is exemplified through these student athletes on a daily basis. Pictured: Chris Benson, Rotary Club of Laurens President, presents a certificate of recognition to Jason Marlett, head coach, joined by Sandy Moore, assistant coach, and the Laurens Academy Girls Basketball Team: Sarah Grace Natiello, Payton Breen, Emily Abercrombie, Morgan Marlett, Regan Williamson, Blair Quarles, Hannah Stribling, Ruthie Moore, Florence Mitchell and Lindsay Burroughs.

Mini horse Pikachu found dead

By John Clayton
Editor

The remains of a miniature pony that disappeared from a Fountain Inn farm around 10 days ago have been found.

"Pikachu," a two-month-old filly, disappeared from Hidden Pasture Farms, and owner Kate Nichols had offered a reward for her safe return, but NetPosse.com announced Thursday morning on its Facebook page that the miniature horse was found dead.

"We have received sad news this morning," the post read. "Pikachu was found last night. Unfortunately, it was not the news we wanted to hear. She was found deceased. RIP little one."

No other details were given as to where or how the horse died.

Initial searches of the area surrounding the farm turned up no trace of the horse or of a potential attack by predators, leading Nichols to believe the



Pikachu

horse had been stolen.

She offered a reward of \$1,250 for the safe return of the horse.

"We appreciate everyone's help in searching, spreading

the word and following up on leads. Words can't express how thankful Pikachu's owner is in all the help from the community and our followers," the NetPosse.com post concluded.

District 55 schools offer summer meals, free for youth

By Judith Brown
Staff Writer

Laurens District 55 has announced the beginning of its summer meal schedule, and starting this past week children and teens can visit most of the District 55 school cafeterias and enjoy a free healthy meal.

According to Director of Student Nutrition Services Wanda Knight, children and young people 18 and under can eat breakfast and lunch completely free on weekdays during the summer at any of the District 55 schools.

In addition there are several community centers where the school district also offers daily food centers, and the program is open to any child whether or not they attend that school during the school year.

Food offered by the schools follows DHEC guidelines for a healthy, balanced diet. The program is already in place during the school year and it's designed to help children get the food they need at a time when family budgets have not been accustomed to providing lunches for their children. Every school in District 55 is part of the total student participation for lunches and breakfasts.

While each of the participating schools offers both breakfast and lunch, there are some schedule differences, Knight said.

Laurens District High and Waterloo will serve meals Monday through Friday. Gray Court-Owings is not participating but other District 55 schools, including Laurens Middle, E.B. Morse, Laurens Elementary and Hickory Tavern, will open

Monday through Thursday.

Sanders will open only the month of July but there are nine different community centers, churches, and youth programs

which will be participating in the summer meal program throughout the school summer holiday.

For more information go to www.district55.org.

By Judith Brown
Staff Writer

Starting this Monday, June 17, the City of Clinton will be removing South Broad Street trees which have been deemed dangerous and hazardous by the State Forestry

Commission, and it will mean that heavily-traveled South Broad Street will have to be closed to daytime traffic for most of the week.

The closure is expected to go each day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and last throughout much of the week, from

Monday through Thursday, June 17-20.

City officials are asking residents to be patient and mindful of the South Carolina Department of Transportation workers who will be taking the trees down.

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 "He urged dad to start the TMC publication," James Brown recalled. "A competitor had started a publication in his market that hurt his newspaper financially, and he told dad not to let that happen in Laurens."

Soon thereafter, *Mister Sun* with the motto, "Shining on Every Home In Laurens County," was born.

But unlike other TMC publications, *Mister Sun* was not solely a vehicle for advertising. From its inception it included community features and happenings.

In November of 1987, *Mister Sun* was rebranded as *The Advertiser Extra*. The first few issues added "with *Mister Sun*" to the masthead.

The Extra has included those same local features over the years, but has broadened its scope with the addition of sports and harder news, including coverage of court trials, crime and local government.

"We're sad to see *The Extra* end its nearly 40-year run," James Brown said. "But we believe we can take those resources and make *The Advertiser* better each week. We won first place in our division for General Excellence from the South Carolina Press Association this year, and we believe we can continue to excel in our coverage of Laurens County with the weekly newspaper and special sections, as well as on our website, laurenscountyadvertiser.net."

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