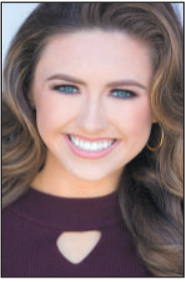


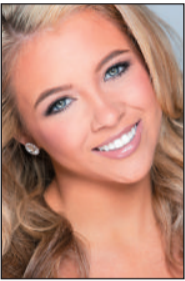
3 locals to participate in upcoming Miss S.C. pageant

By Judith Brown
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Three young women from Laurens County are among those heading to Columbia this weekend to prepare for a week of preliminaries as Miss South Carolina Scholarship Pageant week events get underway.



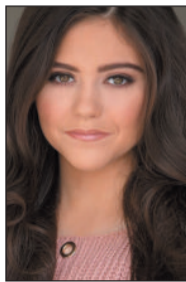
Catie Rawl



Bayley Burns

While the Miss Laurens County Scholarship Association was unable to participate in the Miss South Carolina pageant this year, Catie Rawl of Laurens is competing as Miss Boiling

Springs. The Miss South Carolina Pageant is scheduled for Saturday, June 29 at 8 p.m. at the Township Auditorium in Columbia.



Hayleigh Tomlin

On Friday night, June 28 at 8 p.m., Miss Upstate Teen Bayley Burns of Laurens and Miss West Columbia Teen Hayleigh Tomlin from Gray Court will compete in the Miss South Carolina Teen Pageant.

The two teen participants are both students at Laurens District High School. Rawl is a LDHS graduate and a mass communications major at the University of South Carolina.

Contestants will compete in three different preliminary nights from Tuesday through Thursday, June 25-27 at 7

p.m. each night. All the evenings are ticketed and open to the public. Burns will be clogging to "Disco Inferno," Tomlin will perform a piano arrangement of Minuet 2 by Bach and Rawl will perform a vocal selection of "Anyway" by Martina McBride.

In addition to the Children's Miracle Network platform of the Miss South Carolina and the Miss American scholarship organizations, each of the contestants have personal platforms that are often discussed during their judges' interviews. Burns' platform is "No Kid Hungry," addressing childhood hunger in the state. Tomlin's is "Let's Grow Some Leaders," educating youth about the benefits of 4-H, and Rawl's platform is "Different not Less: Autism Awareness."

Tickets for the events can be purchased through Ticketmaster or the Township Auditorium Box Office.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE — Tommy Reames, Lane McCracken, Gracin Gilstrap and Johnnie Bolt contributed hours of work on Anderson Drive at the recent June cleanup day when their team of workers gathered 17 bags of trash. The Chamber of Commerce will hold another Keep Laurens County Beautiful Day on Saturday, Sept. 7.

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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 can lead to better outcomes. 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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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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