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benefit amount.

After adopting the proposed Committee amendment, the House amended and sent H. 3600 to the Senate. Those House amendments made minimal changes regarding highway crossing and helmet requirements. H. 3600 extensively addresses the subject of utility terrain vehicles (UTV).

This bill would define the term utility terrain vehicle and provide for the registration and operation on highways and streets (to include side-by-side, four-wheel drive, off-road vehicle, transporting individuals and cargo or both, tires, width, steering and seating). The bill also addresses speed and engine power parameters to ensure they are over the size of UTVs designed for young people. UTVs must be registered like a passenger vehicle. They would be exempt from county property tax and subject for registration renewal biennially. They are subject to user fees for electric, hydrogen, and fuels other than motor fuel. Other requirements are: unobscured license plate, registration, proof of ownership, liability insurance and a ten-dollar biennial fee. UTVs may only travel on roads with a fifty-five mph speed limit or less, but UTVs may cross at an intersection where the road has a posted speed limit of more than fifty-five miles an hour. It may be operated on an island road not accessible by a bridge designed for use by automobile. Operator must be at least sixteen years old and hold a valid driver's license. The operator must have in his possession while operating on a street or highway: license plate and registration certificate, proof of liability insurance and driver's license. If the operator is sixteen and holds a conditional driver's license, the vehicle may only be driven during daylight hours. Registered UTVs may not be operated by anyone who holds a beginner's permit holder, even if accompanied by a licensed driver, a moped operator's permit, a temporary alcohol license, a route restricted license, a provisional driver's license; or solely a motorcycle license. No child under eight years old may be a passenger in a registered UTV while operated on a road. Drivers and passengers are required to have helmets and goggles. Registered UTVs must be equipped with Type 2 seat belt assembly (pelvic and upper torso restraints), operable headlights, brake lights, taillights and turn signals. Drivers and passengers of a registered UTV, while being operated on a roadway, must wear a fastened safety belt. SCDMV must not register or renew the registration of a UTV unless a certificate of title has been issued to owner or application delivered by owner to SCDMV. The SCDMV may require a bill of sale, invoice, or other sales document to properly title. Certificates of titles issued under this subsection must be branded "off road use only." UTVs are exempt from the State Infrastructure Tax, but subject to sales tax.

H. 4534 Legal Scrap Metal Purchasing and Transportation was approved and sent to the Senate after receiving three readings in the House.

Plum Branch 'car show' mixes natives & SLVers



This 1925 Ford Model T truck made it to the Plum Branch car get-together on its own power and attracted a crowd (L-r): owner Jerry White, Larry Garneau, Alvin Swann, Mickey Goff, Willie Patten and Wallace Martin. White's truck was the oldest vehicle on display last Saturday and would have won an award for most unrestored if there had been one. -StocktonPhoto

By Bob Stockton

The weather gods cooperated last Saturday morning, and what had been a little car guy get-together last year in Plum Branch blossomed into something resembling a real car show this year.

Eager to exercise their rides this spring, approximately 50 car folk parked their 30 cars in front of the old Bracknell Store for a major meet-and-greet. The event mixed Savannah Lakes Villagers with county long-timers.

Mickey Goff of McCormick scheduled the show, and Villager Steve Brazier wrote messages to McCormick Car Club members and on the Village Neighborlink. A dozen Village car owners met in a bank parking lot and caravanned over Greenfield Road to Plum Branch.

The vehicles ranged from a very rustic 1925 Model T truck owned by Jerry White to Mac Winn's pristine 1939 Buick. Winn spent two years restoring the Buick Pheasant and has won major show award after award with the very rare four-door convertible.

In between those two were a mix of Corvettes, Mustangs and a Chevelle SS, Saturn Solstice, Plymouth Prowler, Fiat 124 Spider, Nissan Z car and more. Owners mixed, mingled, displayed their cars, had a great time showing them off and sharing car talk.



Plum Branch's very own Mac Winn (left) talks about restoring his 1939 Buick Sport Phaeton to Dan Resue (center) and Henry Serra. Winn has made contact with the original selling dealer in Lancaster, Penn. and spent two years restoring the rare four-door convertible, which was originally chauffeur-driven. He has won a shelf full of awards with the car. -StocktonPhoto

This proposal would revise the process and restrictions on nonferrous metal purchases, transportation, and sales. Nonferrous metals include copper. Secondary metal recyclers would not be able to buy iron or steel manhole covers, drainage gates, evaporation coils, or condensing coils unless the material is from a properly documented replacement, or maintenance project.

It also seeks to update various criminal offenses associated with nonferrous metals, including redefining "intent" and clarifying other aspects of these violations. One important aspect is the presumption created by employees who violate the requirements of this act. They will be considered to have acted outside the scope and course of their employment in committing their violations.

It will also require county sheriffs to issue permits to non-fixed site secondary metal recyclers who meet permit application criteria as specified in this bill. Catalytic converter purchases must be accompanied by a long list of related information in order to be considered to be legal buys. Fixed site secondary metal recyclers will be required to post specified warning signs for viewing by sellers visiting their businesses.

The House approved and sent the Senate H. 3271 Name Change Residency Prerequisites. Under this bill, name change petitions could not be filed until a petitioner has resided in South Carolina for at least six months.

The Senate has been sent H. 3509 after the House amended it further and gave it third reading. This proposed legislation could extend foster care past age eighteen. Certain children still in SC Department of Social Services custody on their eighteenth birthday could continue to receive these services and support until they turn twenty-one. They include students still pursuing secondary, post-secondary or vocational education. Also included are alternately-abled children, those in vocational rehabilitation, or those working at least eight hours per month. It also expands the definition of what would be considered a "foster family home."

In order to extend their foster home residency, these children would have to make written application to SC DSS. Children disqualified from receiving services past eighteenth would have to be informed of their right to appeal to the agency, unless they already have a case pending in the family court that can hear this issue. Children without private attorneys could request one from the Commission on Indigent Defense. It was amended further to make its effective date contingent upon funding being budgeted.

The House passed, and sent to the Senate, H. 3950 - Boat and Motor Owners Transfer On Death Designees. This bill would allow boat and motor purchasers to file transfer on death [TOD] applications to designate who will own them after they die. As appropriate, either the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles or the Department of Natural Resources will maintain these records (and receive documents when the owner or owners pass away and the designated beneficiary becomes the owner of these items).

Second reading was given to H. 4321 Third Party Workers' Compensation Claim Notices. Any notice requirements for filing these actions against third parties would be permissive rather than mandatory if this bill is enacted. It also would repeal the existing one-year statute of limitations for filing third party actions.

The House amended S. 947 and sent it to the Senate. The bill exempts the electric cooperatives of South Carolina from being regulated as a driving school by exempting an association formed by a group of electric cooperatives pursuant to the extent that it trains member cooperative employees. The House amendment allows that all driver training schools licensed as pertaining to this chapter may offer financial assistance to students who attend public South Carolina high schools to cover the fees associated with the business of training or educating persons to drive or operate motor vehicles.

The House non-concurred in Senate amendments to H. 3590. The bill would provide that public school districts may hire noncertified teachers if a certified teacher is not available (if certain circumstances and requirements are met).

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H. 3859, a bill addressing the electronic dissemination of third-party commercial recordings or audiovisual works. The legislation requires someone who owns or operates a website or online service dealing in the electronic dissemination of third-party commercial recordings or audiovisual works, directly or indirectly, and who electronically disseminates the works to consumers in this state to disclose clearly and conspicuously his correct name, physical address, telephone number, and e-mail address on his website or online service. The legislation establishes a private cause of action for violations, and provides that a violation constitutes an unfair trade practice. The legislation is supplemental to state and federal criminal and civil law.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H. 4161, a bill that revises provisions relating to prohibited gaming machines to allow manufacturers to produce gaming machines and equipment designated for out-of-state use. The legislation allows for the development, manufacture, processing, selling, possessing, provision of technical aid, or transporting of any printed materials, gaming equipment, devices, or other materials, software, or hardware used or designated for use in out-of-state jurisdictions by a gaming device manufacturer. In order to make use of this authority, a gaming device manufacturer must be in compliance with state and local business requirements and must be registered with the South Carolina Secretary of State's Office and the United States Department of Justice Gambling Device Registration Unit.

The House amended, approved and sent to the Senate H. 4866, a joint resolution to provide for a three-year pilot program for public school-based canneries. The resolution outlines that the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Food Systems and Safety Program of the Clemson Extension Service, shall plan, develop, institute, and oversee a pilot program of three public school-based community canning sites where the general public may bring locally grown produce to be canned for their personal use. The purpose of this program is to enable families to safely preserve and store food grown by them for personal consumption through the use of research-based information, procedures and instruction concerning canning food and the use of industrial grade equipment and supplies that allow for faster processing of fruits and vegetables on a larger scale than can be done at home. These public school based community canneries shall provide community training programs for food preservation using canning. Use of the canning facilities and canning supplies must be provided to the community with limits on the amount available per family.

The resolution also outlines that community members using the facilities must sign an agreement not to sell any of the food that is canned at the cannery. The pilot program will run from Year 2023 to 2026. The bill provides for responsibilities of Clemson Extension and the Department of Education. A performance report must be provided before January 1, 2026. The report will address each cannery and make recommendations regarding whether the program should be continued. The provisions of this joint resolution only may be enforced when the General Assembly appropriates the necessary funding.

The House approved H. 3537, adopting the proposed amendment by the Committee, giving the bill third reading and sending it to the Senate. This legislation outlines that provisions of any homeowners' association (HOA) governing documents may not prohibit the installation of a flagpole for the display of the flag of the United States or South Carolina. However, the governing documents may include reasonable rules and regulations regarding the location and size of the flagpole.

S. 628, a bill that enacts the "Pharmacy Access Act," was recalled and referred to the Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee.

The House amended and gave second reading to H. 3958, legislation that outlines that a coroner is considered a public safety officer if killed in the line of duty in counties which have both a coroner and a medical examiner. In addition, the bill adds that a coroner or designee may possess and administer an opioid antidote in accordance with the requirements of the "South Carolina Overdose Prevention Act."

The House also approved S. 973, a bill to incorporate all amendments made to code sections in Volume 21 of our South Carolina Code into one volume. After the House adopted this Senate bill, it was enrolled for ratification.

The Tuck Cup "Helping children in need in memory of our great friend"



Josh and Noel Martin won first place in the First Annual Tuck Cup, held March 4 and 5. The Tuck Cup is a fishing tournament held in honor of Tommy Tucker. Proceeds benefit the Shriner's Hospital.

By Lindsey Jones

During the first week of March the RVs were hauled, the boats were packed and the coolers were full as family and friends gathered to raise funds in memory of one of their beloved. Tommy Tucker, lovingly known as "T-Tommy-Turtle-Tuck," passed away on March 16, 2018. Since that time, Tommy's daughter, Lindsey Jones, and his long-time friend, Keith Stewart, have worked together to reopen Hester's Bottoms Campground in Mt. Carmel. Keith, having fished many times with "Tuck," decided shortly after the reopening that he wanted to properly honor his friend with a crappie tournament fundraiser.

After many months of planning and organizing, he did exactly that. On March 4 and 5, the weather was beautiful, and the First Annual Tuck Cup was underway on Lake Strom Thurmond (also known as Clarks Hill). Thirteen teams (a total of 30 people, including men, women and children) left out early each morning with the goal of catching the largest weight amongst a select number of fish. Weigh-in was held promptly each day at the boat ramp inside Hester's Bottoms. Although the goal was to win, this tournament was different than most in the area. The purpose of this weekend was to honor a friend by raising money for the Shriner's Hospital. Everyone gladly donated an entrance fee knowing that bragging rights were all they'd take home. At the end of weigh-in on Saturday afternoon, the tournament was complete with live music from The Carter Lybrand Band out of Columbia and memorabilia for purchase from the first tournament. The celebration went well into the evening with many from the community coming to show their support and to make generous donations and joining in for a fish fry afterward.

This year's winning team was husband and wife Josh and Noel Martin, who led both days. Second place was Keith Stewart and Knocker Horne. A large trophy was on display that proudly read, "The Tuck Cup. Helping children in need in memory of our great friend."

Each year, the trophy will be engraved with the winners and will remain on display in the General Store of the park. On the back of the trophy, there is also a place for an honorary winner. The teams vote on the recipient of this award, and this year it will read, "Tuck and Cheeseburger, no man fishes alone."

Stewart plans to continue this tournament annually and has already discussed new rules and plans for the coming years. He says that he hopes to always keep it an invitation so that the focus never changes, but that he would love to see it grow amongst people who share the same desire to help. Although growth is always a great goal, the first year is something to be proud of with over \$10,000 being raised in the two days. To continue with Tucker's memory, the raised monies will be delivered to the Shriner's Hospital on March 16.

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