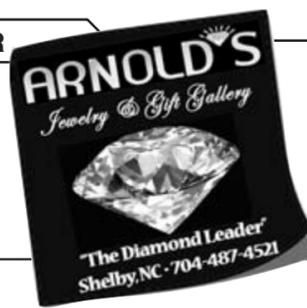


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Doo Dah Parade to celebrate City of Gaffney

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Celebrations of the City is the theme for this year's Doo Dah parade. City residents, businesses, organizations, schools, churches and others are invited to participate in the annual parade March 17. The Doo Dah parade coincides with the City of Gaffney's annual Irish Fest that celebrates the heritage of the city's founder Michael Gaffney.

The parade encourages participants to "Doo Dah" craziest and most creative performances to entertain parade attendees. Participants can pick a theme to represent themselves or their group, the overall theme of Celebrating the City, or simply deck out in all green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. A special entry, 'Characters of the City,' will celebrate the various mascots in Gaffney, such as Peaches the cat represented in the book "Peaches on the Trail" and the Chick-fil-A cow. Any business with a mascot that would like to participate should contact the Gaffney Visitors Center for more information.

The only rule to the Doo Dah is no motorized vehicles are allowed in the parade. It does not cost to participate in the parade but registration is required.

The Doo Dah Parade will be held Friday, March 17 at 6 p.m. and will run from the County Administration Building down Limestone Street and end at the Michael Gaffney Cabin.

The Village School and the Cherokee Alliance of Visual Artists have partnered to set up blank canvases beside the Capri Theatre for children to paint during the Doo Dah Parade.



Ledger staff delighted crowds in the 2005 Doo Dah Parade with their green faces. Pictured left to right are: **Cody Sossamon, publisher; Tara Jennings, former reporter; Scott Powell, reporter; and Moose Littlejohn, graphic artist.** The 2017 Doo Dah Parade will be held March 17 at 6 p.m. Any businesses or organizations interested in participating should contact the Visitors Center at 487-6244.

Following the parade, participants and spectators are invited to the Capri Theatre where the award for best overall entry in the parade will be given, as well as the unveiling of the city's latest book, "Peaches on the History Hunt." At 7:30 p.m. the band Backstreet will per-

form a free concert. Though they are not a full Irish band, Backstreet has a repertoire of Irish-Keltic music.

Any person or group interested in participating in the parade should contact the Gaffney Visitors Center for an entry form at 864-487-6244.



Make-A-Wish grants Upstate teen's wish to give back to a local children's charity

A fundraiser will be held at Cherokee Speedway Sunday

On Sunday, March 5, 2017, Patrick, a 17-year-old from Spartanburg, S.C., will receive his wish from Make-A-Wish South Carolina.

Imagine you can wish for anything in the world. Imagine you could go anywhere, be anything, meeting anyone or have anything. Now imagine you choose none of those things but instead, after battling a life-threatening illness, you wish to give back to help other kids fighting cancer. This is Patrick's story.

During treatment for osteosarcoma of the facial bone, wish kid Patrick, would walk up and down the halls of his hospital and replay in his mind fun dirt races he had watched. Fascinated by the engineering of the cars, the skills of the drivers and the sheer rawness of the track, Patrick couldn't wait until he would be out of the hospital and once again at the track with his dad and brothers experiencing the thrill of the Cherokee Speedway.

But he learned something while in the hospital. He learned that there were other children facing life-threatening medical conditions and that he was seeing the world from a new perspective. Patrick doesn't take a single day or opportunity for granted. He loves Mondays, school and his family and wants to help other kids with cancer feel that same joy, courage and positive outlook.

To fulfill his wish, Patrick is raising funds for Clement's Kindness, a Greenville-based children's charity that provides assistance to families facing the tremendous challenges surrounding a child's cancer or blood disorder diagnosis, treatment and recovery. Hosted by Cherokee Speedway, on March 5, a fundraiser will be held where to support Patrick's wish. Patrick chose Clement's Kindness as his charity because it greatly impacted him while he was battling osteosarcoma. Representatives from Clement's Kindness will be on-site the day of the fundraiser.

The fundraising event will be held from 12-5 p.m. A fundraising tent will be set up at the track to collect donations from those who wish to give. Patrick will be present at the tent at various times to welcome and say thanks to supporters. Cherokee Speedway will also help collect donations to support Patrick's wish by "passing the bucket" throughout the audience during the race. During intermission of the race, around 3:30 p.m., Patrick will share his story with all in attendance.

Please come out to meet Patrick, watch the race with him and most of all, help make his wish come true. Those unable to attend can still give to honor Patrick's wish by visiting his online fundraising page at: sc.wish.org/patricksfundraising-page.

Cherokee Speedway is located at 153 Speedway Rd., Gaffney, SC 29341.

Clemson names locals to fall 2016 President's List

Clemson University has named local students to the President's List for the fall 2016 semester.

They are:

James A. Hambright of Blacksburg, who is majoring in Microbiology
Mackenzie Blaze Smith of Blacksburg, who is majoring in Animal and Veterinary Science

Jenna Lynn Adams of Gaffney, who is majoring in Packaging Science
Joshua Tyler Blake of Gaffney, who is majoring in Electrical Engineering
Jana L. Burnett of Gaffney, who is majoring in Psychology
Amy E. Duvall of Gaffney, who is majoring in Biological Sciences
Jaykumar U. Patel of Gaffney, who is majoring in Electrical Engineering
Marisa K. Shehan of Gaffney, who is majoring in General Engineering
Rebeka Ellen Wellmon of Gaffney, who is majoring in Communication
Anna D. Kirby of Pacolet, who is majoring in Sociology
James T. Stevens of Pacolet, who is majoring in Mathematical Sciences

To be named to the President's List, a student must achieve a 4.0 (all As) grade-point average.

Salvation Army in need of hygiene products

The Salvation Army of Cherokee County's emergency pantry is almost out of basic grooming products to share with the local residents they serve. The organization tries to keep a supply of donated hygiene items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, bar soap, body wash, deodorant, shampoo, and toilet paper. These items are important to keep in stock, as access to products that support good hygiene can not only help maintain a person's physical well being but can also boost their self esteem.

Salvation Army social worker Beverly Earley would like to encourage clubs, businesses, churches and classes looking for a simple and worthwhile spring service project to consider hosting a toiletries drive, or an "Irish Spring" shower, to help their neighbors in need. She suggests that donors focus on store-brand and sale items, in order to stretch their dollars as far as possible, adding that products in both family-size and travel-size would be greatly appreciated.

Donations of toiletries may be dropped off at The Salvation Army, 601 Colonial Ave., Gaffney, during the same hours that food donations are gratefully accepted, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Anyone seeking more information is asked to call Earley at 489-2530, ext. 201.



Rev. Byers, James Byers and Larry Byers, members of Shady Grove, dressed in dated attire for a special service celebrating Black History (top). The Intermediate Sunday School Class presented brief excerpts on the lives of Mary Bethune, Dr. Martin Luther King, President Barack Obama, Rosa Parks and others during Black History Month (bottom).

Shady Grove has month-long events commemorating Black History

Shady Grove Baptist Church celebrated Black History Month with special 'Moments in History' each Sunday in February during the morning worship service.

Black History trailblazers were displayed in the sanctuary as well as artifacts. Sunday School classes presented a short program each Sunday including PowerPoint presentations, praise dances, and students imitating Dr. King's "I Have a Dream Speech." The students then shared their own dreams with the

audience.

The Senior Missionary coordinated the service on February 19 with church members dressing in dated attire that worn by church-goers years ago.

After the service, an 'old-timey' dinner was served featuring the cuisine of slaves and food eaten during the Depression days. On the menu was rabbit, deer hash, hog tails, hog feet, crackling corn bread, molasses, and of course, contemporary foods. Rev. Dewey Whittenburg delivered the 'Black History' message.