



# MANNING

# MATTERS

## JANUARY 2012

Character Trait of the Month

## *Gratitude*

Being thankful for the things you have.

**REFLECTIONS FROM THE MAYOR** - The holiday season in Manning was quite joyful and full of activities. I was invited to a special Christmas dinner hosted by some of Manning's finest under the leadership of Chief Mitch McElveen of the Manning Fire Department. Firemen Darby Brown, Robbie DuRant, Josh Jordan, James Kindell, James Pringle, and David Ardis prepared the evening's delicious meal. These gentlemen can really cook! I enjoyed sharing the evening with all of these dedicated professionals and thanks again for the invite.

A special thanks is owed to the Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce and their junior members for organizing our Annual Christmas Parade and the Snowball Drop. And I must commend Pat Goodwin, city administrator, Daun Davis, clerk to council, Rubin Hardy whom I've nicknamed "Mr. Manning", public works director and their staff for coordinating our Christmas Tree Lighting program and decorating downtown. After leaving the Snowball Drop and later travelling through downtown to attend the 282<sup>nd</sup> Army Band Concert at Weldon, which was another terrific event, I noticed how quickly downtown had been cleaned. After inquiring on how this was done, Pat Goodwin explained, "great teamwork". This made me especially proud as another example of how we come together to "get the job done". I was also told that one of our public works team members, Chris Snyder, went the extra mile and remained to ensure everything was in place. Thanks Chris, for being a team member that the City of Manning can count on.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Mr. Charles and Mrs. Lorraine Lemon, my neighbors and friends for escorting me in the Christmas parade. Mr. Lemon is a retired Vietnam Combat Army Veteran and Mrs. Lemon is a paraprofessional with Clarendon County School District 2.

On behalf of Council, thanks to everyone for making our holiday season a joyful time in Manning!

*Julia A. Nelson, Mayor*

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. "DAY OF SERVICE" CELEBRATION** – During the month of January as we take time to celebrate the birth of a great leader, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., I would like to challenge everyone to honor his memory by making a commitment to participate in a "Day of Service." Dr. King knew that a single person might not be able to change the world, but that a group of committed, compassionate, like-minded people could. Each of us can participate in this celebration as we perform a simple good deed or act of kindness to someone by volunteering your services at a school, hospital or nursing home; cleaning an elderly person's yard; providing a meal to a shut-in; sending a card of encouragement or even just making a telephone call. In Dr. King's famous "I Have A Dream Speech," he said, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." May Godly Christian character drive us this month and every month to work together to make an impact on our community. Thank you for making the commitment to make our community a better place.

*Patrick Goodwin, City Administrator*

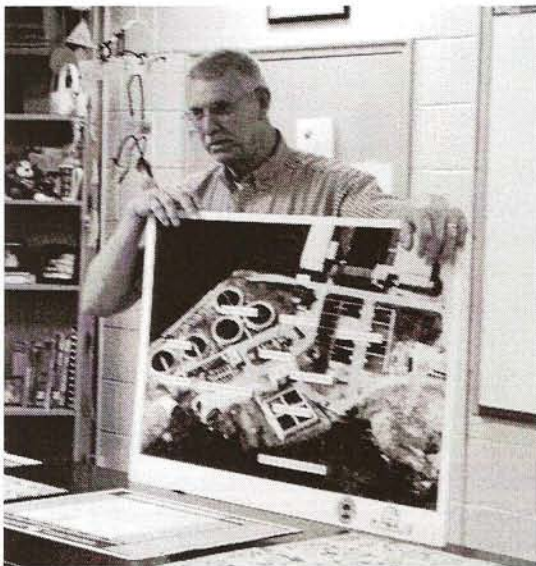
**A SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL SHELTER** – Last month we mentioned several local charities that could use your financial assistance. This month we highlight another charity in our community that is deserving of your contributions. Lend a hand and give a generous donation to help the volunteers at the shelter provide adequate food, housing and medical care. Call Sherree Meyer (shelter manager) at 803-473-7075 and ask how you can help them care for the animals entrusted to their care.

**WELDON AUDITORIUM JANUARY EVENTS** – January 19<sup>th</sup> – *Laughing with the Legends*; January 26<sup>th</sup> – *Southern Fried Jazz Band Concert*. For more information and ticket prices call 803-433-7469.

**"CYPRESS AFTER 5" CONCERT SERIES** - January 27<sup>th</sup> – The Andrew Thielen Big Band at the Cypress Center at 7pm. For more information contact Scherrie at 803-435-5246.

**WADE EDWARDS ART SHOW** – Local artist Wade Edwards is having a **FREE** showing of his work during the month of January at Weldon Auditorium in the Art Corridor. The Art Corridor at Weldon Auditorium is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5pm. For more information contact Sandi at 803-435-5246.

**CLARENDON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING** – Thursday, January 19, 2012 in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church of Manning. The evenings program begins at 7:30pm with refreshments and socializing. The program will feature presentations by Sarah Jeffers Beauchene, artist and Michael Coker, assistant to the Director of the Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon in Charleston. Sarah will present the murals depicting the history of Clarendon County that will be painted in the New County Government Offices. Michael will present a program on Pirates, Patriots and Presidents. **The public is invited to attend.**



Mr. Rubin Hardy, left, Director of Public Utilities for the City of Manning spoke to the students at Manning Elementary for Career Day on November 18th. The photo is of Rubin describing the wastewater purification system to the students.

**DOWNTOWN MANNING IS HISTORIC** – Manning is not only “Matchless for Beauty and Hospitality” it is also “historic”. The Manning Downtown Commercial District is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Janet Meleney. Janet researched the downtown buildings and prepared the application for submission through the State Archives to the National Park Service. The historic district was approved at the State level and was then approved to be included on the National Register of Historic Places. Did you know that there use to be two movie theaters in downtown Manning? The Fire Station and town hall use to be located where Quality Printers is now at 4 Keitt Street. There is so much to learn about the buildings downtown and so much to be proud of. City Council saw and understood the value of showing our heritage to visitors by installing signs at exit 119 on Interstate 95 to draw visitors to our beautiful historic downtown. Main Street Manning is the nine block district around the Clarendon County Courthouse. Main Street Manning is dedicated to revitalizing the downtown business district through economic development, design excellence and business promotions. For more information about Main Street Manning contact Carrie Trebil at 435-8477 ext 132 and for more information about our historic downtown contact Nancy Cave at the Clarendon County Archives 435-0328.

**JANUARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. in City Hall. Please use the North Mill Street entrance and take the elevator or stairs to the second floor Council Chambers for those planning to attend.

For a detailed Calendar of Events and other information, visit the City’s website at [www.cityofmanning.org](http://www.cityofmanning.org).

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*-Albert Schweitzer (1875 - 1965)*