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by [Bobby Stephens](#)

This is the first of what is planned to be a series of information pieces about [Glendale](#) and the institutions that are “on the ground” and vital to the village’s continued improvement. These include especially, but not exclusively: [Palmetto Conservation Foundation \(GOLS\)](#), School District Three, SPACE, and Wofford College.

TIBETAN MONKS CEREMONY [Please note that this is TODAY (Friday)!]

On Friday afternoon (TODAY!) the visiting Tibetan monks who have been the center of attention in Spartanburg will distribute the sand from their Chapman Center mandala into the [Lawson Fork](#) this afternoon. The ceremony will take place a little after 1pm on [Lawson’s Fork](#) below [Wofford’s Goodall Center](#). All are invited; this promises to be a powerful event.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

This popular event will take place on Sunday, October 6 at Wofford’s Goodall Center. See attachment 1.

THINKING LIKE A RIVER

Thinking Like a River (TLAR) brochures are shown on attachment 2.

SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE CONTINUES ITS EXCELLENCE

In one of many of the District’s honors and recognitions, Lorraine Moore and Keith Nix, teachers in Spartanburg School District Three, have received classroom grants from the Duke Energy Foundation. Nix, 8th grade science teacher at Cowpens Middle School (CMS), received a grant to start a Full Lego League Lego Robotics Competition Team. This program will give CMS students additional opportunities to apply STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering & Math concepts to solve problems. Student participation will be based upon interest in engineering and hands-on application of science and math.

SPACE’s 2013 ANNUAL MEETING: GLENDALE SHOALS PRESERVE NAMED FOR MARY WALTER

Approximately 70 SPACE members assembled for the 2013 Annual Meeting at the Glendale Shoals on Sunday evening, September 29. The highlight of this year’s meeting was the property dedication in honor of former executive director Mary Walter. Now known officially as “The Mary Arrington Walter Preserve at Glendale Shoals,” SPACE’s Glendale Shoals property continues to serve as a beautiful nature preserve and passive recreation area for the people of Spartanburg. Other highlights included a speech by Wofford professor Doug Rayner on “A New Role for the Local Land Trust” and barbecue from Bullhaws Barbecue. Longtime volunteer and Cottonwood Trail champion Willie Lowe was recognized as “Volunteer of the Year.” Thanks to everyone who came out for a great evening!

HIGH CHALLENGE COURSE AT GOLS

Progress is being made on the construction of the High Challenge Course at [GOLS \(Glendale Outdoor Leadership School\)](#). It should be completed by mid-November if not sooner. There is a very interesting article about this GOLS project on the Mary Black blog site that explains it

well: <http://www.maryblackfoundation.org/spartanburg/ecotourism-in-spartanburg-county>. GOLS is an operational unit under the [Palmetto Conservation Foundation](#).

LAWSON'S FORK WEBCAM AND GLENDALE VILLAGE WEBSITES

The [Glendale webcam \(damcam\)](#) Internet address is:

<http://www.wofford.edu/environmentalstudies/damcam.aspx>.

The site also includes a [Lawson's Fork stream gauge](#) and a [Glendale weather station](#). The weather station is located near the [Goodall Center](#); so you can get up to the minute [Glendale](#) weather information! The webcam, stream gauge, and weather station can be accessed, of course, worldwide through the Internet. They are intended to be teaching tools. The Floods of Lawson's Fork link has not been activated.

The [Glendale village website](#) address is: www.glendale.com. It is loaded with Glendale stuff. Click on [The Glendale Mill Fire](#) in the website to see a photo with the "[Glendale Fire Witch](#)" in the window (the top fire photo). The witch is in the sixth window to the right on the top floor. Also, the witch is discussed and a short story announced in other places in the website. The adult [short story contest](#) was ultimately won by a Hewlett-Packard (HP) staff person in San Jose, California. Gerald and Mary Lee Teaster are the webmasters.

UPSTATE FOREVER'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Upstate Forever's 2013 Annual Membership Meeting will take place on Saturday, November 9th at the [Glendale Outdoor Leadership School \(GOLS\)](#). Coffee and conversation will begin at 10:00 am in the GOLS Activities Building, with a special 15th Anniversary presentation following at 10:30 am. Members who would like to stay for afternoon activities may take advantage of all [Glendale](#) has to offer. Professor John Lane will offer a tour of Wofford College's [Goodall Environmental Studies Center](#), the first academic building in South Carolina to receive LEED platinum certification. [B.G. Stephens](#), Wofford professor emeritus and [Glendale](#) native, will speak about the history of the [Glendale Mill](#), and George Fields, a retired minister, college president, and general in the U.S. Army, will talk about the upcoming renovation of the [old Glendale Bridge](#), which spans the [Lawson's Fork](#) at Glendale Shoals. In addition, [GOLS](#) will offer a variety of outdoor adventure activities, including mountain biking, a high ropes course, a climbing wall and hiking along the Lawson's Fork. For more information or to RSVP, contact Emily Neely at eneely@upstateforever.org or 864-327-0090

GLENDALE BRIDGE RENOVATION

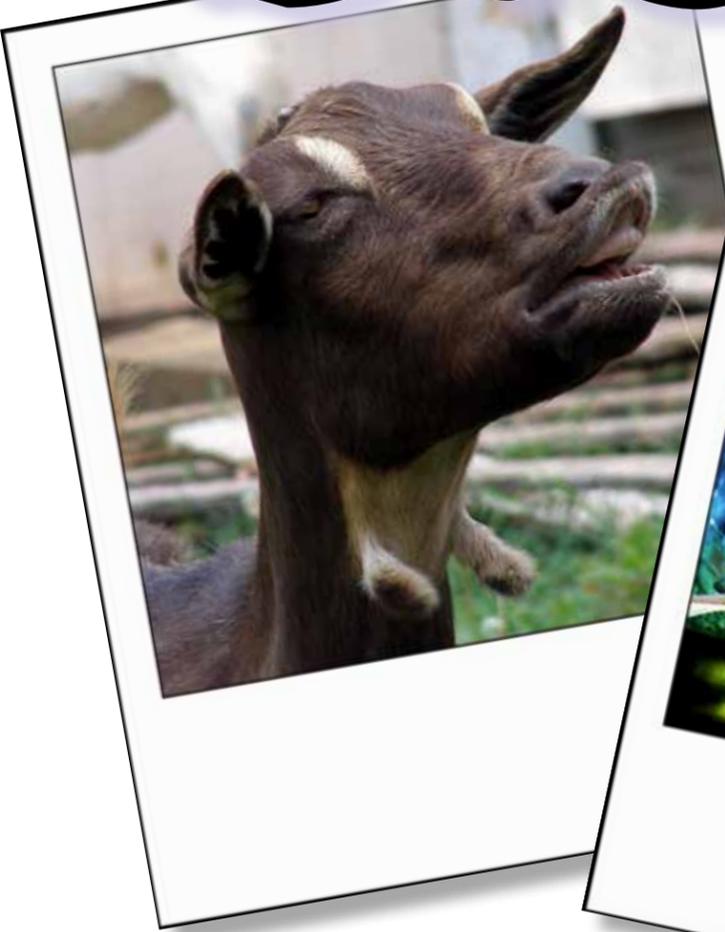
On August 20, 2013, the South Carolina Department of Transportation officially notified Spartanburg County that the application for the [Glendale Pedestrian Bridge \[old iron bridge\]](#) renovation project was approved including major funding and restoration plans. The project should be bid out in late fall with work being completed in the summer of 2014.

CHRISTMAS TREE

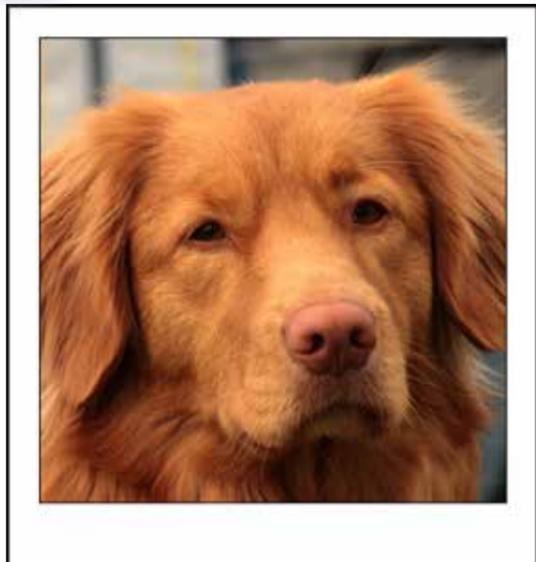
Planning is well underway for the lighting of our Christmas tree on December 7. Dee Dee Mitchell, Haley Briel, and Catherine Baehr are leading the charge on this project. This is the second year of a community Christmas tree. This year it will be outside the [cemetery](#) near the [GOLS main building](#). More information later.

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Blessing of the



Animals



Sun. Oct. 6 • 4pm

**Goodall Environmental Studies Center
Amphitheater at Glendale**

Light refreshments provided • Goodall Center will be open.
And for those who wish to participate, Holy Communion to follow
with our first wine from the Glendale Vineyard.

~Music by Rachel Chalmers~



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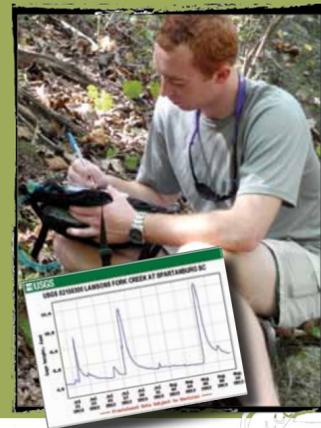
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environmental studies @ Wofford

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"Although the 'Thinking Like a River' initiative is a three-year effort, the work that we do will have lasting impact through the development of leadership and education at all levels," says Kaye Savage, director of Wofford's environmental studies program (left).



"The first year of TLAR has helped others see rivers and watersheds as complex, continually changing systems," says Dr. Terry A. Ferguson, associate professor of environmental studies and sociology and senior researcher for Wofford's Goodall Environmental Studies Center (right)



who to look for @ Goodall...

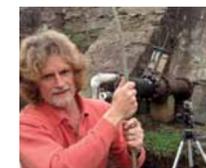
Haley Briel
outreach coordinator



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resource development and volunteer



Bob Hathcock
outfitter



Steve Patton, master gardener

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