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Zach Clary Coaches Gaffney American Legion Team To World Series

Zach Clary is in his early 20's but already has several accomplishments under his belt that few people will ever achieve. A native of Gaffney, Zach graduated from Gaffney High School, where he played third base and other infield positions on the varsity baseball team. He graduated from USC in May 2011 with a degree in Physical Education.



Zach Clary, who works summers at Hamrick Mills, coaches the Gaffney American Legion Team.

For three summers, he has worked at the Hamrick or Musgrove plants in the outside department. This past summer, he worked at the Hamrick Plant. "This was a great experience for me," he says. "I enjoyed being with all the crew. They always had something interesting to

talk about."

But once the work day ended, Zach headed to the ball field where he coached the Gaffney American Legion team. "Three years ago, I was asked to help out with the team," says Zach. "The first year I was an assistant coach and then the next

year, I moved into the head coaching position, which was really exciting. It felt so good to be actively involved in baseball again."

The American Legion team players represent four area high schools – Blacksburg, Broome, Chesnee and Gaffney. "I enjoy the diversity of the team. There's a lot of talent. It's fun to be around the players."

This year, the team only lost one game during regular play. Then, they had two rounds of play offs. In the first round, they won the series 3 to 0. They struggled a bit in the second round, where they were down 2 games to one and fought back to win
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Santos Ramos Medina Earns His United States Citizenship

Twenty-six years ago, Santos Ramos Medina, who has worked in the carding department at the Hamrick Plant for the past seven years, left Mexico and took up residency in the United States. He was in the country on a green card for all these years but always had one goal in mind - to become a US citizen.

"I have lived here for years and love my country," says Santos. "It was important to me that I officially become a citizen."

Santos applied for citizenship and began studying for the test. Six



Santos Ramos Medina, Hamrick carding, is now a US citizen.

months later, he took the test and passed it. On April 8, he was sworn in at a ceremony in Charleston. He was granted his citizenship and presented with a certificate.

"I'm proud and thankful that I am now an American citizen," says Santos. "I am a Christian and a strong believer, sharing the gospel in my daily life. I know that I could not have accomplished anything in my life without the Lord."

He continues, "When I was first sworn in, it felt strange because they
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Employees Celebrate Fall Birthdays

October Birthdays

Todd Allred	Tim Corbett	Ricardo Grimaldo	Brian Mathis	Maurice Petty
Bobby Anthony	Ray Dodgen	Rose Hudson	Patty McKinney	Kim Phillips
Wayne Baumgarner	Tim Dover	Laura Huitt	Chuck Moss	Nikki Proctor
Audrey Baxter	Jackie Duncan	Peter Hullett	Missy Owens	Dolly Rankin
Thomas Beaty	Scottie Duncan	Steve Hyman	Avis Parton	Michael Scruggs
Rhonda Bradley	Tom Dysart	Patricia Jeter	Otis Patterson	Randy Smith
Pauline Byers	Pamela Ford	Larry Ledford	Yancey Patterson	Bill Tippins
Larry Cobb	Ottie Forster	Jeff Lovingood	Rick Perrine	Juan Villegas
Gloria Cody	David Foster	Richard Manning	Christine Petty	Dorothy Whisnant
Brian Coggins	Jimmy Gossett			

November Birthdays

Starr Bright	Linda Greene	Lucille Lipscomb	Howard Padgett	Stewart Spain
Stan Clements	Mitchell Gunnells	Sherrie McSwain	Traci Patrick	Billy Spencer
Billy Costner	David Hammett	Steve Messer	Jerry Patterson	Chris Sprouse
Donald Craig	Maryka Henderson	Vivian Moss	Todd Pennington	Leonardo Villalpando
Joshua Goode	Peggy Ledford	Carroll Mullinax	Tabatha Phillips	Speedy Watkins
Lee Gossett	Perry Ledford	Kenneth Mullinax	Jackie Poston	Ronnie Weeks

December Birthdays

Jimmy Bagwell	Marcus Hopper	Tonya McCallister	Stevie Ramsey	Lois Splawn
Robert Campbell	Betty Horne	Jennifer Moore	Robert Reynolds	Cora Tessneer
Amy Dover	Lisa Jones	Jeff Morgan	Jack Rhinehart, Sr.	Anna Wood
Jackie Driskill	Bobby Lemmons	Michelle Moss	L.J. Seals	Phillip Wyatt
Wylie Hamrick	P.J. Littlejohn	Janice Peeler	Penny Spencer	Holly Zucker
Josh Henderson	Marlene Mace	Brenda Poteat		

*"Every upright life is a finger-board to travelers on the world's highway."
November 4, 1913*



Betty Ruth Dillinger, second from right, who worked in spinning at the Musgrove Plant for over 33 years, retired on August 12. Her friends honored her with a party. The Duncan family has an accumulation of 300 years of service at Hamrick Mills. Other family members at the Musgrove Plant include her brother's Frank, spinning and Junior, weaving, who have both passed the 50 year mark, Junior's son, Scotty, weaving and Junior's nephew, Johnny Duncan, cardroom supervisor.

Santos Ramos Medina Is Happy To Be A US Citizen

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took away my green card. I had carried it in my wallet for all these years. It didn't feel right but then I knew I had been sworn in and didn't need it anymore. I know have privileges and responsibilities that come with being an American citizen. I can vote and stand up and say I am an American citizen. It's hard to describe how wonderful that feels."

Santos lives in Gaffney. He has two grown children.

Mark Your Calendar

November - Open enrollment for our medical and dental insurance programs will be in November. Notices will be sent out soon.

December - T. Rowe Price will be here in December for our annual update. Get your questions ready.



Gaffney Indians cheerleaders gathered at Hamrick Mills for a photo opportunity prior to beginning the season.

It's Football Season!!!

Gaffney Indians Varsity Football Schedule

Sept. 30	Open		
Oct. 7	Clover	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 14	Rock Hill	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 21	Lancaster	Home	7:30 pm
	Homecoming		
Oct. 28	Northwestern	Home	7:30 pm
Nov. 4	Spartanburg	Away	7:30 pm

Blacksburg Wildcats Varsity Football Schedule

Sept. 30	St. Joseph's	Home	7:30 pm
	Homecoming		
Oct. 7	Christ Church	Home	7:30 pm
Oct. 14	Whitmire	Home	7:30 pm
	Senior Night		
Oct. 21	Landrum	Away	7:30 pm
Oct. 28	Southside Christian	Away	7:30 pm



Congratulations to the ticket winners to the Gaffney vs. Greenwood football game on Sept. 2, which Gaffney won. Left to right, Judy Wilson, Musgrove Plant, James Phillips, Hamrick Plant and Alberto Martinez and Sylvester Gregory, Hamrick Plant. Ticket winners to the Gaffney vs. Union game on Sept. 9 were, second from right, Bruce Hawkins, Musgrove Plant, and right, Brian Leach, Hamrick Plant. Gaffney also won this game.

"Time flies so fast that I am sometimes perplexed to know what I have done with the years that have passed."
 October 4, 1913

"Before you are fit to give orders, you must show your ability to take them."
 October 18, 1913

Dangers of Texting While Driving

We all love our modern electronics, especially our cell phones. However, abusing these devices by combining them with driving can be deadly.

Texting while driving means creating, sending or reading text messages, calling someone or surfing the internet on mobile phones while driving a motor vehicle like a car, truck or train.

Texting while driving disturbs the driver's attention visually, manually, and cognitively.

Though we all know the dangers of taking our eyes off the road, most of us believe we can multitask without paying the price. But

statistics prove this is not so.

Here are a few facts we should all be aware of :

- ❑ Texting while driving increases the risk of an accident 23.2 times over unimpaired driving.
- ❑ Texting while driving results in longer response times than even drunken driving. While an unimpaired driver can respond quickly to changes in traffic and begin braking within half a second, a legally drunk driver needs four additional feet to begin braking --- and a driver who's texting needs 70.
- ❑ In the moments before a crash or near crash, texting drivers typically spend almost five seconds looking at their mobile devices – enough time at

typical highway speeds to cover more area than the length of a football field.

- ❑ An accident can happen in two-to-three seconds while texting.

According to information gathered by Nationwide Insurance Co., the number one source of driver inattention is use of a wireless device. Driving while using a cell phone reduces the amount of brain activity associated with driving by 37 percent. Drivers that use cell phones are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves.

Over 25 states and the District of Columbia have passed laws making texting while driving illegal. However, as of now, South Carolina does not have such a law.

Gaffney American Legion Team Goes To The World Series In Shelby

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the next two games and advance to the state tournament.

They won the State Championship, advancing to the Southeast Regional competition which they also won. Next was the World Series in Shelby. They won their first game and lost the next two, finishing fifth in the country.

"It was one heck of a run," added Zach. "We played from late May to mid-August. I enjoyed every minute of it. I'm real proud of our team."

It's not surprising to learn that Zach is known as a player's coach since he is only a few years older than his players. "The advantage to this is that I can easily reach them on their level. I have fun with them but when it is time to practice or play ball, we all put on the game face. Our goal is to win games."

Zach attributes his success to what he learned from former high school coaches. "I've taken what they taught me and passed it on to the

players."

Following his busy summer, Zach is now teaching at Grassy Pond Elementary School in Gaffney.

Next spring, you'll find him assisting on Gaffney High School's junior varsity and varsity baseball teams, which he has done for the past two years. And then he will return to coaching the Gaffney American Legion team, as twelve of this year's seventeen players return, all with high expectations for the new season.



Congratulations to the winners of last month's puzzle, left, Jessica Espinoza, Musgrove cloth room, and right, Karen Montgomery, Hamrick warping. They each received a \$15 gift card.



Believe it or not, large cotton crops still grow in Cherokee County. Do you have a picture you would like to share? If so, contact the HR department.



NP Notes

by Teresa Martin

As the drugs stores and pharmacies advertise that flu shots are now available, are you wondering if you really need to get one?

The answer is definitely YES. Everyone who is not allergic to the vaccine should have a flu shot yearly. And here's why:

❑ Getting a flu shot often keeps you from getting the flu. Although it is not a guarantee, it is worth the possibility of prevention. This year's vaccine will offer protection against the H1N1 (swine flu) as well as two other strains that are expected to be around. The CDC recommends that every person over the age of six months be vaccinated against the flu.

❑ You need a vaccination every year. New vaccines are released each year to keep up with the ever-changing types of viruses. The flu is not just one virus, but a group of

several viruses that change often. What worked last year may not be the most effective agent against this year's strain of flu viruses. Once you get the flu shot, your immune system produces antibodies that will protect you from the virus. However, antibody levels start to decline about six months after the vaccine is given and the protection is lost after about one year.

❑ If you do get the flu and you are a generally healthy person, you do not have to see your doctor. Unless you have a chronic disease such as COPD or lung problems or are pregnant, the flu is unpleasant, but is not life threatening.

Common symptoms of the flu include fever, chills, muscle aches, loss of appetite, extreme fatigue, red and burning eyes, sore throat and dry cough. Symptoms most often begin



suddenly and hit one-to-three days after exposure.

Remedies for treating yourself at home include taking Tylenol or Advil. Do not take aspirin, BC or Goody powders or give aspirin to children as this could cause a life threatening reaction.

Drink clear fluids, such as water, sports drinks or broth as you need to stay hydrated.

Rest and sleep as much as you can. Stay at home and away from crowds and do not attempt to go to work or school if you still have a fever.

There are no guarantees that you will not get the flu if you take the vaccine, but you stand a much better chance of avoiding it. It can also help lessen the effect the flu will have on you should you get it.

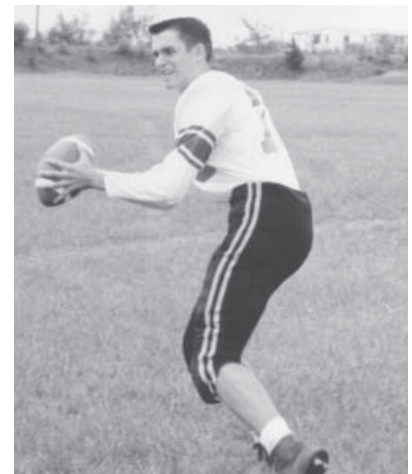
Flu Shot Schedule

Monday, October 17	8:30 to 10:00 am	Corporate Office Clinic
Tuesday, October 18	7:00 to 9:00 am	Musgrove Plant Clinic
Wednesday, October 19	7:00 to 9:00 am	Hamrick Plant Clinic

All employees are eligible to receive a flu shot. However, it is on a first come, first serve basis.



We would like to, once again, congratulate our employees who are celebrating 25 years of service at Hamrick Mills, left to right, Kelly Galloway, Brian Coggins, Carlisle Hamrick, James Phillips, Donna Proctor and Charles Spencer.



At the Gaffney vs. Union football game on Sept, 9, the 1961 State Championship team was honored before the game. The above photo is one of the team members, who works for Hamrick Mills. The first person from each plant to call Kim at 487-6267 or ext. 241 and identify the employee, will receive a gift card.



History Exam



Here's a bit of history trivia. See if you remember some of these events or have heard others talk about them.

1. In the 1940's, where were automobile headlight dimmer switches located?
 - a. On the floor shift knob
 - b. On the floor board to the left of the clutch
 - c. Next to the horn.
2. Why was having milk delivered a problem in northern winters?
 - a. Cows got cold and wouldn't produce milk.
 - b. Ice on highways forced delivery by dog sled.
 - c. Milkmen left deliveries outside of front doors and milk would freeze, expanding and pushing up the cardboard bottle top.
3. What was the popular chewing gum named for a game of chance?
 - a. Blackjack
 - b. Gin
 - c. Craps
4. How was Butch wax used?
 - a. To stiffen a flat-top haircut so it stood up.
 - b. To make floors shiny and prevent scuffing.
 - c. On the wheels of roller skates to prevent rust.
5. Before in-line skates how did you keep your roller skates attached to your shoes?
 - a. With clamps tightened by a skate key
 - b. Woven straps that crossed the foot
 - c. Long piece of twine
6. What was the most dreaded disease in the 1940's and 1950's?
 - a. Smallpox
 - b. AIDS
 - c. Polio
7. What was the name of Caroline Kennedy's pony?
 - a. Old Blue
 - b. Paint
 - c. Macaroni
8. What was a Duck-and-Cover Drill?
 - a. Part of a game of hide and seek
 - b. What you did when your Mom called you in to do chores
 - c. Hiding under your desk and covering your head with your arms in an A-bomb drill.
9. "I'll be down to get you in a _____, honey."
 - a. SUV
 - b. Taxi
 - c. Streetcar
10. Who left his heart in San Francisco?
 - a. Tony Bennett
 - b. Xavier Cugat
 - c. George Gershwin

Give your entry with your name, department and shift to your supervisor and you will be eligible to win a \$15 gift card.

Employees Celebrate Service Anniversaries

Congratulations to our employees who celebrate service anniversaries in increments of five years for July, August, and September.

Thirty-Five Years

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Donnie Tate | Musgrove
Carding |
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Thirty Years

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Curtis Hall | Musgrove
Outside |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Janice Baucum | Hamrick
Spinning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joyce Stephens | Hamrick
Warping |

Twenty-Five Years

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Galloway | Corporate
Office |
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Twenty Years

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Blackwell | Musgrove
Weaving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patty McKinney | Musgrove
Spinning |

Fifteen Years

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stan Clements | Lab |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peter Hullett | Hamrick
Carding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth Petty | Hamrick
Weaving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don Yelton | Hamrick
Spinning |

Ten Years

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rhonda Mullinax | Musgrove
Warping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Andy Smith | Hamrick
Weaving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speedy Watkins | Hamrick
Warp Prep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phillip Wyatt | Hamrick
Outside |

Five Years

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sherry Bridges | Hamrick
Spinning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adam Mann | Hamrick
Spinning |

Name _____ Department _____ Shift _____

"The daily papers announce thousands of business and moral failures, but rarely ever mention the millions of incidents of moral success and human strengths in every day life."

December 7, 1913