

## The Stroller: 'Heartbreaking'

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Donna Lee of Pauline is shaking her head in disgust after reading that Spartanburg County is mulling the idea of building another animal shelter. "Why are our leaders continuing to look for yet another temporary fix to our massive pet overpopulation problem?" she wants to know. "The number of these loving animals that are euthanized every year is staggering and heartbreaking. The real solution would be to enact strict spay and neuter laws like so many other states and counties have in place. The money spent in building and running these shelters could be used to make spay and neuter more affordable. I am calling on (our elected leaders) to please look at enacting strict spay and neuter laws instead of building another temporary fix shelter."

**'WAKE UP, PEOPLE!':** Spartanburg County's stray animal problems concern Landrum's Joyce Hyder, and she hopes the county's plan to truck strays to Greenville County will work out, but she says the best solution is sterilization. "I think this problem could be greatly improved if people would just spay or neuter their animals," she says. "There is no excuse for not doing this, with all the free or reduced-cost spay and neuter programs available. Think about what taking care of all these animals costs the county. Wake up, people!"

**VETERANS DAY PARADE:** Folks at VFW Post 9539 have planned a Veterans Day parade that commands an audience like never before. The Stroller wants to see the route, from South Church Street all the way to Memorial Auditorium, lined with flag-waving supporters Friday. The parade will get under way on South Church Street at 4 p.m. All World War II veterans and Gold Star Mothers are asked to gather at the VFW post at 2 p.m. for a ride in the parade, and anyone who would like to participate in the parade can call either 585-5290 or 494-2525. Look for The Stroller is the most beautiful convertible of all. It's a red and white 1959 Corvette — our dream car — driven by Evelyn Neighbors. Wave those flags, folks!

**ODDS AND ENDS:** The 23rd annual Santa's Shoppe presented by the Junior League will get under way at 7 p.m. Thursday in Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium and continue Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

**Prominent South Carolina** historian Walter Edgar will speak on "South Carolina in the Modern Age" tonight at 7 in the Showroom at Hub-Bub, 149 S. Daniel Morgan Ave.

**Auditions for the operetta** "H.M.S. Pinafore" will be held Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 10 a.m. in the choir room of St. John's Lutheran Church in Spartanburg. It's being produced by the Spartanburg Repertory Company and is scheduled to be staged March 9-11 at Broome High School. Strong solo singers are encouraged to audition.

**Upstate Forever** and the Chapman Cultural Center are bringing a selection of water-oriented films to Spartanburg. It's the Upstate's first Wild & Scenic Film Festival, and it's going to take place beginning at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the center. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12.

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