

on the gulf coast has brought to our attention the potential disasters which the upstate could face at any time. Because disasters are unexpected, but when something terrible happens, panic and chaos can be diminished if we trust in the people charged with handling disasters and taking care of citizens.

What could happen here?

quakes occurring with the potential for recurrence and severity rated as a two on a scale of one to five.

Information from Charleston Southern University's Earthquake Center says there is risk.

"The forecast for a large earthquake somewhere in the Eastern United States within the next 30 years is a 40 percent

According to Duke Power officials, its dams and the Oconee Nuclear Station can withstand the magnitude of earthquake that could occur here and that the design of the structures is based on ground acceleration, not the Richter Magnitude Scale.

"Duke Power has conservatively

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5-1 to give the executive director of Alliance Pickens a \$30,000 raise.

The increase brings Ray Farley's salary up to \$120,000 per year, and the raise is retroactive to July 1, according to county human resources director Jennifer Graham.

Council member G Neil Smith said his decision to vote in favor of the raise

tiations with a large prospect," he said. "To me, it was worth the \$30,000 for the extra time that we would need for the park development."

Smith said that the county is wooing several industries, but that one in particular is a "hot prospect" for the

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A Patriot remembered... Local organizations celebrate Andrew Pickens' birthday

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A small group of Patriots gathered outside of the Old Stone Church near Clemson on Saturday to celebrate and commemorate the 266th birthday of American Revolutionary war hero Andrew Pickens.

This first ever event included lying of wreaths at the Pickens family plot and placing American flags on the graves of all Revolutionary soldiers buried at the cemetery at Old Stone Church.

The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Pendleton Historic District sponsored the event. In addition to members of the state SAR and SAR, several local chapters were represented including the General Andrew Pickens Chapter, the General Robert Anderson Chapter, the Nathanael Greene Chapter and the Catechee

Chapter.

Members from the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SCSSAR) Color Guard opened the ceremony, which included pledges to the American flag. The Color Guard consisted of Greg Ohanesian, President of the SCSSAR; Eldon Bullington, Vice President of the SCSSAR; Tom Wiedner, past present of the SCSSAR; Jim Cook, past present of the SCSSAR; and Richard Ramsaur.

Dr. Fay Hart, Chair of Commemorative Events for the South Carolina DAR, led the pledge to the DAR flag, and Greg Ohanesian, led the pledge to the SAR flag.

Pendleton Mayor Carol Burdette welcomed the crowd and read a proclamation naming September 18 through 24 as Founders and Veterans Week in Pendleton. She praised the efforts of the SAR and DAR in keeping the history of An-

drew Pickens alive. The Pendleton Historic District includes the original Pickens District, which makes up Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties today.

Sylvia Summerville, Chaplain of the Nathanael Greene Chapter of the DAR led the invocation, and the Rev. Dr. Leroy Stewart, President and Chaplain of the General Andrew Pickens SAR Chapter, rendered a prayer.

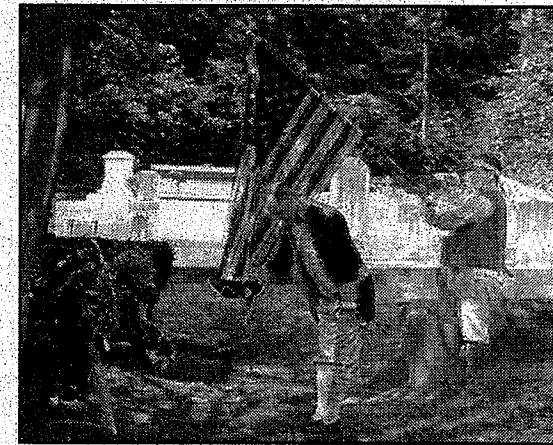
After many present laid wreaths near the Pickens gravesite, Dr. Ralph E. Welton, Jr. spoke about Gen. Pickens. Welton is the Secretary for the General Andrew Pickens SAR Chapter and coordinator of the event. Dr. William Steirer, chair of the history department at Clemson University, also addressed the American Revolution and General Pickens.

Several members present gave testimonials about their Revolutionary War ancestors. One of the most poignant was by Nell Kivett, Regent

of the Nathanael Greene DAR Chapter, who spoke not only of the famous men of history, but of the common patriots.

"I'm sure some in attendance today can with pride trace their ancestral lines directly back to Andrew Pickens, Francis Marion, Nathanael Greene or some other well known leaders," she said. "But so many more can with equally justified pride claim descendency from one of those backwoodsmen who gathered to turn the battle at Cowpens."

Many also spoke of the necessity of remembering our country's desire for freedom and honoring our patriotic past.



Greg Ohanesian, president of the South Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution tips his hat and bows in honor of General Andrew Pickens, while Jim Cook, former president of the SCSSAR displays the American flag. They were among the visitors at Old Stone Church during a celebration of the 226th birthday of our county's namesake.

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