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“Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it.”



Abbeville County Animal Shelter volunteers include (front row from left to right): Effie Jordan, Carol Gray, Shirley Huston and (standing left to right) Oscar Reid and Libby Litts. (Contributed photo)

Trustees to have special called meeting on bond referendum

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees will have a special called meeting on Thursday, Feb. 10, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a potential bond referendum and related questions, said Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason

Gary.

The trustees have been considering building new wings at AHS and Dixie, and renovations and new construction at the Career Center, cafeteria and kitchen expansions at the high schools, and the options of building tracks and new gyms at the high schools,

if the trustees so choose, according to Dr. Gary.

The board is expected to discuss a potential bond referendum date, and potential bond referendum questions, the Superintendent continued.

The meeting is open to the public.

Donalds to have farmers market

By Henry E. Green

A farmers market is slated to open in Donalds on May 28 of this year--the first farmers market in the town's history--according to William Scoggins, a Donalds Town Council member who is coordinating the project. The market will be open on Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the town's former city hall. Donalds is in the process of moving its town hall to the community's Grange building.

Meanwhile, vendors in the new farmers market will be based in the covered area in the town hall parking area. Measuring 40 feet by

40 feet, the covered area, Scoggins believed, could accommodate as many as 10 to 12 vendors. Inside the building, restrooms will be made handicapped accessible. The Town of Donalds has worked closely with Wilder Ferreira and Clemson Extension and the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation, and Scoggins said he was grateful for their assistance. There is clearly an effort to spread the word about the farmers market. There is even a Donalds farmers market Facebook page. The Town of Donalds, he said, will not be charging

vendors for their space in the farmers market, according to the Town Council member. "We're not trying to get rich," said Scoggins. The project is made possible through a \$25,000 Hometown Economic Grant from the state of South Carolina, Scoggins continued. Donalds is a community a 150 households, according to the Facebook page. The farmers market is located at 125 West Main Street in Donalds. For more information one may call Ferreira at 1-864-642-8758 or Scoggins at 1-864-992-3650.

Furry friends

Abbeville County Animal Shelter definitely in need of volunteers

By Henry E. Green

Shirley Huston makes no bones about being a dog person. "I like animals and I've always loved dogs," she said. That might explain why she is a volunteer at the Abbeville County animal shelter on the Old Calhoun Falls Road on the outskirts of Abbeville. "We currently have five active volunteers," she said. Most of the time she and her fellow volunteers walk the dogs housed at the shelter, providing them with precious exercise, but volunteers also clean kennels and crates. The canines are walked around the shelter building, about 10 to 15 minutes at a time. Most of the volunteers go to the shelter two days a week, two to four hours at a time, making life for the shelter's 33 dogs just a little easier. "Currently we have a lot of lab mixes, a lot of terrier mixes, and hounds," he said. "Most of them are extremely energetic." And, no, they do not bite, she said. It's not to understand why

the volunteers do what they do. "We do it because we care about the well being of the dogs," she said. Shirley has been a volunteer about eight years. "I came to that shelter from the City shelter (which has since closed)," she recalled. The Lowndesville area resident has two dogs of her own at home. "I have an English mastiff and a lab mix--both rescues," Huston said. Shirley emphasized that the shelter is very much in need of volunteers, not just for dog walking but for other chores that need to be done as well--mopping, sweeping, grooming, and the like. Cleaning cat cages is also a task, as the shelter is home to about 15 cats. The 33 dogs currently housed at the shelter face space issues--nine of them, she said, live in crates. Other volunteers, Greater Abbeville Humane Society president Ann Davis said, include Oscar Reid of Due West, who volunteers at the shelter because he is a dog lover. When he retired, he

wanted something meaningful to do. Reid, according to Davis, is the only male volunteer at this time, so the Shelter would welcome more men willing to share their time at the shelter. And then there's Carol Gray, whose heart goes out so much to the dogs that she will volunteer at the shelter even on days when she is not scheduled. Effie Jordan enjoys it "because she loves to see the improvement in the dogs" that results from being cared for in the shelter, the Humane Society president said. "They don't have to walk dogs," Davis said, noting that there are many other things they can do at the shelter. For more information about volunteering, one may call Shirley at 803-917-9665. One may also visit the shelter, which is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and fill out an application for volunteering.



Abbeville Lions Club secretary-treasurer Rick Pressly (right) recently presented club president Sandi Hood (left) with a Women in Lions pin. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Richey new Calhoun Falls police chief

By Henry E. Green

Timothy Richey has been named the new Calhoun Falls police chief, according to Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland. Town Council hired him after a special meeting Saturday, and he was sworn in immediately following the meeting. "He's going to be a great asset to our community,"

said Holland Tuesday. "I look forward to working with him." Richey was born in Greenwood, but he spent many years in Calhoun Falls, and has previously worked as an officer for the Calhoun Falls Police, the Mayor continued. He had been working at West Pelzer police department before being hired in

Calhoun Falls. Richey is currently a resident of Belton, but he is the process of moving to Calhoun Falls, Holland said. Treaco Hoover had been serving as Interim Police Chief following the retirement of Cynthia Kennedy as Calhoun Falls Police Chief. Perry Hill has been promoted to Assistant Chief, Holland continued.

A model life

The late Essie Patterson was a beloved Abbeville educator

By Henry E. Green

A good teacher can leave an indelible imprint not only on the lives of her students but on those of the adults who knew her as well .

So it was with the late Essie Patterson, whose memory lives on in the name of a foundation named in her memory.

Her daughter Brenda Patterson Frinks lives in Jacksonville, FLA.

Essie Patterson passed away in 2014 at the age of 97, "and she made the most of it," said Frinks, who supplied some biographical information about her mother:

A life well lived

"Born on Jan. 2, 1917, in Royston, GA, Essie Strother Patterson was the daughter of Lem and Lucy Strother, and she and her parents moved to Abbeville when she was a baby.

"In grades 1 - 4, she attended the Abbeville Public School on Harrisburg Street in Abbeville and moved on to the Abbeville County Training School for grades 5 through 10. Moving on to Atlanta, Georgia she attended the 12th grade

at Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 36. A scholar, Mrs. Patterson received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Benedict College in Columbia, SC and did graduate work at Morehead State, Atlanta, Temple and Clemson Universities.

"Essie began her teaching career at the Hagen School in Abbeville County, then at Cedar Grove in Antreville and then on to Bennettsville in Marlboro County, SC. Later she returned to Abbeville County to teach at Branch Street Elementary School, adult education classes, and she finished her career at Greenville Street Elementary where she retired with 40 years and seven months of service as an educator. After retiring, she continued to tutor the children and grandchildren of her former students.

"Until 2008 Mrs. Patterson was very active throughout the Abbeville community, having served as president of the Abbeville County Mental Health Association, a member of the Family Community Leaders, Clemson Extension, Re-

tired Teachers Association, Piedmont Technical College, Basileus of Abbeville-Greenwood Chapter of AKA Sorority, Eastern Star, Women's Home Aid, Abbeville Historical Society, and former President of the Lay Organization and a Stewardess at Mulberry AME Church. Into her 90s, Mrs. Patterson could be counted on to work the polls during voting season.

"Mrs. Patterson's love for education led her to establish the Essie Strother Patterson/Georgia Mae Strother Scholarship for students from Abbeville County who attend Benedict College her alma mater. "

The foundation and the marker

Frinks and her brother Lemuel Patterson helped establish the Essie Strother Patterson Foundation, which is sponsoring a historic marker at Harbison Cemetery on the outskirts of Abbeville.

The marker will be unveiled in a special program on Friday, Feb. 18, at 2:30 p.m. at the cemetery.

Richard London (left) and friend Tommy Ferguson (right) are setting up a Harbison Cemetery marker next to the cemetery on Highway 20 on the outskirts of Abbeville. A special program for the marker is slated for Feb. 18. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Chamber planning Daddy-Daughter

By Henry E. Green

The 10th annual Daddy-Daughter Dance, presented by the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce will be held on Friday, Feb. 11, at the Abbeville Civic Center in Abbeville from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., according to Chamber executive director Anna LaGrone.

The dance is a community-focused event that also serves as a fundraiser for the Chamber. It is designed to be a bonding experience between fathers and their pre-school, elementary and middle school aged daughters.

There will be music provided by local favorite DJ Bobby Hamby, and portraits taken by Celina Gladden, a

local photographer.

"Many local businesses will be providing food for the event, including Red Gate Realty and Two Brews, among many others, LaGrone continued.

On average about 500 people have attended the Dance through the years.

Tickets are available now at a special pre-sale price, and one may call the Chamber now for more information at 864-366-3806.

One couple's ticket is \$25, plus \$10 for each additional daughter.

Deason's will be providing floral arrangements, and Red Gate Realty will be providing a popcorn machine, according to LaGrone.

"This is our biggest fund-

raiser of the year, and we typically use the proceeds to provide services like advertising for our members, and scholarships for local students," she said.

The Chamber's next event will be the Chamber's second Small Business Big Ideas class, slated for Feb. 16 at 8:30 a.m. at the Chamber, said LaGrone.

Open to anyone interested in business, it is free for Chamber members, and \$10 for non-Chamber members.

LaGrone will be teaching the class, which is entitled "Speed Dating for Small Business: The Power of the Perfect Pitch."

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Pyramids and coffee

Bob Gross discusses with Abbeville Rotarians his trip to Egypt and Istanbul

By Henry E. Green

There are three things you need to drive in Egypt, Bob Gross told Abbeville Rotarians Thursday--good brakes, a good horn... and good luck!

Yes, driving in Egypt can be a hair-raising experience. "It's chaos," Gross told his fellow Rotarians. And yet, remarkably, the Egyptians, whose country is home to very few traffic lights, have relatively few accidents.

Gross got a taste of life on the highway, and other aspects of life in the land of the Pyramids, during a recent trip to Egypt and Istanbul.

"I love to travel," he told Rotarians.

Istanbul, of course, is ancient city on the Bosphorus, which helps connect the Black and Aegean seas.

The Turkish metropolis is overwhelmingly Muslim, and Gross was impressed by the beautiful mosques.

Among the most impressive of those mosques was Hagia Sophia, which was actually built as a church by the Byzantine emperor Justinian in A.D. 537, and then converted into a mosque after the city was captured by the Ottoman Turks in 1453.

Gross went on a boat ride on the Bosphorus, an ex-

ceedingly busy waterway, and enjoyed the enormously strong Turkish coffee.

Egypt, also, was a land which made an enormous impression on Gross, starting with the port of Alexandria, which was built by Alexander the Great.

Alexandria used to be home to a magnificent lighthouse, but the lighthouse is no more, thanks to an earthquake. The city is home to a citadel, some of whose building blocks allegedly came from the lighthouse.

Gross moved on to visit the pyramids, the temples, and the Nile--both offering glimpses into Egypt's past--and get a taste of ancient Egyptian perspectives on life and death.

According to the ancient Egyptians, the sun god was the source of life, and since the sun rose in the east, temples were located on the east side of the Nile. Graves and tombs were on the west side.

According to Gross, the pyramids were so expensive to build that the people eventually staged a revolution.

"No more," they said, in effect, to the burden of building, and the construction of pyramids stopped.

Some of the treasures of ancient Egypt can be found

in the Egyptian Museum, and actually the Egyptians are now building the Grand Egyptian Museum, a new and improved version.

Gross learned much about the life and times of the people who made "King Tut" famous.

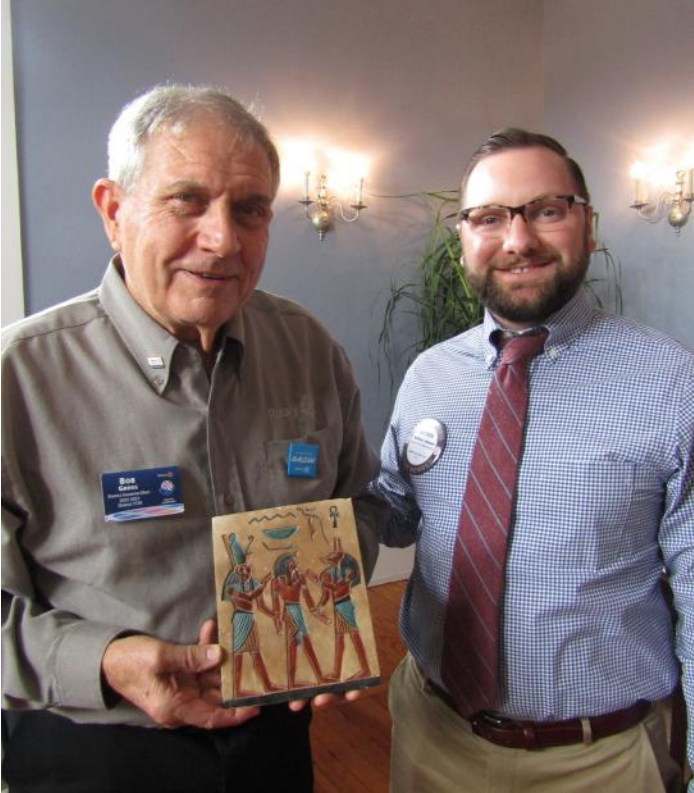
Among the items:

- In the process of mummification, various organs of the deceased Pharaoh were placed in separate jars--to be reunited with the body in the afterlife.
- Egypt can be quite warm. In October, temperatures would climb as high as 106 degrees. Gross suggested a trip in late fall or winter.
- The Egyptian town of El Qoseir is about 5,000 years old.
- Gross took note of the world's oldest rug, which dates from the fifth century B.C.
- He also took in the Cross Egypt Challenge, with participants crossing the country on scooters and motorcycles.

Gross, a member of the Sea Island Rotary Club in Beaufort, went on the trip in connection with an international Rotary convention he was attending.

"It was the trip of a lifetime," he told Rotarians Thursday.

Rotarian Bob Gross (left) was the speaker at a recent meeting of an Abbeville Rotary Club meeting. Here he is holding a reproduction of some ancient Egyptian art, as he stands beside Abbeville Rotary club president Matthew Johnson. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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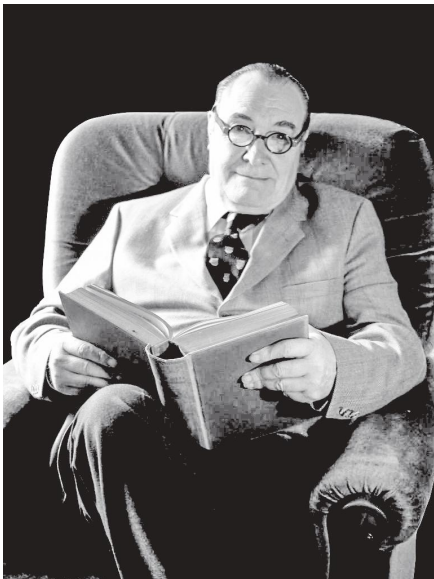
‘An Evening with C.S. Lewis’ comes to Erskine Feb. 24

Submitted by
Joyce Guyette

Erskine College will host “An Evening with C.S. Lewis” Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Lesesne Auditorium on the Erskine campus. Tickets are available at www.erskine.edu/eveningwithcslewis.

Set in 1963, this one-man show portrays famed author, scholar, and Christian apologist C.S. Lewis near the end of his life at his home in Oxford, England. Lewis, played by British actor David Payne, speaks to guests about his friendship with J.R.R. Tolkien; explains why he nearly abandoned the Narnia books; expounds on how he came to embrace Christianity; and talks about the American woman who turned his life upside down.

Among Lewis’s writings, “The Chronicles of Narnia,” a seven-book fantasy series for children, may be the most widely known. Other familiar titles include “Mere Christianity,” the memoir “Surprised by Joy,” and “The Screwtape Letters,” in addition to such academic works as “The Allegory of Love”



David Payne as C.S. Lewis

and “A Preface to Paradise Lost.” A Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, where he served from 1925 to 1954, he was awarded the chair of Medieval and Renaissance Literature at Cambridge University in 1954. He died in 1963.

David Payne has played the role of C.S. Lewis more than 1,000 times. His acting career began at the age of 55, after he responded to an audition notice which included the phrase “British accents a help.” Payne had never been on stage before, but he did have a British accent. Much to his surprise, he was given the

lead role, playing C.S. Lewis in “Shadowlands” at Nashville’s Tennessee Performing Arts Center. Read more about Payne at birdandbabyproductions.com—the website of the company he founded.

“An Evening with C.S. Lewis” is a theatrical experience which has led many thousands to discover—or rediscover—the continuing impact of one of the literary giants of the 20th century.

For more information on this event, please contact Hope Seymour at hope.crenshaw@erskine.edu or Beth Boyd at beth.boyd@erskine.edu or call 864-379-8881.

Founded more than 180 years ago, Erskine College, in Due West, South Carolina, offers both undergraduate liberal arts and graduate theological education. Erskine exists to glorify God as a Christian academic community where students are equipped to flourish as whole persons for lives of service. The Erskine College-Due West Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Placement of a Historical Marker at Harbison Cemetery on SC Highway 20 E.

Submitted by
Dr. Lemuel Patterson

The Essie Strother Patterson Legacy Foundation is sponsoring the placement of a historical marker at the Harbison Cemetery on South Carolina Highway 20 E. on February 18th, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

The marker commemorates the Harbison Cemetery, a burial ground dating back to the 1800’s which contains the remains of en-

slaved persons, farmers, laborers, teachers, ministers, tradespeople, alumni of Harbison College and its predecessor school, Ferguson Academy.

The cemetery continues to be used today, and has been adopted by several groups in Abbeville for clean up campaigns. The most recent clean-up project is being spearheaded by Richard London. Surviving family members with loved ones

buried at the cemetery are asked to place flowers on the graves during the unveiling.

Immediately after the unveiling of the marker, a formal program and reception will be held at the Indigenous Underground restaurant, 117 Trinity Street, Abbeville. Both events are open to the public.

For further information, contact Dr. Lemuel Patterson, Coordinator, at 803-682-432



Amanda Hershberger Moss (left) learned how to play the bagpipes at an early age. She and her sister Katherine (center) learned from their grandmother Virginia Ferguson (right). (Photo courtesy of Amanda Moss)

Virginia Ferguson blazed bagpipe trail

By Henry E. Green

The bagpipes have played a colorful role in the history of the Abbeville High School band, adding a unique touch to a group of musicians who helped put the community on the map.

The sound of the pipes in the band also owes much to the influence of one of Abbeville’s remarkable ladies—the late Virginia Ferguson.

Virginia’s granddaughter Amanda Hershberger Moss recently recalled how her grandmother help set things in motion.

“In 1973, Sandy Scott, renowned band director of the Abbeville Grenadiers, the marching band of Abbeville High School, asked Virginia Ferguson if she would be willing to teach students how to play the bagpipes, as he wanted to incorporate a bagpipe unit,” Amanda said.

“Because of her musical background, Mr. Scott thought she would be perfect, as she was serving as choir director for Main St.

United Methodist Church in Abbeville and was an accomplished pianist in her own right. She had previously started learning to play the pipes because her son, Fletcher Ferguson, Jr., was attending the Citadel and learning to play, himself. She started taking band students who wanted to learn with her to the North American Academy of Piping in North Carolina, run by Sandy Jones, the former director of bagpiping at the Citadel.

“Bagpipes were soon added to the Grenadiers and were part of multiple state championships won by the band. The bagpipe unit took a brief hiatus soon after Sandy Scott retired as band director,” Amanda continued.

“Virginia continued to play the pipes and attend pipe school, which had moved to Valle Crucis, NC. She taught her granddaughters, as well as lifelong friends, the

‘Todd girls,’ to play at a very young age and they began attending the academy, as well. Her theory was “when your fingers are long enough to cover the holes, then you can start learning!”

While the AHS band no longer has a bagpipe unit, many people still remember those days when Highland sounds could be heard swirling around Abbeville.

A number of Virginia’s students still play, and that includes Amanda, who grew up in Abbeville and now lives in Greenwood. Amanda’s story was profiled in last week’s Press and Banner.

Virginia, meanwhile, was the wife of Fletcher Ferguson, who before his death in 1988, was a reporter for The Press and Banner for many years.

Virginia herself was a mainstay of the music ministry at Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville for many years.

a Word from “THE WORD”

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Acts 16:25 “But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. (26) Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed.”

Paul and Silas had been beaten with many stripes and put into the innermost prison with their feet in stocks. What was their crime? Preaching the Gospel. They had done nothing wrong and yet they were treated like vicious criminals. How would you react to a situation like that? Paul and Silas had a prayer meeting and sang praises to all mighty God. Can you imagine anything more amazing as that?

In his book, “Dry Bones Dancing,” Tony Evans says that when one worships God in the darkness it does three things. Number one, it changes you. Number two it changes your circumstances. Number three it will

change others. That is exactly what happened at the Philippian jail. They could have moaned and groaned about how unfair it was that they were treated unjustly. Instead they chose to pray and praise. Their praise to God lifted them above the suffering they were going through. It also changed their situation. Their praise to God caused an earthquake that shook not only their bonds loose but everyone else in the jail.

That was a huge change—their praise loosened their bonds. My friend, your praise to God in times of suffering will loose you from the bonds of bitterness.

Their praise also affected the jailor. He was on the

verge of suicide when Paul interrupted him with, “Do yourself no harm we are all here.” That indeed was a miracle, the prisoners didn’t try to escape. I can’t help but believe that the prisoners stayed because of the praise of Paul and Silas. They just stayed around to see what would happen next. The end result was that the jailor and his entire household came to know the Lord. I know that incident made a profound impression on the rest of the inmates. Who knows, maybe some of them came to faith in Christ as well.

It’s amazing what praising can do, try it the next time you find yourself in a difficult situation.

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It's only rock 'n' roll

Tribute bands have considerable success

By Henry E. Green

"It's only rock'n'roll, but I like it," the Rolling Stones used to sing.

Apparently there are many local folks who concur with the Stones, judging from the success the City of Abbeville has been having with rock'n'roll tribute bands.

Consider the example of Freebird, a Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band slated to play at the Opera House this past weekend, and Interstellar Echoes, which channels the music of Pink Floyd and which also played recently at the Opera House.

Skynyrd and "the Floyd" are, of course, rock'n'roll icons, with the former providing a template for Southern rock, and the later reaching the musical stratosphere with albums like "Dark Side of the Moon," from the early Seventies.

City of Abbeville special events coordinator Emily Bledsoe described on Friday the attraction of Freebird and similar bands.

"Freebird is a Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band out of Atlanta and we're very excited to have them," she said. "The show is actually sold out! The Pink Floyd tribute, Interstellar Echoes, that took place last weekend was also sold out so we have had massive success with tribute bands! They consistently sell and from what I've heard from other venues, they do very well at other places also."

"Interstellar Echoes played here in 2021 to half capacity and sold out so we were thrilled to have them back at full capacity and sold almost 300 tickets. I feel certain we'll have them again within the next year or two. I'm a huge Pink Floyd fan and they certainly do the group justice."

The City has a full slate of attractions coming up, with musical genres ranging from Motown to country represented, and comedy as well, according to Bledsoe.

"As far as upcoming shows, we have United Sound Entertainment presenting Motown and More, Cash Unchained: The Ultimate Johnny Cash Tribute, 20 Ride, Comedian James Gregory, and Thunder Gypsy presenting Ladies of the Blues," she said.

"We have lots of other things in the works as well that we'll announce once we finalize all the details. Definitely some returning favorites and some new highly requested shows."

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Tai chi classes are now being taught at the Abbeville County Library (contributed photo).

Massage company owner tells his story

By Henry E. Green
J.P. Mosley recalled that, one day when he was growing up in Baltimore, he was watching a re-run of “The Monkees,” when his mother noticed that he was breathing strangely. It was this observation that helped lead to the discovery that J.P. had asthma, and for the next few years, he was, as he told an audience at The Brew recently, in and out of the hospital and the offices of allergy specialists--he would miss school for months.

Things changed when he moved to Boone, North Carolina, and enrolled at Appalachian State. The move to the Tar Heel State was part of a transformation that Mosley experienced. Learning about herbs, he began to look at health in a different way. It wasn't just a matter of treating the symptoms--things like nutrition and mental health also entered into the picture. He became healthier--for the first time since he was five he was not on any

medications. “That was such a ‘wake up’ moment for me,” he said. Hewenttomassageschool and became a massage therapist, practicing in North Carolina at first, and expecting great things. “2019 was really a great year for me,” he recalled. 2020 was going to be a most excellent year, too, he believed. And for the first two months, it was. Then came the virus, and massage therapists began to be subject to various regulations to help curb COVID. All the counties in North Carolina had different rules to try to curb the pandemic. Then came the big move. “My parents moved down here from Baltimore,” he said. He followed their lead, setting up an office on Abbeville’s Court Square. Mosley recalled seeing a church with a Scripture reference on a sign--Joshua 1:9. “Do not be afraid,” the verse states, and J.P. took

it to heart. The “J” in J.P. stands for “Joshua.” He has found Abbeville to be a very welcoming community, and he has even begun to teach tai chi classes at the Abbeville County Library. All over Abbeville there are people who are willing to help. “The hospitality here is just unparalleled,” he said. J.P. opened a massage business in Abbeville in October of last year. As the owner and head masseuse of that business, called the Abbeville Massage Company, he has gained a following. “We have such a loyal client base,” he said. The Brew is a program presented by the City of Abbeville in conjunction with the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, and the Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership. On the first Wednesday of every month at the Belmont Inn, business people gather to network and tell their stories.

Happy place Abbeville Artist Guild enjoys gatherings at library’s ALT space

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville Artist Guild is having considerable success with its plan to gather at the ALT, a multipurpose area at the Abbeville County Library that is meant to be a home for creative activities. The Guild had planned to have meetings at the ALT on the first Wednesday of every month. The organization held on Wednesday, Feb. 2, its second ALT meeting. “Nine people attended and worked on their artwork and we shared tips and techniques with each other,” according to a Guild news release. So successful was it, in

fact, that the organization is now planning to have two meetings a month at the ALT instead of the one originally planned. In addition to the first Wednesday, the Guild plans to meet on Thursday, Feb. 17, at 10 a.m. The gathering is not limited to Guild members, but is open to the community, said Abbeville Artist Guild treasurer Jane Agan. The ALT opened last fall, and Library System director Mary Elizabeth Land explained in a November interview its purpose. “It will be a multipurpose area with a stage for speakers and performances,” she

said. “It will also have numerous stations for creative activities. There will also be a station with classic games like Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit.” A monthly calendar will share the details of what is available on any given day, Land said. “We’ve turned what was a library storage area into a space for public use,” she said, adding that it is a “project that’s been in our plans for a long time. “It will allow us to have many more programs and to improve our offerings for those 15 years old to seniors,” Land said. “This is not a kids’ space.”

County gets ‘clean’ FY 21 audit opinion

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County Council has received a “clean” audit report for Fiscal Year 2021, said County Director David Garner Thursday. County Council is scheduled to hear an audit report at its Feb. 14 meeting from representatives of Martin Smith and Company, a CPA firm based in Greenville. The firm gave the County audit an unqualified, “clean”

opinion, the highest opinion possible, according to the County Director. This means that the County’s financial statements for FY 2021 are in accordance with accounting standards. The audit report found no discrepancies in the County’s books, said County finance director and Assistant County Director Barry Devore Thursday. “Our fund balance contin-

ues to grow and to remain healthy,” added Garner Thursday. The Abbeville County School District was also the beneficiary of a favorable audit review recently. Josh Garvin of the firm of Manley Garvin delivered the good news during an audit report at the Jan. 25 school board meeting.

Spring Festival to have special exhibit

By Henry E. Green
In conjunction with its 40th anniversary, the Abbeville Spring Festival will feature this year an exhibit highlighting 40 years of Abbeville’s biggest festival.

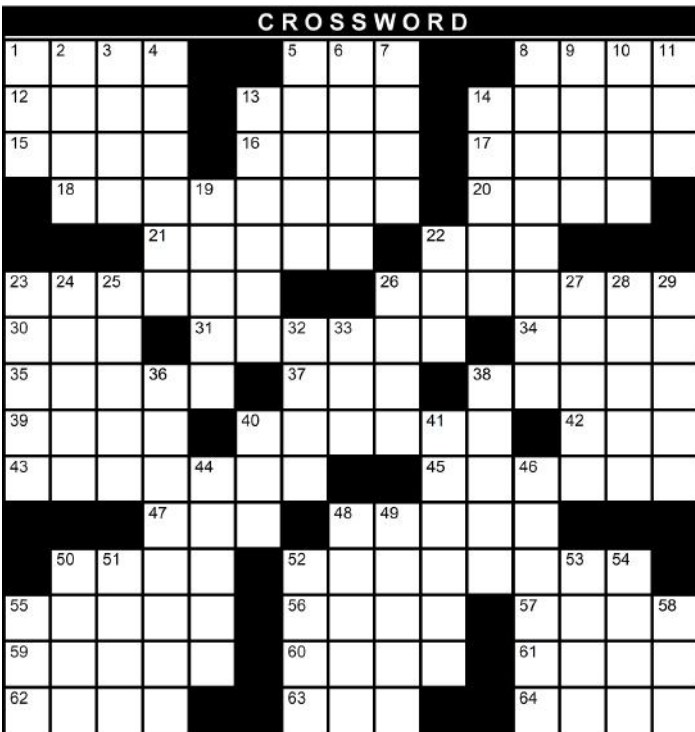
Austin Walker, the City of Abbeville’s Community Development Director, explained how it works. “We want to see your stories and memories from the past 40 years at the Abbeville Spring Festival,” she said. “We are asking the community to take part in a ‘40 Years of Memories’ photo exhibit to be displayed the entire month of May at The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce in celebration of the Festival’s 40th anniversary,” she said. There will be an official reception during the opening ceremonies on May 7.

“ANY and ALL pictures of your favorite Spring Festival memories are welcome.” There are three ways to send them in: --Social media. “Make sure your picture is public and tag us @cityofabbeville on Facebook or @abbeville_city on Instagram --E-mail theCityatevents@abbevillecitysc.com --Mail a hard copy of the photo to the following address. Attn: 40th Spring Festival City of Abbeville 100 Court Square Abbeville, SC 29620

The following information is recommended, but not required, for each submission: -Names of people in photo -What year the photo was taken -A few words on the story behind the photo “By following the avenues to submit your photos, you are allowing the City of Abbeville and it’s representatives to use your photo in the marketing of the City of Abbeville,” said Walker. Since its inception in the early 1980s, the Abbeville Spring Festival has been synonymous with good times in Abbeville, providing

a memorable blend of entertainment, crafts, and food. The festival was cancelled in 2020 because of COVID,

but it came back with a vengeance last year, with large crowds and favorable weather.



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Deep State Assassination Programs and Operations

By Geoff Hult

At the University of Minnesota on March 10th, 2009, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Seymour Hersh spoke about an “executive assassination ring” in operation during the George W. Bush administration that operated independently, not answering to Congress, but answering directly to Vice President Dick Cheney. He talked about a Joint Special Operations Command being a special wing of the special operations community that is set up independently.

Hersh stated: “After 9/11, the Central Intelligence Agency was very deeply involved in domestic activities against people they thought to be enemies of the state. Without any legal authority for it. Congress has no oversight of it. It’s an executive assassination ring, essentially, and it’s been going on and on and on. It’s complicated because the guys doing it are not murderers, and yet they are committing what we would normally call murder. Because they are young men that went into the Special Forces. The Delta Forces you’ve heard about. Navy Seal Teams.” These operations would apply domestically and abroad.

What is interesting about Hersh’s statements in 2009 regarding covert Special Operations assassination programs, is that this is exactly what the man who took the fall for the Oklahoma City Bombing, Timothy McVeigh, wrote in a letter to his sister in October of 1993. McVeigh had “officially” dropped out of the Special Forces in 1991 but revealed in the letter that he was 1 of 10 men chosen out of 400 during Special Forces training at Fort Bragg, NC, to be a part of what Hersh stated as being the Joint Special Operations Command. McVeigh was what is referred to as “sheep dipped,” in that publicly he left the military but secretly, he was retained in their service as a covert operator. Fletcher Prouty, Chief of Special Operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff under JFK, wrote in his book “The Secret Team” about the process of being sheep dipped: “Sheep dipped is an intricate Army devised process by which a man who is in the service as a full career soldier or officer agrees to go through all the legal and official motions of resigning from the service. Then, rather than actually being released, his records are pulled from the Army personnel files and transferred to a special Army intelligence file.”

McVeigh wrote his sister that he would be doing two things as a covert operator: 1) helping the CIA fly drugs into the US to help fund their covert operations and 2) be a “military consultant” to work with civilian police agencies to quiet anyone deemed a national security threat. He was to be a government paid

assassin, he wrote. McVeigh had been incorporated into black operations but was later set up to take the fall for the Oklahoma City Bombing in April, 1995. He did not mastermind the bombing. See the documentary “The Secret Life of Timothy McVeigh” on bitchute.

It is important to note that the above mentioned “to quiet anyone deemed a national security threat” does not refer to actual terrorists and criminals. It refers to anyone deemed a threat to or opposing the criminal power structure that is in place. Anyone who exposes secrets, false flag terrorist incidents, or assassinations conducted by, or on behalf of, the deep state. Anyone who has the clout to influence people’s thinking that is not aligned with the New World Order agenda or deep state philosophy. This means whistleblowers, witnesses, journalists such as Michael Hastings and Gary Webb, doctors who are publicly opposed to the way Pharma operates, or anyone in government refusing to capitulate to deep state policy. These programs apply domestically and internationally.

According to Fletcher Prouty, Operation Mongoose was a CIA program with the objective to assassinate Cuban president Fidel Castro. They incorporated the help of mafia hitmen but the plot ultimately failed. Mongoose extends as a blanket term/program and as Prouty describes it: “Mongoose is an assassination incorporated organization.” Martin Luther King Jr. and both John and Robert Kennedy were assassinated by the American deep state because of their refusal to support the military industrial complex by their opposition to the Vietnam war, as well as other reasons.

Myron Billet, a low level mafioso, states on camera in the film “Evidence of Revision part 6, the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.” that in early 1968 he drove famous mobsters Sam Giancana and Johnny Roselli to a meeting with FBI agents in upstate New York. Billet states a contract of a million dollars was offered by the Feds to the mafia to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr. Billet stated: “The FBI, the CIA were the ones that came up with the hit.” The mob declined the offer and that was the end of it, he said. Why they would need the mafia for such a thing is anybody’s guess, but is the second example here of how the government has a history of working with organized crime to commit crime. The above agencies do not devise these operations on their own, but are tasked to carry out and enforce them on behalf of advancing and protecting deep state policy and agenda.

Methods of assassination are as varied as the mind can conceive. If you can conceive

it, they’ve conceived it and have probably implemented it. One method not uncommon is by way of plane crash, which provides plausible deniability. Paul Wellstone was a US senator from Minnesota who died in a small plane crash in northern Minnesota in October, 2002, along with his wife and 6 others. Wellstone was vehemently opposed to war in Iraq and Afghanistan. The qualities about Wellstone that got him assassinated were his integrity, his influence on the public, his fearlessness in the pursuit of truth and justice, particularly on the subjects of 9/11 and the invasion of Iraq, and his incorruptibility. These qualities do not jibe with the criminal system he was operating in. His plane was brought down by a directed energy weapon. See the film: “Wellstone: They Killed Him” on bitchute.

Gary Caradori was hired by the Nebraska Legislature to investigate claims by local children and teenagers of a child trafficking ring operating out of Omaha. Caradori and others discovered the ring was nationwide and reached into the highest echelons of the power structure in Washington DC, as well as the Omaha PD and Omaha FBI. On July 9th, 1990, Caradori and his 8 year old son flew in his single engine Piper Saratoga plane to Chicago ostensibly to attend the MLB All-Star game, but also to obtain crucial evidence in his investigation. On the return flight on July 11th, the plane went down in a cornfield in Illinois killing both Caradori and his son. His briefcase containing the documentation relating to the investigation about the trafficking ring was gone. Two years after the incident, the National Transportation Safety Board admitted the wings had come off in the air due to “stress.”

This is an example of someone who most people have never heard of who was assassinated by the deep state to protect the criminal behavior of the ruling class, and is only one example of countless Americans who have met the same fate for daring to pursue truth. For more information about what Gary Caradori was investigating, read the book “The Franklin Cover-Up: Child Abuse, Satanism, and Murder in Nebraska” by former Nebraska state senator John DeCamp.

There will be justice, and it will come in the form of Judgment. Seek the Father and His Son Yahushua (Jesus) while He can be found.

“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and drug sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” (Revelation 21:8)

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SC Statehouse Reports 2022-The House of Representatives

House week in review

Rep. Craig A. Gagnon,
District 11--SC House of
Representatives
February 3, 2022

The House is beginning to get busier with bills getting out of full committee meetings and onto the floor for debate. Here are some of those bills. I voted in the affirmative on the following:

The House, with an amendment, adopted and ordered sent to the Senate H. 3100 relating to unlawfully passing a stopped school bus. The penalties have been stiffened and all school buses must be equipped with extended school bus stop arms.

The House amended, gave third reading and sent to the Senate H. 4177, a bill that establishes a Waterfowl Advisory Committee. Due to a decline in the state’s waterfowl due to destructive storms and financial management issues, the committee is created to help direct the manager of the waterfowl program within the Department of Natural Resources. Also, the bill increases the cost of migratory waterfowl permits (duck stamps) from five to fifteen dollars for five years. The additional revenue from duck stamps will be used to repair the state’s impoundments that have not been addressed over the years.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H. 4831, a joint resolution that directs the Department of Commerce to conduct an Offshore Wind Energy Supply Chain Industries Economic Development Study to evaluate the state’s business advantages, economic climate, workforce readiness, and any other relevant state assets to create a roadmap for South Carolina to effectively compete in attracting offshore wind energy supply chain industries to the state.

The House gave third reading and sent to the Senate H. 3889, a bill restricting the use of airboats during duck season. This bill reflects current law; however, it changes use of airboat restriction during waterfowl season to duck

season.

The House approved and sent the Senate H. 4832, a bill providing for numerous insurance law revisions, clarifications, and updates, including provisions for aligning state law with recommendations of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and authorizing South Carolina’s withdrawal from the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Compact.

The House gave third reading and returned to the Senate with amendments, S. 203 relating to the removal of school district trustees and filling vacancies. School district trustees who willfully commit or engage in an act of malfeasance, misfeasance, chronic unexcused absenteeism, conflicts of interest, criminal misconduct in office, or persistent neglect of duty in office, or are adjudicated medically incompetent or medically incapacitated, are subject to removal by the Governor upon any of the foregoing causes being made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor.

On Wednesday, members of the Senate joined us in the House chamber to vote on Supreme Court, Circuit Court and Family Court Judicial nominees. The South Carolina Constitution requires judges to be elected by members of the General Assembly. Prior to being judicial candidates, individuals seeking judicial office are screened by a committee to ensure they possess the competency and qualifications necessary to serve on the bench.

In the next few weeks, the Ways and Means Committee will finish crafting the House version of the State Budget as well as hold meetings to make some changes to the state income tax system.

Another bill I will be watching closely is H. 4919, which is a bill that will make it easier to vote while making it harder for fraudulent votes to be cast in South Carolina. Although this bill still has to work its way through the legislative process (where it could be

altered), here are some of the protections that the bill proposes:

-Currently, ‘in-person’ absentee voting extends up to 45 days before an election. This bill repeals the “in-person” absentee voting system, so all absentee ballots would have to be submitted by mail.

-H. 4919 creates 12 days of “early voting” with an acceptable form of ID, just as voting on Election Day. These early voting locations must be “brick and mortar”, and offer every ballot for that particular election - giving every individual a chance to go vote if voting on Election Day is not possible.

-This bill enforces voter ID requirements when voting absentee, just as they are enforced on Election Day. IDs would mirror what is already in South Carolina law: SCDL, state ID card, passport, military ID, voter registration card with a picture.

-Every absentee ballot that is submitted must have the signature of a witness. With this, witnesses would be required to print their name beside their signature and provide an address so their identity can be verified.

-Absentee envelopes would be opened prior to Election Day so results are available by the close of polls. To safeguard this, any disclosure of any election-related information before the polls close is a felony.

-Finally, “Fusion voting” laws would be repealed, meaning a name could appear on the ballot only once. “Fusion voting” allows a candidate to appear on multiple parties’ ballot lines, essentially pooling the votes for them.

As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve you in Columbia. If you need help with any state agency, or have any thoughts or concerns about what we are doing, please do not hesitate to contact me at home at (864) 366-4112 or in Columbia at (803) 212-6934 or by email at craiggagnon@southcarolinahouse.gov.



Senator Scott Accepting Applications for Summer 2022 Internships

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) released a video highlighting his internship opportunities and urging students to apply. Please see the video at (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nUnTOFsivRo>)

Sen. Scott’s office is now accepting applications for internships in Washington, D.C., North Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville for the summer of 2022. The internship program offers undergraduate and graduate students the chance to work with public service professionals and gain practical experience in constituent services, government policy, and more. Students of all majors are welcome to apply, particularly those studying governmental af-

fairs, public policy, or communications.

Washington, D.C. Office: In Washington, interns will research legislation, attend Congressional hearings and briefings, assist with press tasks, and help write constituent letters on various issues. Responsibilities also include answering phones and other administrative tasks. Interns in this office will gain a stronger understanding of the lawmaking process, while also improving their communications skills.

South Carolina Offices (North Charleston, Columbia, and Greenville): In the state offices, interns will take an active role in the community, working on state-based projects while also answering phones, completing re-

search, and being an integral part of day-to-day office operations. Interns in these offices are able to assist with issues that affect South Carolina citizens each day.

Internship hours are flexible to accommodate students’ course schedules but generally run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students may also gain course credit for completing the internship program.

Interested students can apply through our website at <https://www.scott.senate.gov/constituent-services/internships>. For additional questions, contact the internship coordinator at internships@scott.senate.gov or (202) 224-6121.

Obituaries

Sherard

John “Jack” Walter Sherard left his earthly home as he entered the arms of Jesus in Heaven on Wednesday, January 26th. Jack was born to the late Hattie Coxé and Walter Sharp Sherard in Deland, Florida on April 3rd, 1927. At age 2, during the great depression, his family moved to Butler Ave., Calhoun Falls, SC where he lived until graduating from High School. Those were happy, carefree years for Jack as he grew up with his cousin, Franklin, and his younger cousin, Rufus, both close enough to be brothers. His Dad had a Distribution Co. selling to small businesses in SC and GA. Jack remembered he and Franklin spending a lot of time at his Uncle’s General Store, taking naps on the feed sacks until his Mom finished her day working as the Post Master of the local Post Office. A favorite childhood memory was walking out and finding Tony, his pony, tied to a pole for his Christmas present at age 6. His favorite pastime during those years was riding ponies with Franklin along the Savannah River. Jack graduated from Calhoun Falls High School, class of ‘44’, a class of 13 that considered each other family and continued to have yearly reunions until 2018. After High School he attended 1 semester of summer school at Clemson University, with a major of pre-med. Jack had planned to follow in his namesake’s footsteps to be a Dr. - his Grandfather John Walter was a Dr. in Abbeville County, SC. During WWII, Jack chose to join the Navy and served as a Pharmacist Mate, 3rd class. Serving his country at the naval hospital in Quantico, VA, he provided care to terminal patients – some wounded in war. It was during this time that he changed his mind about being a Dr. as he didn’t want to work with those that “were hurting.” Following his service to his country in the Navy Reserves, he was a proud graduate of Clemson with a double major; a BS in Electrical Engineering (1950) and a BS in Pure & Applied Mathematics (1949-1951). After graduating from Clemson, Jack worked for Western Electric for 35 years in multiple roles. He started his career in El Paso, Texas where he worked as an Engineer on the Nike Missile System, spent time in Princeton, NJ, and later moved to Winston-Salem, NC to work as an instructor at 4th St., and then as an Engineer on the Thin Film project at Lexington Road. He retired from Western Electric while working at Lexington Rd in 1989. That engineering group from Western was a close-knit group and had yearly reunions until the last few years. It was during his time in El Paso, TX that he married the 1st love of his life, Lynda Nickles. They were married at Seneca Presbyterian Church in Seneca, SC on June 17, 1954. Jack and Lynda had 2 children, John and Kimberly.

Jack traveled a lot for Western Electric but enjoyed taking John to baseball games and Kim to horse shows. Jack and Linda spent their vacations at Pawleys Island with family fishing and having fun. Jack and Lynda shared 35 years together raising their children, helping with grandchildren, and serving the Lord. Lynda passed away in 1989 after a long illness. Jack was a long-time member of Reynolda Presbyterian Church, joining in 1961 and serving faithfully until 2019 when his health no longer permitted him to attend. Jack loved Jesus and his Church and served faithfully, willingly, and joyfully in many positions. During his time at Reynolda, he served 4 Pastors – Shorty Smith, Perry Mobley, Richard Little, and his current Pastor, Alan Wright. During the last 2 years, he was blessed to attend online services with Pastor Jim Rowell at Abbeville Presbyterian Church in SC. Jack served on various committees at the Presbyterian General Assembly level and the former Mid-Atlantic Presbytery. He considered it an honor to represent Reynolda Presbyterian Church at these higher-level meetings as a Ruling Elder. His service at Reynolda Presbyterian included Deacon, Elder, Clerk of the Session for 30 years, and was an active usher on Team 3, led by Captain, Jim Kendrick (predeceasing Jack earlier in Jan). Jack enjoyed his Sunday School class, the Evangelism class, driving the church bus for the Elderberries, and in later years sitting on the pew outside the sanctuary just greeting people with the love of Jesus. He also had many other interests. Jack enjoyed flying and was a recreational private pilot of a Cesna 172 and for some time part owner of Twin Lakes Airport in Advance, NC. He talked often of seeing the handiwork of Jesus as he followed the Yadkin River up to Pilot Mtn. on a clear sunny morning and how the fog rose up from the river and what a beautiful sight it was. He enjoyed studying history, reading, cooking (oh what a mess he could make), motorcycling, boating, kayaking, and fishing (which usually included a nap), or a ride around the neighborhood on his power chair – the Perry Mobile. And a good glass of red wine....he was French ya know! He also enjoyed his fur babies, “boys” and “girl” as he called them including taking them to dog training class, getting his morning paper delivered with the handout of treats for a job well done, a ride around the neighborhood in the bed of the Big Red Truck and just unconditional love throughout the day. He also grew to love his kitties. Jack said that he was blessed with three angels that cared for him and loved him unconditionally; his Mom, Hattie Coxé, his first wife, who preceded him in death Lynda Nickles Sherard, and his current wife, Linda Lea Lilly

Sherard. Jack and his second Linda met at Western Electric and later at Reynolda where a friendship blossomed from being prayer partners, they became best friends, and that long-lasting friendship turned into a deep and lasting love. Jack and Linda did everything they loved together- service to the Lord, their church, their families, their hobbies, and had their own family of rescue fur babies. They celebrated that love by being married in 2019 (took him a while to ask her!). Jack is survived by his wife of two years Linda Lea Lilly Sherard, two children; John Stevenson Sherard (Janice), of Central, SC, Kimberly Sherard Craig (Brad Jr.) of Lewisville, NC, five grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren; Kelly Craig Stokely (Matthew) [Amy, Mark Sherard], Brad Craig III, Brooke Sherard Miller (Tyler) [Garrett, Brynn], Bobby Sherard (Jenna) [Celia, Sadie, John Nelson], Katie Sherard Chute (Austin) [Sully, Gracen, Mollie] and 2 fur babies; Abraham and Jerry. These fur babies preceded him in death: Sampson, Mikey, Squeaks, Tigger, Benjamin, Missy, and Catti. Other family: Lina Rice (Sister-in-Law) [Ronnie-deceased] nieces - Leigh Anne Meurer, Kelly, Franklin (deceased) [Dot] Sherard, Rufus [Mary] Sherard, Ruth Lilly (deceased), Lois Francisco, Judith Lilly, and a host of cousins. A private graveside service was held at Forsyth Memorial Park, a memorial service will be held at Reynolda Presbyterian, 3151 Reynolda Rd., Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 27106 on Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. The family will receive friends after the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Reynolda Presbyterian Church. Pallbearers: Scott Bowen, Alan Wade, Bruce Ramsay, Marion Blackwell, Keith Avery, Steve Sohn, William Sheets. Honorary Pall Bearers: Bobby Sherard, Tyler Miller, Austin Chute, Brad Craig III, Matthew Stokely. The family would like to give special thanks to the health care professionals at Ardmore Family Practice, Landmark, and Bayada and to the special friends that helped with his care, Pastor Bruce Hayes, Pastor Alan Wright, Pastor Eddie Taylor, Steve and Kay Ann Sohn, James and Liz Simms, Glenda Martin, Bridget Mitchell, Mike and Faith Manesis, Keith and Felice Avery, Shirilee Little and the caring support of Salem Funeral Home, John Vogler. And to the VFW and active Navy personnel that honored him for his service. A life well lived and loved – well done my good and faithful servant.

We will miss you but have the HOPE in JESUS that we will see you again.

Online condolences may be made at www.salemfmh.com/.

Briggs

Linda Beth MacMillan Briggs, 79, wife of James ‘Jim’ W. Briggs, of Abbeville, died Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont. She was born in Mount Kisco, NY to the late James Thomas MacMillan and Dorothy Ferne Schwaubauer MacMillan. A 1959 graduate of Somers High School, Mrs. Briggs also attended Syracuse University and the State University at Delhi where she received her degree in hotel management in 1963. She was employed for many years with British Airways, then British Caledonian Airways. An enthusiastic traveler, herself, Mrs. Briggs later opened her own travel agency in Pawling, NY. Her



Linda Briggs

creativity could be seen in the many crafts she designed, as well as in her garden amongst the flowers and vegetables she grew. Mrs. Briggs was a member of Main St. United Methodist Church in Greenwood. She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Jim; two children, James Paul

Briggs (Heather) of Gulf Port, FL and Beverly Ann Briggs (Dan) of Rio Rancho, NM; a brother, Robert MacMillan, of Asheville, NC; and her beloved dogs, Peaches, Bootsie, Daisy, and Cocoa. No services are planned at this time. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Briggs, be sent to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646. A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.harrisfuneral.com. Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Briggs family.

Loftis

Diane Voyles Loftis, 71, of Abbeville, passed away Monday, January 31, 2022, at her home. Born in Abbeville, she was a daughter of the late William F. Voyles and Kate Chumley Voyles. Diane was a 25 year employee of Kemet Electronics in Simpsonville and also worked as a CNA for The Springs in Simpsonville dedicating 25 years of care for her patients. She loved her husband, kids, grandkids, and great grandkids beyond measure. She loved living on Lake Secession fishing, boating, and spending time with the lake community. She enjoyed arts and crafts and woodworking. Diane was a great friend to many and loved and respected by all who knew her. She was a Christian, loved her Lord and had a passion



Diane Voyles Loftis

for caring for others...and will be forever missed. Surviving is her beloved husband of 32 years, Jerry A. Loftis; her children, Leslie McIntire (Don) of Abbeville, Johnny Graham (Lisa), Brad Bryant, and Kristie Collins (Jerry) all of Fountain Inn; grandkids, Britney McIntire, Cody McIntire (Whitney), Shauna Nanney (Taylor), Matthew Graham

(Madalynn) and Anthony Kuykendall (Alisa); great grandkids, Tegan Cotham, Aason Adams, Charlotte Nanney, Graham Nanney, Wells Nanney, Ryker Kuykendall, and Audrey McIntire; nephew, Frankie Voyles (Chasity); great nephews, Brady Voyles and Trace Voyles; great nieces, Breana McClain, Ashtan Voyles and Katelynn Voyles; a longtime friend, Faye Timmerman; and an “adopted son,” James Gault, Jr. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Brenda Voyles Smith; a brother, William F. “Billy” Voyles, Sr.; and a nephew, Mark Shane Voyles. The family will host a memorial service at a later date. Visit RobinsonFuneralHomes.com or Robinson Funeral Home and Crematory-Downtown, Easley.

Cain

Sgt. Major Loyd Jackson Cain, US Army, Ret., 85, of Clinton, SC, husband of Kathryn Weems Cain, died Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital. He was born in Rockingham, NC to the late Woodrow and Annie Kanipe Cain. Sgt. Major Cain retired from the US Army having served in Vietnam receiving a Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Medal with 1 Silver Service Star and 3 Bronze Service Stars along with many other honors. He was a Senior Master Parachutist having completed over 1000 jumps. His last duty assignment was as professor of military science at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC. Sgt. Major Cain spent many happy times camping with his family at Calhoun Falls State Park. He was a member of the



Loyd J. Cain

VFW, American Legion and Northside Baptist Church of Calhoun Falls, SC. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons, Loyd Timothy Cain and Michael Cain; and son-in-law, Tony Fowler. Sgt. Major Cain is survived by four sons, Darrell Cain (Phyllis) of Rock Hill, SC, Leonard L. Cain of Wilming-

ton, NC, Jeffery Cain (Pam) of Laurens, SC, and Jack Cain (Ellen) of Huntsville, AL; two daughters, Carol Cain of Sharon, SC and Terry Fowler of Calera, AL; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Marlene Cain of Graniteville, SC. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions, in memory of Sgt. Major Cain, be sent to the Disabled American Veterans, VA Regional Office, 6437 Garners Ferry Road, Suite 1129, Columbia, SC 29202. A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.harrisfuneral.com. Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Cain family.

Holder

Samuel Edwin Holder, Jr. 91, of Abbeville, died Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at the McCormick Post Acute Nursing Home. He was born in Abbeville to the late Charlie S. Dansby and Iva Richey Dansby. ‘Junior’, as he was affectionately known, retired as a used car salesman. He enjoyed spending time at Hardee’s and listening to country music. Sunday afternoons were spent with his sister, watching car racing on TV. Junior was one of the oldest members of Abbeville First Baptist Church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Ronald E. Holder and daughter-in-law, Dana Webb Holder. Junior is survived by a daughter, Vickey Holder Ricketts (Tony); sis-



Samuel ‘Junior’ Holder

ter, Winona S. Dansby all of Abbeville; four grandchildren, Jamie Ricketts (Amy), Stephanie Ricketts Treckman (Scott), Hannah Holder Ballard (B.J.), and Christopher Holder; six great-grandchildren, Lexie

Treckman Quinn (Jordan), Katelynn Treckman, Bethany Ricketts, Rylee Ricketts, Cole Ballard and Luke Ballard. Graveside services were 2:00 PM, Saturday, February 5, 2022, in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens with Rev. David Little officiating. The family received friends following the graveside service. Memorial contributions, in memory of Junior, may be sent to Abbeville First Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 825, Abbeville, SC 29620. A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.harrisfuneral.com. Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Abbeville is assisting the Holder family.

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Scott, Colleagues Call on USACE and EPA to Reconsider Federal Land Grab

WASHINGTON — This week, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) joined U.S. Senator John Thune (R-S.D.) and their Senate Republican colleagues on a letter sent to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) raising concerns about their pending rulemaking that would redefine the scope of waters protected under the Clean Water Act, specifically the definition of “waters of the United States” (WOTUS).

The letter highlights pending litigation before the United States Supreme Court: Sackett v. EPA, a case that could determine the federal government’s jurisdiction over WOTUS.

In the letter to EPA Administrator Michael Regan and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Michael Connor, the senators wrote, “We are foremost troubled to see that the proposed rule exceeds the regulatory authority granted to EPA and USACE by the Clean Water Act. The proposed rule seeks to federalize waters in a land grab that arguably surpasses its 2015 predecessor, improperly encompassing water

features traditionally within the sole purview of states, while reverting from the comparative straightforward application of the 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule...”

The 2020 Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR) cited in the letter was issued by the Trump-era EPA. It rolled back the harmful federal overreach created by the Obama-era EPA and respects the role of states. In 2021, Senator Scott became a cosponsor of Senator Shelley Moore Capito’s (R-W.Va.) Navigable Waters Protection Act, a bill that would codify the 2020 NWPR.

In the letter sent earlier this week, the senators state that “the role of the federal government should not promulgate rules for the sake of political expediency, but rather provide regulatory certainty for stakeholders within the bounds of an agency’s respective statutory authority.”

The letter was also signed by U.S. Sens. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.),

Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Shelly Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), John Kennedy (R-La.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Mike Lee (R-Utah), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), Rand Paul (R-Ky.), Rob Portman (R-Ohio), Jim Risch (R-Idaho), Mitt Romney (R-Utah), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), Richard Shelby (R-Ala.), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Pat Toomey (R-Pa.), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), and Todd Young (R-Ind.).

A Slice of Mike

“If Gronk Sees His Shadow, Can We Have Six More Years of Brady?”

By Mike Elis

They say bad things happen in threes so I can relax as nothing can trump what has been a less than stellar week.

Exactly 24 hours after I was bragging to a friend of mine how I hadn’t been in a car accident in over twenty years, I cast the ultimate jinx spell on myself and managed to get involved in an at-fault fender bender. I love to brag about how my car gets sixty miles to the gallon, but needless to say I am now in misery as my little tin can Hybrid gets sixty dents to the fender bender.

And on top of that, I hit a Denali which is built like a tank. My car kind of looks like the loser in the old Battlebots show where the car with a power outage is attacked by the Godzilla like Battlebot with a flamethrower and hammer attached to it.

Two days later, I fell victim to this virus that is going around. I don’t know if you know about it, but it seems to be affecting a lot of people. Delta, Omicron, or whatever Greek letter this one is hit me and hit me hard. I felt worse than I did watching the epidemic known as Grease 2 as I had chills and they were multiplying.

So, after crashing my car

and my body crashing, I lied in bed asking how things could get any worse; ask and you shall receive. Me and my big mouth.

Then ESPN announced it, “Tom Brady Announces His Retirement.”

No, it can’t be.

A football dynasty is coming to an end. That’s right, the greatest to ever do it, Tom Brady, has announced his retirement. As not only a football fan but as a Buccaneers fan, Tom Brady has been nothing short of a dream come true to watch.

The greatest days of my life are when my kids were born and when the Tampa Bay Buccaneers signed Tom Brady. Which comes first in that order depends on the day; parents of today, am I right?

My car can be replaced, chicken noodle soup and saltines can help my body recover, but the G.O.A.T. never to be seen again on Sundays is hard to swallow. Does Tom Brady not know what I have been through this week?

Tom, I am changing your nickname from Tom Terrific to Tom Terrible Timing.

Could you be any more inconsiderate?

Yes Tom Brady, we know of all your NFL records from Super Bowl Rings

to passing touchdowns to wins. Yes, lots of records. But maybe Tom you don’t respect the records I hold. Let’s review.

I hold the record for most bottles of Cheerwine cherry soda consumed by anyone in my apartment since I moved in. I also hold the record for least amount of animals living with me in all of America (well, I am tied for that record). And finally, I am the only person in my family to have a car accident and test positive for Covid in the same week.

Tom Brady needs to respect my credentials. Maybe he reads my column. I would never wish a car accident or Covid on anyone, but if these do happen to Tom Brady in the same week, that will be the day I retire from writing my column. Let’s see how he likes it; I’ll show him.

Tom Brady, retract your decision and all will be forgiven.

Don’t forget that team trivia is happening in the basement of the Belmont Inn on February 17th, 2022 at 7pm. Reserve a table for your team of one to five people by calling the Belmont Inn at 864-459-9625 or by messaging “The Mike on the Mic” show, WZLA 92.9FM on Facebook

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Abbeville’s Bricked Square and Its Connection to Our Black History

Being an aficionado of history and especially any history related to Abbeville County, I am sharing the history of those original bricks on the roads of Court Square with our citizens. As a volunteer, I have ardently worked for over 31 years to help preserve Abbeville’s rich history. In the process, I first read the story of the paving of our brick Square with great interest many years ago in two old Press and Banner articles. I later asked quite a few people keenly interested in Abbeville’s history about the articles and to my regret, none could help me as none knew of the stated articles. With late night reading, it has taken me the past three years to locate the said articles and I am excited to share them. Isn’t it fortuitous that I happened upon the old articles shortly before Black History Month, for there in itself is an interesting story related to our history? The articles were printed in the Press and Banners exactly as follows; note the grammar errors, or more likely typos, are being left as printed originally.

First Bricks Laid

The first brick were laid on Square today. One negro bricklayer is said to be able to lay 40,000 brick a day. The work should progress rapidly at this rate. {October 7, 1919}

LAST BRICK LAID ON THE SQUARE LABORERS NEEDED

The last brick was laid on the Square Saturday. The event attended by no ceremonies; no sliver trowel was used to tap the brick in place. The final brick was just one of the forty thousand that one of the negro

layers placed a day.

Nevertheless, the completion of the paving of the Square marks the beginning of an important era in the history of Abbeville. From now on the town “looks up” and will not be satisfied until all the thoroughfares in the city are paved.

The Southern Paving Construction Company, in charge of the work here, is handicapped by the lack of laborers and wants at least two hundred more workmen, to whom will be paid liberal wages. Material is also scarce and shipping facilities are not of the best. These two factors are holding the job up to some extent. On the other hand, the work being done is the very best. In fact, the men in charge here say that the paving on the Square is the best piece of work of its kind in the State, and for that matter in the South.

The work for grading North Main street is progressing as rapidly as the lack of sufficient forces will permit. The streets to the two depots will not be paved for some time as this would off the work from easy access to incoming material. There is also a great deal of additional traffic on these streets at present because of the marketing of cotton. {November 11, 1919}

So, it is of note that our Court Square was completely bricked in just 31 work days or possibly less, given that work was done 6 days a week with the last brick being placed on a Saturday. That would also take in to account no delays from rain days. We still have those wonderful 102-year-old bricks, which bring so much charm to our little hamlet, on our historic Court Square, on Trinity Street and on Depot Street leading to the former site of the old depot. It was a travesty that the 1890s depot was torn down

May 2018, against the ardent work in progress at the time of our city manager, the Abbeville Co. Historical Society Board and a few others to save and move the historic depot building. The building was in excellent shape structurally for preservation, per the nationally recognized moving firm of Wolf Movers. The City of Abbeville had been officially offered that old depot with its unusual architecture by one CSX VP about 2 weeks before another CSX VP over facilities had it torn down. She stated that “...no one was telling her what to do”. What a travesty! Speaking of brick streets, I felt fortunate to have seen the bricks on Church Street a number of years ago when the asphalt was grinded to the original brick surface for the laying of new asphalt. Most Abbevillians have never seen that.

As we celebrate Black History Month, I salute an African American, long since deceased, who singlehandedly laid many, many bricks a day (40,000 bricks a day seems impossible and more likely a typo in the original P&B articles.... that would be 1.6 bricks a second in a 10 hour day). Never the less, the bricks on Court Square were placed in record time and the job was masterfully done! I only wish we knew his name for history’s sake and for his recognition. Possibly some kind citizen reading this does know that name, and if so, please contact me. The Abbeville Co Historical Society would like to keep his name in our archive files and hopefully recognize this master craftsman with a historical marker one day, or in a forthcoming book, etc.

I am respectfully yours,
William Rogers
Rogers-Crossing Farms, Abbeville Co, SC

Letter to the Editor

To the Residents of Abbeville:

PLEASE STOP LITTERING!

Our road sides are looking like trash cans. Mt. Olive Church Road, in particular, is a disgrace! The purpose of the stop sign is for our protections not to throw out cans,

bottles, cups and fast food bags.

Parents, grandparents, teachers, principals, Sunday School teachers, preachers, Facebook followers, Instagram followers, club members please stress the importance of keeping our city and county clean and trash free. It makes me sad and angry to see

our streets, roads, and highways looking so bad. Hopefully, life lessons and your messages will reach the people who are littering Abbeville.

Also, a thank you to the residents of Abbeville who do care and want to keep our city and county trash free. Let’s show pride!

G. Stone

SC Statehouse Reports 2022-The Senate--Senator Mike Gambrell

Legislative summary

Senator Mike Gambrell Legislative Summary February 4, 2022

On Monday, January 31 I attended a meeting of the Anderson County Transportation Committee. As a member of the South Carolina Port Oversight Commission, I attended a meeting of that body on Tuesday prior to the Senate Session. The Senate continued with the debate on The

Compassionate Care Act on Tuesday, February 1st. Tuesday was also Hometown Legislative Action Day, and it was a pleasure to welcome the Anderson, Belton and Williamston officials at the reception that evening.

The debate on The Compassionate Care Act continued on Wednesday and Thursday, and will resume again on Tuesday. As it holds a position on the cal-

endar as a Special Order bill, we must continue its consideration until a vote is held.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I can be reached at my district address, Post Office Box 194, Honea Path, SC. 29654, 863-844-3614, or at my Columbia office, PO Box 143, Columbia, SC. 29202, 803-212-6032, or through my email address, Mike-Gambrell@scsenate.gov.

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Boys basketball

Abbeville High picks up two more wins

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville High School varsity boys basketball team won two games last week, defeating Greenville Technical Charter 77-32 Friday night in Greenville and Ninety Six earlier in the week, said AHS boys basketball coach Doug Belcher Monday.
Against Region foe Greenville Technical Charter, Rasheed Davis led the way for the Panthers with 25 points, followed by Javario Tinch with 15 points, and Jeremiah Lomax with 14, Belcher said.
Earlier in the week, the

Panthers traveled to Ninety Six, another Region foe, and defeated the Wildcats, 105-77, the coach said.
Javario Tinch led the Panthers with 34 points, and Patrick Singletary had 20 point, with 14 of those points coming in the fourth quarter, according to the coach.
Last night, AHS was slated to host Region foe Liberty in what was designated as Senior Night.
Friday night, the Panthers will travel to Liberty for a game that will follow the girls game, which was slated to start at 6 p.m.
Saturday night, the boys

will host Crescent, with game time at 6 p.m.
If both Christ Church and Abbeville continue winning, the two teams are on a collision course to meet in a game to determine the Region championship.
AHS defeated the Cavaliers in Greenville, and the Cavaliers returned the favor in Abbeville.
The play-off game, which Belcher said is slated for Feb. 14, would be played at a neutral site.
Regardless, the Panthers will host a first-round playoff game on Feb. 17.



Abbeville High School football star Jeremiah Lomax (center, seated) has signed to play football with Limestone, and he had a signing ceremony recently at AHS, where he was joined by his father Felix Lomax (left, seated), mother Beverly Lomax (right, seated), cousin King Jones (far right, seated) and (from left, standing) AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles, Jeremiah's brother Jericho Jackson, and cousin Chavez Jones. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

AHS football star signs with Limestone

By Henry E. Green
An Abbeville High School football star is signing to play with Limestone College.
Jeremiah Lomax, who delighted Panther fans during the 2021 regular season with his five "pick sixes" in five games, had a signing ceremony Wednesday afternoon in the AHS auditorium.
The senior was an outside linebacker and safety for the Panthers, and AHS head football coach Jamie

Nickles said he expected Jeremiah to play the same positions for Limestone.
At AHS, he accumulated a multitude of honors. A Shrine Bowl selection, he played in the Touchdown Energy Bowl, formerly known as the North-South all star game, Nickles said.
A three-year starter for the Panthers, he achieved All Region and All State honors at Abbeville High.
Asked what makes Lomax such an excellent player,

Nickles replied, "His work ethic."
Lomax, he said, has been one of the hardest-working players he has ever had.
"He has ball hawking skills," the coach said, noting that wherever the ball is on the field, Jeremiah is sure to be there.
Lomax's signing was one of a number of signings associated with National Signing Day--Wednesday, Feb. 2--last week.

Basketball

CF Charter girls claim three victories

By Henry E. Green
The Calhoun Falls Charter varsity girls basketball team continued its successful season with three victories last week, according to Calhoun Falls Charter varsity girls head coach Joseph Cade Monday.
"We played Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday," said Cade.
The Lady Flashes traveled to Region foe Whitmire Tuesday and defeated the Lady Wolverines 59-28. Leading the way for Calhoun Falls Charter was Anastasia Gillam with 25 points, followed by Shamya Hudson with 12 points.
On Wednesday night Calhoun Falls Charter Lady Flashes went to Ware Shoals, and won 58-27.

Leading the way again was Gillam, with 19 points, followed by Hudson, with 12.
"On Friday night we hosted (Region foe) Ware Shoals," and won by a score of 61-15. Leading the way once again was Gillam with 29 points, followed by Jasmine Cade, with 18 points.
"We are currently 12-1 overall, and 10-1 in the Region," Cade said.
The Lady Flashes will be hosting Southside Christian, another Region foe, tonight, for its final regular season game. The girls game will follow JV boys action, which begins at 5 p.m.
If the Lady Flashes win, then they will play a play-in game with High Point Academy, to determine first place in the Region for the

playoffs.
That play in game will be played at a neutral site, at a time and location to be announced.
As of Monday morning, the Lady Flashes and High Point Academy were tied for first place in the Region, the coach continued.
Regardless of the play in game's outcome, Calhoun Falls Charter will host a first round playoff game, slated for Wednesday, Feb. 16, Cade continued.
The play-in game is to determine seeding in the playoffs, according to the Calhoun Falls Charter coach.
The Lady Flashes are currently ranked sixth in the state, having moved up one place, said Cade, who expressed pride in his team.

Three Dixie young people have signings

By Henry E. Green
Dixie High School had signing ceremonies for three student-athletes Wednesday morning, with two athletes signing in softball and one in cross country.
Wes Bensel committed to play softball with Columbia International, Gillian Hughes will play softball with University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie, and Spencer Wieters is committing to run cross country with Presbyterian College.
All three young people, all seniors, have been associ-

ated with excellent sports programs at Dixie, which has won state championships in both softball and cross country.
Bensel, a shortstop for the Lady Hornet softball team, gained All Region and All State honors at Dixie, and Hughes was a pitcher. Bensel expects to play shortstop or outfield for the Lady Rams.
Weslyn wants to study sports management at Columbia International, where she likes the "smaller school" atmosphere.

"I like the coach," she added.
Hughes, who wants to study either agriculture or education at USC-Salkehatchie, where she has been impressed by how the coaches have worked hard to improve the program, from the playing field to the uniforms.
All Region and All State at Dixie, Wieters says that PC, where he wants to study biochemistry, is a small school that is close to home, and the team has a "family" aspect about it.



Dixie High School football star Nathan Lynch (seated, center) has signed to play football with Newberry, and he had a signing ceremony last week at the Dixie High School library, flanked by his parents Brent and Tonya Lynch, and (standing, from left) sister Ally Lynch, sister-in-law Joy Lynch, brother Matt Lynch, and grandfather Jason Lynch. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Lynch signs with Newberry Wolves

By Henry E. Green
Nathan Lynch of Dixie has signed to play football at Newberry.
A senior at Dixie, Lynch played outside linebacker for the Hornets, and he was the leading tackler for the team, with more than 100 tackles.
Lynch, a four-year starter

at Dixie, will play outside linebacker for Newberry, a college he chose for a number of reasons.
"I love the coaches, I love the location, the atmosphere," he said.
Lynch, who would like to be an engineer or a math teacher, had a signing ceremony Wednesday afternoon in the

library at Dixie.
Lynch's signing was just one of a flurry of signings in connection with National Signing Day last week.
Newberry is a liberal arts college in Newberry, S.C., and the Newberry Wolves play in NCAA Division II.

AHS wrestler Addison Nickles was winner at the All Lakelands wrestling tournament. (Contributed photo)





Hornet baseball team getting ready

By Henry E. Green
While the Dixie Hornet varsity baseball team does have its share of youth and inexperience, Michael Turner, head baseball coach, who is in his first year as Hornet head coach, believes the team definitely has potential.

The first official practice for Dixie varsity baseball was held on Monday, Jan. 3, according to Turner.

The first scrimmage will be on Feb. 15 at Pendleton at 5 p.m., and there will be a preseason tournament that starts on Feb. 25 when the Hornets play Brashier Middle College at 6 p.m. in Due West.

On Feb. 26, the Hornets will play Greer Middle College at 1 p.m., and then will travel to Landrum on Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the tournament, which is called the Steve Cooley Invitational Tournament, and which is scheduled from Feb. 25 to March 2.

The first regular season game will be on March 7

at Abbeville High School at 7 p.m.

The Hornets last year played for the district championship, and finished third in their Region. “We finished up the season really strong,” he said.

This year, the Hornets have a number of returning players. “We have a pretty solid core coming back,” he said.

The Hornet team this year represents a mix of younger and older players. “We have several freshmen we’re excited about,” he said.

The top returning players include Michael Ashley, who was All-Region last year.

“He does it all for us,” said Turner. The talented Mr. Ashley pitches, catches and plays third base at various times.

Junior Hunter Satterfield pitches and plays shortstop, and Turner is also excited about returning players Rhett Wilson, Davis Smalley, Case Minor, Max Peeler, and Levi McAlister.

Also expected to see action are 10th grader An-

drew Caldwell, ninth graders Brandon Hershberger, Kendon Kelley, Thomas Ferguson and Staten Rice, and juniors Rodney Elliott and Ashton Johnson.

The Hornets this year have some very positive qualities. “I’ve been very impressed with the guys’ work ethic,” he said, noting that they have been working hard in practice.

“We’ve got some talented guys,” he added.

Despite the team’s youth and experience, “we’re excited about the season,” the coach said.

The Hornets will be facing some tough adversaries within the Region, and that includes Southside Christian, which he said finished second in the state last year.

“They’re going to be the team to beat,” he said.

In addition to Southside, Region foe Whitmire promises to be strong as well.

“They knocked us out of the playoffs last year,” said Turner.



Abbeville High School wrestlers who participated in the recent Carolina Invitational included Cecilia Cramer, Na Gaevien Calhoun, Kamyron Jones, Brittany Gordon, and Kylee Price. (Contributed photo)

**Pet of the Month**



Stella is definitely a people kind of dog. Her main focus in her life is to always be where people are. If she isn't near people, she isn't her fun, sweet and loving self. Instead, you will find her patiently waiting for the next person to come into her view. I have yet to meet a dog more chill than Stella. Stella came in with her brother, Scooby who is also featured this month. She isn't quite as big as her brother, but she isn't small either. Although she could afford to gain a few more pounds. Stella is an altered 18-month-old Hound/Shepard mix female. Come out to the Abbeville County Animal Shelter to meet Stella in person and get ready for all the sweet loving you could ask for!

Adoption Fees are reduced to \$25 for Stella, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/ neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

**Pet of the Month**



Munchkin is an altered 6-month-old grey/white tabby domestic short-haired 'kitty' cat. Munchkin came to us with her brother, Smokie. Smokie is an altered 6-month-old black/white tuxedo domestic short-haired kitty cat. They may look nothing like, but they have a strong bond as together is all they have ever known. They were found roaming the streets and taken in by a family who fostered them together as baby kittens. Due to some medical issues, the foster family had to return these sweet babies. While in the foster home, Munchkin and Smokie had 6 other feline foster brothers and sisters. They loved their big family. We here at the shelter are hoping these two can leave together, but at the end of the day, a loving home is more important to us. Come out to the Abbeville County Animal Shelter and visit this loving brother and sister combo. You can never have too many kitties!

Adoption Fees are reduced to \$15 for Munchkin and \$15 for Smokie, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/ neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

**Pet of the Month**



Where are my big dog lovers at?! Ever pictured having a mini-Giraffe as a pet? Search no further! **Scooby** is the one for you! With his Giraffe legs, Scooby stands taller than most of the staff here at the shelter! He is so sweet and loves people so much that you will get to experience what it feels like to have a 65lb mini-giraffe crawling up into your lap! He may be taller than most staff here while standing, but to Scooby, he is a 10lb Chihuahua who just wants all the cuddles. Scooby is an altered 18-month-old Hound/Shepard mix who still needs a good bit of "meat" on his bones. He loves to eat, drink, play, walk on his leash, cuddle and be loved. Come out to the Abbeville County Animal Shelter to visit Scooby in person. You will have no regrets if you choose Scooby-doo-doo.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371PC with the Probate Court of ABBEVILLE COUNTY, the address of which is 903 WEST GREENWOOD ST., SUITE 2300 ABBEVILLE, SC 29620, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371PC) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, and a description of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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INDUSTRY NAME:

ProTowels

ADDRESS:

234 Industrial Park Road
Abbeville, SC 29620

VIOLATIONS:

Protowels met the technical review criteria for significant noncompliance for zinc monthly average concentration for first quarter 2021.

ACTIONS:

Enforcement actions included a notice of violation and a notice of significant noncompliance. The following is a list of actions the facility has taken to address the zinc concentration violation:

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- The facility sampled in February and March (split sample with city) and all results were within permit limits.
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Artist Guild planning annual awards event

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville Artist Guild will have its awards party on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Village Grill in Abbeville, according to information from the Guild. The party had originally been scheduled for January but was postponed because of COVID. Awards will be presented at the awards party, and those planning to attend are asked to call Jane Agan at

366-5881, or e-mail abbevilleartistguild@gmail.com. In addition, the Guild is planning to hold an Artist Guild member exhibit during the month of March at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce. The organization, which promotes the arts in Abbeville County, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Jesse Nance is the president of the organization, Jane Agan is the treasurer,

and Carolin Ann McLane is the secretary. In addition to those three board officers, board members include Buddy Wilson, Nick Zupp, Catherine Byrd, and Dana Gonzalez, Agan said Friday. The Guild at this time has about 30 members, and holds regular meetings on the second Sunday of every other month. "Our next general meeting is March 13" at 4:30 p.m., said Agan Friday.

Community calendar

Democratic Party to meet
Abbeville County Democratic Party will meet on Thursday, February 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Abbeville Civic Center Room B, 404 North Main Street, Abbeville, SC. Our guest speaker will be Angela Geter from Spartanburg, SC, who's a candidate for U.S. Senate. CDC guidelines will be followed.

Bells UMC plans Ladies Luncheon
Bells United Methodist Church will have its annual Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. Kirby King will be the guest speaker. "Please come and expect a blessing as Kirby shares her story," a spokesperson said. A luncheon and fellowship will follow. The church is located at 2526 Flat Rock Road, Abbeville, SC 29620

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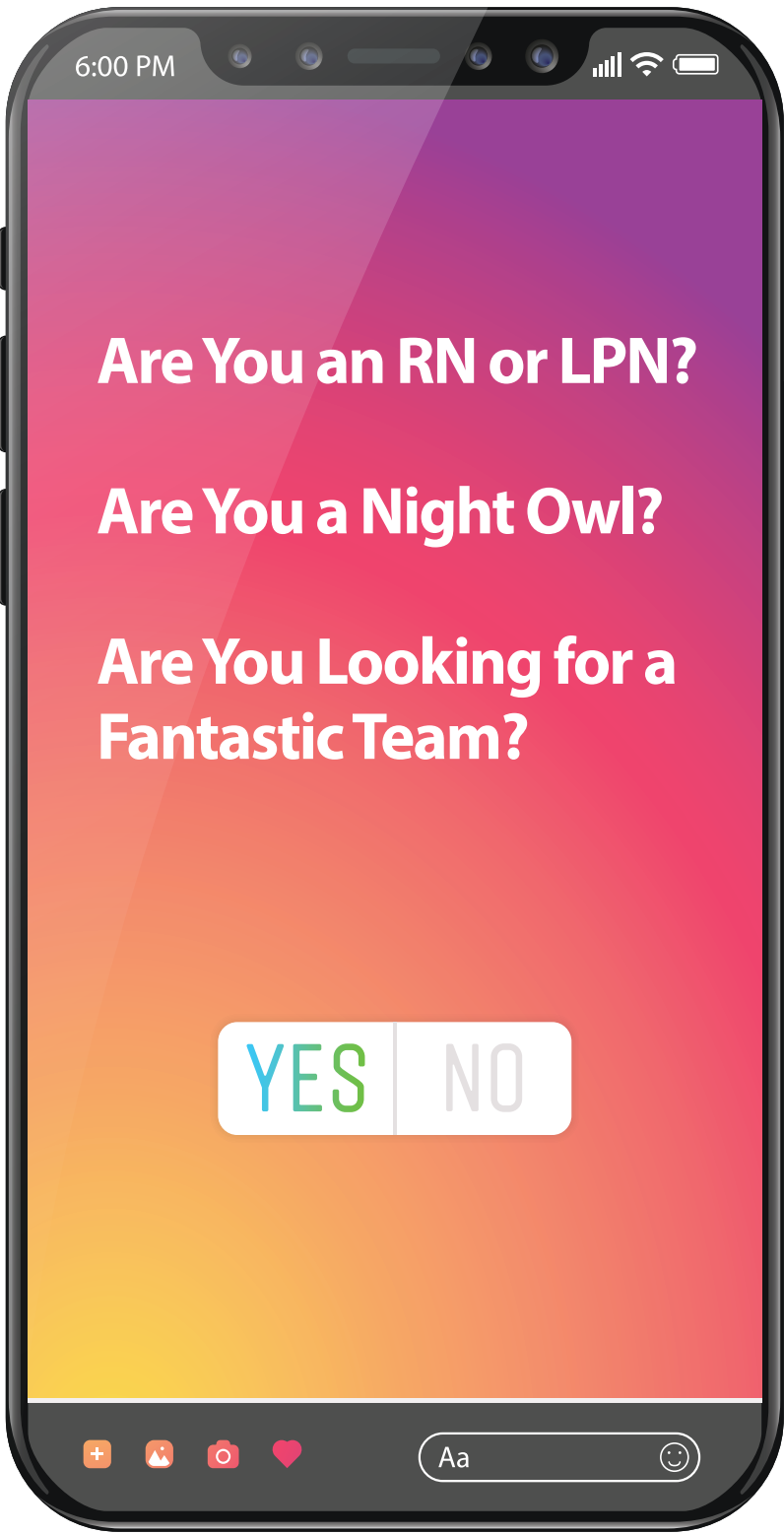


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