



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



The colors were posted during the Memorial Day program presented by veterans in Abbeville on May 29 in front of the Abbeville County Courthouse. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



State Rep. Craig Gagnon was the keynote speaker Monday, as Calhoun Falls Post 72 held a Memorial Day program at the veterans monument in Calhoun Falls. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Gagnon speaks at CF Memorial Day event

By Henry E. Green

State Rep. Craig Gagnon was the keynote speaker Monday, as Calhoun Falls Post 72 held a Memorial Day program at the veterans monument in Calhoun Falls.

Gagnon drew inspiration from a speech made by Calvin Coolidge, a speech quoting John 15:13.

"Greater love hath no man than this than a man lay down his life for his friends."

Gagnon drew a parallel to the people we remember on Memorial Day, people who loved America and gave their lives for it. "That is their

legacy," he said.

"God bless you and God bless this great republic," he said in closing.

The names of individuals with Calhoun Falls family connections who had served in the military were read aloud.

In front of the monument a small table for one had been set up, and American Legion Post 72 commander Mike Brandt explained its significance, noting that it called attention to American POW/MIAs.

The white table cloth symbolized purity, while a

candle symbolized the light of hope.

Rev. Bobby Bryant provided opening and closing prayers, and before his closing prayer he introduced his father-in-law, veteran Tru McCray of Washington, D.C., who was visiting Calhoun Falls.

There was music also, as "Taps" and "God Bless the USA" were played, and colors were posted.

Memorial Day is a day set aside to honor the memory of those who gave their lives in military service.

Abbeville program

Carnations highlight Memorial Day

By Henry E. Green

American Legion Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield was the master of ceremonies for a Memorial Day program organized by veterans and held in front of the Abbeville County Courthouse Monday morning.

Greenfield described the origins of the holiday, which goes back to 1868, when as Decoration Day, it provided an opportunity to honor the memory of the more than

600,000 individuals who had perished in the American Civil War.

The designation of the last Monday in May for the observance of Memorial Day was established in 1968.

Memorial Day is a time to recall those who have given their lives in military service.

"To many they are just a name," Greenfield said. Of course, they were more than that, he noted.

Abbeville County veterans

affairs officer Teresa Mahaffey read aloud the names of Abbeville County individuals who had given their lives in various conflicts.

As each name was read, the bell "Big Bob," situated at the north end of Court Square, was tolled, and carnations were placed at the base of a veterans monument between the Abbeville County Courthouse and the Abbeville Opera House.

Proposed District budget not balanced

By Henry E. Green

The proposed Abbeville County School District budget for 2021-2022 includes a 5.88 mill increase that would translate into an extra \$36 in taxes on a \$100,000 house, according to District finance director Roni Scott.

The proposed budget is not balanced, with projected revenues coming to \$27,094,930, and expenditures \$28,073,297.

The budget includes increases in expenditures regarding health insurance,

state retirement and workers compensation.

The budget, according to a pie chart Scott supplied, includes 59 percent to be spent on salaries, 30 percent on fringe expenses, six percent on purchased services, and five percent on supplies and materials.

Sixty-two percent of the expenditures will be spent on instruction, and 22 percent to instructional support.

During the May 26 school board meeting, a number of the trustees expressed

reservations about the prospect of asking the tax payers for a millage increase, and the budget passed on first reading by a slender 5-4 margin.

Voting in favor of the proposed budget were trustees Joe Bryson, Tim Rhodes, Brad Evans, James Tisdale, and Marvin Peoples.

Voting in opposition were trustees Keith Dunn, David Brooks, Buster Taylor and Adam Rich.



Abbeville High School held its graduation program on May 29 at the Finis Horne Arena of Lander University. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Students honored in Gold Star Highlights

By Henry E. Green

Five students were recognized during the Gold Star Highlights segment of a recent Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees meeting.

They included Rey Rivera and Alejandra Sabatino from Dixie High School, honored for the Biliteracy Seal they had attained, according to Dr. Lori Brownlee-Brewton, Assistant Superintendent for the Abbeville County School District.

"The South Carolina Seal of Biliteracy advances the state's commitment to preparing every learner for college and career-read-

iness in an increasingly international community by recognizing learners who attain levels of proficiency in English and at least one other world language required in the global workforce," she said, quoting the S.C. Seal of Biliteracy Overview and Guidelines, from the South Carolina Board of Education.

"All South Carolina students are eligible to attain this Seal based on two qualifications submitted during their junior or senior year, by achieving the required level of language proficiency in English and a language other than English.

Three students were also recognized for having attained a prestigious certification in welding.

These students were Hunter Barnes of McCormick High School and Noah Howell and Landyn Stolfus from Dixie High School for Structural Plate Test Welders/Certified Welders.

Students from McCormick High, Calhoun Charter, home-school students, as well as Dixie High and Abbeville High attend the Abbeville County Career Center, Dr. Brewton explained.

AAMC plans COVID vaccination clinics

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Area Medical Center is setting up walk in COVID vaccination clinics with no appointments necessary, according to information from AAMC.

They include clinics at Ingles at 1507 North Main in Abbeville from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, June 7, and Monday, June 21.

There will also be a clinic at the Haigler Street Church of Christ at 284 Taylor

Town Road in Abbeville from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. today--Wednesday, June 2.

And at the Dollar General at 18 College Street in Due West, there will be clinics on four consecutive Wednesdays--June 9, June 16, June 23, and June 30--from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Moderna vaccine will be administered at these clinics, and an appointment for a second dose will be made when the first dose

is received.

Those planning to come to the clinics are asked to bring their insurance cards if they have insurance.

Insurance is not required to be vaccinated, said Meg Davis, AAMC marketing director.

All the clinics are free of charge, said Davis.

An individual who cannot go to one of the clinics may schedule an appointment by calling 366-1647.

‘Amazing’

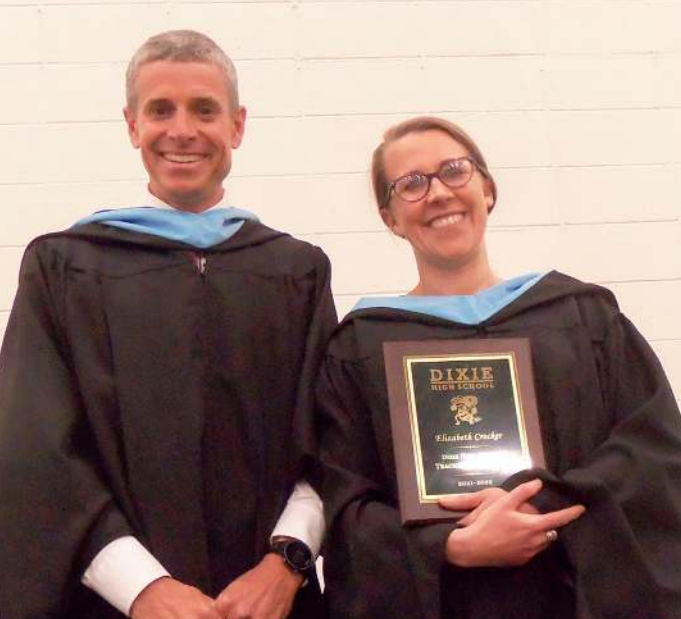
AHS graduation spreads joy among members of Class of 2021

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville High School held its graduation at Lander Saturday, with 107 young people making up the Class of 2021.
“Our class has faced many obstacles this year,” said Caroline Scott, the third honor speaker.
She and her classmates had all watched each other grow up.
“At Abbeville High School, we have all grown since freshman year,” she said.
Salutatorian Anna Smith continued with the theme of change.
“After today we begin the rest of our lives,” she noted.
“Together we have made it through many trials and tribulations,” said valedictorian Matthew Hughes.
“A lot has changed since freshman year.”
Those around us play an integral part in molding us and making us who we are.
“The term ‘self made per-

son is a myth,” he said.
Hughes emphasized the power of the Golden Rule, found in Matthew 7:12--paraphrased , it calls on us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us.
Other members of the Class of 2021 also had parts to play. Ambria Gilliard provided a welcome and Daniel Joseph Freese led the Pledge of Allegiance.
Lauren Murphy led the prayer, and Assistant Principal introduced the speakers.
The diplomas were awarded by AHS principal Dr. Adam Lanford and Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary, assisted by Walls and Assistant Principal Scott White.
Members of the junior class also had a part to play. The marshals included Sidney Jeanne Dawson, Cameron Drew Beauford, Lizzanna Price, and Hanna Elizabeth Hedden.

The ushers included TyBreaAureanaJohnson, Jenny Trieu Le, Harbor Sydney Brady, Carson Faith Ellis, Cali Nicole Gill, and Russell Blake Chappell.
Following the graduation program, happy graduates mingled with friends and family, with countless pictures taken, and countless hugs enjoyed.
How did it feel to be a graduate?
“Great,” said Jalisa Paul, who is headed to the University of South Carolina to study either business or nursing. “Wonderful.”
“It feels great but sad at the same time,” said D.J. Freese, who is going to St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, N.C.
And Coby Carter is headed to Tri County Tech to study heating and air conditioning.
“It feels amazing,” he said. “It’s worth the 12 years.”

Elizabeth Crocker (right) was honored as Dixie High School Teacher of the Year during Dixie’s graduation, held recently at Erskine’s Galloway Center. Dixie principal Paul Prescott (left, standing) presented her with the award. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Chapter Two

Dixie High School holds its graduation at Galloway Center at EC

By Henry E. Green
“The more difficult the journey, the sweeter the destination.”
So said Dixie High School principal Paul Prescott in welcoming people to the Dixie High School graduation Friday night at the Galloway Center on the Erskine campus in Due West.
The community has “sent us students who are prepared to learn.”
Salutatorian Amanda Graber recalled how, for her, the road that led her to Dixie started at Cherokee Trail Elementary, where she and her classmates went on their first field trips.
As sixth graders, they went to Washington, D.C., for example.
“Cherokee Trail is where everything started,” she said.
“My time at Dixie has mold-

ed my character,” said valedictorian Makinsie Ware.
“Let us now go out and show the world what it means to be a Dixie Hornet,” she said.
Other remarks were provided in student presentations by Class of 2021 members Mauryn Campell and Samuel Parnell.
As is customary at Dixie, graduation is a time to present awards, and this year was no different.
Prescott presented Elizabeth Crocker with the Teacher of the Year award, praising her for her success in having successfully taken over the Teacher Cadet program.
The J.S. Strong Award is given to an outstanding senior, and this year’s recipient was Justin Anderson.
“He is the prototype of the student we want to create,”

said Prescott.
Anderson, who is working on Eagle Scout status, has been active in the Dixie band program, where he was a drum major, and participated in four sports.
Enrolled in the Teacher Cadet program, he is bound for Coastal Carolina, Prescott continued.
Praising him for his gentle spirit, Prescott said he hopes to attract Anderson back to the Dixie community to teach.
Marshals included William Bradley Ware, Jeffrey Branyon, Daniel Austin Boyd, and William Hampton Winters.
Ushers included Savannah Raye Wojtkowski, Ethan Christopher Angel, Amaiya Jade McDowell, and Brian Cole Hibbard.

Three-year-old girl drowns in Lake Secession

Dr. Mark Dorn, Coroner, advised that his office is currently investigating a drowning incident that has resulted in a child’s death.
The office of the Coroner was notified Saturday night around 10:00 pm after Abbeville County Sheriff’s Department, Abbeville County EMS, Abbeville County Search & Rescue/Dive team, and SC DNR responded to a lakefront residence on

Lake Ridge Dr, Iva, SC to conduct a search for a three-year-old girl who had gone missing about an hour earlier.
Dive team personnel was able to locate the child in the lake submerged in approximately eight feet of water, according to a recent news release from Coroner Dr. Mark Dorn’s Office.
Dr. Dorn, Coroner, advised that the identity of the child is not being

released. The family was from Fort Mill, SC and visiting relatives at the lake for the Memorial holiday weekend.
The cause of death has been determined to be an accidental drowning. An autopsy has been scheduled.
The Office of the Coroner, Abbeville County Sheriff’s Department and SLED are investigating the incident.



Carrie Davis of Calhoun Falls recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Here she is enjoying a visit from one-year-old great-granddaughter Carrie Anderson. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Century mark

Calhoun Falls woman celebrates her 100th birthday with family, friends

By Henry E. Green
Carrie Davis has a favorite gospel song.
“I’ll be all right one day,” it goes.
Davis seems to be doing all right now, as a matter of fact--she just celebrated her 100th birthday this week.
“I’m doing good, thank God,” she said Saturday at her Calhoun Falls home.
The Calhoun Falls community is celebrating the life of a woman who was born on May 30, 1921.
Granddaughter Quen Kennedy of Iva recalled how when she was a child she would go to her grandmother’s house after school-

-her parents worked.
Mrs. Davis would always have something good waiting for her--biscuits, fatback, and sweet tea.
“She would always have something cooked when we got out of school,” she said.
It is one of the many good things she recalls about her grandmother, whom she describes as a “very sweet and loving caring lady”--a “very Christian woman.”
For this very special lady who has made such a big impact on those who know her, there was a birthday drop-in this week, and a cake, of course.
It all celebrates the life

of a woman who attends Brown-oh AME Church in Calhoun, and who is known in the community for making sweet potato pies.
A homemaker, she has four daughters, 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.
Her daughter Marlene Kennedy of Iva said that Mrs. Davis has four daughters--in addition to Marlene, there are Darlene Harris, Elizabeth Belton, and Bertha Banks.
Belton and Banks live in Calhoun Falls, and Harris and Kennedy in Iva.

Walk-up COVID-19 Vaccinations Now Available

Self Regional’s COVID-19 vaccination clinic has moved to its new drive-through location with entrance at 303 West Alexander Avenue.

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Flames of honor

Boy Scout Troop 54 holds annual flag disposal ceremony

By Henry E. Green
Boy Scout Troop 54 presented its annual flag disposal ceremony Monday night in Due West, in conjunction with Memorial Day. Congressman Jeff Duncan was on hand for the program, which featured the ceremonial burning of American flags which had become unfit for use because they were tattered or worn.

SPL Justin Anderson of the Scouts explained to those present: "The Boy Scouts of America is among very few non-governmental organizations empowered with the sacred duty of retiring colors. Our mission this evening is to retire the colors with honor and good taste. In such a manner, according to U.S. Law, burning shows no disrespect to the flag."

Due West Mayor Jeannie Knight also participated in the program as well, speaking about the retirement of the flags.

"We retire them, not to belittle their work, but to continue their legacy," she said.

To accompany the disposal of the flags, Scouts spoke

to the audience about the proper care for American flags, and about the symbolism the American flag embodies.

The stars, for example, symbolize the 50 states of the Union, according to the script provided by Knight.

The colors have significance as well, with the red representing the lifeblood of men and women ready to die for their country.

The white stripes signify purity and cleanliness of "purpose, thought, word and deed," while the blue stands for truth and justice.

There have been nine different designs, and 27 versions of the final U.S. flag, the script continued.

A number of flags were disposed of in memory of loved ones.

Joe Suddeth of Due West, for example, held up an old picture of the 434th bomb squadron of the United States, Army Air Corps, which served in a number of places during World War II, including Burma and eastern India, in what is now Bangladesh.

Suddeth pointed out his

father, among the personnel posing for the picture.

Duncan took part, too, noting the origins of Memorial Day following the Civil War. "Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service," Duncan said.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

The last three American flags retired were for the unknown, the forgotten, and "those who fought without the benefit of uniform," according to Dr. Rob Elsner.

"James Crisp was not there as leader, so Robert Elsner filled in as Scoutmaster," said Knight. "Marty Yannarella was the host for the event on his property at the corner of Main and Strong Circle. Marty is on Town Council."



Boy Scout Troop 54 held its annual flag retirement program in conjunction with Memorial Day on Monday, May 31, in Due West. Among those participating in the ceremony was U.S. Congressman Jeff Duncan (foreground, in navy-colored jacket). The program was designed for the retirement of flags no longer fit for service. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Job fair being planned in downtown Abbeville

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership and SCWorks are teaming up to present a job fair at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville on Thursday, June 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., said Jane Hannah, Office Manager with the Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership.

Currently, seven industries are signed up to participate, but the Partnership hopes to add more, according to Hannah.

"We're going to have a table for each industry looking to hire, and they will be

accepting applications and answering questions," she said. "So far we have Sage, ACS, Prysmian, Pro Towels, Flexible Technologies, Thermaflex, and Carolina Arena Equipment. We're expecting to add more."

This is going to be an in-person job fair, she said. The decision to have a job fair was based on input from local industries.

"It's a way to help industries find workers," and it is a way as well to help job-seekers find employment.

"We (the Economic Development Partnership) tried to host one last year, and it had to be cancelled due to

COVID," she said.

The June 10 job fair is being planned amid good news on the unemployment front, with the jobless rate in the county having steadily declined in the past few months.

In April, the County unemployment rate was five percent, Hannah noted. "It was 5.5 percent in March," she said. "In December of 2020, it was 6.1 percent, and in January 5.6, and in February 5.4 percent."

For more information, one may call Hannah at 366-2181.



Dixie High School students sang the National Anthem and the Dixie alma mater during the Dixie graduation on May 28. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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The Abbeville Community Performing Arts board includes (front) Joanna Fleming, Audrey Adams, Jodi Miller, Maria Brotherton, (back row) Jordan Clinkscales, Blake Stone, Brad Christie, Shelley Reid, Darren Grey and Jason Edwards. Not pictured is Mark Meyers. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



First Baptist Church of Abbeville recently held a special program to honor those of its young people who were scheduled to graduate from high school this year. Posing with First Baptist pastor David Green (far right) were members of the AHS Class of 2021: (from left) Lynda Beaver, Luke Evans, Nyla Nickles, Bet Ricketts and Taylor Scott. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

CF Charter planning graduation program

By Henry E. Green
Calhoun Falls Charter will hold its graduation program Friday night at Fulmer Stadium at 7:30 p.m. In event of rain, the program will be held in gym, said Lori Lindler, the school's assistant principal. Gracee Dixon is the valedictorian of the Calhoun

Falls Charter Class of 2021, and she will deliver the valedictory address. Salutatorian Taylor Smith will deliver the salutatory address, and the keynote speaker will be Dr. Renee Sanders, a Calhoun Falls native who spent her early years in Calhoun Falls before her family moved

away, and she graduated from Hillcrest High School. She graduated from Winthrop University and most recently from the Sherman College of Chiropractic, and she currently resides in Greenville. The Calhoun Falls Charter Class of 2021 includes 20 graduates, Lindler said.

Is Abbeville County losing population?

By Henry E. Green
Is Abbeville County decreasing in population? Abbeville County may have lost as many as 1,023 people in the past 10 years and three months, according to Lanny McKay, co-chair of the Abbeville County Census Committee for the 2020 Census. McKay said that he is basing his summary on Census Bureau population estimates from April 1, 2020, to July 1, 2020," according to their latest report.

"We lost 475 people by net migration, and 535 by net natural increase," he said. "Net natural increase" means that the number of deaths was bigger than the number of births. The "net migration" refers to the number of people moving into the county "minus" the number of people moving out of the county. Abbeville County's population decreased from 25,417 to 24,404 during this 10 year period, said McKay, who provided the figures based

on information he received from the U.S. Census Bureau last week. During this same period, the population of the state of South Carolina rose from 4,625,364, to 5,218,040, McKay said. "Final population figures will be available when the official 2020 population count is released" later this year by the U.S. Census Bureau. "I do hope the official 2020 Census figures will show a better outcome on existing population."

Dixie High School graduating senior Justin Anderson (right) was honored with the J.S. Strong Award during Dixie graduation, held recently at Erskine's Galloway Center. Dixie principal Paul Prescott (left) presented him with the award. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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Wet and wonderful Lake Russell presents Paddle Fest at Blue Hole recreation area

By Henry E. Green
Blue skies.
Warm temperatures.
And the joys of being on the lake.

All these ingredients blended together into one fine casserole of an event--namely, Paddle Fest, presented Saturday, May 22, at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls by the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition.

The Coalition works to highlight the recreation and tourism potential of Lake Russell, and Paddle Fest did just that by shining a light on the joys of kayaking and paddle boarding.

People had been encouraged to bring their kayaks to the event, and kayaks were also provided by the organizers of the gather-

ing, according to reports published previously.

The Coalition provides four events a year--the Lake Russell Hustle, Paddle Fest, Freedom Blast and the Fall Jubilee, according to Coalition president Bebe Wesson.

"We're looking for members," she said Saturday. Currently the organization has about 20 members. For more information, one may call Wesson at 864-980-6239.

Her next event will be Freedom Blast," she said.

Janet Messina of Calhoun Falls sold homemade soaps and other items, and representatives of Western S.C. Blueway Festival, based in McCormick were on hand to promote the Festival, a free event sponsored mainly by

Self Regional and Wesley Commons.

This outdoor festival will be held August 28 at Baker Creek State Park.

Kaitlyn Alexander and her husband Dylan of Calhoun Falls were providing fly-fishing demonstrations.

"Our focus is on bream, bass and crappie. Mostly pan fish," said Kaitlyn.

"It's strictly a hobby," she added.

Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church youth group sold barbecue plates.

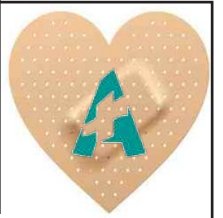
Wesson, meanwhile, thanked Nancy McCannon from Calhoun Falls Charter for bringing Charter School students out to help.

"It's a pretty day to come out for fun and fellowship," she said.



The Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition presented Paddle Fest on May 22 to celebrate fun at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls. Kayaks and paddle boards provided the fun on a picture-perfect day. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Abbeville Rotarians make various donations

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville Rotary Club recently made donations to a number of community organizations.
Club president John Andrew Bishop presented checks on Thursday, during a club meeting at the Belmont, to representatives of Abbeville County First Steps, United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County, Betty Jo and Mary's Closet, and Abbeville Friends of Freedom.
Abbeville County First Steps seeks to help ensure children are ready for first grade, and accepting on behalf of the organization was Abbeville County First Steps executive director Angela Pruitt.
United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County (UCMAC) is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization

which has three component ministries--an emergency assistance ministry, a free clinic, and a food pantry system with branches in Abbeville, Calhoun Falls and Lowndesville, and accepting on behalf of UCMAC was UCMAC executive director Dr. William "Bill" Boone.
Accepting on behalf of Betty Jo and Mary's Closet was founder Jennifer Erwin. The Closet collects school supplies for teachers and their students, and is in its seventh year.
The Abbeville Friends of Freedom plan to present a Juneteenth celebration in Abbeville the weekend of June 19.
Juneteenth is a festival celebrating the end of slavery in the United States.
Among the features of the Abbeville celebration will be a soul food cook-off and a performance at the Opera House by recording artist Amythyst Kiah.
Accepting the donation on behalf of the Friends was Susan Sherard of Abbeville.
The Abbeville Rotary Club is part of an international Rotary network of clubs. On the international scene, Rotarians are committed to a variety of activities, from working toward the eradication of polio from the earth to the provision of clean water for rural Honduras.
Here in Abbeville County, Rotarians have a scholarship program for outstanding local high school students, and Rotarians present every year the Abbeville Rotary Bowl at Hite Stadium--a day of recreation league football in which Abbeville teams take on those from neighboring communities.

During the May 27 Abbeville Rotary Club meeting, Rotary Club president John Andrew Bishop (right) presented a donation from the club Abbeville County First Steps, and accepting on behalf of First Steps was Angela Pruitt (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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‘Hybrid’ Library summer schedule to include live shows, virtual programming

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County Library System has big plans for the summer, according to Library System director Mary Elizabeth Land.
This year's summer schedule is a "hybrid of both live shows and virtual programming," she said.
For the first time, the Library System has partnered with the City of Abbeville to provide three in-person programs at the Abbeville Opera House.
These programs will feature professional performers and tickets will be free to families throughout the county.
The programs will be on June 9, June 16, and August 11. Each one is at 11 a.m., Land continued.
The June 9 event will

feature the Columbia Marionette Theater, performing "The Tortoise and the Hare."
The June 16 event will highlight Jess Holland, a percussionist, who will be providing an interactive show geared for kids.
The August 11 show will feature B-Rad, a magician and musical entertainer.
All three of the Opera House events are completely free of charge.
Throughout the summer, there will be virtual programming with new programs becoming available every Monday and Wednesday.
In addition to programming, there will be special activities for teens, children, and adults--activities that individuals can

enjoy on their own.
Schedules and additional information, including tickets to the Opera House events, will be available at the Abbeville County libraries.
The theme for this year's Summer Reading program is "Tails and Tales."
Many of the stories and programs this summer at the Library will feature animals of different kinds.
Sign up for summer reading begins June 3.
"It's going to be a summer filled with good books and great fun," she said.
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Members of the Cape Fear Miata Club of Wilmington, N.C. stayed at the Belmont Inn recently and had their picture taken in the hotel parking lot with their beloved automobiles before leaving the hotel for the next leg of their road trip. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Road warriors

Car club members stay at Belmont

By Henry E. Green
Anyone who doubts the lover affair which Americans have with their automobiles should have been present when members of a North Carolina-based car club visited the Belmont Inn in Abbeville last week. Members of the Cape Fear Miata Club of Wilmington, N.C. stayed at the famous Abbeville hotel last week, as part of a trip which promised to take them throughout much of the Carolinas. The club, which is 80 to 85 members strong, is made of lovers of the Mazda Miata. “It’s the world’s most

popular two-seat roadster,” said club president Ray Carmichael. And, said Carmichael, there are hundreds of thousands of Miata clubs throughout the world. About 20 members of the club made the five day road trip, which was taking them to Bryson City, North Carolina. Carmichael said the club would like to visit Abbeville again next year. He and the other members on the trip posed in the Belmont Inn parking lot in front of their beloved vehicles before leaving the old hotel.

The old hotel has been part of the downtown scene in Abbeville for years, having opened in 1903 as the Eureka. *Old Abbeville: Scenes of the Past of a Town Where Old Times are Not Forgotten*, by the late Dr. Lowry Ware, indicates that the hotel was one of four significant additions to “the Abbeville public square” from 1903 to 1908. The others were the Confederate monument in the center of the square, the Municipal Building/Opera House, and the new “court house.”

Farewell

School board member Buster Taylor makes plans to retire from board

By Henry E. Green
Buster Taylor was first elected to the school board in 1992, and then he took about four years off before being elected again, and he has been on the board ever since. At least one person was surprised when he announced at last week’s school board meeting that he was resigning from the board “effective the last day of September.” Born in Abbeville, he graduated from Abbeville High School in 1968, and then went into the work force, taking technical college classes from time to time. “I was in electrical and maintenance work,” he said.

“I held a state masters card in electrical work.” Taylor retired from Prysmian in 2012, but he has been doing part-time work since then. He currently works with a management company that manages apartments. Taylor, who has a wife and three sons, and four grandchildren, lives in Calhoun Falls. Asked the biggest lesson, the biggest take-away, from his years on the school board, he replied that when he learns of Abbeville County School District students who achieve success, he is pleased to think “I might have contributed to that a little bit.”

Abbeville County Voter Registration and Elections Director Kim London said that a special election to fill Taylor’s seat would have to be held 13 weeks from the date of his resignation. Taylor was reelected to the board in November 2020, Kim London said, noting that he has about four years left on his term. After Taylor announced his plans to resign from the board, a number of trustees thanked him for his service. “You’ve been a strong oak tree to this District,” Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees chairman Brad Evans told Taylor.

Former Lowndesville mayor passes away

By Henry E. Green
Remembered as a man who loved his community, former Lowndesville mayor Jimmy Scoggins has passed away. James W. Scoggins, age 90, of Lowndesville, SC, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 20, 2021, at Richard M. Campbell Veterans Nursing Home, according to his obituary, as supplied by Rev. Scotty Willoughby, Lowndesville town clerk. Born May 16, 1931 in Columbia, SC, he was the son of the late D.H. Scoggins and Louida Little Scoggins. Jimmy was a 1950 graduate of Lowndesville High

School and a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the Korean conflict. He was retired from Michelin and was the former mayor of Lowndesville for over 40 years. Jimmy was a member of the Iva Masonic Lodge, a Shriner, an avid hunter and enjoyed spending time in his garden, the obituary continued. “He was a great advocate for Lowndesville and the people of Lowndesville,” said State Rep. Craig Gagnon. “He worked tirelessly for their interests.” Gagnon noted that Scoggins was instrumental in bringing a public water

system to Lowndesville. Scoggins, said current Lowndesville mayor Rufus Waters, loved his community, country, family, and friends. “He was my lifetime neighbor,” said Waters. “He was all about community and family. He loved the Lowndesville community. He was just an amazing man.” Lowndesville, said Waters, has for a long time been known as a “town of seven mills.” About 150 people live inside the town limits. “We’ve had a lot of growth in the surrounding area,” Waters said.

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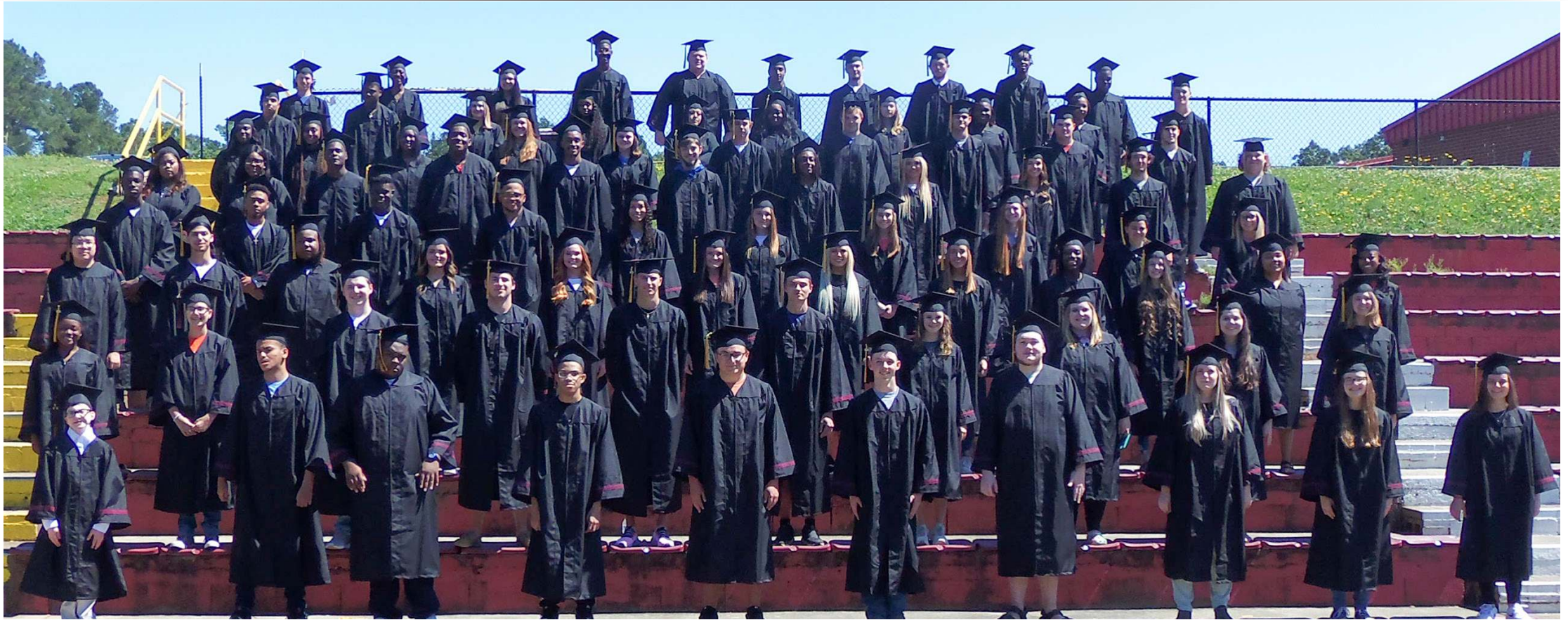
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Abbeville Promise continues to yield positive results

Submitted by
Lee W. Logan, Board Member Freshwater Coast Community Foundation

In spite of the challenges felt across all sectors of education last year due to Covid, the Abbeville Promise continues to provide students and families in Abbeville County with the assurance that a quality college education is within reach.

After a community-wide effort to raise enough funds to make the program sustainable, the Abbeville Promise launched with the graduating high school class of 2018. Now in its third year, the impact of the Abbeville Promise continues to be felt.

Results to date continue to demonstrate that the program is having a positive impact in the county. They include:

· Abbeville County Schools retained increases in the number of graduating seniors attending PTC in the year following graduation—from 23% in 2017 to 28% in fall 2020. While the percentage is lower this year than in 2019, the matriculation rate is expected to recover as schools are able to operate more normally, and as school counselors are better able to reach their students.

· Abbeville Promise students continue to do well at PTC, with an average GPA of 2.7. Forty-seven (47) students have completed one or more credentials at the college, and 13 have transferred to a two or four-year college for additional education to date.

· PTC continues to see cumulative increases in enrollment from eligible Abbeville County students. One hundred fifty-six (156) eligible students attended in fall 2020; 122 attended in spring 2021; and 66 have been funded by the Promise since its launch.

Under the leadership of Brad Evans as chairman, The Freshwater Coast Community Foundation sponsored a campaign to establish the Abbeville

Promise—a “last dollar” scholarship program for every graduating high school senior from Abbeville County.

“We continue to be pleased with the investment our community has made in our students,” said Evans. “In spite of the issues Covid caused last year, the fact that our college attendance rate has remained strong is a good indication that we’re helping to move the needle in Abbeville.”

Student enrollment continues to be strongly concentrated in health care, industrial, engineering and skilled trades fields, followed by students intending to transfer to a four-year college or public service fields such as criminal justice, and information technology.

“These are the kinds of skills that are needed in our community, and more broadly, throughout our region,” said Evans. “This is about more than college attendance—it’s ultimately about seeing a return on the investment our community has made in a skilled workforce.”

Evans specifically noted that he’d like to thank Andy Timmerman, CEO of Abbeville First Bank, and Jeff Wilson, CEO of WCTEL for their leadership on the campaign to fund the Promise.

“None of this would have been possible without their dedication to making this program a reality,” Evans noted.

To launch the program, the capital campaign goal was set at \$1.2 million. As of today, \$1,218,000 has been pledged.

“This kind of investment speaks volumes about the commitment Abbeville County has to ensuring its students are well-positioned for success in the future. The time, effort and energy their students are spending to pursue a quality education will pay dividends for years to come,” said Dr. Hope E. Rivers, president of Piedmont Technical College.



Calin B. Wharton graduated Sunday, May 16, at 9 a.m. from Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC. She is the daughter of Calvin & Dr. Holisa Wharton. Calin will continue her education for her MBA degree as a graduate student at Lander University. (Photo courtesy of Calvin Wharton)

2020 Water Quality Report Starr-Iva Water and Sewer District System #0420005

We're pleased to provide you with this year's Annual Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. The source of our water is Anderson Joint Regional Water System that treats water from Lake Hartwell.

A Source Water Assessment Plan has been prepared for our system by SCDHEC. If you have any questions about this report, our source water assessment or concerning your water utility, or if you do not have internet access, please contact Patrick Jackson at 864-352-6717. We want you, our neighbors and valued customers, to be informed about your water utility. Feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the district office located at 104 Roy Arnold Rd., Starr, SC.

This report shows our water quality and what it means. Starr-Iva Water and Sewer District routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes and chemicals. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

The table below shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2020. In this table you will find the following terms and abbreviations:

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant, which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements, which a water system must follow.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

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Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.

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LEAD AND COPPER TEST RESULTS (2019)						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	90 th percentile	Unit Measurement	Action Level	Sites over action level	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper 2019	N	0.155	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products (2020)						
Chlorine	N	1.1 Range .91-1.22	ppm	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic acids (HAAs)	N	16 Range 7.4-21.3	ppb	60	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfectant
Total trihalomethanes (TTHM)	N	54 Range 14.8-84.6	ppb	80	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Anderson Regional

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Nitrate (2020)	N	0.14 Range 0.14-0.14	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (2020)	N	0.44 Range 0.44-0.44	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring, or man-made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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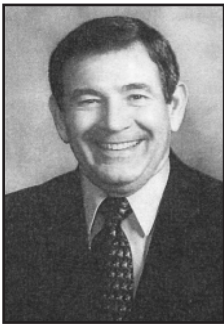
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a Word from
“THE WORD”

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When the World Caves in

Psalm 4:1 “Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.”

In his book, “Live And Learn And Pass It On,” Jackson Brown included this piece of insight from a 52-year-old contributor:

“I’ve learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas lights.” Each of those three things are frustrating and stressful.

In Psalm 4 we see how David handles a stressful situation.

Psalm 4 has been called an evening prayer. Some commentators find in Psalm 4 a background of distress due to crop failures. There was a shortage of food due to a bad harvest and David glories in the spiritual satisfaction of joy within him through his love and faithfulness to God. When he thinks of the glories of God, the material wants do not trouble him.

When your world caves in, what you do about it reveals a lot about you.

Let me suggest three things from this passage of Scripture.

First of all: it is a relief

to call on the Lord when the world caves in. David was in distress due to the famine in the land and he called upon the Lord.

The word distress indicates pressure—David was facing pressure and his relief valve was to call upon the Lord.

There are many pressures on us today and our relief valve should be calling on God. I don’t know how people who don’t know how to pray handle the pressures of life—the truth is they don’t handle it very well.

Many folks turn to alcohol or drugs to escape, but that only lasts for a short time and then their situation is even worse than before. What a relief to call upon the Lord during a time of distress.

Second, it is the right thing to do. Rather than run around wringing your hands, the right thing to do is call upon the Lord.

David asked the Lord to enlarge him—to me that indicates he was feeling closed in. David’s distress was closing in on him and he was asking God to open up a way for him.

When your world closes

in, the right thing to do is call on the Lord. Turn the situation over to the Lord and leave it to Him to open up a way for you. God knows your needs before you do. God knows better how to meet your needs than you do—so let Him.

Third, David receives reassurance from God. David asks the Lord to have mercy on him and hear his prayer.

In verse 3 listen to what David says: “But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself; the Lord will hear when I call unto him.” Did you catch that? David pleads with the Lord to hear his prayer and then receives the reassurance from God that He will hear his prayer. The Lord will hear you when you call—don’t ever doubt that.

When your world caves in, go to God in prayer and pray with faith that He will hear your earnest plea. His answer may not be what you are expecting, but it will most certainly be what you need.

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- Watermelon Bust to follow

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- Gospel Service 7 p.m. Dr. Nick Willborn
- Ice Cream Social to follow

Saturday, 12 June 2021

- History Lecture 10 a.m. Dr. Nick Willborn - Presbyterianism in the Upstate in the 1820s
- Dedication of Enslaved Persons Burial Site 11:30 a.m.
- Catered Box Lunch at the church 12:00 p.m.
- Reunion Hymn Sing 2:00 p.m. - Including stories of Lebanon and prayers of thanksgiving

Sunday, 13 June 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service - Dr. Nick Willborn preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Church Fellowship Meal (covered dish)
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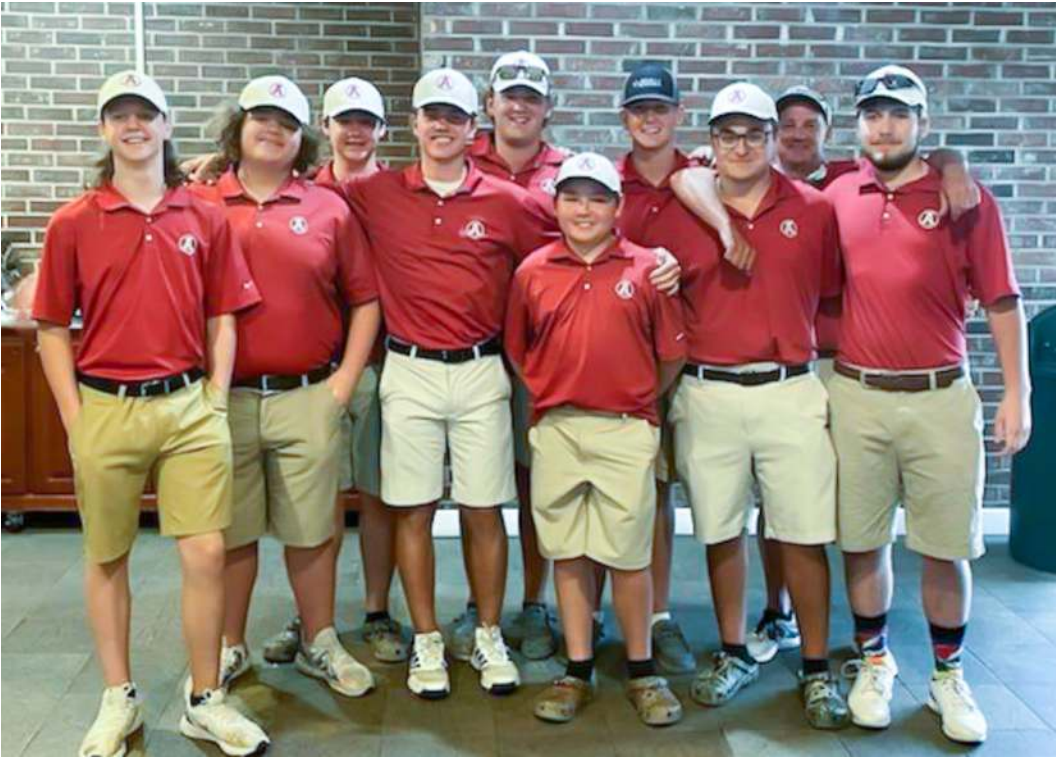
Varsity softball

Dixie clinches Upper State championship

By Henry E. Green
Dixie High School defeated High Point Academy Wednesday 10-0 in Spartanburg in the deciding game of the Upper State championship series for varsity softball, and with the victory advances to the state championship series. “We won 10-0 in five innings,” said Dixie softball coach Ben Snipes. “Mati Cox was the winning pitcher, going five innings, giving up three hits and recording three strike-outs. She was backed up by an outstanding defensive effort from her

teammates. “On offense we had 10 hits total. Leading the way was Weslyn Bensel, who had two doubles and three RBI’s. Addie Smith had a double and two RBI’s. Reaganne Stoll also had a two RBI single and two stolen bases. “Merri Beth Jacks and Haley Hill collected two hits in the game. Ashton Crocker had two stolen bases and scored two runs.” In the first game of the best-two-out-of-three series, Dixie defeated High Point 9-2 in Due West, in a game

played on Monday, May 24. Cox was the winning pitcher in that contest. Dixie was slated to host the first game of the state championship series last night in Due West. This season has been immensely successful for Dixie. The Lady Hornets won their eighth consecutive Region championship this year, Snipes has said. There have been individual honors as well. Weslyn Bensel was selected Region 1A player of the year, and Class A-All State, the coach said.



The Abbeville High School golf team has experienced an immensely successful season: (front row) Michael Fellows, Drayton Young, Gage Evans, Tyler Gulley, DJ Freese, Alex Chrisley (back row) Tony Chupp, Dawson Hughes, Bradley Stoll, and Coach Andy Hagood. (Photo courtesy of Andy Hagood)

AHS golf team has successful season

By Henry E. Green
Andy Hagood is the coach of the Abbeville High School golf team, which just recently completed an immensely successful season. Hagood is in his first year as head coach of the Panthers, who finished second in their Region behind Christ Church. “We have probably the most competitive Region in the state,” he said. During the regular season, “We finished 13-1, second runner up in the Region, and fourth in the state.” Christ Church won the state championship, followed by Pageland Central, and then Saint Joseph’s, and then AHS. In fact, AHS attained this season the highest ranking in golf that the school has ever had, the coach continued. The Panthers had nine players, and only one of them, at the beginning of the season, had ever played in “competition golf”--and that was team captain D.J. Freese. He made the All Region team, and All State team, and he is headed to Saint Andrews in Laurinburg, N.C. “I watched every kid play,” he said. He would take note of every kid’s deficiencies, and work on them. “I set four goals at the beginning of the season,” he said. Those were to improve every week, have a winning regular season, come in at least second in the Region, and go to the state tournament. The top two teams from every Region go to the state tournament, said Hagood, who works at Sage Automotive. The members of the AHS team were willing to follow Hagood’s lead. “They took it to heart,” he said. “These kids worked their tails off.” A major ingredient in the success? “Determination,” he said. The Panthers, who play their home games at Star Fort, may represent a resurgence of golf at AHS. Hagood said that golf at Abbeville has not really been prominent since 2008, and in recent years has faced challenges. Hagood himself is no stranger to the game that made Arnold Palmer famous. He has been playing that game for 45 years--“since I was 10.” He actually played on the Abbeville High golf team when he was in high school. Hagood, who has also coached at Cambridge Academy, sees a bright future for AHS golf. While Freese will be going off to college, everyone else on the team is expected to be coming back.



Daniel Little, shown here with his family, will be the new baseball coach at Abbeville High School. (Photo courtesy of Daniel Little)

Daniel Little to be new AHS baseball coach

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville High School has a new baseball coach--Daniel Little. Little is an AHS alumnus who graduated in 2004 from Abbeville High, where he played on the Panther baseball and football teams. On the baseball team, he was outfielder, and for football he played wide receiver and was a holder for field goals and PATs. He went on to study at Toccoa Falls College, before graduating from Erskine. “I played on the baseball team at both places,” he said. On each team he was an outfielder. He graduated from Erskine in 2008, with a major in physical education, and then he entered the field of education. He coached at Calhoun Falls High School for one season, and then moved on to Latta High School in Dillon County, before moving on to Landrum High School, where he has been for the past eight years and where he has enjoyed considerable success. “We won multiple district and Region championships, and we won the state championship in 2019,” he said. The team also had a 35 game winning streak, from

2019 to 2021, the second longest streak in state history. So now, he’s “back home.” “I’ll officially start my teaching contract in August,” he said. “I’ll teach physical education at Wright Middle School.” He is “very excited” about what is for him a new journey in his life. Little has a wife, Sarah, an education professor at North Greenville University, and they have three children--10-year-old Zane, six-year-old Addy Mae, and one-year-old Maggie Beth.

Dixie High School baseball Hornets conclude successful season

By Henry E. Green
The Dixie High School baseball team has finished its season after playing for the for the district championship in the playoffs, according to Dixie baseball coach Jimmy Prince. The Hornets defeated Lewisville Wednesday, May 19, at Lewisville, 10-2. The winning pitcher for the Hornets was Michael Ashley, who gave up two runs, seven hits. He struck out one, and walked two, and hit one batter. Dixie, meanwhile, had 10 runs, and 10 hits. Caleb Simpson was two for five, with a three run homer, and Case Minor was two for five. The Hornets then went to Whitmire Friday, May 21, to play for the District championship. The Hornets defeated Whitmire 6-5. Hunter Coghurn was the winning pitcher for the Hornets. However, the Wolverines came back and defeated Dixie in a second game, played that evening, 2-1. Dixie’s season came to an end with the loss, as the Hornets had lost to Lewisville earlier in the double elimination playoff format. The Hornets finished third in the Region, and with a Region record of 6-4. Prince is pleased with the 2021 season, and is optimistic about the coming year. “We’ve got some really good young talent coming back next year,” he said.

Talpert, Collier named top Blue Flash athletes

By Henry E. Green
Calhoun Falls Charter School held its annual athletic banquet Thursday night at the Calhoun Falls Civic Center, and the Male Athlete of the Year Jerami Talbert and Female Athlete of the Year, Essence Collier, were named, said Calhoun Falls Charter principal Kalan Rogers Friday. Talbert, a senior, participated in football, basketball, and track, and Collier took part in softball. Collier played first base, and “had one of the highest batting averages for the team, too.” Talbert “was an outstanding

football, basketball, and track athlete.” He plans to continue running track when he moves on to the college level. The honors were voted on by head coaches in all the Calhoun Falls Charter sports. Football, volleyball, boys and girls basketball, JV baseball, softball, boys and girls track, and the shooting team were all highlighted. Most Valuable Player, Sportsmanship, Most Improved and Coaches Awards were all given out for the various sports. The Don’t Give Up scholarship, sponsored by JES Kitchen Solutions, was presented to seniors Collier and Cameron Williams. They both received \$500 in financial rewards. “They both have plans to attend USC Upstate,” Rogers said. Keith and Karen Ashley were named Volunteers of the Decade for their support of Calhoun Falls Charter athletics, as well as Fernando Sanders and Earl Wright. All were named Volunteers of the Decade, the principal continued.



Abbeville High School student-athlete Demetrious Harris received the DeJuan Sanders scholarship during the AHS athletic banquet, held recently at Erskine. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Community Calendar

National Garden Week coming up

June 6 through June 12 is National Garden Week. The Abbeville garden clubs: Rose, Creative, and Chrysanthemum, will be joining

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Chosen profession AHS Star Teacher Daniel Huggins likes what he does for a living

By Henry E. Green
Daniel Huggins teaches U.S. history, and this year marks the second time he has been named the Star Teacher at AHS.

Following AHS tradition, the student chosen as Star Student chooses a Star Teacher, honoring an instructor who has been pivotal in his or her academic development.

This year's Star Student, Lauren Driggers, chose Huggins as the Star Teacher.

Huggins is in his sixth year at AHS, and he has been in the teaching profession for nine years, having started out at Carvers Bay High School in Georgetown County, and before that Mauldin High School in Simpsonville.

Born in Georgetown, he

grew up in that coastal community, graduating from Carvers Bay High School, before going to Presbyterian College, where he majored in history.

“I’ve always been a bit of a history buff,” he said. “I’ve always enjoyed the Cold War.

“It was an interesting time period,” he continued.

As to what part of the Cold War really particularly piques his interest, he turns to the island not too far from the coast of Florida-- “everything dealing with Cuba,” as he puts it.

That island continues to play its part in American history, a part accompanied by international tension.

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as World War I and World War II are rapidly becoming exactly that--history--with the passage of time.

However, the average American was alive at some point during the Cold War, and remembers some part of it.

“The Cold War is still a living history,” he said.

As to his being named Star Teacher for the second time, there is no big secret for his success.

“I just try to do right by my students,” he said.

Teaching is a profession that he loves. Studying history in college carried with it the assumption that teaching would be an option.

“I just kind of settled into it,” he said.

And now?

“I wouldn’t do anything else now,” he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE Hearing on Municipal Budget

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Town Council for the Town of Due West will hold a public hearing on the municipal budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year on June 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at Due West Town Council Chambers, 103 Main Street, Due West, S.C.

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The above listed 2021-2022 fiscal year budget projections represent estimates and will not be final until approved by Council. Following this public hearing, the Due West Town Council will convene for its June 2021 Council Meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., in the Due West Town Council Chambers.

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For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

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 - (5) The name of the applicant and the address of the business to be licensed.
- Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-0907; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

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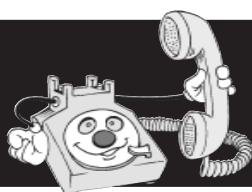
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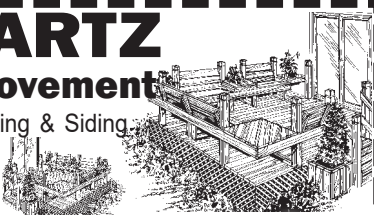


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