



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



Saturday, Sept. 11, marked the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and American Legion Post 2 held a special program on Abbeville's Court Square to mark the occasion. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



State Rep. Craig Gagnon was the keynote speaker during American Legion Post 2's program marking the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

That terrible Tuesday

American Legion Post 2 presents program in memory of 9/11 attacks

By Henry E. Green

Craig Gagnon recalled how back on Sept. 11, 2001, he received a call from his mother.

It was not good news. A plane had flown into the World Trade Center, he learned.

That was how Gagnon learned about the worst terrorist attack in American history, an attack which happened 20 years ago.

Gagnon, now a state Representative, was the keynote speaker when American Legion Post 2 presented a program Saturday morning on Abbeville's Court Square in memory of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

On that picture-perfect Tuesday 20 years ago, Hijackers took over four planes and flew two of them into the World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon, while a fourth, thought to be

headed for the U.S. Capitol, crashed in western Pennsylvania when passengers attempted to take back the plane from the hijackers.

On a day of "confusion and mayhem," when nearly 3,000 people lost their lives, there was also heroism, from the first responders who risked their lives to save others.

There was heroism, too, from the passengers of Flight 93, who fought to take back the plane from the hijackers.

"Let's roll became part of our national lexicon," the state legislator said.

Following the attacks, Americans of all political persuasions seemed united, but sadly, this feeling of unity is not often seen today.

Gagnon called for a return to civility. "When I don't agree with someone I don't have to be disagreeable," he said.

The program included remarks from Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield, who noted that he wished more young people would come to gatherings such as the one on Saturday, and the tolling of the bell Big Bob on the Square to mark the times when planes flew into the World Trade Center.

The first plane, American Airlines Flight 11, hit the North Tower at 8:46 a.m., and the second, United Flight 175, flew into the South Tower at 9:03.

Judy Wilson led those present in singing "Amazing Grace," and first responders, including Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson, were also on hand.

Greenfield told those present to give the first responders a round of applause.

Approximately 40 people attended Saturday morning's program.

City Council finalizes 2021-2022 budget

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council met Wednesday night, approving a City budget for the coming fiscal year, and approving a City match for a demolition grant, among other things.

Council passed second reading on an ordinance to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, which takes in a total tax levy of 110.52 mills, the same as last year.

Council issued a proclamation recognizing the Abbeville Friends of Freedom. Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards presented a plaque to representatives of the group, which presented the Juneteenth celebration in downtown Abbeville in June.

These representatives included Susan Sherard,

Shari Williams, and City Council member Jason Edwards.

The celebration, which has its roots in Texas, helps recall the ending of slavery in the United States.

Council passed a resolution endorsing the expenditure of city funds as a required match for a Community Development Block Grant for the Abbeville City Demolition Project.

The City is supplying a 10 percent match for the grant, City Manager Blake Stone told City Council.

Council passed a resolution designating an authorized representative and contact person for purposes of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The American Rescue Plan is federal legislation

approved by Congress earlier this year to help the country recover from the devastating effects of the coronavirus epidemic. As part of the Plan, financial assistance is being allocated to local governments throughout the United States.

Council passed second reading on an ordinance authorizing the sale of land on Lake Secession. Edwards abstained.

Council approved bylaws and a contract for the ACPA, the Abbeville Community Performing Arts board.

The board works to facilitate theatrical performances at the Opera House, working with the City's community development department, according to information from the City.

Funding flowers

Who will pay for beautification plan?

By Henry E. Green

Who will pay for flowers that are at the center of a beautification plan for Abbeville's Court Square?

That question is at the heart of a controversy arising when Mary Dixon of Abbeville turned in a Fall 2021 Abbeville Squared proposal for beautifying the Square.

Abbeville Squared is a group of volunteers looking to beautify the heart of Abbeville.

The group wants to beautify three specific areas this fall by planting bright, colorful flowers.

The first area would be the lower part of the planter near the entrance to the south end of the Square.

"This is the first thing folks see when they drive into Abbeville," according to the proposal.

The group wants to plant red chrysanthemums there, flowers which would "give a great first impression of the square and the town in general."

The space would require 140 chrysanthemums, and all the chrysanthemums would be in one gallon pots, with a plant diameter of approximately 14-16 inches.

There would be two rows along the sides, with more on the ends to fill up the entire space.

"This plan supports all six goals of the City of Abbeville five year Downtown Revi-

talization Plan developed in 2019," the proposal states. "Merchants will be more likely to establish themselves in an area where it is clear that the public space and gardens are beloved by the people who live and shop there. Customers will be more likely to spend time on the square, shop and eat in local establishments when the public space is pleasant and beautiful."

Area Two would take in the planter around the bell on Court Square, an area where 50 yellow chrysanthemums are planned.

"This will be a space where locals and visitors stop to take a selfie they can post on the internet for their friends and family to see.

The budget includes Osmocote fertilizer, a slow release fertilizer that will last three or four months, keeping the flowers blooming for months and saving time and personnel resources.

Abbeville is known for its historical appeal.

"Well maintained public spaces encourage visitors to spread the word to their friends and neighbors. Photos posted on the Internet are great free marketing strategy. You can't buy that kind of advertisement. We want to encourage folks to take all the pictures they desire."

For the planter at the north end of the Square, lavender chrysanthemums are

planned.

The total budget for this 2021 project would be \$3,100, including chrysanthemums, Osmocote, and ornamental cabbages and kales.

At last week's City Council meeting, Dixon asked for the City to pay for the flowers for the project, and the Council took this as information but took no action, and Mayor Trey Edwards said that he would confer with Dixon on the subject.

"We just want to make the City beautiful," Dixon told Council.

Contacted Thursday, she said she had been told by a City official that due to City regulations about providing financial assistance to volunteer groups, the City would not be able to fund the project.

"We've not done anything on City property," said Dixon.

The group did plant some plant arrangements in front of the Courthouse on Abbeville County property, she said Thursday.

"We will be planting in front of that veterans memorial which is on County property," she said Thursday.

That memorial lies between the Opera House and Courthouse.

"It's just sad to see any historical monument neglected through the years," she said. "We're better than that."



Abbeville Squared, a group of volunteers working to beautify downtown Abbeville, planted this lovely greenery in front of the Abbeville County Courthouse on County property. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

'Road map'

For Merl Beiler of Abbeville, love is key to Mennonite way of life

By Henry E. Green

(The following article is the second in a series.)

For Merl Beiler, Abbeville County is an adopted home.

"I was born and raised in Virginia Beach, Virginia," said Beiler.

He was not part of the first group of Mennonites to move to the Abbeville County community, but his wife was.

His wife Mary is from the Stoll family, which moved here in May of 1969 from the Virginia Beach area.

Within one month, three other families had moved as well, and by the early 1970s as many as a dozen families came to make Abbeville County home.

He married Mary on October 6 of 1972. "Our wedding was the first at the Cold Spring Mennonite Church," he said.

After living in Virginia Beach for a year and a half, they moved down to Abbeville, and found happiness.

"We loved the Abbeville people and community," he said. "There was a total welcome."

Their neighbors became like family members to them. "We would have our neighbors join in with activities, which was a real blessing for us," he said.

"We love the community and the people, and the community folks gave us an overwhelming welcome."

He and Mary raised a family that grew to include three sons and one daughter, and Merl embarked on the process of making

a living.

He launched Merl's Countertops, which he operated for many years, and he was also a clergyman.

"I was the pastor of Cold Spring Mennonite Church for a number of years, and retired in August, 2017.

"Our three sons have taken over the business," he said. "I'm semi-retired but I work hard every day."

He stays busy with his farm, and in the summer he works with a family church camp in North Carolina that he started.

Large families or church groups can go to this camping facility.

"I love the outdoors," he said. "I grew up on a farm. I love to see God's creation."

The Mennonite way is one of love, according to Beiler. "We do not believe the Mennonite way of life is the only way to live. We love and accept all people, accepting others as created in the image of God."

A strong faith in Jesus Christ is an essential ingredient in the Mennonite creed, Beiler said.

Mennonites have four churches here in Abbeville County--Cold Spring, Whispering Pines, Shiloh and Bethel--and there are Mennonite missionaries in such countries as Thailand and Nicaragua.

They do not shelter themselves from the 21st century. No, they embrace technology, as Beiler showed when he held up his Smartphone.

Still, one can see certain marks of distinction in the Mennonite community here in Abbeville County.

The women wear head coverings, in accordance with I Corinthians 11:5-10, and verse three as well.

Yes, the Mennonites have added a unique flavor to the Abbeville County community, but the question remains.

We have been told that many Mennonites wanted to leave Virginia Beach because it was becoming too urban in character, and because the Mennonite community largely embraced the rural way of life.

However, of all the places in the United States where they could have settled, why did they choose Abbeville?

Beiler points out that not all those Mennonites who left Virginia Beach settled here--some settled in Kentucky, for example.

However, for those who came here, there was one immensely alluring quality--the friendliness of the people living here.

It is a friendliness underscored by a simple human gesture--the wave.

People waved to each other, and the visitors noticed.

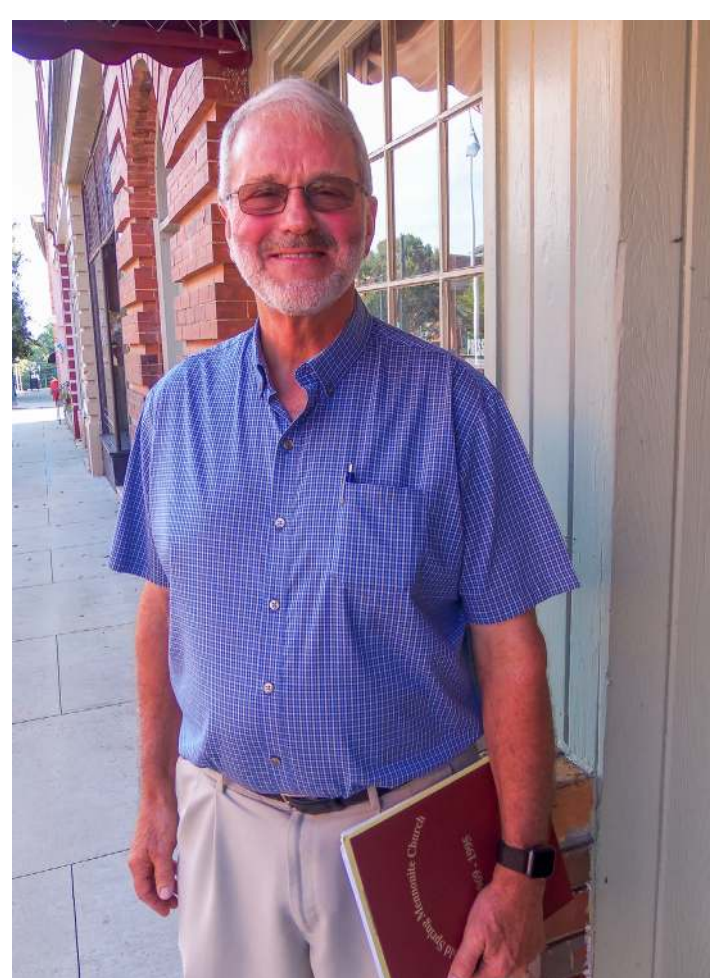
Charm and warmth, encapsulated in a welcoming spirit, were among the drawing cards, and the Mennonites turned a gentle thumbs up.

People in Abbeville County were so friendly, so caring.

And that was that. Half a century later, the Mennonites who moved south have found an altogether pleasing destination.

"The word of God is our road map," he said.

Merl Beiler recently talked about the Mennonite community here in Abbeville County. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Erskine Women's Soccer | Fleet fall in season opener to USC Beaufort, 2-1

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

The Erskine College women's soccer team (0-1-0) was defeated by USC Beaufort (2-1-0) by a score of 2-1 at Huggins Field on Saturday afternoon. Senior midfielder Brittney Gardner scored the Fleet's lone goal of the match, a second-half equalizer but it was not enough as Erskine dropped their 2021 fall season opener.

THE MATCH: The visiting Sandsharks started the match on the front foot, creating numerous chances, but had a pair of goals called back for offside and handball, which kept the match scoreless through the first 20 minutes. Then, in the 26th minute, USC Beaufort's Mari Kalvatn scored from a free kick to give the Sandsharks a deserved 1-0 lead. Following the goal, though, the Fleet grew into

the match and began creating chances of their own. Just seconds before the half, Erskine's solid work was rewarded thanks to a special effort from Brittney Gardner. Gardner received the ball in the Fleet's attacking half and dribbled past a few USC Beaufort players before creating some space for herself outside the box and unleashing a beautiful curling shot that nestled in the top right corner of the goal to level the match at one apiece heading into the half. However, the Fleet's offense was inconsistent in the second half as USC Beaufort regained control, and the Sandsharks retook the lead in the 57th minute on a second goal from Kalvatn. That would be enough for the visitors as they held off the Fleet for the remaining half-hour and Erskine was beaten 2-1 in the 2021 fall home opener.

THE PLAYER: Brittney

Gardner had just one shot in the match, but she made it count with a fantastic long-range shot to tie the match in the second half.

THE TEAM: Erskine was outshot by the Sandsharks 12 to four and in shots on target, six to four. USC Beaufort also had all five corner kicks in the match.

The Fleet go on the road for the first time this season on Wednesday, September 8 as they travel to Mars Hill University (0-1) at 6:00 p.m. The Lions lead the all-time series 5-1-1, but the Fleet were victorious in their most recent meeting, a 2-1 home win back in 2018.

MORE ABOUT THE ERSKINE COLLEGE FLYING FLEET

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A Slice of Mike

"The Apple Never Falls Far From The Tree"

By Mike Elis

September is here. People love the Fall season. Football season, leaves changing, the best weather of the year, and finally the kids are out of the house and going back to school; ahh yes, to me the most wonderful time of the year.

Sorry Christmas, but that's how I feel. Many might disagree, but it's my column and I'll cry if I want to. If we could just do something about the overload of pumpkin spice, that would make the season perfect.

Apart from all of the reasons I listed above, there is a greatness of September that transforms me from an adult to a kid in a candy store. It's apple season. Living right near Hendersonville, North Carolina there are a dozen orchards and fresh apples to enjoy. From the gala apples to the honeycrisp, from the apple cider donuts to the apple slushes, from the turnovers to the apple cookies, the sight of a local orchard is the apple of my eyes.

I moved to apple country ten years ago. During apple season, my family went from orchard to orchard, trying the different yummys and seeing "U-Pick" signs. We bought enough apples that we needed a U-haul when they should have a sign that says U-will never eat this

many apples.

"Daddy, why would anyone want to pick their own apples when they already have a bag ready to go?" These were the words of my daughter who is much like her daddy in a lot of ways.

I have always wondered the same thing. Time is of the essence to hit all of these places, so why pass up on the opportunity for the orchards to take the work out of it and get us on our way?

My daughter analyzed the situation even further. She had it figured out that to effectively maximize the time, the U-pick was not the way to go. Of course, like most kids, her priorities had nothing to do with her valuable time and had everything to do with maximizing consumption of various slushes and apple cider donuts.

Everyone has their favorite orchard. The art of comparing apple farms is not necessarily apples to apples. My daughter kept notes as to which place had her favorite apples, her favorite sweets, and even her favorite apple salsa. She does this so that we don't make the same mistakes over and over again.

Much like my daughter, I keep lists, notes, and don't like to waste time. Even if she is now a typical eighteen year old girl that thinks she

revolutionized the theory of being always right and having parents that have no sense of reality, she is much like me even if she won't admit it. I would've done the same thing and kept notes when I was her age.

If you think that the apple obsession is a little hardcore, I will assume that you haven't done an orchard tour and I will pray for you. To those who haven't experienced this, when you are sitting at home wondering what is wrong and missing in your lives, maybe a trip to the mountains in Western Carolina could've prevented it.

So, deciding what to do on a day trip with the family this beautiful fall season? Don't be a U-pick it kind of person and let me do that for you. Come to the mountains, breathe the mountain air, and enjoy the apples.

As far as the apple not falling far from the tree, trust us on this one. My daughter is always right (or so she thinks), and I am right on this one.

Don't forget that the "I Love Lucy" tribute is coming to the Abbeville Opera House October 9th. Relive the classic scenes and see why this show was voted the #1 I Love Lucy tribute touring today. Tickets are available at abbevillecitysc.com

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Missing person: Adam Clark Harvey was last seen Sept. 11 around Mt. Carmel Rd. in Abbeville County wearing a black shirt and black jeans. He is a 23-year-old caucasian male, is 6'1" and has red hair. If seen, please contact the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office at 864-446-6000. (Photo courtesy of Abbeville County Sheriff's Office)

Authorities looking for missing man

By Henry E. Green
 Authorities have been searching for a 23-year-old man who had been missing from Abbeville County since Saturday, according to reports.
 Adam Clark Harvey, an Abbeville County resident, was last seen at about 3 p.m. Saturday near Mount

Carmel Road, according to published reports.
 Clark is described as being six feet one inch tall with red hair.
 Anyone who sees him is asked to call the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office at 446-6000.
 A number of search and rescue teams, fire depart-

ments, and volunteers have been involved in the effort to search for the young man, according to reports.
 At the Abbeville County Council meeting Monday night, Council member James McCord praised those involved in the search effort for their hard work.

Perdue wins Press and Banner contest

By Henry E. Green
 Adam Perdue of Abbeville is the winner of this week's Press and Banner college football contest.
 Perdue has won before, and victory in this second football contest of the season was a little icing on the cake.
 Mr. Perdue missed only three. One of them was the Oregon-Ohio State game, in which the Ducks from the West Coast went to the Horseshoe in Columbus and defeated the Buckeyes, 35-28.
 Buckeye fans might have been a little embarrassed, and non-lovers of the Scarlet and Gray reveled in OSU's misfortune.
 A friend of one Buckeye fan called him after the game and delivered a two word message.

"Quack, quack!"
 Closer to home, South Carolina claimed a 20-17 victory over an alternate Carolina--East Carolina, in Greenville, N.C.--thanks to Parker White's 36-yard field goal as time expired.
 The Gamecocks won, but it most assuredly was not pretty. USC had three turnovers, but, fortunately for the Garnet and Black, the Pirates could turn those turnovers into only seven points.
 The officiating, in the view of one Gamecock fan, left much to be desired. Two USC touchdowns were called back, and South Carolina fell behind by 14 points.
 USC's comeback was especially sweet, and you could see the joy on the faces of coaches and players

alike following the game.
 Carolina will need all the expertise it can muster when our beloved birds travel to Athens to take on the Georgia Bulldogs.
 The Dogs endeared themselves to Carolina fans everywhere by defeating Clemson earlier this season.
 The Gamecocks sparkle at times, but they are no match for the canines.
 The crystal ball is crystal clear. Georgia will prevail 28-7.
 Meanwhile, Clemson, which defeated SC State this past Saturday, will host Georgia Tech.
 The Techsters may have higher SAT scores, but they will fall to the Kitties, 42-7.
 Those are just prognostications of a homegrown Nostradamus, of course.

Senator Scott Statement on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

Submitted by Senator Tim Scott
 WASHINGTON - Today, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) released the following statement on the 20th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks.
 "Twenty years ago we faced one of the darkest days in our nation's history. The pain and anguish of September 11, 2001, lives in the hearts of the survivors of the terrorist attacks and the loved ones of the nearly 3,000 men, women, and children who never returned home.
 "While the commemoration of 9/11 will always surface memories of the horrific devastation and loss inflicted by terrorists, we also must remember the ordinary Americans

who displayed extraordinary courage, sacrifice, and heroism that day. It's our duty to tell the stories of the firefighters, first responders, police officers, and military personnel who ran toward danger in New York City and at the Pentagon. We honor the sacrifice of those who perished that day, as well as the heroes who have since lost their battles with illnesses caused by the toxic crash sites. We must also never forget the United 93 flight attendants and passengers who bravely overtook hijackers to save countless lives. These stories of courage are the American story.
 "In the decades of war that followed, thousands more Americans lost their lives bringing justice to the terrorists responsible. The

bravery and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform kept us safe from threats at home and abroad, and we will never forget those Americans who bravely answered the call to serve in our nation's darkest hours. Even now, we must honor their service by remaining firm in our resolve to root out terrorists and preserve stability and safety in the Middle East.
 "My prayer for our country is that we keep in our hearts the truth that was borne from this tragedy: Americans are always stronger when we are unified. If we stand in solidarity and never waver in our commitment to freedom, I have no doubt America will continue to be the world's greatest beacon of hope and force for good."

Chestnut sidewalk project complete

By Henry E. Green
 The Chestnut Street sidewalk project has been completed at a cost of \$95,900, City Manager Blake Stone told Abbeville City Council last week.
 This project replaced sidewalk on both sections of Chestnut from Greenville to East Pinckney streets. The project was completed through the County Transportation Committee program and the City expects reimbursement in the next four to five weeks.

The CTC program provides funding for transportation projects through a state fuel tax.
 In addition to the Chestnut Street sidewalk update, Council discussed a number of other matters.
 Council appointment to fill the three year term vacated by Maria Brotherton on the ACPA board.
 The board had nominated Fran Anderson to serve in that role, and that nomination

was approved.
 Under the "new business" segment of the meeting, there was a discussion of truck routes inside the City of Abbeville, as presented by Council member Matt Gambrell.
 "The route I'm concerned about is Chestnut Street," said Gambrell, voicing fear that, given the narrowness of the street, large trucks could cause damage to the thoroughfare.
 There was also a discussion of the dedication of City baseball fields, as presented by Mayor Trey Edwards.
 The Mayor said that he had been approached about renaming some of the City's youth recreation fields for four deceased individuals who had been prominent in the Abbeville sports world-- Scott Sutherland, Foster Morris, Mike Culbreath, and Keith Hall.

Council member Benji Greenson praised them as "quality people."
 Upon returning to open session, Council took no resulting action.

Mayor Edwards reminded Council of Housing Authority Board nominations to be discussed at the October meeting. There are three positions to be filled.
 Council took no action on an appointment to fill the three year term of office of Sally Cooke on the Board of Zoning Appeals which expired on Oct. 10, 2020.
 Council went into executive session to discuss "matters concerning the proposed location, expansion or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body," as stated on the meeting agenda.

They also were slated to discuss "negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements," according to the agenda.

Upon returning to open session, Council took no resulting action.

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The Erskine Flying Fleet mascot flexed his muscles before Erskine's varsity football home opener on Saturday, but the Fleet lost to Barton, 38-25. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Dixie picks up road win at West Oak

By Henry E. Green

Dixie High School went on the road and defeated West Oak Friday night in varsity football action, 40-16.

"We were down 9-3 at half time," said Lollis. "It's a tale of two halves."

In the first half, Dixie played in a less than exemplary manner, and in the second half they made up for it in a big way.

Lollis does not know how to explain it, but it is safe to say that he is pleased.

In the first half, Dixie kicked twenty plus yard field goal

with about a minute in the half. West Oak scored nine points as a result of two bad long punt snaps.

In the second half, the Hornets played very well indeed, coming together to find the end zone with rushing touchdowns.

A number of Hornets got in on the action, with Tae Donald rushing for two touchdowns, Hunter Satterfield scoring one, and Josh Miller scoring a touchdown on a kickoff return.

Dixie also was helped by a safety in the second half,

said Lollis, who indicated that his troops played up to their potential in the second half.

The Hornets, who improved to 3-1 with the victory, will host McCormick this coming Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The coach, while he is not unhappy with the team's record, indicated that the Hornets are still in various ways a work in progress, taking "baby steps" toward improving their gridiron skills.

"We're a young team," he said.



These Erskine cheerleaders did their best to support the Flying Fleet against Barton, but the Fleet lost their varsity football home opener to Barton 38-25. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Erskine (in dark jerseys) played Barton at the Greenwood High School stadium recently, and the Fleet lost its home opener to the Bulldogs. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Erskine Falls Short to Barton in Home Opener

Submitted by
Graeme Simpson

GREENWOOD, SC -- Erskine, still searching for their first win of the season, played host to a hungry Barton College team Saturday at the J.W. Babb Stadium. A 25-38 loss from the Flying Fleet is their 2nd of the season.

Erskine started the scoring early with a 41 yard FG kick made by former Abbeville High Star, Dylan Beauford. On the following drive Barton responded with three points of their own. The first couple of drives for both teams looked promising, but stops by both defenses forced field goals.

In the final five minutes of the 1st quarter, the Fleet put together a 75 yard drive, ending with a touchdown. Receiver, Senika McKie, made four impressive catches to keep the drive alive, before Erskine Quarterback, Craig Pender, rushed for a 10 yard TD. At the end of the 1st quarter, Erskine led 10-3.

It did not take long for Barton to equalize. Just two and a half minutes into the 2nd stanza of play, Damean Spikes made it a 10-10 ball game with a rushing TD. This was just the beginning of the

Bulldogs dominating the 2nd quarter. Barton recovered Erskine fumbles on back to back drives from the Fleet. With 5:42 remaining in the quarter, Jaquon Lynch, Barton QB, scored on a broken play on 3rd down to give Barton a 17-10 lead.

One bright spot for Erskine at the end of the 2nd quarter, was Dylan Beauford putting a 23 yard field goal attempt through the uprights with 3 seconds left in the half. Barton led 17-13 at the end of one.

On Barton's first drive of the 2nd half, they took the ball 88 yards down the field resulting in a touchdown. Lynch broke free for a 74 yard TD run on 3rd down. This ultimately broke the game open with the Bulldogs leading 24-13 with 13:12 remaining in the 3rd quarter.

Erskine did manage to put a good drive together at the end of the 3 frame. McKie was brilliant, making an extremely difficult catch through traffic. The drive extended into the 4th quarter, where Pender notched his 2nd rushing TD of the game on the first play of the quarter. With the score being 19-24, the Fleet decided to go for a 2pt conversion, where the Barton College defense

locked them down.

Right when you thought things might turn into the favor of Erskine, Bulldog Receiver, Kameron Johnson, went 59 yards to the house on 3rd & 11 for another long touchdown for Barton, giving them a 31-19 lead. To add insult to injury, Erskine gave the ball up to the Bulldogs, via interception, three plays later.

Erskine did gain some late momentum by forcing a fumble with 10 minutes left in the game, but threw another interception on their next offensive drive. It seemed like nothing could go right for the Fleet, as Barton pounced, scoring on their next possession to ice the game. Erskine did, however, manage to score in garbage time with a pass and catch between Pender and Roberson, but it was too little too late.

Barton walked out of Greenwood with a 38-25 win, their first of the season.

For Erskine, they have a lot of work to do. Too many costly turnovers and busted coverages on defense. Next Saturday, the Erskine Flying Fleet (0-2) will travel to Chowan University (2-0) for a 1pm kickoff.

Dixie volleyball team off to good start

By Henry E. Green

Dixie High School volleyball season has begun, and the Lady Hornets are 3-1, and undefeated in the Region, at press time, according to Ashlyn Cann, Dixie volleyball coach.

Dixie was slated to host yesterday High Point Academy, a Region foe, and a contender for the Region crown.

Cann, who is in her fourth year as Dixie volleyball coach, said that last year the Lady Hornets came in second in the Region.

"We played for Upper State last year, and we lost to our other Region foe, Southside Christian," she said.

There are other teams in

the Region, but Southside Christian and High Point are most dangerous in volleyball.

This year, at press time, Dixie's only loss has been to Crescent, a 2-A school, "and a very competitive 2-A school."

"Crescent's very good in volleyball," she said.

Dixie, High Point, and Southside Christian are all expected to contend for the Region crown.

This year's Dixie team is, she said, "very resilient. They always put their best foot forward."

"We have a strong middle (blocker)," she said. That is Neely Bell, a six foot three 11th grader.

Hailey Hill is a defensive specialist, and attackers Matilyn Cox and Natalie Pratt, setter Ashton Crocker, middle blocker Georgia Wojtkowski, and attacker Meagan Hill are the other starters.

"Our strength this year is offense, and court movement," she said. "We're very quick on the court."

"Our goal is keep working on serving aggressively."

The coronavirus has already led to the rescheduling of two Region games.

"Our team has grown a lot in the past two years, and their chemistry is undeniable," she said. "They practically live together. They're literally all best friends."

AHS tennis team launches its season

By Henry E. Green

Pam Herron is the interim tennis coach for Abbeville High School, with the help of Rebecca Hedden, and Herron reports that the Lady Panthers were at press time 1-0..

"We won our first match (of the season)," she said. That first match came against Saluda on Thursday, August 31, in Abbeville at the Pete Smith Complex, and the Lady Panthers prevailed.

Herron provided the details of the match:

Audrey McCurry (A) defeated Abby Gentry, 6-0, 6-1.

Emma Horne (A) defeated Ella Gentry, 6-3, 6-4

Riley Jones (A) defeated Sarah Shore, 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 Bailey Seawright (A) lost to Keeli McDaniel, 3-6, 2-6 Savannah Wojtkowski (A)

defeated Madison Devore, 7-5, 7-6.

In Number Two doubles, Dakota Todd and Callie Thomson (A) lost to Ruby Flores and Autumn Canady, 4-6, 2-6

The Lady Panthers were slated to play yesterday at Whitmire.

Herron has been the interim coach since the end of July, and she will serve until AHS finds a permanent coach.

She has plenty of experience helping out with the AHS tennis team.

"I helped with the tennis team for about 12 years, but I didn't help last year," she recalled.

Pam, who said she has considerable experience in playing tennis, is being assisted by Rebecca Hedden in coaching the team.

The Lady Panthers, who

play their home matches at the Pete Smith Complex in Abbeville, will play two Region matches this year--and those will be against Christ Church and Whitmire.

Herron has considerable respect for the Lady Cavaliers of Christ Church, a team which she says has a wealth of talent.

"Our five singles players are pretty strong," she said. "Our Number Two doubles are coming along. They're going to be pretty good, too."

In addition to the starters listed earlier in the story, the Lady Panthers include players Kaylin Mock, Britany Gordon, and Bethany Hughes.

In addition to the matches against Whitmire and Christ Church, the Panthers will play five other matches.

Way down the road

Abbeville High Panthers to travel to Woodland for non-Region game

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville will play at Woodland at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17, as the Panthers prepare to make a long trip down into South Carolina's Lowcountry, according to AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles. Woodland is in the town of Dorchester, and the school is about five miles off Exit 177, from I-26. This will be a non Region

contest between two 2-A teams. "They're really, really good this year," Nickles said. Abbeville defeated the Wolverines last year, but last year it was Woodland having to make the two hour and 45 minute trip to Hite Stadium. This year the Panthers are returning the favor, and they will face a team which has one of the top quarterbacks

in the state, and some other stellar players as well. "They're a typical spread team," he said, describing their offense. "Defensively, they're very physical." AHS, which has a 3-0 record, is ranked Number One in the state among 2-A teams. The Panthers have under their belts victories over McCormick, Newberry and Emerald.



American Legion Post 2's Ron Wilson tolled "Big Bob," a bell on Abbeville's Court Square this past Saturday during a Legion program to mark the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Self Regional Healthcare names Dr. Matt Logan as new President and CEO

GREENWOOD, S.C. — (September 14, 2021) The Self Regional Healthcare Board of Trustees announced today that Matthew Logan, MD, will be the next President and CEO of Self Regional Healthcare. His new role will begin December 21, 2021, when current President and CEO, Jim Pfeiffer, retires.



Matthew Logan, MD

"On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I'd like to congratulate Dr. Logan. The leadership, skill and compassion he has demonstrated during his tenure at Self Regional Healthcare make him well suited for this role," said board chairman, David Tompkins.

"Matt has deep roots in this community. He has earned the respect and trust of his patients, his fellow physicians, his fellow leaders, and his fellow team members at Self Regional Healthcare." Mr. Tompkins added, "The search process for the President and CEO was rigorous and we had a number of very strong candidates, but Dr. Logan's unique set of qualities made him the clear choice."

Since 2018 Dr. Logan has held the role of Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer for Self Regional Healthcare. Dr. Logan has also held a number of additional leadership roles within the organization, including Medical Director of the Emergency Care Center, Chief of Staff, Physician Executive Leader of the cardiovascular service line.

A graduate of Greenwood High School, Dr. Logan earned his undergraduate degree at Clemson University and his medical degree at University of South Carolina. He completed his Emergency Medicine Res-

idency at Palmetto Health Richland Memorial Hospital. Dr. Logan also holds a master's degree in Healthcare Management from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Jim Pfeiffer, current President and CEO at Self Regional said, "Having worked alongside Dr. Logan through some of the most difficult days we've ever seen in healthcare, I can say with confidence that he has the passion, the drive and the skill that's needed to lead this healthcare system. He truly lives and breathes the mission, vision and purpose of this organization, and I look forward to seeing how Self Regional thrives with his leadership."

"I'm honored to be given this tremendous opportunity," said Dr. Logan. "Every day when I come to work at Self Regional, I'm inspired by the dedication, compassion and skill of my fellow team members. Their devotion to caring for our patients is remarkable, and I'm excited to serve shoulder-to-shoulder with them in this new role."

Two Abbeville men arrested after chase

Greenwood police on Thursday arrested two men who were in a vehicle stolen in an armed robbery in Abbeville, according to published reports.

De'Andrevious Ke'Vante Williams, 20, of 403 Orange Street, Abbeville, and Kobe Ahmad Young, 19, of 506 Branch Street, Abbeville were charged with driving without a license, unlawful carrying of a pistol, and

failure to stop for blue light and siren, and Young was charged with unlawful carrying of a pistol, according to published reports.

Greenwood police were running a safety checkpoint Thursday when a vehicle approaching suddenly turned around, and sped off, and officers chased the vehicle to almost the Abbeville County line before the vehicle wrecked. Police

took two men into custody, and a third fled on foot, and inside the vehicle officers found three loaded guns.

Officers are still trying to identify the third suspect, published reports state.

Williams and Young are facing charges in connection with the recent theft of an automobile on Virginia Drive in Abbeville, according to an Abbeville Police Department incident report.



It is hard to believe that 20 years have passed since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, but they have, and American Legion Post 2 recently presented a program on Abbeville's Court Square to mark the anniversary. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

COVID-19 Vaccination Moving Back to Support Services Center

Beginning Monday, 9/13/2021, the SRH COVID-19 vaccination clinic will relocate to the Self Regional Support Services Center located at 104 Wells Ave. COVID-19 testing will remain at the drive-through location at 303 West Alexander Avenue.

Our hope is that this move will not only reduce the wait time at the drive-through, but also help us prepare for the potential large demand for booster shots in the coming weeks. Vaccination Clinic hours will be M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Individuals must call 725-8200 to pre-register and schedule a vaccination appointment.

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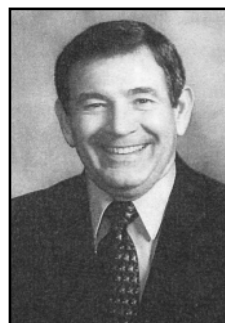
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The Abbeville Artist Guild held recently a Paintnic on Abbeville's Court Square. Guild treasurer Jane Agan (left) and president Jesse Nance (right) held up a piece of art done by the late Harry Stille, and they plan to display the art in the old Belk building in downtown Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

a Word from "THE WORD"

Rev. Dr. John Keith



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The Problem

Psalm 107:17 "Fools, because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities were afflicted." (19) Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble and He saved them out of their distresses. (20) He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

How would you define a foolish person? To my way of thinking, a foolish person is one constantly doing the same things but hoping for a different outcome. John Foster Dulles, secretary of State in the Eisenhower administration, made this observation, "the measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it is the same problem that you had last year." ("The Difference Maker" John Maxwell, page 118).

One would think that if a person kept having the same problem over and over that the person would try to find out why he was having the same problem over and over. If the person having problems does not do that, he is indeed a foolish person.

For several years our nation has been having some serious problems—economic, moral, political, medical, etc. - You name it and we have had it. What is the root cause of these serious problems that we are facing? From this passage of Scripture in Psalms I see three things.

First of all, God identifies the problem. In verses 1-16 the Psalmist outlines all the many wonderful blessings God had bestowed on the nation of Israel. The list is impressive. God redeemed them from the hand of the enemy, He watched over them throughout their wilderness wandering, but in spite of all that God had done for them they rebelled against God. Look at verse 17—"fools because of their transgression and iniquities were afflicted..." in other words, their affliction came from their transgressions against God and their iniquities that resulted from those transgressions.

Our nation is reeling from all the afflictions that have come our way—the devastating fires in California, flooding in Louisiana from Hurricane Ida, flooding in Tennessee from heavy rains, and the destruction in the North East from heavy rains due to the result of tropical storm Ida. We are afflicted from coast to coast, and border to border. There is a severe border crisis in Texas and surrounding states that our leaders are refusing to even call a crisis, Covid 19 is eroding the trust in our medical institutions and the American people are questioning the news media's presentation of events.

Our nation has gone back on its word to our allies and the debacle in Afghanistan makes us look foolish and weak. All these events and more are causing the American public to ask, "What is going on? What is causing all these problems?" Look again at verse 17—our transgressions and sins have caused these things. What can you expect from a nation that has killed over 60 million babies in their mother's womb since Roe vs. Wade? Not only has our nation killed 60 million babies but they have sold their body parts for profit. God help us! America has sinned against a holy God and He is not pleased with us.

Second, God gives instructions on how to take care of the myriad problems that we face. Look at verse 19—"then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses." Notice who saved them out of their troubles—God did—and He only did it when they cried out to Him.

To date, I have not heard a single politician admit that we can't solve our problems

and that we need God's help. You will hear them tell us that they are going to fix all our woes and their new money give-aways will solve all the difficulties we face. That is simply not true. The only way out of the dilemma we are in is if we have a heart felt, genuine Holy Spirit revival in our land. Politicians cannot fix our nation but God sure can—and He promises to do so if we repent and call on Him.

During the turmoil of the Civil War when our nation was destroying itself, Abraham Lincoln called on America to pray and ask God for deliverance. During World War II, America was called to prayer by our leaders and by the pastors of our churches. We need to hear that clarion call again today—Christians in America need to fall on their knees and pray beseeching God to forgive us and to heal us.

Third, God gives an invitation. In verse 20 it says, "He sent His word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." God's invitation is to hear and heed His word. God has already shared in His word what it will take for deliverance from all our distresses. 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Christian, do you believe God's Word? Do you believe His promise to hear and heal? If you do, what are you going to do about it? Are you going to heed God's invitation or ignore it? If we ignore it we are indeed foolish.

'A great lady' New England native Marian Tinsley active in CF community life

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls and the state of Maine are hundreds of miles apart, but the late Marian Tinsley brought them together.

Marian, who passed away on Sept. 3, may have been born in that northernmost New England state, but she left an indelible mark on her adopted hometown of Calhoun Falls, She and her husband Ken may have been the working definition of the word "team," helping make life just a little bit better for the residents of this Savannah River valley community through a variety of endeavors.

One of those endeavors was a food pantry in Calhoun Falls, a pantry which Ken said started in a closet at Northside Baptist Church, and which eventually moved into the American Legion building, where it shared space with the Legion, said Ken.

Following a merger with the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County, the pantry moved into a donated structure moved

to Calhoun Falls from Abbeville.

Marian was also active in the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition, an organization which Ken said she helped create, and for which she served as treasurer for many years.

Behind her community work was an outstanding intellect.

"Marian was a voracious reader," Ken recalled. "Her father had left a fairly large library of many classics and other great books. She would read some of them two or more times. Her reading speed was such that she could read a paperback or two in a day if left alone. This self-education served her well in life as she was one of the most intelligent women most would ever encounter."

Marian made the Tinsley household a special place. An accomplished seamstress, she made clothes for her children, and she "created and handmade all of our original Christmas tree ornaments for many years," said Ken.

She was a woman of kindness as well as intelligence.

"Marian loved to serve others and made home made jam and jelly each year for her many elderly friends for Christmas," he said.

She "frequently took home made goodies to all of her neighbors on her trusty Kubota 4 wheeler."

Ken said that this New England native began pursuit of a college degree in 1961 at Clemson while working to put him through school.

"She obtained her college degree in the mid 1990s after attending Clemson, the University of Virginia and Greenville Technical college while raising two children and working," said Ken. "This task took 35-40 years."

Marian, who was honored by Rotary for her community work, was inseparable from her husband. It all reminded one observer of the New Testament observation that married couples shall be "one flesh."

"She was a great lady in so many ways," said Ken.

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County Council

Monday night votes to spend 1.7 million dollars

By Henry E. Green
 Abbeville County firefighters had reason to rejoice Monday night, as Abbeville County Council passed a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into an agreement with Safe Industries for the purchase of 167 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus not to exceed \$999,780.

This will meet an equipment need among Abbeville County firefighters.

In other matters, Council: --Passed third reading on Ordinance 2021-08 to amend the County's zoning map for the parcel of land on Mt. Olive Road from Forest Agricultural to one of General Residential.

--Had first reading on Ordinance 2021-10 to authorize intergovernmental agreements with the City of Abbeville, the Town of Due West and the Town of Calhoun Falls for the provision of ambulance services, to amend Section 27 of the Abbeville County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and authorize the County to charge the Public Safety EMS Fee to defray the cost of providing ambulance services in Abbeville County.

All ordinances on first reading are simply read into the record, and no vote is taken.

--Passed a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into an agreement with Santee Automotive, West Chatham Warning Devices, and Signs by Chris for the purchase and outfitting of seven new sheriff's vehicles not to exceed \$271,269.

--Passed a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Management Advisory Group International for the preparation of a compensation and classification plan in the amount not to exceed \$22,000.

--Passed resolution to express Abbeville County Council's request that the General Assembly allow counties to increase the

millage cap set by Section 6-1-320 of the SC Code of Laws in the limited manner set out in Senate Bill 401.

--Passed resolution to express Abbeville County Council's request that the South Carolina General Assembly take the necessary actions to continue to allow local governments to collect user fees that fund critical needs such as public safety and infrastructure.

--Passed a resolution in support of and authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Starr Iva Water District for the Lake Secession water line not to exceed \$350,000.

The County would contribute this amount of money if grant money is approved for the project.

This would be the County's "match" to the Starr Iva Water Authority.

--Passed a resolution authorizing the payment of incentive compensation to employees who performed during the COVID-19 pandemic from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Every County employee would benefit from the action, which would be a three-tiered system, with first responders benefiting the most.

--Passed a resolution expressing support for efforts in the state legislature to obtain state and/or federal funds for the purpose of establishing and operating a temporary overflow facility in the Lakelands area for the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

Council chairman Billy Norris indicated that to his understanding no county funds would have to be spent.

--Held a public hearing for an ordinance to approve a contract for the sale of approximately 23.59 acres located off Highway 72 in Calhoun Falls in Abbeville County, and later Council passed second reading on it.

No one signed up to speak during the public hearing.

--Appointed Victoria

Weathers to the Accommodations Tax Committee.

--During the public comment period heard from Mack Beaty, who talked about the need for transparency in government, and pointed to the example of Chester County, which he said on the day of County Council meetings there is published on website the entire County Council packet.

--Heard a County Director's report, in which County Director David Garner told Council that construction had begun on the Diamond Hill substation.

Following an executive session, there was a motion by Councilman McCord to direct and authorize the Council chairman to send a letter to the South Carolina Attorney General requesting that the bulk of the proceeds from any opioid litigation settlement go directly to the counties within the county state, according to Lynn Sopolosky, Abbeville County Clerk to Council.

This was seconded by Council member Jason Bonds, and it was passed unanimously by those present.

A motion was made by Council member Bonds to authorize the County Director to spend \$22,240 to fix the dump truck at the County landfill.

This purchase is being made on an emergency basis due to conditions and costs of continuing to maintain equipment and disrepair and due to DHEC contractual requirements.

This was seconded by Council chairman Norris, and passed unanimously by those present.

In other matters, McCord commended the first responders searching for an Abbeville County man missing since Saturday.

Council members Rick Campbell and Drew Simpson were absent from the meeting.

Due West fall festival scheduled to return September 25

Submitted by Dick Haldeman
 Weather and pandemic permitting, the Town of Due West will hold its annual Fall Festival Saturday, September 25, from 8 a.m. until noon. Cancelled due to Covid-19 in 2020, the festival will again feature sales, food, and entertainment sponsored by the Town of

Due West with assistance from the Due West Lions Club. The festival will take place at the edge of the Erskine College campus at the corner of Main and Beulah Streets, across from the Due West ARP Church.

To reserve a booth for the festival, call Due West Town Hall at 864-379-2385.

An outstanding group of local and area musicians will provide entertainment. Many arts and crafts will be on sale, and food booths will include Mennonite backed goods and barbecue cooked by the Due West Lions Club.

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- ★ Married with two daughters, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren

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1. Ridden or pushed around yard
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9. Spiral-horned antelope
13. Make a canyon, e.g.
14. Much of this about nothing?
15. Forest destroyers
16. Basic belief
17. Popular pickup
18. Lake scum
19. *Popular email service eventually bought by Microsoft
21. *CD "maker"
23. FEMA's assistance
24. Musician's time to shine
25. Stephen King's Christine, e.g.
28. Plural of locus
30. Mongolian monetary unit
35. Wraths
37. Jar covers
39. Like yellow polka dot bikini?
40. Desert in China and Mongolia
41. Knight's mount
43. Cogito ____ sum
44. Change the Constitution, e.g.
46. Ready and eager
47. Table mineral
48. *Jennifer Aniston-inspired haircut, with "the"
50. Bank on
52. Modern prefix
53. Beacon light
55. Oolong, e.g.
57. * ____ Sese Seko, overthrown Zairian dictator
60. *African National Congress leader released from prison
64. Like a candle?
65. *1997's "Fly" by Sugar ____
67. Lowest point
68. Smart ____
69. Marching insect
70. Opposite of digest
71. *Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan's domain
72. Employer Assisted Housing, acr.
73. Fender bender consequences

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1. Crystalline hydrochloride, colloquially
2. Nabisco top best-seller
3. Refuses to
4. Bodily swelling
5. Not wholesale
6. Lewis of sprinting and long jumping fame
7. Vaccine-approving agency, acr.
8. Burger, fries and soda
9. Brick-drying oven
10. It's hard to resist
11. Precedes Abby
12. Consume, as in drugs
15. Slang for radical or cool, 2 words
20. America's singer choices
22. Last, abbr.
24. Weapon in a holster
25. Fidel Castro's smoke
26. Pleasant odor
27. Renaissance instrument resembling a violin
29. *TV hit "Sex and the ____"
31. "Bee ____"
32. What many TV hits have done
33. Fireplace
34. * ____ Protocol, climate change-related international treaty
36. Hyperbolic sine
38. Withered
42. COVID-19 variant
45. Expose the fakeness
49. " ____ the Games Begin!"
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57. Algeria's neighbor
58. Plow-pulling duo
59. **Where It's At" singer
60. Urban story
61. Adam and Eve's garden
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66. American Nurses Association

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Medical mission UCMAC celebrates 10 years of serving Abbeville County community

By Henry E. Green

The UCMAC free clinic in Abbeville is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, and in the 10 years of its existence it has garnered some interesting statistics, according to an article in the UCMAC fall newsletter.

Serving the uninsured people of Abbeville County, the clinic is one of 40 free clinics in South Carolina, and is a member of the SC Free Clinic and the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics.

UCMAC Clinic provides access to quality, comprehensive, compassionate healthcare services for medically uninsured residents of Abbeville County 18 and older, according to Normand.

"Not only are they disproportionately affected by chronic diseases, many are affected by poor social

determinants of health such as housing, transportation, income and more," Normand said.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, the clinic instituted protocols to insure provider and patient safety, the article continues.

In the last 10 years, more than 700 patients have registered at UCMAC, and the clinic has provided more than 4,000 medical visits, purchased over 20,000 prescriptions for its patients, in addition to enrolling patients in patient assistance programs.

The clinic has spent over the past 10 years \$350,000 for administration, medical supplies, and prescriptions, and has provided in kind services as well, the article continues.

The clinic's more than 30 medical and nonmedical volunteers have donated

more than 500,000 service hours.

The free clinic does not receive federal funding and relies on grant funds from supporters such as BlueCross Blue Shield of South Carolina Foundation, State of South Carolina, Rotary, United Way, local churches, and individual and group donations.

A contribution of \$225 will on the average cover a patient for an entire year at the clinic.

The clinic is one of three ministries of UCMAC, and the others include a food pantry system and an emergency assistance ministry. Connie Normand, who wrote the article, has been the director of the clinic since its inception.

Dr. Chris Oxendine has been the medical director for the clinic since its inception, Normand said.

School District wages war on virus

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District continues to battle the coronavirus.

As of yesterday morning, the District had nine COVID-positive staff members and 29 students who had tested positive, said Dr. Skip Hopkins, Director of Student Services for the District.

"We've seen a nice decline there (in the number of positive students, from the week before)," he said.

"We have one staff member quarantined," he continued, adding that the District had 107 students quarantined.

"We're hoping we're on the down side of the slope, but we are continuing to monitor the numbers daily," he said.

The nine COVID positive staff members included four

at John C. Calhoun Elementary, four at Wright Middle, and one at Cherokee Trail Elementary.

"Staff refers to all the adults in the school building," he said.

"We appreciate the hard work of the staff at each school," he said.

So far this school year, slightly more than 100 students have tested positive, and 45 staff members.

"Anytime there is a positive case in the classroom students are notified," he said.

Masks are optional in the School District, said Hopkins, who noted that Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary has indicated the need for students, staff and parents to work together to fight the pandemic.

"We are still using desk

shields, which is another layer of protection," he said, noting that each protection layer helps reduce the spread, of the virus, and there is also social distancing.

"We have updated information on our website that parents can use in deciding whether or not their children should be sent to school if there is a positive case in the home.

"Students should not be sent to school if anyone in the household has tested positive or showing symptoms.

If a student has COVID symptoms, the student should be kept at home and his symptoms monitored, said Dr. Hopkins.

This year the District has all in person learning, he said.

Community calendar

Guild to present workshop

On Saturday, October 2, the Guild will present Jesse's Veggies Workshop from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Abbeville Civic Center.

The cost is \$25 for AAG members and \$35 for non-members.

To register, one may call 366-5881, or email abbevilleartistguild@gmail.com. The deadline to register is Sept. 27.

The workshop is taught by Jesse Nance, an Abbeville native who makes vegetables from Styrofoam and paper and has sold them to galleries, shops and even Disney World, the

Guild reports.

Lunch and Learn

There will be a Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, September 28, 12- 1pm, at Main St. United Methodist Church in Abbeville.

Are you soon turning 65? Come learn how to sign up for Medicare. If you want to change your Medicare plan now is the time. Learn the difference between Medicare & Medicare Advantage plans.

To register call Ann Davis, 864-378-2315 or email annjefferies@wctel.net or call the church office, 864-366-2367.

Suicide Memorial slated

There will be on Sept 21 at 11:45 a.m. and 6:30 pm a Suicide Memorial on Court Square in Abbeville, presented by Bow and Arrow Center of Hope, according to organizer Krissi Raines.

The afternoon service will be a butterfly release and the evening will be a candlelight vigil.

First Baptist plans hymn sing

First Baptist Church of Abbeville will have a hymn sing on Oct. 23 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend, and there is no admission charge. It is all free!

Obituaries

McNeill

Rayford Eugene "Gene" McNeill went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at the Abbeville Area Medical Center. Gene lived 86 years filled with love and joy. He leaves behind his beloved wife of 67 years, Ellen Evans McNeill.

Gene was born August 10, 1935, to the late Macy Campbell McNeill and Lowry Wilson McNeill of Abbeville, SC. A 1953 graduate of Sharon High School, he was employed with Milliken & Co. - Sharon Plant, retiring with 47 years of service. Gene was a member of Abbeville First Baptist Church and the Bible Class. He enjoyed watching the Clemson Tigers. In his last year of life, Gene was elated with the arrival of his great-granddaughter who brought him great joy.



Gene McNeill

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, William F. McNeill and a sister, Barbara McNeill Shockley.

Gene is survived by the love of his life, Ellen; a daughter, Lynn McNeill Houston (Don) of Abbeville, SC; two grandchildren Howie Houston (Megan) of Greenville, SC and Beth Ellen Houston White (Ste-

phen) of Abbeville, SC; and a great-granddaughter, Lucy White.

The family will receive friends from 10:00AM -11:00AM on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 in Harris Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 11:30AM on Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with Reverend Mike Evans officiating. Burial will follow in Long Cane Cemetery.

The family is at the home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Abbeville First Baptist Church Bible Class, 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 Services of Abbeville is assisting the McNeill family.

Fisher

Glenn M. Fisher, 63, of Greenwood, husband of Shannon Bradley Fisher, died Monday, September 13, 2021 at his home. He was born in Abbeville to the late William Marshall and Juanita Cann Fisher.

Glenn, a 1976 graduate of Abbeville High School, was employed with Bill's Tree Service. He, along with his wife, served as a faithful, dedicated volunteer at the Faith Home in Greenwood. Glenn was an outdoorsman, enjoying farming, hunting, fishing, horseback riding and sports. He was a member of Hyde Park Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents,

Glenn was preceded in death by a sister, Patti Jo Fisher.

He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Shannon; two sons, Marshall Fisher (Cara) of Abbeville and Spencer Fisher (Tayla) of Kentucky; daughter, Amber McElroy (Jody) of Elberton, GA; brother, Chris Fisher (Frankie) of Abbeville; two sisters, Shelia Fisher Story (Mark) of Dahlonaga, GA and Kelly Fisher of Grayson, GA; three grandchildren, Chase Fisher, Rease McElroy and Skylin Fisher.

The family will receive friends 2:00PM - 3:00PM, Saturday, September 18, 2021 in Harris Funeral

Home. A service to celebrate Glenn's life will be 3:30PM, Saturday, in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Randy Ouzts and Rev. James Rodgers officiating.

The family is at their respective homes.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Glenn, may be sent to the Faith Home, PO Box 39, Greenwood, SC 29648.

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 Fisher family.

Brock

Dakota Keith Brock, 24, of Calhoun Falls, died Saturday, September 11, 2021 in Honea Path. He was born in Anderson on May 14, 1997, the son of Roger Hunnicutt and Keri Bell Hunnicutt.

A 2016 graduate of Calhoun Falls Charter School, Dakota was employed with UPA in Greer. He enthusiastically cheered on the Calhoun Falls Blue Flashes and the South Carolina Gamecocks. A member of Calhoun Falls Church of God, Dakota was also a member of the Wolf Pack MC. His love for life, his smile and laugh were contagious. His memory will live on through all those who knew him.

Dakota is preceded in death by his aunt, Tina Bailey; paternal grandfather, Billy Hunnicutt; maternal grandfather, Jimmy Bell; and maternal great-grandfather, Charles Perry.

He is survived by his par-



Dakota Keith Brock

ents, Roger and Keri Hunnicutt; his special companion, Mandi Brown; brother, Keeten Page all of Calhoun Falls; two sisters, Kali Alexis Bell of Orlando, FL and Maygan McGaha (Mitchell) of Honea Path; paternal grandmother, Ann Hunnicutt; maternal grandmother, Donna Bell both of Calhoun Falls; maternal great-grandmother, Catherine Perry of Anderson; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; close friend, Travis 'Bill' Bryant; his motorcycle club

brothers; and his beloved four-legged friend, Harley.

Funeral services will be 4:30PM, Wednesday, September 15, 2021, in the Harris Funeral Home, Calhoun Falls Chapel with Rev. Keith Hicks and Rev. Scotty Wiloughby officiating. Burial will follow in Latimer Cemetery. The family will receive friends following the service at the home.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Dakota, may be sent to the Wolf Pack MC of Elberton County, 492 Country Lane, Calhoun Falls, SC 29628.

The family is at the home in Calhoun Falls.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.harrisfuneral.com.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Calhoun Falls Chapel is assisting the Brock family.

Chrisley

Richard John 'Dickie' Chrisley, 54, of Abbeville, died Friday, September 10, 2021 at the Roper Hospice Cottage in Mt. Pleasant. He was born August 19, 1967, the son of Sandra Charleen Erwin Giles and Truman Lumpkin.

A 1987 graduate of Abbeville High School, Dickie was previously employed with SCDOT, Beaty Oil and retired from CSX Railroad as an engineer. A Mason and Shriner, he was a member of Clinton Lodge # 3 in Abbeville and Ebenezer United Methodist Church.

Dickie is survived by two daughters, Kelcee Nelson (Carroll) of Ware Shoals and Autumn Chrisley (Bryce Fields) of Abbeville; his parents, Sandra Giles (John) of Greenwood and Truman Lumpkin of Abbeville, broth-



Dickie Chrisley

er, Stacy Lumpkin (Renee) of Abbeville; grandson, Hayden Nelson, who was the light of his life; niece and nephew, Sara and Dustin Lumpkin; and special friend, Tonya Boyd of Abbeville and her grandchildren, Maddison, Deklin, Zander, Lilly,

Riley and Asher whom he adored.

The family received friends 2:00PM - 3:00PM, Tuesday, September 14, 2021, in Ebenezer United Methodist Church fellowship building. Funeral services began at 3:30PM in the sanctuary. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Dickie, may be sent to Ebenezer UMC Church, c/o Shirley Simpson, 955 Stevenson Road, Abbeville, SC 29620.

The family is at their respective homes.

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 Chrisley family.

Bedenbaugh gives Trinity update

By Henry E. Green

Restoration work on Abbeville's Trinity Episcopal Church is moving forward, according to Preservation South Carolina president Mike Bedenbaugh, providing a recent update.

The church's spire is covered, or nearly covered, with new shingles and copper flashing and trim, said Bedenbaugh, the president of Preservation South Carolina.

The process has not been without glitches. "The gutter system at the base of the spire had to be reworked," he said. This was because "the installation had not been done according to the specs of the architect," Meaders, Inc., of Charleston, Bedenbaugh continued.

Still, the restoration process is moving forward, he said, noting that it is normal to have delays

on a project that is so immensely complicated.

Bedenbaugh said that he is proud of the team that has been assembled for the project.

"The timeline that I just received from the contractors is the following," said Bedenbaugh Thursday.

"This week, the contractors will begin the deconstruction of the interior scaffolding, and replacing the rotted ceiling above the narthex," he said.

"The windows in the steeple will be installed, and the remainder of the shingles and ribbing will be completed.

"The goal is to remove all scaffolding by Sept. 20, but we do expect that to be delayed by several weeks.

"The copper cross will be installed as the last act before the scaffolding is removed.

"We also will restore the Gothic finials and crockets that had been lost in the past 30 years and will help restore the original Gothic look of the church when it was built."

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, Trinity dates from 1842, and the cornerstone of the current structure was laid on June 27, 1859, according to the church's website.

The current church building, which was consecrated on Nov. 4, 1860, houses a collection of rare, 19th century American stained glass, according to the church's website.

Trinity, known for its architectural beauty, has nevertheless had serious structural concerns, concerns which a massive restoration process is designed to address.



Mike Bedenbaugh recently provided an update on the restoration of Trinity Episcopal Church in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Bridge to be replaced

By Henry E. Green

South Carolina Department of Transportation and Sloan Construction are replacing a bridge over Vandiver Road in rural Abbeville County, according to information supplied by State Rep. Craig Gagnon.

The bridge on Vandiver Road (S-01-218) is over a branch of Penny Creek.

Sloan Construction will be closing Vandiver Road

temporarily to perform the needed bridge replacement and access will be maintained for the properties within the road closure.

The road way will be closed on Sept. 20. Pending any delays due to weather or other issues, Vandiver Road is expected to reopen to traffic around January 18, 2022.

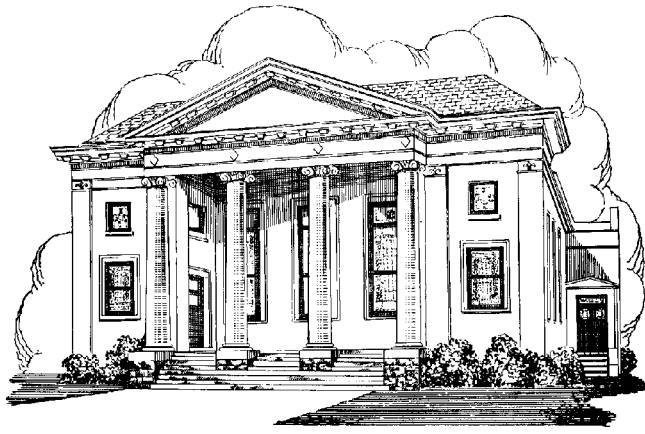
The Abbeville County School District, the Abbeville

County Sheriff's Office, and emergency management services are being advised of the pending closure.

It is not anticipated that any businesses will be affected by the closure, according to the information Gagnon supplied.

Vandiver Road, according to reports, is about 10 miles north of Abbeville, off Highway 28.

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At the Sept. 7 Abbeville City Council meeting, Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards (far right) presented Abbeville Friends of Freedom representatives (from left) Shari Williams, Susan Sherard, and Abbeville City Council member Jason Edwards with a plaque, honoring the Friends for presenting the Juneteenth celebration in June in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

North Main water line project Interim financing plan approved

By Henry E. Green
At its Sept. 8 meeting, Abbeville City Council approved interim financing for a waterline project for North Main. The City is working to coordinate with SCDOT the North Main waterline project, said Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone. "We're going to replace the waterline," that is currently on North Main, Stone said Thursday. To facilitate the project, the City will need to implement interim financing for the project while the City waits for the distribution of the American Rescue funds. These funds are going to be distributed through the

American Rescue Plan, which is federal legislation to help the country get back on its feet in the wake of the coronavirus epidemic. "The project is going to be based out of the Enterprise fund. This fund includes money set aside for utility services. The City will seek a financial institution from which to borrow the \$1 million needed for the project, expecting to be eventually reimbursed with federal funds. While SCDOT is repairing the road, the City will be doing the water line work. This will save the City money, as much as two and one half million dollars, as the City will not have to

worry about road work prior to the water line service, as this will be done by SCDOT. A firm date has not been given for the road work yet, and thus the utility work date is yet to be determined, Stone continued. The utility work depends on when the road work begins and the interim financing. The Rescue Plan money can be spent on infrastructure projects, including water, wastewater, and broadband. Council at the meeting gave Stone approval to seek interim financing for the North Main waterline project.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:
I too have a problem understanding why Abbeville has no monies budgeted for beautification of the square and flower beds in the town vicinity. Do we received hospitality

tax money? What about Parks, Tourism, and Recreation monies? It is just very hard to believe that there is no money budgeted for this use. Don't we want our town to look its best for visitors and prospective residents?

I've lived in Abbeville my whole life and as far back as I can remember, the city took pride in beautifying our quaint town. Individuals should not have to foot the bill for flowers and plants to beautify our town.
Lucia C. Bishop

Letter to the Editor
August 6th, 2021, The Greenwood-Abbeville Coalition had a gathering at the Livery Stable open to anyone who wished to attend. The movie "The Anonymous People" was presented to encourage folks interested in getting help

or helping a loved one with substance abuse. Signs of Alcohol and Drug abuse were highlighted and means of seeking help and recovery. A candlelight vigil was held representing those who successfully recovered and those who did not were remembered.

If you want to ask any questions, please call Cornerstone at 864-366-9661. Free confidential conversations and materials are available always.
Jenny O'Quinn
Abbeville County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Coalition to present Fall Jubilee in CF

By Henry E. Green
Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition is slated to present its annual Fall Jubilee at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Billed as a "free family event," the Fall Jubilee will feature The Wayfaring Strangers, and Jerry Patterson on the keyboards, and the Big Foot Memorial Car Show.

people out, from paying for their groceries, to buying Christmas presents for their children. Leslie passed away in November, 2016, and that was 11 months after he retired. That's why we started the car show, to combine what he loved about cars with his love of helping people out. The car show is free but are asked to bring donations or toys for the Christmas Angel Tree, administered by Lori Glace. "That way it benefits the entire county," he said. "Daddy's car will be there on display," he added. It is a '57 Chevy, of course. The Wayfaring Strangers, who sing gospel music, are from Due West, said Coalition president Bebe Wesson. In addition, there will be an apple pie contest, as well as an archery shoot, and games for the kids, and craft and food vendors.

Those planning to attend are also encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, Wesson said. The Fall Jubilee is just one of a number of activities presented by the Coalition, which also presents the Lake Russell Hustle, a 5K event, in the spring, as well as Paddle Fest. Both of those events are at the Blue Hole recreation area, as is the Freedom Blast, a musical extravaganza which also features fireworks and which is held just before the Fourth of July. "We're a nonprofit organization," said Wesson of the all-volunteer Coalition, which she said has a core group of about 15 people, with about 25 volunteers overall. Wesson provided a welcome for the Jubilee. "Just come on out and have a good time," she said.

General public can join in plastics drive

By Henry E. Green
More information is now available on the Abbeville Lions Club plastics collection. The general public is welcome to participate in the club's plastics drive, according to Abbeville Lions Club secretary/treasurer Rick Pressly. "The public can get it to us," he said. People can bring in their plastics, and turn them in at Highway 28 Farm and Garden, where they can put those plastics in

a large "recycle" box inside the store, which is located on the western outskirts of Abbeville. Pressly turned in a list of items which can be recycled, including grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, plastic shipping envelopes, "reclosable" food storage bags, cereal bags, case "overwrap," salt bags, pallet wrap and stretch film, wood pallet bags, and pro-

duce bags. The Abbeville Lions Club, one of the older civic groups in Abbeville County, meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Abbeville Veterans Memorial Foundation building on Long Branch Street in Abbeville. The Abbeville Lions started their plastics recycling drive in the summer of 2021. For more information, one may call Rick Pressly at 864-634-5993.

County population drops

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County has lost population as reflected in the 2020 Census, according to published reports. The County's population stood at 24,295 in 2020, according to data from the Post and Courier. This number reflected a loss of 1,122 people from 2010. Among Abbeville's neighboring counties, some gained population and some did not. While Greenwood and McCormick counties lost population, Anderson, Laurens, and Greenville gained

people. In the state of South Carolina as a whole, the population grew by 493,061 to 5,118,425 -- a 10.7 percent gain that was second only to that of Florida, among the states east of the Mississippi, according to reports. Abbeville County Director David Garner said that he was not surprised at the Abbeville County figures. "I don't believe that's totally surprising as it matches the forecasted trend over the past 5 years that the Census puts out," he said. "I think it is also in line with what you are seeing around

the state where rural areas of SC are declining in population while the urbanized areas continue to grow, some at exponential rates. It presents challenges for us both, rural areas are forced to make ends meet with smaller tax bases while urban areas have to deal with managing their growth in a way that their services can keep up with the demand." "I believe regionalized forms of government and/or services are going to become a necessity in the future."

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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, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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Date of Death: 8/03/2021
Case Number: 2021ES01000218
Personal Representative: Mart Patterson
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Date of Death: 6/10/2021
Case Number: 2021ES01000228
Personal Representative: Shirley Walton
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Estate: Jeffery Norman White
Date of Death: 8/28/2021
Case Number: 2021ES01000229
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Estate: Aubrey Jule Banister
Date of Death: 8/28/2021
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Estate: Charles Bobo
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