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



Caroline Geddis (left), from the City of Anderson, spoke at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville recently about the Brew, a business/networking program. Among her listeners was Austin Walker (right), the City of Abbeville's Community Development Director. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Business 'Brew' comes to Abbeville

By Henry E. Green

"Business ideas with community feedback."

That is how a new program designed to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit is being described.

Welcome to the Brew, which is being inspired by a program in Anderson.

Caroline Gaddis, Economic Development, Business Education and Event Manager with the City of Anderson, spoke to a group of Abbeville business owners Wednesday morning at the Belmont Inn about the new program.

"The Brew can be what you want it to be," Gaddis told the small group assembled at the Belmont.

Gaddis had spoken at a recent Abbeville City Council meeting about the program, which works through allowing business owners to talk about their businesses to fellow businesses owners. At each meeting, a designated business owner will

talk about his or her busi-

ness for six to 10 minutes, and then allow time for questions from his listeners.

The speaker can talk about any challenges his business might be facing, and get feedback from fellow business people on how to meet those challenges. Gaddis noted that the presentation is not intended to be a sales

The meetings will be open to the public, with the business community encouraged to attend.

"The Brew is for anyone," Gaddis said, noting that in Anderson, those in attendance have included everyone from real estate agents to photographers.

The Abbeville program, which the City of Abbeville, Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, and Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership are collaborating to produce, will be modeled after one that started in Anderson several years ago.

Today there are seven

Brew communities, including the one in Abbeville. The City of Abbeville's Community Development Director, Austin Walker, said following Gaddis's presentation that the Abbeville program will meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. Location for the first meeting is to be determined.

ment program to engage and connect entrepreneurs with the community," Walker has said. "Anyone wishing to present or learn more can contact the Community Development Director at Awalker@AbbevilleCitySC.

"The mission of The Brew is to bolster and engage small business through community feedback.

With that said, The Brew is open to the public and we encourage anyone interested in helping grow small business in the area to attend."

School board still working on budget

By Henry E. Green Budget.

Budget.

Who's got the budget? The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees is trying to get a handle on a budget plan for 2021-22.

The trustees met Friday, August 6, for a budget workshop.

The trustees had tabled second and final reading on the budget at a meeting earlier this summer.

They did so at the recommendation of trustee Tim Rhodes, who also suggested the workshop.

The budget plan calls for a millage increase of 5.88

There is also a plan for a salary increase for teachers, as mandated by the state.

The budget offered at second reading took in \$27,898,832, in expenditures and revenues, and is an increase from the previous budget of more than \$767,000, according to published reports.

Meanwhile, the school board has scheduled a called meeting on August 16 at 5 p.m. regarding the selling of bonds, and will have its regular meeting on

August 24. The bonds will be expected to finance various capital improvements.

"It will simply go into our capital improvement plan for any future projects that may arise," said Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason

Gary Tuesday. The bond issue, if ap-

proved, is expected to be about \$2 million.

In other school district news, the School District continues its work on the Dixie High School stadium, where a new press box, a new concessions/restroom building, and one new ticket booth are under construction, and split faced block is being placed on the existing ticket booth.

The work is expected to be finished by the time of Dixie's first home game, which is slated for Sept. 3, when the Hornets host Ware Shoals.

Work continues also at Dixie on a weight room, locker room, and wrestling room, all in one building.

Similar work has been done at Abbeville High School's Hite Stadium.

County Council Approves Tax Millage Increase

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County Council Monday night approved a resolution establishing millage rates and fees for FY 21-22.

There is a total millage package of 136.7 mills, including 92.1 mills for the general fund. The new millage reflects a small tax increase from last year, said County Council member Rick Campbell Tuesday.

Also Monday night, Council passed second reading on an ordinance to amend the zoning map for a parcel of land from Forest Agricultural to General Residential.

The land is located on Mt. Olive Church Road, right off Old Hodges Road, on the outskirts of Abbeville, according to reports.

During the public hearing which preceded the vote, Grady Butler of Abbeville spoke before Council, expressing concerns that he had had about the possibility it could become a trailer

County Planner Andy Price spoke to Council at the suggestion of Campbell, and Price explained that in the General Residential category, it could not be a trailer park.

"If it's general residential it can't be a mobile home park," he said.

He said that the man "The Brew is the City's requesting the rezoning newest economic develop- wanted to divide up the land among his children. Council also had first read-

ing on Ordinance 2021-09

to approve a contract for the sale of approximately 23.69 acres (previously listed as approximately 25.46 acres, Ordinance 2020-15) located off Highway in Calhoun Falls and to authorize the County Director to execute such a contract.

Council does not vote on ordinances on first reading. All ordinances are read into the record on first reading.

Council approved a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into an amended health services agreement with Southern Health Partners, Inc. for the delivery of all medical and dental services to inmates of the Abbeville County Detention Center.

In other news, Council appointed James Jones to the Board of Code Appeals. In his County Director's report, County Director David Garner noted that COVID cases are on the rise in

He said that he and Finance Director Barry Devore are working on a plan to draw money from the County's share of the ARPA funds, federal funds designed to serve as a stimulus in the wake of the economic damage caused by the pandemic.

Abbeville County.

He also said that he has interviewed representatives of three firms vying to conduct a compensation study for the County. The matter now goes to a Council committee and then eventually to Council as a whole.

Also, the Starr Iva Water Authority has proposed a water project around Lake Secession, he continued.

Council went into executive session, and upon returning to open session they took the following action, according to Clerk to Council Lynn Sopolosky:

-- Councilman Simpson made a motion to transfer \$10,000 to the County Fire payroll line item for the purpose of giving a raise as discussed in executive session and also to ask the County Director to work with the Fire Commission and the Fire Marshall as to the appropriate sources of the funds. Councilman Bonds seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

--Councilman Campbell made a motion to suspend the Fire Service Improvement Fee for the 2021-22 tax year. Councilman Mc-Cord seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

--Councilman McCord made a motion to authorize the County Director to negotiate and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with McCormick County for economic development services. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

--Resolution (2021-21) establishing the millage rates and fees for FY 21-22. Councilman Bonds made a motion to approve this resolution. Councilman Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0-0.

Abbeville County to share with McCormick?

By Henry E. Green Abbeville County has proposed to share with McCormick County McCormick County's economic development director while Abbeville looks for a full-time replacement for Stephen Taylor, who left the County earlier this year to work with WCTEL, County Council

member Rick Campbell said

Tuesday.

"We're going to see how it's going to work out for the next year," said Campbell.

"We will be contributing to McCormick County's economic director," he continued.

"We've been in discussion with them for some time." he said.

County Council gave its blessing to the concept Monday night after executive session.

The agreement must be approved by McCormick County Council as well.

"We're going to do it for a year, but at any time either county can cancel the agreement," he said.

Various things remain to be worked out - including how much Abbeville County would pay McCormick

Purse strings

Federal stimulus money can be spent only in certain ways

said recently.

least 12 months after the

first half was received," he

Local governments

throughout the country

were awarded funds as part

of the plan that was meant

to address the coronavirus

crisis and help the nation

get back on its feet in the

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County government has received about half of the federal money it has been awarded in connection with a federal stimulus plan, but no decision has yet been made in terms of how to spend it, said Abbeville County Director David Garner.

additional funds until at

"Yes, we've received \$2.3 This package of federal million which is around 50%," he said. "We will rethis year. ceive a total of \$4.7 million."

"We will not receive any Funds for communities

face of that crisis.

money was approved earlier

such as the City of Abbeville

as the following, according to Mike Clary, the Deputy Administrative Officer for the City of Abbeville:

may be used for items such

- Necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure
- Responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency
- Providing government services impacted by reductions in revenue

Coronavirus cases on rise here in county

By Henry E. Green

The number of coronavirus cases in Abbeville County is on the rise.

According to published reports, Abbeville County had a total of 2,189 cases as of Tuesday, August 10.

The day before, according to those same published reports, the County had 2.175 cases.

And on Wednesday, August 4, the number was 2,160.

The number of COVID-related deaths has remained the same for some time--34--according to those reports.

Meanwhile, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster has maintained that mask mandates are not needed in schools.

"Do you know how many what percentage—of the district's educators are fully vaccinated?" The Press and Banner asked Abbeville County School District

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lori Brownlee-Brewton.

"Approximately 40% indicated they were vaccinated prior to leaving for the summer," she said "We do plan on completing another assessment survey to see how many are currently vaccinated."

Brownlee-Brewton has announced a free vaccination clinic.

"We will, in partnership with Abbeville Area Medical Center, have a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic available on our Opening Day, August 11, beginning at 10:30 AM, for any ACSD employee, any school age children, 12-years and older, as well as for any community member, who would like to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at Wright Middle School."

At Abbeville Area Medical Center, visitation is still suspended, said Meg Davis,

Marketing Director.

"We encourage everyone to get vaccinated," she said. "The Abbeville Area Health Care Center is offering vaccines without an appointment from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. People can pull in the parking lot, and call 366-3828 to let us know they want the vaccine.

"We will be offering vaccines at the Abbeville County Farmers Market every Friday, August through September 7 a.m. to noon. No appointment is necessary."

Anyone who gets vaccinated at the Farmers Market will receive \$25 in Square Dollars, which can be used at participating businesses in Abbeville.

"If you have questions, or want more information, stop by and talk to us, and receive a \$5 produce voucher."

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One picture is worth...

A moment capturing a school's past, with just a hint of the future

By Henry E. Green

Who doesn't like to look at old pictures?

Michelle G. Knox of Antreville recently e-mailed to The Press and Banner some old pictures with a decidedly historical bent, a picture which captured a significant footnote in the history of Abbeville County, and a personal footnote as well.

"The pictures are from the ground breaking for Diamond Hill Elementary" she said." The school opened in August 1995 but I am not sure of the exact ground breaking date."

Knox explained that her parents live close to the school.

"My mama had (still does) have an in-home day care and the day of the ground breaking we brought the three children over to the ceremony. The board members were so welcoming and invited the children to take part in the ceremony, knowing that the children would one day be Diamond Hill students."

The children in the picture, according to Knox, include

Codi Crawford, Josh Monts and Bobby White.

Knox said Friday that all the kids in the picture did indeed go on to attend Diamond Hill, and they all still live in the area.

Fast forward to 2021, and Diamond Hill Elementary serves students in grades PK-7, and the student population is 318, according to usnews.com.

Diamond Hill Elementary, whose principal is Millie Ricketts, is located in rural Abbeville County near Lake Secession.

Change in location of Greenville Public Hearing in SC Senate Redistricting Process

Submitted by Michelle McGee

Columbia, S.C.-The Senate Judiciary Committee's Redistricting Subcommittee public hearing scheduled on August 2, in Greenville, will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Greenville Technical College, Building 102, Barton Campus, 506 S. Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC 29607.

Please note that this is a change from the previously announced location in the Greenville County Council Chambers.

This public hearing is to receive

considered in redrawing district lines. This hearing will not be to propose plans. That opportunity will be available at a later time.

You may attend the hearing and speak either online or in person. To help the subcommittee prepare for the public hearings, you may sign up to speak on the website at https://redistricting. scsenate.gov. If you would like to testify virtually via Zoom, send an online request to speak by 4:00 pm on the day of the scheduled public hearing at which you wish to speak. If you attend a

testimony about interests to be hearing in person, a form will be available to sign up to speak at that location. Please note that the information you provide the subcommittee will become part of the public record.

> Maps will be available online and at the hearing to help speakers identify specific areas they wish to discuss.

If you are not able to attend a public hearing, you may still submit information to the subcommittee by mail at P.O. Box 142, Columbia, S.C. 29202 or email at redistricting@scsenate.gov.

a Word from "THE WORD"

Celebration

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1 Peter 1:5 "Who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready

to be revealed at the last time (6) in this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials."

According to "Ripley's Believe It Or Not!" the citizens of Monte Rio, California, hold a yearly festival in honor of the spring invasion of the banana slug. Residents of Pasadena, California, hold a yearly Doo Dah Parade, which showcases a "garbage can drum corps." People of Myerstown, Pennsylvania, hold a celebration every October 24th in honor of Bald Head Day. Backward Day, in which people wear their clothes backward and walk backward, is a big celebration in Fort Wayne, Indiana. And the citizens of Millington, Tennessee are proud to host the yearly celebration of International Goat Day, which showcases the wonders of—you guessed it—goats. It seems that our world is so desperate to find something to celebrate that it will grasp at any straw, no matter how ridiculous, to celebrate.

Here in 1 Peter 1:5-6, the Bible gives believers in Jesus Christ three powerful reasons to celebrate. This power to celebrate centers around the power of God that keeps us.

Reason number one—the power of God that keeps us gives us confidence in grievous times. Verse 6 informs us that the power of God keeps us even when

we are grieved by various trials. Peter is writing to believers who had tasted a little of persecution and he sees even greater persecution on the horizon. When we encounter grievous times it gives us the confidence to know that we do not face them in our own power. In fact, if we did not have the power of God residing in us, we would be overwhelmed by the grievous situations we encounter in life. Listen to what the apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. (8) We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; (9) persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed." Why could Paul say that? Because of the power of God that resided within him, not because of his own strength.

Reason number two—the power of God that keeps us gives us comfort for the future. In verse 5 Peter mentions the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the last time, this is a reference to the second coming of Jesus. Jesus is coming—that not only gives

us comfort, but hope.

Folks, if you have read the Bible, you know that God's people win in the end. Now, remember God did not promise we would not have pain and discomfort while we are in this world, He did not promise us a pain-free passage but He did promise us a safe arrival. Whatever happens in this world, we know that one day Jesus will come and with Him comes the consolation of the ages. God will triumph in the end and we will triumph with Him.

Reason number three the power of God that keeps us gives us the capability to rejoice. In verse 6 the Bible tells us that because the power of God that resides in us we can greatly rejoice—even in the midst of grievous times. We know that no matter how long the trials of this life last, they are only temporary. Even if they last one's entire life, when this life ends so does the trials and tribulations of believers. We can rejoice even when our hearts are breaking—not in our own power but in the power of Christ.

As Christians, we know that we will ultimately triumph because of the power of God that keeps us. Glory be to God! Think on this during the trying times in which we live.



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Abbeville Police give away school supplies

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Police Department gave away school supplies at the Abbeville Civic Center last week.

The give away was being conducted in conjunction with what has in the past been the City's National Night Out program.

In the past, the City has held a National Night Out program at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville, but this year, COVID concerns were an influence on a

change of plans.

National Night Out is a program that seeks to promote bonding and closer relations between the community and law enforcement.

The school supply giveaway was one of a number of such giveaways in preparation for the coming school year.

August 17 is the first day of school for students in the Abbeville County School District.

"We had enough supplies

to assist around 150 kids throughout the community," said Zaneta Miller, the coordinator of the project. She is also the City's victim advocate.

Supplies included loose leaf paper, crayons, pencils, binders, notebooks and glue sticks.

"We look forward to facilitating more events in the future to promote positive relations between the Abbeville Police Department and the community."

Mindy Rogers was one of the Calhoun Falls merchants participating in the multi-vendor shopping party held recently at the Calhoun Falls farmers market. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Community calendar

The Abbeville County Democratic Party's first meeting of 2021 will be held on August 19 at the American Legion Post 2 at 200 Long Branch Street in Abbeville, according to a news release.

The guest speaker will be Jalen Elrod, third vice chair of the state Democratic Party.

"Please bring your voting age children to hear this remarkable young man," a spokesman for the County Democratic Party said.

"When Mr. Elrod ran for third vice chair of the state party last year, he visited every single county in South Carolina -- even though he ran unopposed! Join us on August 19."



The Abbeville Police Department gave out school supplies recently at the Abbeville Civic Center. Helping to give out supplies were (from left) Ryan Davis, Ricky Young, Nick Moore, Zaneta Miller, Carmen Yerkes, Austin McClain and Duane Balchin. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Delta Dental of South Carolina welcomes applications for oral health grant funding

Submitted by **Kelly Harris**

COLUMBIA, S.C. (August 9, 2021) — To help meet dental health needs of children and adults, Delta Dental of South Carolina a leading dental benefits provider and a non-profit organization - has announced it is now accepting applications for the second cycle of its 2021 Oral Health Grant Program. This grant funding is designed to support oral health initiatives, educational programs and charitable causes throughout the state including those in rural communities. Organizations from communities deemed to be dental shortage areas due to a lack of dental care providers are strongly encouraged to apply.

"We're continually working to expand the reach of our grant funding program to help people of all ages access vital dental care and educational services, so they can live better lives through improved dental health," said Rob Goren, president and chief executive officer at Delta Dental of South Carolina. "We encourage organizations, which align with our mission to improve oral health, to apply for this available funding. Together, we can help improve the quality of life across our state, especially for our neighbors in need."

Delta Dental of South Carolina's Charitable Giving Committee evaluates

each grant application from eligible organizations and determines the initiatives to be awarded funding. Objectives of the program include:

- · Reducing oral disease through education, prevention and treatment
- · Ensuring access to affordable, timely high-quality dental care
- · Enhancing the awareness of good oral health with a focus on children and individuals in need
- Making a measurable difference in the oral health of South Carolinians
- Helping to ensure South Carolina is among the states with the highest indicators of oral health.

Delta Dental of South Carolina awards general operating grants, program/project grants, capacity-building grants and equipment grants for programs that promote the oral health of individuals in South Carolina.

To be eligible for an oral health grant, applicants in South Carolina must first complete a letter of inquiry through the online application system at https:// www.deltadentalsc.com/ AboutUs/oral-health-grantprogram, which includes program guidelines and application instructions. Online letters of inquiry are due by Friday, Sept. 3, 2021, and online applications are due by Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021. Applicants must be considered tax-exempt under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or be a public or governmental entity, such as a public school or health department, and serve the people of South Carolina.

Learn more at https:// www.deltadentalsc.com/ AboutUs/oral-health-grantprogram.

Delta Dental of South Carolina is a trade name of Delta Dental of Missouri, a dental benefits provider and a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization, which operates in South Carolina under that name. It provides more than 335,000 members in South Carolina with access to affordable, high-quality dental care through group plans tailored to meet the needs of organizations of all sizes, from large corporations to small businesses with two or more employees. Delta Dental also offers dental benefit plans directly to individuals and families. The company proudly supports oral health initiatives, educational programs and charitable causes that help educate people about the importance of dental health and provide free dental care to those in need. It also created the South Carolina Dental Care Resource Guide to help individuals access information about low-cost and free dental care options in their areaavailable online at https:// www.DeltaDentalSC.com/ ResourceGuide1. To learn more about the company, www.DeltaDentalSC.



Calhoun Falls merchant Angela Kracht coordinated a multi-vendor shopping party in Calhoun Falls recently, and you could find everything from boiled peanuts to clothes to honey. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

US Senate

Ranking Member Scott Leads Senate Hearing on Potential Frameworks to Address Future Pandemic Risk

Submitted by **Senator Tim Scott**

Today, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) led his first hearing as Ranking Member of the Securities, Insurance, and Investment Subcommittee of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs to receive relevant stakeholder perspectives on potential approaches to manage and mitigate financial losses that may arise from future pandemics.

The COVID-19 pandemic required federal, state, and municipal governments to quickly craft and implement policies to mitigate the spread of the virus and respond to the severe economic losses related to these emergency public health measures. As the United States continues its strong recovery from this event, many legislators, insurers, and policyholder groups are beginning to consider how to best prepare for and manage future pandemic risk.

During the hearing, Ranking Member Scott and Chairman Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) heard from the business community, insurance industry stakeholders, and risk manage- Congress - on nearly a

ment experts – including Dr. Robert Hartwig, Professor of Insurance and Finance at the University of South Carolina – about the respective merits and challenges associated with a spectrum of pandemic risk insurance proposals and frameworks that have been proposed in Congress or by private sector stakeholders. Ranking Member Scott

and members of the subcommittee welcomed the opportunity the hearing provided to gather expert options from a broad range of perspectives on the potential costs, challenges, and benefits associated with various proposed models to address pandemic risk but emphasized that policymakers should be thorough and deliberative in their information-gathering before considering any possible next steps.

RM Scott on the CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program...

"The CARES Act specifically created the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to provide struggling small businesses and their employees financial assistance that would allow them to weather the storm and maintain their employer-employee relationship... unanimous basis - chose the PPP as the appropriate approach to quickly getting [federal aid] into the hands of small businesses, rather than attempting to retroactively change business interruption insurance contracts that do not cover pandemics [and] viruses - a choice I support wholeheartedly."

RM Scott on the challenges of financing pandemic

"If every insurer in the nation has an event where every insurance company has to pay out for every single insured [entity] at the same time, and the event is 100 times more than the insurance premiums coming in from every single insured [entity], it's kind of hard to insure it."

Dr. Hartwig on pandemic insurability...

"Typically, when we think about insurance, we have the losses of the few are paid for by the premiums of the many. When we're talking about pandemics, essentially every business was affected nearly simultaneously. That is completely anathema to what insurance has always been throughout its nearly 2,000 year history."

Sticky fingers

Hunting season can be opportunity for theft for some, Sheriff says

Hunting season brings enjoyment to many, but it is also a time to be

Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson not- those pieces of equiped recently that during hunting season thefts of hunting-related equipmentare not uncommon. Abbeville County Sheriff's Office Captain Matthew Graham explained that many people during hunting season bring

ment such as deer stands, utility trailers, and four wheelers to rural areas in their quest.

In those rural areas, ment are often stolen. In addition, hunters will

often park their motor vehicles on the side of the road, and sometimes they will leave those vehicles unlocked.

Graham emphasized that hunters need to

By Henry E. Green hunting related equip- be careful, and would do well to follow a few crime-fighting tips.

> They need to make sure the doors on their vehicles are locked, and ensure that there are locks on their trailers.

They would do well also to record the VIN numbers on their trailers, and take pictures of their valuables to help them find those items should those valuables be stolen, Graham indicated.

Back-to-school items being collected in drive

By Henry E. Green

Betty Jo and Mary's Closet is having a special back to school drive to collect school items such as pencils, crayons, markers, hand sanitizer, tissues, dry erase markers, paper clips and staples, said Jennifer Erwin,

People wishing to donate these items may bring them by the Edward Jones office at 115 Court Square, Erwin continued.

Volunteers will collect the items and distribute them to

the teachers at every school in the county.

"We accept items all year long, because the teachers order every month," she

The items are for teachers AND students, and the teachers may order items that they specifically need as well, Erwin continued.

The Closet is a ministry which Erwin started in 2014, and is named for the late Betty Jo Hall and the late Mary Wilson.

Wilson was a beloved

teacher at AHS, and Hall was a Superintendent of the District.

The Closet depends on a team of volunteers and depends on the community for all donations.

"Our monthly average expenses are about \$500 a month for the supplies that we order," she said.

"At least 100 teachers a month order something, and even the smallest donation makes a big impact."

Free online workshop set

Freshwater Coast Com- online workshop, on August Zoom meeting. munity Foundation is hosting How to Analyzing Business Expenses, a free are encouraged to join this

18, at noon.

A free workshop, people

For more information, one

may call Wilder Ferreira at 359-3384.

PTCisReadyWhen'Technology Changes on the Fly'

Submitted by

of a year punctuated by telecommuting and online meetings has been a heightened corporate awareness of the need to protect information systems from cyberattack. The demand for people trained in this information technology specialty is skyrocketing, and because of the constantly evolving faculty, Piedmont Technical College (PTC) destination for those seeking to pivot with the times and get in on the ground floor of an

as cybersecurity. changes on the fly.

up," noted PTC grad-Kristine Hartvigsen uate Chris Amey, who earned an associate One compelling result in applied science in computer technology with a focus on cybersecurity in 2019 and now works for a software company in Charleston. "The professors are very responsive. ...

The material is really hands-on. That is what I think makes the program that much better. You are seeing how to do it and doing it for technical expertise of its yourself in a controlled environment."

once again is a top in force seeking not only cybersecurity specialists but also those skilled in many other technical fields. evolving industry such Whether it's a career as soon as possible "The technology or a stepping stone to a bachelor's degree What's secure today without the debt, PTC is in just 32 hours can able to provide the best become completely foundation for lifelong

obsolete. It's a very success. fast-moving field. You have to constantly keep PTC offers the high-

est-quality instruction in the region for emerging technologies," said Dr. Keli Fewox, PTC's vice president for academic affairs. "Most of our faculty are industry veterans, many award-winning in their respective fields.

They devote countless hours to nurturing relationships that help ensure our students understand what they are learning and are able to apply it effectively. In addition, area Employers are out employers seek out and trust their guidance when recruiting for new talent."

Fall semester registration is underway at PTC. The full-term fall semester runs from August 23 to Dec. 10, 2021. Students are invited to apply online at <u>www.ptc.edu/apply</u> or contact admissions "I am confident that at 855-682-7094 for an appointment.

Border battle

Abbeville to face North Carolina powerhouse South Point in preseason

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville will face South Point High School of Belmont, N.C., in the McDonald's Kickoff Classic, also known as Battle of the Border, in Gaffney, this coming Friday night at 5:30 p.m. at Gaffney High School, said AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles Monday.

The Battle of the Border will feature contests in which top teams from South Carolina battle top teams from North Carolina, and the South Point/AHS match-up will be followed by a contest featuring Gaffney High School.

This will mark the first year AHS has participated in the event, said Nickles.

The Abbeville coach has considerable respect for the Red Raiders.

"They're very wellcoached," he said, adding that South Point is one of the top five 2-A teams in North Carolina.

Like Abbeville, the Red Raiders have won a number of state championships, and they are expected to contend for the state title in North Carolina this year as well.

According to Wikipedia, South Point had slightly more than 1,000 students in 2018-2019. In North Carolina, the 2-A classification allows for bigger enrollments. As for their style of offense,"

they like to run it more than we do," Nickles said.

The contest Friday night will take in four eight minute quarters, lasting about two hours in all.

Directions to Gaffney

Nickles provided the following directions to Gaffney:

Take Highway 72 to Interstate 26, and 26 to Highway

Highway 221 to downtown Spartanburg.

Take a right on East Main Street/Highway 29 toward

Once in Gaffney, take a left on Hyatt Street.

Then take a left on Twin Lakes Road. Stadium should be on the left.



Abbeville linebacker Darren Calhoun (5) pulls down a Westside ball carrier during the Panthers' scrimmage against the Rams last Thursday night in the WCTEL Kickoff Classic at Hite Stadium in Abbeville. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

Westside story

Abbeville comes from behind to defeat Rams in WCTEL Classic

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville came from behind Thursday night to defeat Westside, 13-8, in the WCTEL Classic at Hite Stadium in Abbeville.

In this preseason football event, AHS drew first blood, by virtue of a 21 yard touchdown run by Jamal Marshall.

However, the Rams came right back when Westside quarterback Peter Zamora connected with Nehemiah Smith on a 41 yard touchdown strike. The two point conversion was good.

AHS came back when quarterback Zay Rayford connected with Javario Tinch to set up shop at the Westside 21.

Three plays later. Panther Ty Cade scampered in for a touchdown on a first and goal from the

A few minutes later, it was Tinch again helping to save the day, intercepting a Westside pass as the Rams looked to make a comeback.

Asked about the team's performance, AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles had one word--"horrible."

He went on to say that his team has many things it needs to work on, but he ended on a bright note.

"I was really pleased with the team's effort," he said.

The Panthers now travel to Gaffney for the Mc-Donald's Kickoff Classic. a "Battle of the Border" preseason event on the evening of Friday, August 13 at 5:30 p.m.

The Panthers will play South Point, from Belmont, N.C.

"They're one of the top 2-A schools" in North Carolina, said Nickles.

"We really have our work cut out for us," he said.

The AHS/South Point battle will be divided into four eight-minute quarters, Nickles continued.

"We will have tickets available at the school each day next week from 9 am. to 3 p.m.-- \$10 cash," said AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson Friday.

Other segments

In other segments of the WCTEL Classic. McCormick defeated Ninety Six 22-0, and Strom Thurmond defeated Emerald 21-0, and Dixie defeated Calhoun Falls Charter 13-0.



Dixie (in dark jerseys) defeated Calhoun Falls Charter (in white jerseys) 13-0 recently in the WCTEL Kickoff Classic in Abbeville. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

Dixie defeats CF Charter in

By Henry E. Green

Dixie defeated Calhoun Falls Charter 13-0 in the WCTEL Kickoff Classic Thursday night at Hite Stadium in Abbeville.

The Green Hornets scored on their first possession of the game, capping a 70yard touchdown drive with a six yard run by Hunter Satterfield.

The Hornets stopped the Blue Flashes on their opening possession, and after taking over on downs scored on a three yard touchdown run by Koda Clary.

After this preseason tuneup, Dixie now looks forward to its first regular season game of the 2021 season, with the Hornets traveling to Greenwood Christian on August 20.

Calhoun Falls Charter's first game of the regular season will be on August 20, when the Flashes host Ware Shoals.

"We kept it simple on offense and defense," said Calhoun Falls Charter coach Juwan Owens Friday.

"You can't build a ship in one day," he said. "We're improving."

Owens is hoping that his team will keep on improving every week.

With 13 players, the Flashes do not have the advantage of numbers, but Owens is optimistic.

"We're going to try to do the best we can," he said. "We'll get through."

"I was very pleased," Dixie head football coach Vic Lollis said Friday." I thought we played a pretty good ball game. I'm very impressed with our defense."



Panther receiver Javario Tinch (17) makes a big catch to help set up a late touchdown during Abbeville's scrimmage game against Westside last Thursday night in the WCTEL Kickoff Classic at Hite Stadium in Abbeville. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

Abbeville defense back Jeremiah Lomax (20) makes a great open field tackle to stop a Westside ball carrier during the Panthers' scrimmage against the Rams last Thursday night in the WCTEL Kickoff Classic at Hite Stadium in Abbeville. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

Erskine Men's Golf: Alberto Avila selected to All-Nicklaus Team

Submitted by **Erskine Athletics De**partment

Due West, S.C. - Alberto Avila, Erskine College Men's Golf standout, was selected to the GCAA (Golf Coaches Association of America) All-Nicklaus Team. This honor, named for world famous golfer Jack Nicklaus, was awarded to 24 of the nations best collegiate golfers across NCAA Divisions I, II, III, NAIA, and NJCAA.

This award is named after Nicklaus for his immeasur-

to highlight his "long-time support of collegiate and amateur golf". As one of the highest honors a collegiate golfer can receive, Erskine's Alberto Avila joins 3 other South Carolina golfers on the team.

Avila has had an outstanding year for the Fleet, winning the Conference Carolinas Men's Individual Title and Men's Golfer of the Year, the NCAA South/ Southeast Regional, finishing 22nd in the NCAA National Tournament, and able impact on the sport being named to the PING

of golf as a whole, and All-Southeast Region and All-American Teams! Avila will be returning to Erskine for his Junior season in Fall 2021 as one of the schools most decorated golfers.

Read the whole story at the GCAA website!

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Erskine Cheerleading qualifies for NCA Championships

Submitted by **Erskine Athletics** Department

Due West, S.C. - The Erskine College Cheerleaders made history this week as they received a bronze bid to the NCA College Championship, one of the largest collegiate championships in the nation, that will take place in April 2022 in Daytona Beach, FL. The team qualified for the competition through an elite three-day camp on campus, led by NCA officials. At the conclusion of the camp, NCA officials deemed the squad qualified to attend the National Championships that will be held in Spring of next year.

This marks a historic point in the history of Flying Fleet Athletics as this will be the first competitive cheer team

to represent Erskine at the national level. Head Coach Corbin Huntley was extremely proud of the squad stating, "Qualifying for the national championship is a huge accomplishment, but it is only a small part of the great things that they will accomplish this year. Above all, I am proud to lead them in a direction that will make our college, community, and supporters proud to be the Flying Fleet." Click the link read more

on the upcoming NCA College Nationals! MORE ABOUT THE

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The Abbeville High School varsity football team posed for this team photo recently. The Panthers are slated to meet South Point High School of Belmont, N.C., this coming Friday in Gaffney. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Fleet add Alexandria Simmons-Falmoe to coaching staff for 2022

DUE WEST, SC -

Erskine softball has added Alexandria Simmons-Falmoe to the coaching staff as an Assistant Coach for the 2022 season on Thursday afternoon. Simmons-Falmoe was a volunteer assistant for the Fleet last season and spent the previous six years on the coaching staff at USC-Beaufort, where she worked with the offense along with helping with softball operations.

"I am extremely excited to have Aly [Simmons-Falmoe] as a part of our staff. After being our volunteer coach all last year, I was excited to be able to bring her on staff full time. She will bring a wealth of knowledge to our program and will only help us to get better," Erskine Head Coach Alleen Haw-



Alexandria Simmons-Falmoe, Assistant Coach

collegiately at Florence-Darlington Technical College for her first two years before finishing her career at USC-Beaufort. She was an All-Sun Conference shortstop in her senior cam-Simmons-Falmoe played son doubles, 9 home runs on the staff.

and a team high of 45 RBIS.

In her two seasons with the Sand Sharks, the team posted an overall record of 82-17, which included one appearance at the NAIA Opening Round, 1 Sun Conference Regular Season Championship, 1 Sun Conference Tournament Championship and 1 Sun Conference **Tournament** Runner Up.

Simmons-Falmoe was a part of some very successful teams at USC-Beaufort where the Sand Sharks won 67% of their games (230-114) in her six-year stint. The Sand Sharks also won a pair of Sun Conference **Tournament Championships** and made two appearances paign, batting .405 with a in the NAIA Opening Round school-record 17 single sea- while Simmons-Falmoe was



The Dixie High School stadium is undergoing a facelift, with a new press box and a new concessions/restroom building and one new ticket booth expected to be completed by the first Hornet home game of the 2021 football season. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)





The WCTEL Kickoff Classic was held at Abbeville High School's Hite Stadium recently -- a preseason football event to help you prepare for the 2021 football season. (Staff





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Land makes appeal for library funding

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County Library System director Mary Elizabeth Land made an impromptu plea for library funding at the South Carolina Association of Counties conference in Hilton Head recently.

The conference draws county officials from throughout South Carolina, to network on issues relating to county government, and get ideas on how to address concerns of common interest. Some officials take classes on various topics affecting county government.

As she recalled Thursday, she was not even on the agenda to speak at the conference, which is held annually.

She was listening to a panel discussion of funding for South Carolina counties, and she rose and gave an impassioned plea for fund-

ing for libraries

The Press and Banner asked her about her comments, and she sent over the following:

"This is the e-mail follow-up I sent to the senators and representatives who were on the panel.

"When you talk about South Carolina's residents, when you talk about broadband, when you talk about education, you're talking about libraries. Libraries provide a wealth of services, including free literacy services and free Internet, to all of your constituents. We are good stewards of our funding and we have the goodwill and the faith of our communities. We are not income-producing, but we exist to provide free one-on-one help for all kinds of services.

So when you're allocating that 2.1 billion dollars, I

ask that you give an extra stipend to each county for library services. That will make a huge difference throughout the state, and it will be particularly meaningful for rural counties.

"We get state aid every year, and we're appreciative of it. An extra stipend of at least \$100,000 per county would do so much to help us improve service. Each county has different needs -- some to increase Internet speed, some to add virtual programming, some to purchase children's books, etc. -- so providing these funds to be used as each county needs it would be ideal. By making this a stipend, you are not promising future funding at this point. You are simply showing that you understand that libraries are uniquely situated to improve citizens' lives."



Busy Bees Preschool, a ministry of Abbeville Presbyterian Church, ended their summer camp season with a space themed camp in July after hosting a camping themed program in June. The preschool had almost 100 children, ranging in ages from one to six, attend the two camps combined. The Busy Bees school year begins on August 23rd. Due to high demand and their lengthy waiting list, the school is increasing their enrollment this school year to allow more children from the community the opportunity to attend. Busy Bees has 60 children registered to attend the 2021-22 school year. Busy Bees is a great place to BEE. Pictured: Campbell Lewis, age 3, at Busy Bees Space Camp in July (Photo contributed).

High school students earn credentials from Piedmont Tech and ACSD partnership

Submitted by Kristine Hartvigsen

Eight Abbeville County students recently were honored for completing certificates during their dual enrollment at Piedmont Technical College (PTC) as high school students. PTC and the Abbeville County School District have enjoyed a great partnership that has resulted in many students completing courses as high school students. These dual enrollment students earn college credits leading to certificates, diplo-

mas, and degrees at PTC. In some cases, their credentials are transferable to another college/university. Many also can be immediately used to secure employment.

Lynnsey Crocker (Abbeville HS) earned the Emergency Medical Technician certificate. The EMT certificate can be earned in a single semester and allows a high school senior to complete courses that will prepare them to become a licensed EMT once the student is able to successfully complete state licensure and is at least 18 years of age.

Three students also were awarded the University Studies Certificate, which is comprised of transferable college courses in English, social/behavioral sciences, math, natural sciences, and the humanities. Students completing this certificate



Caroline Scott, AHS

typically use these courses to satisfy freshman-level courses at a college/university, making them eligible for advanced standing. The three students completing this certificate were all honor graduates with a GPA of 3.5 or higher:

- Phillip Hedden (Abbeville HS) University Studies Certificate, Cum Laude
- Jalisa Paul (Abbeville HS) – University Studies Certificate, Magna Cum Laude
- Caroline Scott (Abbeville HS) – University Studies Certificate, Summa Cum Laude

"My mom, Sandy Scott, is a school counselor, and she told me about the Dual Enrollment Program," Caroline Scott explained. "I wanted to go ahead and get some college credit out of the way."

Scott plans to attend Clemson University in the fall, majoring in electrical engineering.

"One of my dual enrollment classes at PTC was in engineering. That helped me decide," she said. "The classes were challenging, but I didn't feel overwhelmed. It was a good experience."

Four additional students also were honored for completing PTC courses at the Abbeville County Career Center. Upon successful completion of their final courses, these students all earned the COMPTIA certificate, an industry-recognized, national certification program that is the initial pathway for students to earn multiple certifications in IT infrastructure and cybersecurity career pathways. The three students earning this credential in early June are:

- Savion Collier (Abbeville HS) COMPTIA Certificate
- Matthew Hughes (Abbeville HS) COMPTIA
 Certificate
- Avery Morris (Dixie HS)COMPTIA Certificate
- Ke'Shunna Morton (Abbeville HS) COMPTIA Certificate

PTC congratulates these students and their families for their exemplary accomplishment. Officials in the PTC Dual Enrollment Office look forward to continuing their remarkable partnership with the Abbeville County School District, serving even more Abbeville County students in the future.

For more information about PTC's Dual Enrollment Program, visit www.ptc.edu/dual.

August 17 is first day of school for students

By Henry E. Green

Tuesday, August 17 is the first day of school for students in the Abbeville County School District for the 2021-2022 school year.

It will be a school year still in the shadow of the coronavirus pandemic, but, according to the ACSD Website, it will have its differences from the 2020-2021 school year.

"For 2021-22 face masks are no longer required due to the Governor and State Superintendent's edicts lifting this requirement,"

according to the website.

"However, we will allow a student or staff member to continue wearing a mask if they or their parents so choose without having to complete a form."

There is at least one other difference. "ACSD is looking forward to a face to face traditional schedule for the 2021-22 school year!" the Website proclaims.

For teachers, today--August 11--is "opening day" for the new school year, with District educators gathering

at Wright Middle School for a special program to bring in 2021-22. Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Lori Brownlee-Brewton

was asked how many of the District's educators are fully vaccinated.

"Approximately 40% indicated they were vaccinated

cated they were vaccinated prior to leaving for the summer," she said last week.

"We do plan on completing another assessment survey to see how many are currently vaccinated."

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Stoll Trailers receives S.C. Cattleman's Industry Service **Excellence Award**

Submitted by **Dale Wilson**

Stoll Trailers, Inc. is a family-owned and operated business. Billy and Brad Stoll assure the business provides an array of trailers that will satisfy customer's needs. The home office and fabrication shop is located in Abbeville, South Carolina. Since beginning operations in 1982, they have grown steadily and have built a solid reputation for providing quality trailers. They first began manufacturing livestock trailers, allowing our buyers to customize the trailers for their needs based on a variety of standard features and options for each style of trailer they produced. Their goal is to provide quality-built trailers to meet our customers' unique transportation needs. Whether you haul cattle or bringing hay in from the field, they strive to provide the best quality trailer at a great price and unmatched customer service after the sale.

Billy had a desire to start a business that would provide a good product to transport livestock safely. He stated safety for livestock is a high

priority. He also insists if you can keep a cow from getting injured by designing and building a safe trailer, you've accomplished your mission.

Stoll Trailer provides inhouse training for their employees. It is important for the employee to understand all aspects of the product and the functionality of how it works. Stoll take pride in their employees and skills they provide. The trailers are built by several departments which are designed to complete specified components. Some of the processes include, welding, cutting, stamping, wiring, flooring and painting. This method continues until the trailer is complete, inspected, titled and ready to go on sale floor.

In order to provide a product that will serve the need of the customer, Billy and Brad makes a point to listen to tips from farmers. If it is something that will enhance the product they will try to implement the idea into the trailer design. This could mean the way the gates are designed or how the bumper functions.

If a specialty trailer is or-

dered, they talk with the customer asking about use, function, number to be hauled, comfort of livestock and most important provide a safe trailer for whatever use. Some examples of the specialty trailers include: ostrich, alligator, chickens (roosters) and helicopter trailers.

Stoll Trailers are available for purchase from an extensive dealer network thought the Southeastern U.S. They have expanded their services and product lines to satisfy their customer base. They are willing to work very closely with the customer to design a trailer to meet specific needs.

Stoll Trailers, Billy and Brad are heavily involved in community activities, events and believes in helping neighbors and friends. They are always supportive of youth and agriculture organizations and events. Billy and his family own and operate cattle farms raising cow calf pairs and feeder cattle. They also bale hay from the farms and utilize various forms of fertilization to keep their pastures and hay field healthy and grow-



The Abbeville Congregational Holiness Church recently recognized Mrs. Margaret Sorrow with a plaque and a social for her 50+ years of teaching Sunday School for their vouth. Pictured is Mrs. Sorrow and some of her family members. On the far right (front row) is Rev. Oliver (Willie) McCurry (Photo contributed).

Highway patrol urges motorists to use extra caution as children return to school

Submitted by **South Carolina Department** of Public Safety

COLUMBIA — The South Carolina Department of Public Safety urges caution as children return to school throughout the state. Troopers urge motorists to drive with extra care in and around school zones and bus routes. "During the first few weeks

of school, children and motor-

ists are getting acclimated again to sharing the road, learning bus routes, and carpool lines," said SCDPS Director Robert Woods, "Troopers will patrols zones and bus routes, but we need the public and parents' help to make

sure children are safe as they return to school.'

The S.C. Highway Patrol is urging parents, guardians and teachers to talk with their children about getting on and off the bus safely as well as pedestrian safety. Parents and guardians are urged to closely supervise their children around bus stops and in school zones.

Highway Patrol Col. Christopher Williamson cautions motorists to watch for signs and signals when approaching a school bus and be prepared to

"One of the primary messages we want to convey to motorists is to watch for children and know when to stop for a school bus stop arm," said Col. Williamson. Troopers will be conducting special enforcement around schools, focusing on violations such as speed, aggressive driving and safety belt

and child restraint violations.

Historically, the majority of

collisions around schools occur

during the 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and

3 p.m. to 4 p.m. time frames.

Motorists should expect to see

an increased law enforcement

presence, especially from 6

a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 6

p.m., when children will be go-

In the coming weeks, troop-

ers also will be visiting schools

ing to and from school.

to speak with teachers and parents about keeping children safe as they return to school. Parents and schools are urged to visit the SCDPS website on back-to-school safety that includes public service announcements, helpful safety tips and short videos that teachers can use for the classroom https://scdps.sc.gov/tz/ backtoschoolsafety.

In the coming weeks, SC-DPS will be sharing important

safety information on social media about school buses and school zones, including this PSA about when you are and are not required to stop for a school bus in South Carolina.

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more information.



Stoll Trailers received the South Carolina Cattleman's Industry Service Excellence Award the night of August 6th at the SC Cattleman's Annual Awards Banquet located at Clemson, Garrison Conference Center. Billy Stoll accepted the award. (Photo contributed)

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5. Dashboard acronym 8. *Depth of an end zone, in yards

11. Fencing blade 12. Weight not charged for

13. Young hog

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22. Bean house 23. Antonym of descent 26. Cycle taxi 30. Greek "t"

34. Not happening

35. Newbies 37. Bert Bobbsey's twin 38. Like a neon sign

"Clueless" catch phrase

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43. "Chim Cher-ee" setting
45. Relating to nose
47. Actors' group

47. Actors' group 48. Sink hole

Golf club handle

*3-point score 56. Make a canyon, e.g.

57. Not written

58. Racing sled 59. *"Purple People

" song, inspiration for Vikings defensive line

60. Like H. C. Andersen's duckling

Poet Pound 62. *AFC counterpart

63. Dreaming stage of sleep 64. Daytime entertainment

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1. Hodgepodge Oil cartel

Palm reader, e.g 4. Old and mentally infirm

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7. Insignificant 8. Hammer or sickle

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14. *Grabbing penalty

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*Fourth down option

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33. Goo on a trunk *Scrimmage-related penalty

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Anna Lagrone puts her bachelor's degrees in English and History from Lander University to work in her historic preservation efforts for Abbeville. She has been actively involved in the restoration of Trinity Episcopal Church. (Photo contributed)

'I am Lander' Anna Lagrone is unabashed in her obsession for history

Submitted by **Karen Petit**

Her obsession for history is so strong that you're likely to find Anna Lagrone crawling under an old church in need of preservation, promoting historic Abbeville, S.C., on social media, or studying the tragic life of former English Queen Anne Boleyn.

"I guess you'd say I'm a nerd," Lagrone said with a laugh that lets you know that the label doesn't faze her in the least.

She loves the beauty of language and words, too - a passion that she puts to good use in her historic preservation efforts. During a recent tour of Trinity Episcopal Church in Abbeville, Lagrone talked about the magnificent stained glass windows and complicated history of the church, where the bricks were made by enslaved people during the mid-1800s.

Lagrone, a 2015 summa cum laude graduate of Lander who earned bachelor's degrees in English and History, joined the Registrar's Office staff of her alma mater in December.

She balances her work in higher education with service as vice chair of the Historic Properties Protection Commission of Abbeville, established in 1758 by French Huguenot settlers. Appointed to the post by Abbeville City Council, her work involves helping preserve the historic nature of the charming town while advising businesses and city administrators on proposals for existing structures, landscapes and new construction. The commission also provides information on preservation, restoration and local history to the public.

"It is gratifying to be involved in my community and to help Abbeville in any way that I can," she said. "The history here runs deep, and it is important that we preserve it for future generations."

Before joining Lander, Lagrone was employed by Preservation South Carolina, which is collaborating with Friends of Trinity Abbeville to raise funds for the restoration of the church. The preservation efforts, to be completed in five phases, include restoring the exterior of the church, repairing all of the damaged plaster of the interior and restoring the stained glass (some of which is by William Gibson, named "the father of stained glass painting in America). Plans call for the restoration of the "tracker" pump organ by John Baker of Charleston and stabilizing the 125-foot steeple, whose deteriorating foundation led

An iconic symbol of Abbev-1842, and the cornerstone of the present church was laid in 1859. Its neo-classic design and Gothic look are often the first thing people notice when they visit. Lagrone remembers seeing it as a child and being struck by what looked like "a pink castle" right in the heart of the downtown area.

"Over the years, the church has been the worship site for state and national leaders, families praying for their loved ones in world wars and other conflicts, and modern families whose ancestors were among the first members of the town," Lagrone said. "Trinity is at the heart of our town's history."

However, the danger posed by the steeple halted services and other activities while funding for restoration efforts was being raised. This past fall, with enough monies in place and the steeple secured temporarily, Lagrone directed a wedding there. Trinity is still a work in progress, but it is open again for services and

the public. While working as a coordinator for the Sacred Spaces Program of Preservation South Carolina, Lagrone developed plans for marketing Trinity so that it could be self-sustaining financially and serve as a center for future community events. "I developed a business model that includes both educational and cultural events to bring the community together and also produce income to help preserve and restore not just this 'sacred space,' but others across South Carolina," she said.

Lagrone's lesson plans for school groups adhere to South Carolina's social studies standards for education and also relate Trinity to state and national history. "We were ready to begin tours and programs for schools and other organizations when COVID hit. Those plans stalled," she said. "However, Trinity has plans in place for field trips, concerts and other events. We want this historic property to be enjoyed by people of all ages in the years to come."

Trinity's future is brighter. Permanent repairs to the steeple have begun. "Phase Il is officially under way, and the steeple of Trinity Church is in its final position, resting on a new foundation," she said. "I'm confident that it will remain for another 200 years, a beautiful symbol of architecture, ingenuity, and hope for our community."

During her tenure at Lander, Lagrone received numerous honors, including the Mar-

to fears of the structure's garet Bryant Award, which recognizes a senior majoring in a humanities discipline, and ille, Trinity was formed in the Barbara Jackson Award, honoring a senior history major who best demonstrates scholarly excellence in his or her history thesis. She also earned the Dessie Dean Pitts Award, which recognizes the student who writes the best nonfiction essay published in New Voices, Lander's essay journal. She was a member of Phi Alpha Theta, a history honor society, and Sigma Tau Delta, an English honor

Lagrone's journey at Lander

began as an English major because of her love for literature and writing. However, "one major was simply not enough to satisfy my voracious appetite! History had always been a passion of mine, and I believe that majors in History and English complement each other perfectly — you have to be able to write and communicate effectively about your historical research, after all," she said. Her passion for history formed in childhood when she realized that history was more than dates or interesting stories. "It was real people whose actions impacted and shaped the world today. I remember being in elementary school and learning about the Tudors and being very taken by Henry VIII's wives," she said. "My natural inclination was to get my mom to take me to the library, where I'm sure I emerged staggering from the weight of all the books I'd found."

As a result, the homeschooled student said history always felt very real and very human to her. "My love for history only strengthened as I grew older and developed precision during my years at Lander with the guidance and encouragement of my professors," Lagrone said. In her free time, Lagrone loves exploring South Carolina's historic sites, writing about Anne Boleyn and Tudor England, teaching herself herpetology, raising tortoises, doing cemetery research, reading and adding to her "already-too-big mineral collection. "I'm very much a rock

Being outdoors or working with animals makes her as happy as history, too, she

hound," she said.

"I keep telling myself, one day I'll have my Ph.D., my own farm, and a few successful books published — another beautiful marriage of History and English," Lagrone said. "I love both disciplines and want to use them both!

Opera House has 'ghostly tale' to tell

By Henry E. Green

Is the Abbeville Opera House haunted?

It could be the beginning of a "spirited" discussion. Abbeville's venerable theater is mentioned in The Ghostly Tales of The Haunted South as the possible home of a ghost.

"Some actors and crew members believe that the Abbeville Opera House is haunted by the ghost of an actress who died shortly after performing there," according to the book.

"One night at the end of a play, one of the actors claimed to have seen a

woman standing up in the balcony applauding.

"He recalled that she was wearing old-fashioned clothing and vanished after a few seconds. For months, ghostly clapping was heard in the balcony, even when there was no audience present."

In the book, the Opera House story is one of two "ghostly tales" from South Carolina--the other is about the Leamington Light House on Hilton Head Island.

There are also stories from Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia.

Ghostly Tales, adapted from The Haunted South by Alan Brown, was published this year by Arcadia Children's Books.

The Opera House, if it is indeed haunted, may have plenty of company in downtown Abbeville. There are ghost stories associated with places like the Belmont Inn--stories that are much on display during the ghost tours presented by the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

Obituaries

Brown

Mike R. Brown, 58, of Abbeville, husband of Cathy Kimsey Brown, died Saturday, August 7, 2021 at his home. He was born in Abbeville to the late Wallace R. Brown and Martha Jones Brown.

Mike was employed in textiles. He enjoyed life. Mike and Cathy were happy, always spending their time together. Watching NA-SCAR races was a favorite pastime. He worshipped at the Congregational Holiness Church.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Brown.

Mike is survived by his wife of 36 years, Cathy, of



Mike R. Brown

the home.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 11, 2021 in Harris Funeral

Home - Abbeville Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 2:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Willie McCurry officiating. A private family burial will follow.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mike, may be sent to the Congregational Holiness Church, PO Box 946, Abbeville SC 29620.

The family is at the home.

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

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Brown family.

Havird

Martha Jean Clinkscales Havird, 77, of Abbeville, wife of Richard L. Havird, died Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood. She was born at home in Abbeville to the late William Bruce and Cath-

erine Cannon Clinkscales. A 1960 graduate of Dixie High School, Mrs. Havird retired from Capsugel with 34 years of dedicated service. She was affectionately known as "G" by her grandchildren and family. Mrs. Havird graciously hosted family functions for weddings, baby showers, and family reunions. She also enjoyed flower arranging, crafts and decorating, especially at Christmastime. Mrs. Havird was a member of Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Walter 'Buddy'



Clinkscales Havird

Mrs. Havird is survived by her husband of 50 years, Richard, of the home; a daughter, Amy Patterson (Marty) of Due West; a brother, Bill Clinkscales of Greenwood; a sister, Jonelle Qualls (Jackie) of Belton; two grandchildren, Emma Ruth Patterson and Luke Andrew Patterson; three nieces, Alysia Farmer (Rick), Melanie Suter (Jason), and Jessica Wooten (Cory); four great-nieces, Leslie, Savannah, Bella and Lily; and two great-nephews, Oliver and Mason.

Graveside services were held 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 6, 2021, at Oakbrook Memorial Park with Rev. Wayne Wicker officiating.

The family is at the home of her daughter and son-inlaw, Amy and Marty Patterson, in Due West.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Havird, may be sent to Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church, 194 Hwy 20, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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South of the border

Due West ARP pastor Scott Moore served as missionary in Mexico

By Henry E. Green

If you ask Scott Moore, the pastor of Due West ARP Church, to describe the church and the community in which it resides, he will describe it as "tranquil."

It is a strong, established church that is well organized, he says.

However, for 20 years he was a missionary in a land far, far away--Mexico.

"The Lord just opened some doors," he will tell

It was an experience that left an indelible impression on Moore, who is originally from Charlotte, N.C. He was actually born in

the Presbyterian hospital in Charlotte, and he grew up in the Queen City. "My mother is 92 and

lives in the same house," he said. (His father passed away in 1995).

Moore graduated from Independence Senior High School in 1982 in Charlotte.

"I studied two years at UNC-Charlotte in mechanical engineering," he said. However, he came to that conclusion that that field of

study was not for him. "I ended up working in a tool and dye shop" where his father worked as well, he recalled.

It was during this time that he took a short term mission trip to Mexico. It was the summer of 1984, and little did he know that the trip would help shape his life in a big, big way.

He made friends during that two month trip, and he

had a change of attitude as well. The seeds of a calling to be a missionary were planted.

He came back to the United States, and told his parents of his plans.

"Everybody seemed to think it was a good idea," he remembered.

The calling led him to enroll at what was Columbia Bible College, now Columbia International University, in Columbia in 1985, graduating in 1988.

It was at Columbia Bible College that he met the young woman with whom he fell in love--Julie Musgrave--and they married.

Moore grew up a United Methodist, and then joined the Christian Missionary Alliance, but in 1989, he joined First Presbyterian Church, an ARP Church in Columbia.

He ended up going to seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, and he decided to make his calling of being a missionary a reality.

At that time the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church had two basic mission fields--one in Pakistan and the other in Mexico.

Moore decided that if he went to Pakistan there was a good chance he would not return home alive, dangerous as it was for Christian missionaries.

So he went south of the border, and he learned Spanish, which he will tell you is a relatively easy language to learn.

He was for a time a professor at a seminary in Tampico, Mexico, and helped organize a church in San Luis Potosi.

"I was living the dream," he said.

The dream began to be frayed at the edges. "Mexico had begun to change dramatically," he said.

It was not in a good way. The drug cartels, the violence--all made life uncertain, and Moore, becoming used to the sound of gunfire, did not always feel safe.

"We knew Mexican families that had had family members kidnapped,' he said. Sometimes the families would pay ransoms and the kidnapped individuals would be killed anyway.

"We kept hoping things would come back to normal," he said.

Alas, they did not, and in 2014 Moore and his family returned to the U.S.

In 2021 he began serving at Due West ARP, and today he and Julie preside over a family of six children-ranging in age from 14 to 30.

Fourteen year old Lydia will be a ninth grader at Dixie, and 30 year old Benjamin is a software developer in Miami.

Robin is a librarian in Fulton County, Georgia, and Nathaniel, who graduated in 2016 from Erskine, works for a chemical company in Charleston.

Elizabeth is working on a masters in social work at University of South Carolina, and Rebekah will be a freshman at Erskine.

Scott Moore is the pastor of Due West ARP Church in Due West. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Senate Judiciary Committee Remaining S.C. Senate redistricting public hearings

COLUMBIA, S.C. —

The Senate Judiciary Committee's Redistricting Subcommittee has scheduled 10 hearings throughout the State to receive public testimony about interests to be considered in redrawing district lines. There are four public hearings remaining These hearings will not be to propose plans. That opportunity will be available at a later time.

You may attend the public hearings and speak either online or in person. To help the subcommittee prepare for the public hearings, you may sign up to speak on the website at https://redistricting.scsenate.gov. If you would like to testify virtually via Zoom, send an online request to speak by 4:00 pm the day of the scheduled public hearing at which you wish to speak. If you attend a hearing in person, a form will be available to sign up to



speak at that location. A single request, either online or in person, is all that is needed to speak at a public hearing. Please note that the information you provide the subcommittee will become part of the public record.

Maps are available online and at the hearings to help speakers identify specific areas they wish to discuss.

If you are not able to attend a public hearing, you may still submit information to the subcommittee by mail at P.O. Box 142, Columbia, S.C. 29202 or email at <u>re-</u> districting@scsenate.gov, or call 803-212-6634.

All public hearings will be held from 6:30-8:30 pm. More information about the hearing locations and campus maps are available on the S. C. Senate meeting schedule: https://www.sc- statehouse.gov/meetings. php?chamber=S (Click on the relevant hearing's Agenda link.)

The remaining public hearing schedule is as fol-

- · August 9, Orangeburg Public Hearing, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
- · August 10, Charleston Public Hearing, Trident Technical College
- August 11, Conway Public Hearing, Horry-Georgetown Technical College
- · August 12, Aiken Public Hearing, Aiken Technical

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Filing continues for various elections

By Henry E. Green

The filing period continues for elections for the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees, Town of Calhoun Falls, Town of Lowndesville and Town of Due West, and a number of individuals have filed, according to the Abbeville County voter registration

Terrico Holland and incumbent Chris Cowan have filed as candidates for Mayor of Calhoun Falls as of Monday afternoon, according to the voter registration office.

Two Calhoun Falls Town Council seats are also open, but no one at press time had filed for those seats.

Also, Ralph Scott of Calhoun Falls has filed for School Board seat District 4.

School board trustee Buster Taylor resigned as of August 6, and the school board election will be to fill his unexpired term.

Meanwhile, Due West has three seats open. Gayle Beaudrot of Due West, Chris Myers, and Kitty Storey have all filed as candidates for Due West Town Council,

the voter registration office reported Monday.

The filing period for Lowndesville continues, but no one has filed for either Mayor or Town Council.

The filing period opened on at noon on August 2, and will last until noon on August 16 for all of these elections, which will all be held on Nov. 2.

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Meet Cami! This sweet girl has been at the

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 ABBEVILLE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX 903 W. GREENWOOD ST. 6:30 PM

There will be a public hearing September 13, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex at 903 W. Greenwood St. to discuss the following:

Ordinance (2021-09) to approve a contract for the sale of approximately 23.69 acres (previously listed as 25.46+/- acres; Ordinance 2020-15) located off of South Carolina Highway 72 in Calhoun Falls in Abbeville County (Abbeville parcel #153-00-00-022) (The "Property"), and to authorize the County Director to execute such contract, a deed of conveyance and other documents necessary to carry out the transaction contemplated therein; and other matters related thereto.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

Notice is hereby given that a non-partisan special election for the Abbeville County School District will be held at Precincts fixed by law on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. The seat to be voted on is the seat for School Trustee District (4).

Any person wishing to register to vote in these elections must do so no later than Friday, October 1st, 2021 in person, Sunday, October 3rd, 2021 online, and Monday, October 4th,

Beginning August 2nd ,2021 at 12:00 NOON Candidacy can be placed at the Abbeville County Registration & Elections office. Deadline for filing Candidacy is NOON, August 16th. This is a non-partisan election. No party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot. The polls shall be open from 7:00am until 7:00pm at the polling places designated below.

Voters who are blind, handicapped or unable to read or write are entitled to assistance in casting their ballots. The voter must notify the poll manager if assistance is needed.

Registered electors who cannot vote in person on Election Day may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. For additional information concerning absentee voting call 366-2400 ext 53. The Abbeville County Board of Registration and Elections or visit scvotes.org.

At 2:00 pm on Election Day the County Election Commission may begin processing the absentee ballot precinct in the office at the Abbeville County Complex at 903 West Greenwood Street, Suite 2500, Abbeville SC, 29620.

On Thursday, November 4, 2021at 11:00 am, the Abbeville County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of provisional ballots from the November 2th election. This hearing will be held at the Abbeville County Complex at 903 West Greenwood Street,

The following precincts and polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.:

	Precincts	Polling Place Location				
05	Antreville	Antreville Fire Department 147 Hwy 184 W, Abbeville				
07	Calhoun Falls	Calhoun Falls Civic Center 401 Washington St. N, Calhoun Falls SC				
13	Lowndesville	Lowndesville Community Center 416 Main St., Lowndesville				
14	Lebanon	Sharon Fire Dept. 167 Fire House Rd., Abbeville				

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A number of Calhoun Falls businesses joined together under one roof at the Calhoun Falls farmers market recently for a multi-vendor shopping party. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Iva band Silver entertained people at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls recently in a concert presented by the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Upstate Forever protects 664 acres in Abbeville County

Funding from the South Carolina Conservation Bank made protection of two properties possible

Submitted by Sally Boman

Regional protection of two properties in Abbeville County totaling

664 acres. Grants from the South Carolina Conservation Bank (SCCB) made possible the conservation projects that will contribute to the protection of forest, wildlife habitat, and water quality in the

Morrow Creek Timbers is a nearly property 430-acre comprising hard-

wood forests, 30 acres of wetlands, and a 6-acre pond. MROS Preserve is approximately 239 acres of pine and hardwood forest and frontage on Gill Creek, a tributary of the Savannah River.

These two properties are directly adjacent to each other and near to a third property previously placed under a conservation easement with Upstate Forever. The Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Upper Savannah Land Trust also protect properties in the area, combining efforts to make significant strides to protect water quality while ensuring future production of working lands.

"Together, these protected lands have a tremendous potential to influence the water quality of the Savannah River, the sole source of drinking water for the county, as well as critical natural resources and wildlife habitat," said Scott Park, Glenn Hilliard Director of Land Conservation for Upstate Forever.

both part of a growing corconservation ridor of protected properorganization Upstate For- ties that contribute to the chose to protect MROS Preever announces the recent water quality of the Savan- serve through a conservanah River," added Raleigh executive director,



Morrow Creek Timbers

South Carolina Conservation Bank. "Land protection along the waterways of our state delivers public benefits far beyond property boundaries."

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"Morrow Creek Timbers with the land even after it and MROS Preserve are has been sold or willed to

> When asked why he tion easement, landowner Deaver McCraw stated, "It's

important to preserve land for future generations to be able to enjoy."

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SC Humanities offers funding for struggling cultural organizations

Grant awards of up to \$20,000 are now available

Submitted by Laura McGuinn

Earlier this summer, South Carolina Humanities launched Growth Grants, a new funding opportunity for humanities organizations facing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19. Awards ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000 will be awarded to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the coronavirus pandemic. SC Humanities Growth Grants provide operating support, strategic planning support, or humanities program support to nonprofit organizations or public institutions in South Carolina that have a humanities-based mission.

Dr. Randy Akers, Executive Director of SC Humanities, said: "Libraries, museums, historical societies, and other cultural non-profit organizations are at the heart of our communities. They provide jobs

for qualified individuals, educational resources and other learning opportunities that enhance the quality of life in our state. Cultural events and programs build community cohesion and pride. They play a vital part in our local economies and often are a significant part our state's tourism industry. As South Carolina recovers from the pandemic, cultural organizations need funds to stabilize their operations, reengage their audiences, plan new programs, and refill jobs in the cultural sector. SC Humanities is honored to be a conduit of ARP Act funds to build the cultural future of our state."

There are two remaining deadlines to apply for Growth Grants: Monday, August 16, 2021 and Wednesday, September 15, 2021. For support in navigating this opportunity, please contact Assistant Director T.J. Wallace by email at tiwal-

lace@schumanities.org or 803-771-2477.

Funding for the SC Humanities Growth Grants has been provided by the National Endowment for the Humanities Federal and State Partnership Division as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) approved by the U.S. Congress and signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden.

The mission of SC Humanities is to enrich the cultural and intellectual lives of all South Carolinians. Established in 1973, this 501(c) 3 organization is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of community leaders from throughout the state. It presents and/or supports literary initiatives, lectures, exhibits, festivals, publications, oral history projects, videos and other humanities-based experiences that directly or indirectly reach more than 350,000 citizens annually.

56 Erskine Student-Athletes recipients of D2ADA Academic Achievement Awards

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The Division 2 Athletics Directors Association (D2 ADA) announced the 2020-21 recipients of the D2 ADA Academic Achievement Awards. The Academic Achievement Awards, in its 14th year, is a program that recognizes the academic accomplishments of student-athletes at the Division II level.

Erskine and its 56 recipients were one of seven Conference Carolinas members included on the recipient list as part of a D2 ADA record 16,262 student-athletes to earn this award. This is the most student-athletes being recognized since the incep-

tion of the award's program. "It is incredible to think that our athletes excelled in the classroom despite having to deal with the many stressors associated with COVID-19. To see once again that a record-breaking number of students are recipients of the D2 ADA Academic Achievement Award is simply astonishing," said Dr. Bren Stevens, Vice President for Athletics at the University of Charleston and current D2 ADA President. "I am extraordinarily impressed by the efforts of our member institutions to ensure that they provide special recognitions for their respective athletes, as they are certainly deserving."

Here is the full list of Erskine student-athletes who were recipients of the D2 ADA Achievement Award:

Women's Volleyball Mary Kate Beck Eve Donald Women's Volleyball Allison Dutterer Beach Volleyball So. Gaston Women's Volleyball Laney Rebecca Massengill Women's Volleyball Sr. Women's Volleyball Taylor McClinton Torgerson Women's Volleyball Katy Wolter Women's Volleyball Sierra Lizzie Naval XC, Track and Field XC, Track and Field Tarrah Semones So. Women's Soccer Anna Daly Sr. Women's Soccer Syndey Eaker Sr. Sr. Chyenne Fuller Women's Soccer Women's Soccer Jane Ashley Meredith Lauren Mullen Women's Soccer Ashley Portell Women's Soccer Kelsey Tyson Women's Soccer Women's Lacrosse Faith Flanagan Women's Golf Sr. Anna Parramore Morgan So. Beach Volleyball Browne Beach Volleyball So. Olivia Browne Allie Carter Beach Volleyball So. Mallory Carter Beach Volleyball So. Beach Volleyball So. Emily Gilbert Possenride Marissa Beach Volleyball So. Parker Softball Sr. Birch Kennedy Bradley Softball So. Kelci Brown Softball Jr. Ryleigh Davis Softball Jr. Chloe Hamilton Softball Sr. Vanessa Harshaw So. Softball Syndey McInnis Softball Jr. Katie Spires Softball So. Softball So. Anna Taylor losh Arrowood Men's Volleyball, Football Jr. Cole Men's Volleyball Vigo Jr. Roman De Leon Men's Soccer So. Men's Soccer Gabe Golden So. Andrew Brisbane Men's Golf So. Sr. Tyler Jones Men's Golf Jacob Turner Men's Basketball Jr. Lance Brownlee Football lr. Garrido Football So. Dante Marcelous Livingston Football So. Collyn Richardson Football Jr. Dylan Shifflet So. Football Josiah Clark Baseball So. Clifton So. Ira Baseball Baseball Chase Crouch Jr. Kane Fischer Baseball Sr. Conner Harrison Baseball So. Baseball Zach Overholt Jr. Luke Poole Baseball So. Baseball Jr. Greg Sanders Baseball So. Stirling Thomas

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• have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale • have attended a minimum of two years (four semesters) of college level work

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· have been an active member of an intercollegiate team during his/her last academic

Given the vast experiences institutions have had this year when it comes to participation, all athletes who meet bullet point items 1 and 2 are still eligible as long as they were still an active member of the roster during this academic year.

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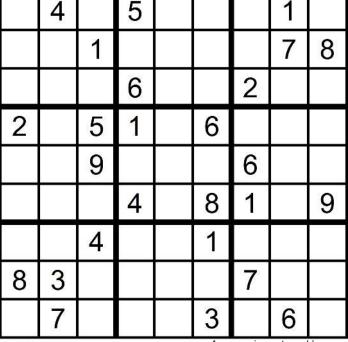
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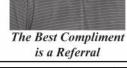


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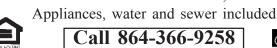
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