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The Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce presented Handmade for the Holidays recently at the Livery Stable. Karen Sherwood of Abbeville stands in front of wooden Christmas trees made by her husband Dale. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Dollars and sense

Trustees wrestled with proposals on how to provide ‘skin’ for project

By Henry E. Green

So you want to raise \$10 million?

That was the question discussed at length last week by the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees, as they debated how to put the finishing touches on a project which they had long discussed.

It all started with the referendum in May, when Abbeville County voters rejected funding for proposed facilities upgrades at Abbeville and Dixie high schools--including new academic wings-- and the Abbeville County Career Center.

Then came the gift. State Superintendent Molly Spearman announced that the state would provide \$38 million to the district to help make the upgrades a reality.

There was one thing. The District needed to provide \$10 million to complete the project.

Pondering how to raise the money, the trustees listened earlier this year to a presentation by financial

consultant Mike Gallagher, who discussed with them various options.

One of those options was to have a referendum on borrowing the money, but if the referendum passed there would be no tax increase.

This seemed at first to be the best option to a number of trustees, judging from their discussions.

However, trustee Keith Dunn made the motion at the Nov. 15 meeting to take a different route. He proposed that the District come up with the \$10 million with the use of acquisition bonds with the remaining \$3 million coming from the District's fund balance.

Spearman had noted, he said, that the state wanted the School District to provide some “skin” in the project. With his proposal, that “skin” would be provided.

There followed a lengthy discussion. There was no assurance that the referendum would pass, even with the assurance that there would be no tax increase if

it passed.

Trustee Lisa Alewine noted that when she was campaigning for her school board seat she got the impression that voters might not be in the mood for another referendum.

“I just feel like people are angry right now,” she said.

Trustee James Tisdale leaned toward having a referendum.

“The voters need to have some say-so,” he said.

Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary noted that the District currently has a fund balance that is in a good place.

The fund balance currently has enough money to fund several months of District operations.

“We’re in a very healthy spot,” the superintendent said, going on to issue a word of caution. “Just be careful about your fund balance,” he told the trustees.

Dunn’s motion ultimately passed, with trustees Tisdale and Glynda Bryson voting in opposition.

Bird is the word

Thanksgiving can provide a most excellent bonding experience

By Henry E. Green

Pumpkin pie. Cranberry sauce.

And--for some folks, anyway--only a turkey a will do. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches just won't cut it.

Yes, Thanksgiving falls on Thursday, Nov. 24, and Abbeville County residents will be celebrating it, we trust, with food and fellowship--there is just something about a shared meal that provides a most excellent bonding experience.

There will be a community Thanksgiving dinner at the Erskine dining hall in Due West, for example.

Meanwhile, a community Thanksgiving tradition is being revived in Abbeville. For years a community Thanksgiving meal was held at Main Street United Methodist Church.

For various reasons, it went on hiatus, but this year, Abbeville Area Medical

Center is collaborating with a number of other groups and organizations to bring it back.

“This year the Community Holiday Meal will be held on Thanksgiving Day--Thursday, November 24--at the Greene Center located at Main Street Methodist Church” at 300 North Main Street in Abbeville, said Amanda Morgan, Director of Community Health, Wellness and Outreach with Abbeville Area Medical Center. “This will be considered a pickup only site for to-go meals. The Abbeville Church of God located on 300 Whitehall St. Abbeville, SC 29620 will have a sit-down meal from 11:00 am to 1:00pm.”

Offices of Abbeville County government will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after, and the same goes for offices of the Town of Due West, the Town of

Calhoun Falls, and the City of Abbeville.

Thanksgiving has a long history. According to history.com, the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians shared a feast that is acknowledged as one of the first of its kind.

That feast was different from what we usually think of as a Thanksgiving meal, with lobster and seal probably on the menu.

The Pilgrims did not have ovens, and pies and cakes, sweet things we typically associate with Thanksgiving, were probably not on the menu.

The feast was probably held sometime between late September and mid-November.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held every November, according to history.com.



The Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce recently held Handmade for the Holidays at the Livery Stable in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Superintendent explains acquisition bonds

By Henry E. Green

Those who read in last week’s article about the school board’s decision to sell acquisition bonds to help fund the financing of upgrades at Abbeville and Dixie high schools and the Abbeville County Career Center might have wondered how acquisition bonds differ from other kinds.

Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr.

Mason Gary explained it all.

“Acquisition bonds are bonds sold against the value of equipment that is installed in the new construction,” said Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary.

The plan is to issue \$7 million in acquisition bonds and take \$3 million from the District’s fund balance,

“We would have between six and seven million

remaining in the fund balance,” he said.

The \$10 million would act to supplement the \$38 million allocation from the state of South Carolina, an allocation announced earlier this year.

The total amount would fund the creation of new academic wings at Abbeville and Dixie high schools, and of upgrades at the Abbeville County Career Center as well.



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Crawford reelected in District 4 runoff

By Henry E. Green

Voters in Abbeville City Council District Four went to the polls yesterday for a runoff election, and reelected Chris Crawford to Abbeville City Council, according to reports.

Preliminary results indicate that Crawford received 53.98 percent of the vote, to 46.02 percent for challenger Deanna Ashley.

The runoff was necessary

because none of the three candidates in the Nov. 8 general election -- Deanna Ashley, Chris Crawford, and Venture Belton -- achieved a clear majority.

Ashley and Crawford were the top two vote-getters on Nov. 8, with Ashley getting 66 votes, Crawford 62, and Venture Belton 55.

Crawford, the incumbent, was first elected to Abbeville City Council in 2014.

"it feels really good to be reelected," he said after the runoff election Tuesday night, noting that he and his supporters worked very hard in the reelection effort. "And to God be the glory."

Crawford, who thanked everyone who voted for him, graduated from Abbeville High School in 2020.

"I'm the owner of Crawford Trucking," he said Tuesday night.



A plaque honoring the memory of the late Ronald Davis was unveiled recently at Wright Middle School in Abbeville. Members of the committee which planned the event posed beside the plaque -- (from left): Deborah S. Sanders, Claude Thomas, Annie A. Morton, Pastor Marion R. Enwright, William K. Brooks, Georgia G. Thomas, L.T. Wharton, Thelma S. Woody, and Earl Wright. Not pictured are committee members B.J. Coleman, Dr. Curtis Martin, Julia C. Bowie, and Curtis Thomas. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

A life of inspiration Plaque honoring life of Ron Davis unveiled at Wright Middle School

By Henry E. Green

The memory of a man who left a lasting impact on the lives of many was honored Sunday at Wright Middle School, as a plaque recognizing the legacy of Ron Davis was unveiled Sunday afternoon.

Davis was a beloved educator and coach at what was then J.S. Wright High School, in the days before Abbeville County schools were integrated.

Following integration, J.S. Wright High School became J.S. Wright Middle School, and Davis eventually moved on to work with GLEAMNS Human Resource Commission.

Davis passed away in 2014, but before he died, a number of athletes and former students of J.S. Wright High staged in 2011 a dinner for him at which he was honored for the impact he made on those who knew him.

Sunday afternoon, his memory was honored again. A plaque honoring his memory and legacy was unveiled at Wright Middle, providing a climax to the program attended by friends and former students.

Claude Thomas, a 1966 alumnus of J.S. Wright High School, served as the master of ceremonies for the program, in which a number of people offered their reflections on how Davis had inspired them.

Thomas welcomed the J.S. Wright High School alumni in attendance. "It's good to be with former Wildcats," he said.

Wright Middle School principal Brandon Burdette offered a welcome, Earl Wright provided the invocation, and Wright High School alumni association president Deborah Sanders spoke of the importance of

role models.

"Success is about what you inspire others to do," she said.

Rev. Raymond Enwright spoke of how Davis had instilled the championship spirit in him, and James Slappy, of the Wright High School Class of 1968, recalled, similarly, told his athletes at Wright that winning is closely related to attitude.

The Wildcats played their home games at Hite Stadium, but on Thursday nights, as AHS played its football games on Friday nights.

Davis graduated from Westside High School in Anderson County. "Coach Davis brought Westside's attitude to Wright," said Slappy.

"The winning attitude that Abbeville High School has now came from Wright," said Slappy. "Coach Davis showed us how to win."

And Davis did it all, coaching football, basketball and baseball as well.

The first state championship in football that AHS won was won in large part with athletes who originally came from Wright High, according to Slappy.

There was also representation from Davis's colleagues at GLEAMNS.

"It was a pleasure to work with him for 41 years," he said.

His co-workers called him "coach," she went on to say. "He was a person of integrity and caring," she reflected. "He was a team player. He was fair-minded."

The plaque was unveiled by Thomas and Annie Morton, and Thelma Woody read aloud the inscription on the plaque.

From the committee

Davis guided the Josephine Spearman Wright High School Wildcats athletic program from 1964 to the

school's transition to Wright Middle School in 1970.

"In 1964, Coach Davis found a group of willing and struggling athletes competing with overused, weathered out uniform and rusted equipment. In addition, excluded was a strength and conditioning program," according to the committee which organized Sunday's program.

Davis got rid of the hand me down uniforms and purchased new ones for the baseball, football and basketball teams. "The motivation boosted both team and community morale, pride and self-respect," and in less than five years into his tenure Coach Davis's teams had captured regional and upstate championships, the committee reported.

The life of Ron Davis

A native of Anderson, Davis was a graduate of Wright Middle School, and continued with education at Benedict College, where he received a bachelor's degree. He also received a masters from Clemson University.

While working in various positions, Davis also received specialized training from the U.S. Department of Labor, Mississippi State University and Brandeis University.

Davis retired as Chief Operations Officer of GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission in December, 2010, with more than 40 years of service.

Before he was employed with GLEAMNS, Davis was a teacher, coach and athletic director in the Abbeville public school system.

Davis won the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto, the highest award given to a civilian by the Governor of South Carolina.



Bell Toll Ceremony November 2022 Honoring Deceased Veterans

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The Abbeville County Veterans Organizations jointly sponsor a Bell Toll Ceremony on the last Friday of each month. The veteran's names that have passed away in Abbeville County during the month or anyone who was missed in the previous month will have their names read. This includes men and women from Abbeville County who live in other areas. The names will also include any military service member from South Carolina who was killed while on active duty. As each name is read, the Liberty Bell replica, "Big Bob" is struck once as a token of our respect and appreciation for each Veteran who served and for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Please join us for this solemn ceremony on the Abbeville square at 1 pm, November 25th. Also, all veterans are welcomed to the American Legion meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 PM.

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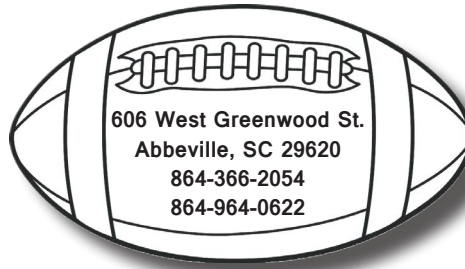
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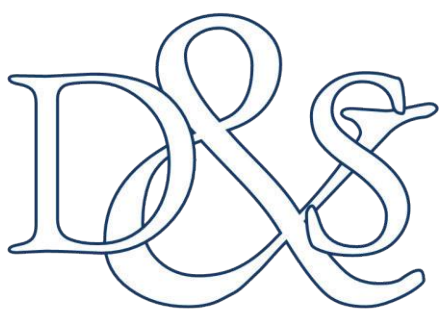
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Proposed calendar takes step forward

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees approved first reading on a 2023-24 “year round modified school calendar” at the board’s Nov. 15 meeting.
It was not without a measure of debate, however. Trustee Keith Dunn said that last year, when the District adopted a modified calendar, the trustees had two proposed calendars—one modified, and one traditional.
This year, he said, the trustees were presented with only one option—the modified calendar. He went on to indicate his preference for a school year that ended before Memorial Day.
“I’m just not in favor of it,”

he said of the calendar.
Trustee Glynda Bryson, who teaches in McCormick County schools, said that in those schools, “We do not get out until the first week of June.”
Dunn wondered also if the School District had gauged public opinion enough on the proposed calendar.
The District’s Director of Student Services, Dr. Skip Hopkins, has said that the proposed calendar for 2023-24 is very similar to the calendar for the current year, with two week-long inter-sessions in addition to regular holidays.
The proposed calendar must pass through one more reading before it becomes official.
Other highlights from the

meeting:
--Abbeville High School head football coach Jamie Nickles was honored for having reached the 200-win plateau in his career, and Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary tallied up the numbers, noting that the Panthers under Nickles have won 13 region championships and seven state championships.
Dr. Gary said that only coaching legends Willie Varner and John McKissick attained more career wins among South Carolina high school coaches.
--In keeping with school board tradition, the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees will not have a regular meeting in December.

Thanksgiving holidays slated

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Press and Banner will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25.
Normal business hours will resume Monday.

Abbeville County Coroner Dr. Mark Dorn recently talked about a grant the Coroner’s Office received. (Contributed photo)



‘Huge blessing’ Abbeville County Coroner’s Office gets grant from state for equipment

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County Coroner’s Office has been awarded a \$27,000 grant, which will help fund the acquisition of needed equipment, according to Abbeville County Coroner Dr. Mark Dorn.
Dr. Dorn said that the grant is a JAG grant awarded by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, and Abbeville County will supply a 10 percent match.
The Abbeville County Coroner is enormously satisfied that the Coroner’s Office has received the grant.
“We did not have (before the grant) equipment that was sufficient to do our job,” he said.
The money will be used to purchase professional grade digital camera equip-

ment, “and new laptop computers for my investigative team,” he said.
“We use our computer equipment in our day to day operations to complete paperwork, submit forms to the state, and collaborate with other agencies to ensure continuity of investigations,” according to the Coroner.
“Prior to this our office had only one desktop computer that we all shared,” he said.
Similarly, the camera equipment had actually been donated by the Anderson County Coroner’s Office, the Coroner went on to say.
Dr. Dorn expressed his gratitude to the Anderson County Coroner’s Office for their willingness to share with the Abbeville Office.
“This grant is an enormous

blessing that comes to us at the right time,” he said.
It allows the Office to purchase essential equipment which will help bring it up to the standards by which the office is measured by accrediting agencies.
As for the Coroner’s Office staff, he said that “right now I have myself and five investigators,” he said.
“Our mission is to provide an investigation into the cause and manner of death,” he said, adding that the Coroner’s collaborates with a number of agencies in performing its duties.
“We are there to help support the families (of the deceased).”
Above all, Dr. Dorn is grateful for the grant.
“It’s a huge blessing,” he said.

Erskine to host county Mental Health Banquet for 59th Year

**Submitted by
Dick Haldeman**

DUEWEST-Mental Health America of Abbeville County will sponsor the 59th annual Abbeville County Mental Health Banquet Thursday, December 1, beginning at 6:45 p.m. in the Founders Room of Moffatt Dining Hall at Erskine College.
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Calhoun Falls, president; Cora Lee of Donalds, secretary; and Dick Haldeman of Due West, treasurer.
Savannah Wall, counselor for the Beckman Mental Health Mobile Unit, will speak on “Reaching Out for Mental Health.” Dr. Briana Van Scoy, chair of the Erskine Psychology Department, Tony Johnson, executive director of MHA of South Carolina Region One, and Janice Gray, director of the Abbeville County Mental Health Clinic, will give reports on their programs.
Mental Health America

of Abbeville County helps meet crisis needs for mental health clients, provides housing and suicide prevention programs for clients, and helps support school-based counselor programs in Abbeville County schools.

The banquet has been held at Erskine each year since 1963. Such Abbeville County leaders as the late public health nurse Martha Bauer helped establish the Abbeville County affiliate of MHA, then known as the Mental Health Association.



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‘Academic village’ Erskine president Dr. Steve Adamson speaks to Rotary Club

By Henry E. Green
Erskine, says EC president Dr. Steve Adamson, doesn’t teach students what to think--it teaches them HOW to think.
Dr. Adamson explained this and other points of the Erskine mission during a Rotary visit to Erskine recently.
Meeting at Erskine’s Bowie Arts Center, the Rotarians enjoyed a meal before listening to a keynote address by Dr. Adamson, who began work in January as Erskine’s president.

The college president and his wife moved to Due West from Phoenix, Arizona, and he contrasted life in Phoenix with that in the community that Erskine calls home.
In the metropolis of Phoenix, he said, “we never knew our neighbors.”
That has definitely not been the case in Due West, said Adamson, who has a bachelors degree in computer science and a masters in mathematics from the University of Nebraska, a M. Div degree from Sangre de

Cristo Seminary, Westcliffe, Colorado, and a PhD in the ology from the University of Aberdeen.
Adamson noted that it felt quite special to come to Due West and be embraced so warmly by the community.
Ideally, Erskine, as a liberal arts college, provides an educational experience that has five pillars of strength--critical thinking, which provides a core skill set; ethical values; communication skills; interpersonal relationship skills, and global understanding.
At Erskine, students, living on campus in a community with few distractions, will sooner or later talk to their roommates.
As for global perspectives, Adamson has lived overseas, where people may have a different way of looking at things from the way people do so in the United States.
Adamson is hoping to expand the number of degree programs Erskine offers--from 18 to 23--in the fall, and ultimately he would like

to see the collage offer as many as 30 to 35.
He is hoping to add a degree in interdisciplinary studies, as well as one in international studies. The degree in interdisciplinary studies would essentially allow students to graduate with three minors, and the degree in international studies would provide international perspectives on business, politics and culture.
Before coming to Erskine, Adamson had a versatile career said Abbeville Rotarian Paul Bell, Erskine Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations, in introducing the Erskine president--he was a minister, and he worked in information technology as well.
Erskine may just be one of the hidden gems of Abbeville County, and has been called a “serene academic village.”
It provides an impact, according to Adamson, of as much as \$30 million to \$40 million to Abbeville County.



Abbeville Rotarians visited Erskine, and had lunch at the Bowie Arts Center recently, and heard from Erskine president Dr. Steve Adamson. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS HEARING CITY OF ABBEVILLE, SC

The Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Abbeville will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2022, in City Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of the Opera House/City Hall. The following items are on the agenda:

- Request for variance/special exception to allow a bed and breakfast with a shared driveway at 506 North Main Street. Property Owner/Applicant: Selena Goodwin-Hay, Property Zoning District: R-6, One & Two Family Residential.
- Request for a variance to allow for 35 parking spaces, which is 8 less than required by the City’s zoning ordinance. Location: North Main Street (across from Ingles). Applicant: Patton Development SC, LLC, Business Name: Dollar General, Zoning District: GC, General Commercial

Documents relating to this hearing are available for public inspection in the Zoning Office located at 102 South Main Street, Abbeville, SC


Christopher Clemmons
Zoning Administrator

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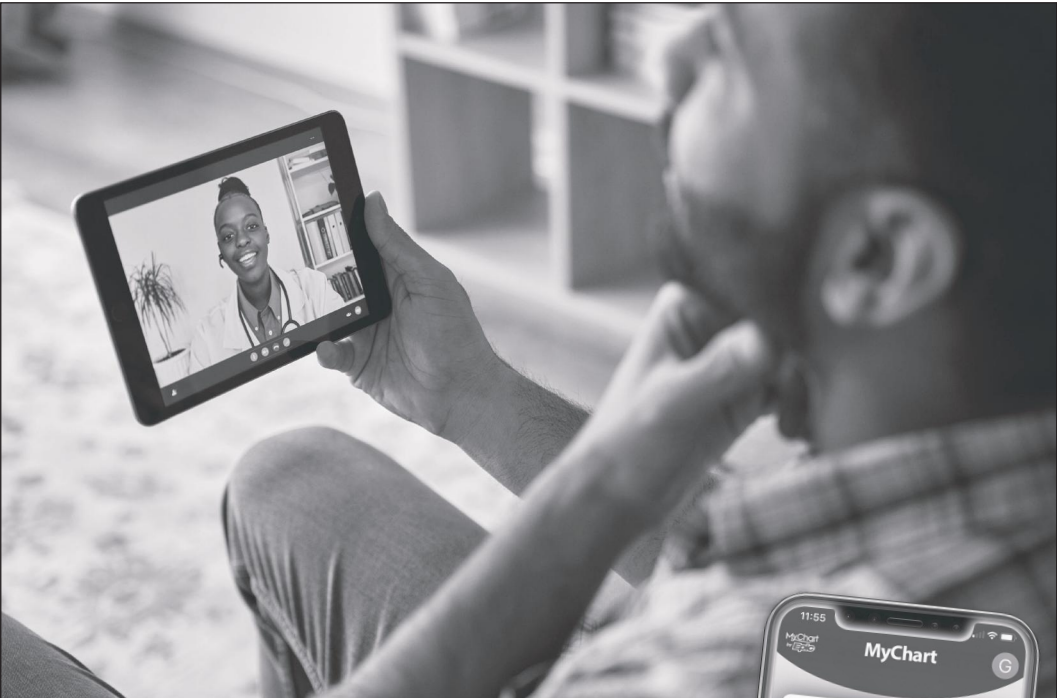
American Legion Post 2 presented a Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 11 in Abbeville, and, in keeping with the tradition, the oldest veteran and the youngest veteran present were recognized. The oldest veteran was found to be Will Fuller of the Columbia area, and the youngest was Melissa Jackson (center) of Abbeville. The two posed for a photograph with Post 2 commander George Key (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Never a dull moment Award winner Sharmel Miller talks about being a 911 Director

By Henry E. Green
Sharmel Miller has been Abbeville County E-911 Director since 2011.
She received the 911 Director of the Year award for the state back in October, at the state APCO/NENA conference in Myrtle Beach. APCO and NENA help serve people employed in emergency communications.
APCO provides expertise and professional development for people in emergency communications, according to the organization’s Website.
NENA is a nonprofit organization focused on improving 911 operations, according to the group’s Website..
Kayla Rhodes, a supervisor with Abbeville County E-911, nominated Miller for the award, and APCO/NENA sent in the nominations to another state for judging, Miller said.
As E-911 director for Abbeville County, Miller super-

vises 911 telecommunications. “We have a total of 15, including myself,” she said.
This year marks the second time that Miller has won the Director of the Year award. “I also got Director of the Year in 2012,” she said.
It is not necessarily an easy job, according to Miller.
“We deal with so much stress,” she said.
Working as a telecommunicator is one job in which it is easy to get burned out.
Miller tries to lead by example. “I’m not going to ask my crew to do anything I’m not going to do myself,” she said.
Each county in the state, she believes, has 911 operations, and 911 is a 24/7 affair.
“We do 12-hour shifts,” she said. The Abbeville County E-911 operation is based in the Abbeville County Administrative Complex.
To be a good telecommunicator, one, must first of

all have a passion to help people, according to Miller.
It hasn’t always been easy to find people to work as telecommunicators--the pandemic made it especially difficult to find them.
“We’ve worked short-staffed but just having a good team we’ve made it through,” she said.
Telecommunicators, who first undergo about six months of training, must in their jobs be ready for just about anything, from shootings to cats stuck in trees.
“We have to be prepared,” she said.
Miller, meanwhile, has Abbeville County roots.
“I grew up in between Abbeville and Calhoun Falls,” she said.
A graduate of Calhoun Falls High School, she started her career as a telecommunicator for Abbeville County 911, and then became training coordinator before coming 911 Director.



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This decoration off Abbeville's Court Square helped put people in the mood for the City of Abbeville Christmas tree lighting recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Will millage go up with School District plan?

By Henry E. Green
 Will millage be going up when the Abbeville County School District issues acquisition bonds to complete the funding package for upgrades at Abbeville and Dixie high schools, and the Abbeville County Career Center?
 "I can't definitely say whether there will be a tax increase or not," said Adam Cann, the District's finance officer, last week.
 There are still a number of variables at play. The school board has approved a plan to issue \$7 million in acquisition bonds, bonds

which will be issued using \$7 million in equipment in the building project.
 "When we issue \$7 million in bonds, then we would need to have \$7 million in equipment in the new building project," he said
 This equipment would include items such as tables, chairs and desks, and HVAC units which would furnish the new academic wings at AHS and Dixie and the improvements at the Abbeville County Career Center .
 This equipment is already included in the cost of the project, he went on to say.
 "The cost of the equipment

is already included in that \$48 million, " but the district is still awaiting a final breakdown of the cost of the equipment, he went on to say.
 Cann would like to have that number by the middle of December.
 In addition to the bonds, the District plans to take approximately \$3 million from its fund balance, and the \$10 million total will supplement the \$38 million appropriation from the state--with the hope of making the upgrades at the high schools and Career Center a reality.

Community calendar

Lowndesville parade planned
 The Annual Lowndesville Christmas Parade will be on Sunday, December 11, at 3 p.m. To enter, simply email town hall at lowndesville@

wctel.net, call the office at 348-6118 and leave a message! No entry fee! The rain date is Sunday, Dec. 18th at 3 p.m.

Hospital board to meet
 The Abbeville Area Medical Center Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 29, at noon at the Abbeville Area Medical Center, and virtually.

Council takes action on contract, judge

By Henry E. Green
 The Abbeville City Council took action on a municipal judge and its City Manager's contract following executive session at its Nov. 9 meeting.
 Mike Clary, the City's Deputy Administrative Officer, sent this e-mail on Nov. 10.
 "After Executive Session last night Council voted to approve the City Manager's Employment Contract and they also voted to appoint Ed Strickland as the Chief Municipal Judge effective

January 1, 2022," he said.
 City Manager Blake Stone said Thursday that he has been City Manager four and one half years, and he served as Assistant City Manager one and one half years.
 According to Clary, City Council voted unanimously to extend Stone's contract for three years.

"The City has three judges total," Clary said. "Judge Strickland will receive an increase in pay when he

takes over as Chief Judge. This is due to the increased responsibilities of the Chief Judge including scheduling and additional oversight of court operations.
 "The vote to appoint Judge Strickland as the Chief Judge passed 5-4 with Mayor Edwards and Council members J. Edwards, Sutherland, Greeson, and Gambrell in favor and Council members Crawford, Thomas, Jackson, and Aikens opposed."

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Obituaries

Thomas

Graveside Services for Mrs. Frances, M. Thomas, 101, who entered into rest November 13, 2022, will be conducted Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock in Pineview Memorial Gardens with Dr. Benjamin Martin officiating. The family will receive friends following the graveside service.

Mrs. Thomas was a native of Abbeville, SC having made North Augusta her home for the past 70 years. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, the Mathews Bible Class and sang with The Grace Notes. Mrs. Thomas was a member of the Golden Glow Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as Past Matron. She was a former member of the Sheffield Club, the Sr. Adult Choir at First Baptist Church of North Augusta. Mrs. Thomas was a homemaker, seamstress, and was a very talented artist and was a member of the Palette and Porcelain Artist



Frances M. Thomas

Association of Augusta. She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Wingfield Martin, and Rosa Ann Williams Martin; her husband, James H. "Dugan" Thomas; three brothers and one sister. The family would like to express their appreciation to Guardian Angels and Agape Hospice for the special care they provided to Mrs. Thomas during her illness.

Survivors include four daughters, Suzanne Dederscheck, RoseMary (Tom) Ruffner, Marsha Lemons

and Cynthia Faulkner; seven grandchildren, Heather Garner, Amanda (Gary) Owens, Tommy (Kim) Ruffner, Keith (Erin) Lemons, Melanie (Dan) Vollmer, Jessica (Jarryd Brown) Faulkner and John (Hannah) Faulkner; eleven great-grandchildren, Britany (Enrique) Cortes, Morgan Garner, Anderson Ruffner, Jaxson Ruffner, Cason Ruffner, Hannah Brooks, Hayden Brooks, Rhett Vollner, Tess Lemons, Jamie Lemons, Kirsten Lemons; three great-great grandchildren; a number of nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be her grandsons and great-grandsons.

Memorials may be made to the ASCPA Albrecht Center for Animal Welfare at www.letlovelive.org

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta is in charge of arrangements (803) 278-1181.

Obituaries

Pearman

Mary Pruitt Pearman, 96, wife of the late James F. "Buck" Pearman Jr, died Sunday, November 20, 2022, at the Abbeville Nursing Home.

Born in the Level Land Community, Mrs. Pearman was the daughter of the late Guy Haskell Pruitt and Alma Ashley Pruitt. Employed by the Bank of Greenwood, now First Citizens, she retired after 50 years of service as the Vice President of the Ware Shoals Branch.

An active member of Donalds Baptist Church for many years, she formerly served as treasurer and a Sunday school teacher. She was also a member of the Old 96 Tourism Council, Ware Shoals Civic Women's Club, and an enthusiastic fan of the Clemson Tigers. She was loved dearly by all who knew her and will be remembered for her bright and charismatic spirit.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Pearman was preceded in death by a



Mary Pruitt Pearman

son, John Haskell Pearman, and a brother, Rev. Willis Pruitt.

Mrs. Pearman is survived by her son, James F. Pearman, III (Lauri) of Abbeville; daughter-in-law, Drexel A. Pearman of Ware Shoals; a sister, Vivian P. Creswell of the Level Land Community; two grandchildren, Kacy P. Cardarelli (Dan) and Drew Pearman.

The family received friends from 6-7:30 PM on Monday,

November 21, 2022, at Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Funeral services were 1:00 PM Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at Little River Baptist Church with Rev. Garrett Hart officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Jason Sturkie officiating.

The family is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James F. "Jim" Pearman, III.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Pearman, may be sent to The ALS Association S.C Chapter, 130 Gardeners Circle PMB 622, Johns Island, SC 29456 or to the Greater Abbeville Humane Society, PO Box 256, 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 Pearman family.

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National School Lunch Week

District Office staffers help out in cafeteria

By Henry E. Green

If you happened to see a number of staffers from the Abbeville County School District dressed in tie-dyed T-shirts last month, they may have been exercising their nostalgia for the Sixties--or they may have been observing National School Lunch Week.

That's because the theme of National School Lunch Week this year was "peace, love and school lunches," and a number of staffers, wearing decidedly colorful attire, served in school lunch rooms throughout the School District during this time.

About 1,600 to 1,800 students enjoy school lunches in the Abbeville County School District, partaking of a prime source of nutrition, and National School Lunch Week helped celebrate the contributions of school lunches here in Abbeville County and elsewhere around the nation.

The staffers serving included Sandy Knox, Kathy Bernard, Dione Ashley, Elizabeth Crocker, Skip

Hopkins, Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary, Matt Kimsey, Roni Scott, Holli Yates, and Brandi Sears.

"They all volunteered to go," said Maxwell. "They thoroughly enjoyed it."

The week before, all the School District's lunchroom personnel had been invited to the District office to tie-dye T-shirts for the occasion.

Meanwhile, local businesses contributed gift cards. "We had a drawing every day at each school," she said.

On the Friday drawing, one school in the District won a gift card to all businesses highlighted during the previous four days.

The staffers also sampled new food items introduced to the school lunch menu.

"They just helped wherever they were needed," she said, adding that some of them helped out at more than one school.

"I did participate as did many other district staff," said Hopkins Thursday. "We assisted the lunchroom managers and staff

with feeding our students. I served lunches at Long Cane Primary School, John C Calhoun Elementary School, and Cherokee Trail Elementary School. It was a great experience. Having been in my current role the last three years, there are not many opportunities to interact with our students. To me, that was the best part of the experience. Our students are our treasures and our purpose. Being around them was such a positive experience for me.

"It was also great to connect with our cafeteria managers and staff who do a phenomenal job for our students and district. I hope they know how much we value and appreciate the work that they do.

"Lastly, our Food Services Director, Jennifer Maxwell and her assistant, Kathy Peet, are to be commended for initiating this opportunity. They work so hard to ensure our students receive nutritional, balanced meals. It was a great week and I hope to assist them more often in the future."

CF library has new roof

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls branch of the Abbeville County Library System has a new roof, according to Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland.

"We have a new roof," said Mary Elizabeth Land, the Abbeville County Library System director. "We're very excited, and we're very grateful to the Town of

Calhoun Falls for making this happen.

"The building in which the Calhoun Falls library is housed has needed a new roof for quite a while.

"Funding however, is always a challenge We appreciate so much Mayor Holland and the Town Council making the library a priority."

The new roof in Calhoun Falls was completed last week

The building is located on Tugaloo Street in Calhoun Falls. "It serves the Calhoun Falls and surrounding communities, providing access too books to the Internet, and to programs all free of charge," Land went on to say.

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Praise

Psalm 104:33-34 "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the Lord."

Recently I read that singing Christmas carols is good for one's health, especially singing in a choir. According to this report singing can reduce stress as well as boost hormones that promote feelings of trust and bonding. Just as important, says this research, singing in a group can improve self-esteem and increase feelings of social belonging, which can ward off loneliness. The Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday time is probably the most stressful time of year for many folks. Stress will be multiplied this year due to inflation and other contributing factors. This passage of Scripture encourages us to sing praise to God. Three thoughts come to me from this passage.

First of all, notice the desire of the Psalmist. His desire is to sing praise to the Lord. That should be our desire. No matter what the circumstance is we should desire to sing praise to God. Our praise should be centered on

who God is and what He has done for us. Even taking into account inflation and the sad condition of our economy God has blessed us far beyond most nations in the world.

As bad as it is in America there are many nations far worse off than we are. We have a lot to be thankful for and we should express our thanks by praise to God. When we praise God we are recognizing where our blessings come from. When we sing praise to God it lifts our spirits and encourages our hearts. When we sing praise to God we are saying thank you to God—which is the least we can do for all His bountiful blessings.

Second, notice the duration of the Psalmists song of praise—"as long as I live." The duration of our singing the praises of God should last as long as we have breath. If we praise God every day it will still not be sufficient gratitude for all He has done for us. Praise should be what characterizes our

daily lives. Daily we should sing God's praises. When we daily sing the praises of God it lightens our load, it puts a positive spin on our activities, it makes our daily chores a joy rather than a drudge.

Third notice the delight of singing God's praise. Our delight in God grows sweeter each day we sing His praise. Singing praise to God is not only delightful to us but delightful to God. God wants to hear our praise. God blesses folks who sing His praises. When we sing the praises of God it fills our hearts with joy, and pleasure, and satisfaction.

When we sing God's praise it makes our lives worth living. Praise should characterize our personalities.

Praise to God marks us as His children and the world will take notice of that. We praise God not only with our lips but with the way we live our lives. May our lives as well as our lips praise the Lord.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ed Patton of Abbeville were among the crafters at Handmade for the Holidays, held recently at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Cheap! Cheap! Cheap! Abbeville one of most affordable communities in South Carolina

By Henry E. Green
So you need to pinch your pennies . . . Abbeville may just be the town for you! The State newspaper recently included information on the most affordable communities in South Carolina, and Abbeville was in the Top 10. The article ran in an issue in late November. The list includes the monthly bill expenses and percent of household income used for bills in each city.

Darlington: \$1,478 | 56%
Abbeville: \$1,472 | 48%
Manning: \$1,467 | 46%
Liberty: \$1,466 | 36%
Westminster: \$1,452 | 42%
Gaffney: \$1,446 | 45%
Loris: \$1,446 | 50%
Lake City: \$1,446 | 45%
Chesnee: \$1,433 | 38%
Kingstree: \$1,363 | 53%
Meanwhile, a study by doxo, a firm which helps people manage their bills, found Abbeville to be Number 77 in a list of 85 towns and cities in South Carolina. The average household in

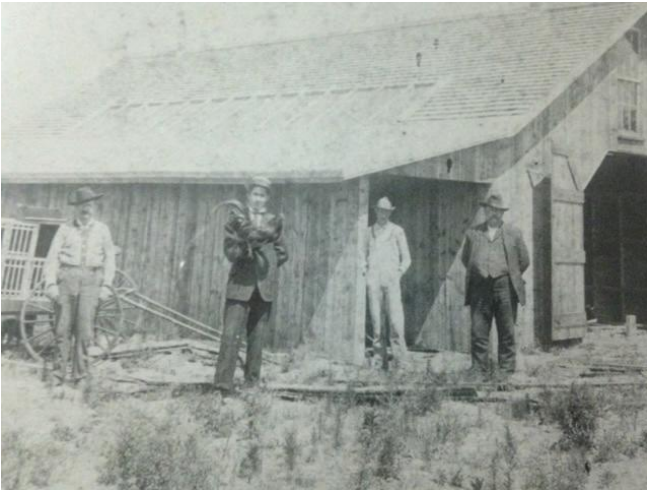
South Carolina pays \$1783 in bills per month, and Hilton Head may be the most expensive community, with residents paying as much as \$2569 per month in household bills. Household expenses in Abbeville, on the other hand, are 26.5 percent lower than the national average, and 17.5 percent lower than the state average. In Abbeville, the average household pays \$1472 monthly for the most common household bills.

Pancho Villa's Fighting South Carolina Gamecocks

By Tom Poland
I'll file this column under the category, Fowl History. Did Mexican Revolutionary War General, Pancho Villa, ride a train to Calhoun Falls, South Carolina to buy fighting gamecocks? Did he? Read on to unravel this tale of fighting gamecocks in the early 1900s. And read on, knowing I thank Emily and Laura Hester for their knowledge and proof of this unusual story. Hop aboard now. In the late 1880s the Savannah Valley Railroad ran through Calhoun Falls. The rail ceased service sometime later but apparently one could still get a train up that way, for in the early 1900s Pancho Villa rode the train to Calhoun Falls. There a famous cockfighter, Samuel "Tobe" Hester, kept pens filled with fighting chickens. Pancho Villa, real name, Doroteo Arango, wanted a pen of his own.

One Mrs. Henry Hester recalled that Pancho Villa stayed at the old hotel in Calhoun Falls while his men stayed in railroad cars on sidetracks along the depot. Villa, of course, had his own private railcar, but the old hotel, which looked like a five-star resort, suited Villa. As the chicken transaction took place, locals gathered at the depot to hear Villa's men sing Spanish songs while cooking supper. As they crooned, the train platform held crates of gamecocks bound for Mexico, not the mortal frying pan. Photos of Pancho Villa's fighting gamecocks in Calhoun Falls endure. In a grainy, soft focus, black and white image we see a Mexican in a suit and tie wearing what seems a Panama hat. He's holding a

gamecock perfect enough to adorn the USC block C logo. Three men flank him, one being Tobe Hester, perhaps. Another photo shows the depot, well pump and tank, and along the horizon the Tobe Hester house and many a pen



A fighting Calhoun Falls' rooster bound for Mexico. Photo courtesy of Laura Hester

housing roosters fit for a revolutionary. Yet another photo, found online, shows Pancho Villa and his fighting men standing with their rifles by their side. All wear bandoliers filled with ammunition. Fighting chickens and fighting men soon to do battle. The caption reads, "Pancho Villa comes to Calhoun Falls. Picture of Pancho and his men who made many trips up to Calhoun falls, S.C. to buy some Hester fighting chickens."

Pancho Villa came by his blood sport ways in an honest manner. Violence ran through his veins. The son of a field laborer, he found himself orphaned at an early age. When the owner of the estate where

Pancho worked assaulted his sister, Pancho killed him and fled to the mountains where he spent his adolescence as a fugitive. Later he dodged a death sentence when a stay of execution sent him to prison instead. He'd go on to govern the state of Chihuahua and emerge as a victorious leader of the Mexican Revolution helping to end Victoriano Huerta's regime. Later, when Villa and revolutionary co-leader Carranza turned on each other, Pancho Villa killed 17 U.S. citizens at Santa Isabel, Chihuahua, to send Carranza a message. "Don't mess with a rooster-fighting revolutionary."

Pancho walked the hard streets of life. He had little education but demonstrated skill as a soldier and organizer of men. Killing was in his blood, and he made for an effective revolutionary. Years later, Pancho Villa would suffer a fate similar to his roosters. Pancho's fighting gamecocks are long gone. Some died in combat. Others retired, too tough, perchance, for the frying pan. And Pancho? Assassins ambushed him July 20, 1923, in Parral, Chihuahua, Mexico. Just 45 years old, he died in a barrage of bullets.



Rooster lodging in Hester, South Carolina, near Calhoun Falls. Photo courtesy of Emily Hester

'Handmade for the Holidays' successful

By Henry E. Green
"This is my hobby," said Stacie Kissell of Calhoun Falls. "My full time job is in finance." Kissell, who is originally from Georgia, was selling dessert candles, shot glasses, wine glasses--all part of Kissell Creations. She was just one of a number of vendors participating in Handmade for the Holidays, held at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville this past weekend. Presented by the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce, the event also featured vendors like John and Cindy Nickles of Due West, who were offering samples of delicious fruitcake, and David Sorrow, who was there with pottery from his business Pin Oak Pottery. "It was a successful event for all of our vendors," said Chamber executive director Anna LaGrone. Featuring approximately 30 vendors, Handmade

for the Holidays was held Friday and Saturday, and it is just one of the holiday events being planned by the Chamber, said Anna LaGrone, the Chamber's executive director. For those of you with a decidedly sweet tooth, the Cookie Walk will be held on Dec. 3 in downtown Abbeville from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. "It's very family friendly," she said. The Cookie Walk, a Chamber fund-raiser, will feature more than one dozen stops. "It is a ticketed event and they are \$10 apiece," she said. "They can be bought in person at the chamber or received over the phone with credit or debit." For more information, one may call LaGrone at 366-3806. The first stop on the Cookie Walk is the Chamber, where they can get cookies, a map and a cookie bag. Meanwhile, Breakfast with Santa will be held on Dec. 10 at the Belmont Inn from


8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tickets--\$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years old and under-- may be purchased at the Chamber. Breakfast is being presented by the Chamber with the assistance of the Belmont Inn, and LaGrone expressed gratitude for their support. Small Business Saturday--Nov. 26-- is also coming up, and the Chamber is participating. "We're doing an event where you shop at one city business and one county business and write one review of an Abbeville County business," LaGrone said. Participants may come to the Chamber and claim their prize--a tote bag. LaGrone noted that Small Business Saturday is not just for retail stores but for restaurants and service-based businesses as well. For more information, one may call 366-3806.



American Legion Post 2 presented a Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 11. During the program, a drawing excited those in attendance. Abbeville County veterans affairs officer Teresa Mahaffey (right) read aloud the winning number after the ticket was drawn by Zac Brooks (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Panthers defeat Fairfield-Central Abbeville to play for Upper State title

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville will be playing for the Upper State championship, thanks to a victory over Fairfield Central Friday night at Hite Stadium, 45-14.

The Panthers established control early in the game Friday night and never looked back. Abbeville kicked off to Fairfield-Central to open the game, but the Panthers snuffed out what looked like a promising Griffin drive when Ty Cade intercepted an F-C passed and returned it about 45 yards for a touchdown.

Later in the first quarter, Abbeville took over on downs at the Fairfield 24, and six plays later, it was Ty Cade again, rambling into the end zone from the F-C three to provide the Panthers with another touchdown.

In the second quarter, Addison Nickles kicked a 43-yard field goal to put the Panthers up 17-0.

Jha'Louis Hadden rambled into the end zone, providing, with a touchdown

run of approximately three yards, another touchdown, and AHS led 24-0.

The Griffins finally got on the score board just before halftime, with a 20 yard touchdown pass that cut the Abbeville lead to 24-6, and the Griffin two point conversion was no good.

Abbeville got the ball to open the second half, and took advantage with a scoring drive that ended with a 39 yard Antonio Harrison touchdown to put the Panthers up 31-6.

Abbeville got a scare when the Griffins recovered a fumble at the Abbeville 36, and launched a drive in which they made it all the way to the Abbeville seven.

However, on a fourth and four, a Griffin pass was batted away, and the Panthers took over at their own seven.

Four plays later, Karson Norman was on the receiving end of a 54 yard touchdown pass from Zay Rayford, and AHS extended its lead to 38-6.

Later in the third quarter,

Abbeville recovered a Griffin fumble at the Panther eight yard line, and drove all the way to the Griffin three yard line, where Hadden punched it in for a score. Abbeville led 45-6, and the Griffins finally answered very late in the fourth quarter with a 79 yard drive that ended with a one yard touchdown run. With the two point conversion good, the Griffins sliced the AHS lead to 45-14, and that is how the game ended.

AHS finished with 484 yards of total offense, with 328 of that coming from the Panther ground game.

AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles was happy about his team's performance.

"I was pleased with the overall effort," Nickles said following the game.

Now the Panthers will take on Saluda for the Upper State championship at Hite Stadium in Abbeville this coming Friday, with game time set at 7:30 p.m.



Abbeville High School's Jamal Marshall (6) was among the AHS ball carriers during the Panthers' victory over Fairfield-Central in Abbeville in the third round of the playoffs. (Photo by Andy Johnston)

Tina Burton of CF Week 12 winner

By Henry E. Green

Tina Burton of Calhoun Falls, come and claim your prize! You are the winner of this week's Press and Banner football contest!

"Missing only one pick--Tina Burton wins week 12," said Contest Editor Lamar T. West.

"Thankfully for "Mr. Tie-breaker" Tina missed only one for 15 entries missed only 2 with the majority, not all, believing Ole Miss would win over Arkansas.

"As contest editor I had quite a few questions as to why Clemson/Miami and South Carolina/Tennessee were not among the game list last week. As I usually try to select games that would be in question, believing contestants would have selected Clemson over Miami being correct and contestants would have picked Tennessee to beat South Carolina with all being incorrect.

"South Carolina @ Clemson is among picks this week all though playing at high noon it is probably a gimmie (give me) as well.

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"If you have yet to win pick carefully and SEE YOU NEXT YEAR, Good Lord willing!"

Week 12 was definitely one which Carolina fans will remember for a long, long time, with the 63-38 victory our Amazing Chickens won in their shoot-out with Tennessee in Columbia.

Our crystal ball was seriously out of whack, as we foresaw a bloodbath.

Who knew that the blood being spilled would be that of the Volunteers, and who could believe that this was the same Carolina team that was embarrassed at Florida just the week before?

We certainly didn't.

However, we were definitely on track when we predicted a Clemson victory over Miami.

We spoke to one Clemson fan who said she was pulling for Carolina because she knew that if Tennessee lost that the Charming Kitties would move up in the polls--and they did!

However, Clemson is still a long shot to move into the playoff picture.

The Carolina victory makes us wonder. Do the Chickens have a chance when they visit Death Valley this coming Saturday?

Before the victory over Tennessee, we didn't think so, but now--who knows?

It all depends on which Carolina team shows up--the smokin' machine that annihilated Tennessee, or the Gang that Couldn't Shoot Straight, that showed up against Missouri and Florida?

It might be close, but we believe Clemson will prevail, if only because the game is being played in Death Valley.

No, we're not going to predict a score this time. We're not feeling much like a prophet right now.



Javario Tinch (17) was one of the major offensive threats for the Abbeville High School Panthers recently against Fairfield Central. (Photo by Andy Johnston)

500 Friday nights Mark Smith celebrates a milestone

By Henry E. Green

"Five hundred games is a lot of Friday nights," Mark Smith mused.

Smith should know. Friday night's game between Abbeville and Fairfield Central marked the 500th AHS football game that Smith has helped coach.

His wife Cherri has reminded him that this does not include the time he has spent in such tasks as mopping the locker room, going over film, and working with the kids in the weight room.

That's OK, though. "I wouldn't change a thing," said the Panther assistant coach.

Smith is quick to say that, although it might sound cliché, he is the one who has benefited from the experience.

"The good Lord has blessed me, he said. "Even I couldn't screw this up."

He still remembers how it all started. "Coach Jameson and Coach Hendrix hired me 39 years ago," he said.

Since that time, nearly four decades ago, he has seen a parade of coaches, ending with current head coach Jamie Nickles., with whom he is close friends.

"Jamie and I have been like brothers," he said.

The friendships he has forged have certainly been an integral dividend of his coaching career.

"Winning certainly helps,"

he said. "It's the journey that you learn so many lessons from."

In Smith's estimation, there is no place that supports athletics quite like Abbeville.

"They roll the sidewalks up on Friday nights," he said.

Indeed, his children grew up noting that Friday was indeed special.

Smith said that for years he was the assistant head football coach. Now, he jokes, he is just a "plain old guy", going to coaches' meetings, going to the players' practices, and then to the games on Friday nights.

Smith was asked if he would be getting anything to help mark the occasion--a cake, maybe?

To Smith, something far better was waiting in the wings.

"My family is coming to the game," he said.

Yes, his wife Cherri, son Tucker, and daughter Emily Anna were all planning to be there. They have all supported him through the years, and he is most appreciative.

While Game Number 500 has been duly noted, does Smith remember that very first AHS game he helped coach?

As a matter of fact, he does.

"We played Gilbert High School 39 years ago in Columbia at a stadium shared by several high schools," he said.

Mike Hendrix was the coach back then, and although Smith remembers that the Panthers won, he doesn't quite remember the score.

Through the years, the high school game has changed--in terms of both players and style.

"Players today are probably a little bigger, faster, stronger," he said, noting that this is probably due to more emphasis on nutrition and working out in the weight room.

The high school game has changed as well. Today there is more passing, and much more in the way of "wide open offenses."

Thus, offenses have become more versatile.

"When I started almost all coaches coached both sides of the ball"--offense and defense--he said, adding that there were not, as a rule, as many coaches on a high school's staff as there are today. Today, assistant coaches tend to specialize in one thing.

"It's been cool to see these changes through the years," he said.

Some things haven't changed, though. "You still have to block and tackle," he said.

The team that is more physical and has fewer turnovers is probably going to win the game, he went on to say.



Dixie girls finish second in state in cross country

The Dixie High School girls cross country team finished second in the state in the 1-A classification, in the state meet on Nov. 10, according to published reports.

Eighth grader Ashten Stoll

finished second individually with a time of 20 minutes and eight milliseconds, while freshman Rachel Prescott came in fourth with a time of 21:06:19, and her sister Ansley Prescott came in 10th,

with a time of 21:57:37.


Clara Angel, Nicole Hershberger, Ruth Ellen Redding, and Alia Hershberger finished 13th, 22nd, 23rd, and 29th, respectively, according to reports.




Jha'Louis Hadden (15) was one of the many scorers for the Abbeville High School Panthers during the AHS victory over Fairfield-Central in the third round of the playoffs. (Photo by Andy Johnston)



Abbeville defeated Fairfield Central recently in the third round of the playoffs. One of the reasons for the Panther victory was Karson Norman (16). (Photo by Andy Johnston)



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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
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ever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such
persons shall be forever barred as to their claims.
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statements on the prescribed form (FORM
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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.

Estate: Terry Lee Taylor
Date of Death: 09/19/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100280
Personal Representative: Brenda Means
Address: 61 Deckside Drive Iva, SC 29655
11/9;3tc

Estate: Julia S. Petty
Date of Death: 8/18/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100284
Personal Representative: Edith I NEW
Address: 977 Old Abbeville Hwy, Abbeville, SC
29620 11/9;3tc

Legals

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree
heretofore granted in the
case of: American Advi-
sors Group vs. Joseph Al-
len Gambrell; Michael Ste-
phen Gambrell; The United
States of America acting by
and through its agency The
Department of Housing and
Urban Development; , C/A
No. 2015CP0100261, The
following property will be
sold on December 5, 2022,
at 2:00 PM at the Abbeville
County Courthouse to the
highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel
or tract of land situate, lying
and being in the State of

South Carolina, County of
Abbeville, being shown and
designated as 15.22 acres,
more or less, as shown on
a survey entitled “James
Allen Gambrell” prepared
by Farmer & Simpson Engi-
neers, and being dated July
12, 1972 of record in the
Office of the Clerk of Court
for Abbeville County, SC in
Plat Book 45 at Page 34;
and having the metes and
bounds, courses and dis-
tances as upon said plat ap-
pear. Reference being invit-
ed to heretofore referenced
plat for a more particular de-
scription of the above 15.22
acres, more or less.

AND

All that certain piece, parcel
or tract of land situate, lying
and being in the State of
South Carolina, County of
Abbeville, being shown and
designated as 0.17 acre,
more or less, as shown on a
Plat prepared for American
Advisors Group, prepared
by Chao & Associates, and
being dated April 28, 2020
of record in the Office of the
Clerk of Court for Abbeville
County, SC in Plat Book 79
at Page 88; and having the
metes and bounds, cours-
es and distances as upon
said plat appear. Said plat
is incorporated herein by
this reference for a more
complete and accurate de-
scription, all measurements

being a little more or less.

Derivation: Book 322 Page
574
405 Horse Farm Road, Iva,
SC 29655-8136

TMS/PIN# 032-00-00-061

SUBJECT TO ASSESS-
MENTS, ABBEVILLE
COUNTY AD VALOREM
TAXES, EASEMENTS
AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS
OF RECORD, AND OTHER
SENIOR ENCUMBRANC-
ES.

TERMS OF SALE: A 5%
deposit in certified funds is
required. The deposit will
be applied towards the pur-

chase price unless the bid-
der defaults, in which case
the deposit will be forfeited.
If the successful bidder fails,
or refuses, to make the re-
quired deposit, or comply
with his bid within 30 days,
then the property will be re-
sold at his risk. No personal
or deficiency judgment be-
ing demanded, the bidding
will not remain open after the
date of sale, but compliance
with the bid may be made
immediately. The success-
ful bidder will be required to
pay interest on the amount
of the bid from date of sale
to date of compliance with
the bid at the rate of 5.06%
per annum. For complete
terms of sale, see Judg-

ment of Foreclosure and
Sale filed with the Abbeville
County Clerk of Court at
C/A #2015CP0100261.

**NOTICE: The foreclosure
deed is not a warranty
deed. Interested bidders
should satisfy themselves
as to the quality of title to
be conveyed by obtain-
ing an independent title
search prior to the fore-
closure sale date.**

John J. Hearn
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 100200
Columbia, SC 29202-3200
(803) 744-4444
017108-00104
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to Resources/Foreclosure Sales)

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL
ACTION NO. 2022-CP-01-
00127 BY VIRTUE of the
decree heretofore granted
in the case of: Truist Bank,
formerly known as Branch
Banking and Trust Company
vs. Sharon Melissa Sander-
son, the undersigned Mas-
ter In Equity for Abbeville
County, South Carolina, will
sell on December 5, 2022
at 02:00 PM, or on another
date, thereafter as approved
by the Court, at the Court-
house, City of Abbeville,
State of South Carolina, to
the highest bidder:

A TRACT OF LAND SITU-
ATE IN DUE WEST TOWN-
SHIP, ABBEVILLE COUN-
TY, SOUTH CAROLINA,
KNOWN, DESIGNATED
AND MORE PARTICULAR-
LY DESCRIBED AS TRACT
4, CONTAINING APPROXI-
MATELY 4.4 ACRES ON
A PLAT THEREOF, ENTI-
TLED “BOUNDARY PLAT

FOR CLAIR STEINER
FARM PROPERTY NEAR
DUE WEST” MADE BY N.
WAYNE REYNOLDS, SR.,
DATED AUGUST, 1978,
RECORDED IN THE OF-
FICE OF THE CLERK OF
COURT FOR ABBEVILLE
COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK
24, AT PAGE 5, TO WHICH
REFERENCE IS HEREBY
MADE FOR A MORE PAR-
TICULAR DESCRIPTION
THEREOF.

SAID TRACT OF LAND IS
SUBJECT TO RESERVA-
TION BY CLAIR W. AND
MARTHA H. STEINER,
THEIR HEIRS, EXECU-
TORS, ADMINISTRA-
TORS AND ASSIGNS OF
THE RESERVATION OF
A RIGHT-OF-WAY AP-
PURTENANT ACROSS
THE EASTERLY SIDE OF
SAID TRACT OF LAND, 80
FEET IN WIDTH FOR IN-
GRESS AND EGRESS TO
AND FROM S.C. STATE
HIGHWAY NO. 181 TO
AND FROM LANDS OF

STEINER LOCATED ON
THE SOUTHERLY SIDE
OF THE ABOVE-DE-
SCRIBED PROPERTY
WHICH RIGHT-OF-WAY
IS A RIGHT-OF-WAY AP-
PURTENANT TO THE
LANDS HEREINABOVE
DESCRIBED.

ALSO: A RIGHT-OF-WAY
APPURTENANT 50 FEET
IN WIDTH TO AND FROM
S.C. STATE HIGHWAY NO.
181 AND TO AND FROM
THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED
LANDS HEREIN CON-
VEYED LOCATED ADJA-
CENT AND PARALLEL TO
TRACT 3 DESCRIBED ON
THE ABOVE-MENTIONED
PLAT, WHICH RIGHT-OF-
WAY IS A RIGHT-OF-WAY
APPURTENANT TO THE
LANDS HEREINABOVE
DESCRIBED.

THIS BEING THE SAME
PROPERTY CONVEYED
TO ROGER ALLEN SAND-
ERSON AND SHARON
MELISSA SANDERSON,

AS TENANCY IN COM-
MON WITH RIGHT OF
SURVIVORSHIP, BY DEED
OF LAURIE D. STAHL
AND WILLIAM L. STAHL,
JR. DATED JULY 14, 2011
AND RECORDED JULY
15, 2011 IN BOOK 289 AT
PAGE 131 IN THE OFFICE
OF THE REGISTER OF
DEEDS FOR ABBEVILLE
COUNTY, SOUTH CARO-
LINA.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF
PROPERTY: 76 Proud
Hope Ln, Due West, SC
29639
TMS: 050-00-00-012

TERMS OF SALE: The
successful bidder, other
than the Plaintiff, will depos-
it with the *, at conclusion
of the bidding, five percent
(5%) of his bid, in cash or
equivalent, as evidence of
good faith, same to be ap-
plied to the purchase price
in case of compliance, but in
the case of non-compliance
to be forfeited and first ap-

plied to the costs incurred
by the Plaintiff related to the
sale and the balance then
applied to the Plaintiff's debt
in a manner suitable to the
Plaintiff. Should the last and
highest bidder fail to comply
with the other terms of the
bid within thirty (30) days,
then the Master In Equity
may re-sell the property on
the same terms and condi-
tions on some subsequent
Sales Day. No personal
or deficiency judgment be-
ing demanded, the bidding
shall not remain open after
the date of sale and shall be
final on that date, and com-
pliance with the bid may be
made immediately. Pur-
chaser to pay for documen-
tary stamps on the Deed.
The successful bidder will
be required to pay interest
on the amount of the bal-
ance of the bid from date of
sale to date of compliance
with the bid at the rate of
4.75% per annum. The sale
shall be subject to taxes
and assessments, existing

easements and restrictions,
easements and restrictions
of record and any other se-
nior encumbrances.

In the event an agent of
Plaintiff does not appear at
the time of sale, the within
property shall be withdrawn
from sale and sold at the
next available sales date
upon the terms and condi-
tions as set forth in the
Judgment of Foreclosure
and Sale or such terms as
may be set forth in a supple-
mental order.

The Honorable Roy R.
Hemphill
Master In Equity for Abbev-
ille County

Brock & Scott, PLLC
3800 Fernandina Road,
Suite 110
Columbia, SC 29210
Attorneys for Plaintiff
Phone (803) 454-3540
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NOTICE OF SALE

2022-CP-01-00148

BY VIRTUE of a decree
heretofore granted in the
case of: US Bank Trust Na-
tional Association, Not In
Its Individual Capacity But
Solely As Owner Trustee
For VRMTG Asset Trust
against Judith A. Norman
and Discover Bank, I, the
undersigned Master in Equi-
ty for Abbeville County, will
sell on December 5, 2022,
at 2:00 p.m., or on another
date, thereafter as approved
by the Court, at the County
Courthouse in Abbeville,
South Carolina, to the high-
est bidder, the following de-
scribed property, to-wit:

A lot of land, together with
a dwelling house and other
improvements thereon, si-
tuate in the City and County
of Abbeville, South Caroli-
na, known, designated and
more particularly described

as Lot No. 107 Northside
Heights Subdivision, and
being more particularly de-
scribed on a plat thereof
made by J. Rivers Mabry,
RLS, from a survey made
April 1, 1966 and recorded
in the Office of the Clerk of
Court for Abbeville County
in Plat Book 14 at Page 269,
to which reference is hereby
made for a more particular
description thereof.

Being the same proper-
ty conveyed to Martha M.
Norman, Martha Linda N.
Wiley, Judy N. McNair, and
George R. Norman, by deed
from the Estate of George T.
Norman; thereafter, Martha
N. Wiley, Judy N. McNair,
and George R. Norman
conveyed their interest in
the subject property to Mar-
tha Sue Norman by deed
dated August 27, 1974 and
recorded in Deed Book 120
at Page 103 and by deed
dated May 30, 1975 and
recorded June 18, 1975

in Deed Book 119 at Page
268; thereafter, Martha Sue
Norman died intestate on
February 16, 2004, leaving
the Property to her heirs
at law or devisees, name-
ly, Linda Norman Wiley,
Judy Norman McNair, and
George Randall Norman,
by Deed of Distribution dat-
ed January 14, 2005, and
recorded January 18, 2005
in Deed Book 248 at Page
383; thereafter, Linda Nor-
man Wiley and Judy Nor-
man McNair conveyed their
interest in the subject prop-
erty to G. Randall Norman
by deed dated February 4,
2005 and recorded Febru-
ary 11, 2005 in Deed Book
248 at Page 817; thereafter,
George Randall Norman
aka G. Randall Norman aka
George Norman died tes-
tate on November 8, 2015,
leaving the Property to his
heirs at law or devisees,
namely, Judith A. Norman,
by Deed of Distribution dat-
ed December 6, 2016, and

recorded December 6, 2016
in Deed Book 322 at Page
79.

TMS No. 108-08-03-009
Property Address: 507
Sunset Drive, Abbeville, SC
29620

TERMS OF SALE: The suc-
cessful bidder, other than
the plaintiff, will deposit with
the Master in Equity at con-
clusion of the bidding, five
per cent (5%) of said bid, in
cash or equivalent, as evi-
dence of good faith, same
to be applied to purchase
price in case of compliance,
but to be forfeited and ap-
plied first to costs and then
to plaintiff's debt in the case
of noncompliance. Should
the successful bidder fail or
refuse to make the required
deposit at time of bid or
comply with the other terms
of the bid within thirty (30)
days, then the Master in Equi-
ty may resell the property
on the same terms and con-
ditions (at the risk of the said

defaulting bidder). Should
the Plaintiff, or one of its
representatives, fail to be
present at the time of sale,
the property is automatical-
ly withdrawn from said sale
and sold at the next avail-
able sales day upon the
terms and conditions as
set forth in the Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale or any
Supplemental Order. The
successful bidder will be re-
quired to pay for documen-
tary stamps on the Deed
and interest on the balance
of the bid from the date of
sale to the date of compli-
ance with the bid at the rate
of 6.5000%.

**THIS SALE IS SUBJECT
TO ASSESSMENTS,
COUNTY TAXES, EXIST-
ING EASEMENTS, EASE-
MENTS AND RESTRIC-
TIONS OF RECORD, AND
OTHER SENIOR ENCUM-
BRANCES.** No personal or
deficiency judgment being
demanded, the bidding will

not remain open after the
date of sale, but compliance
with the bid may be made
immediately.

NOTICE: The foreclosure
deed is not a warranty
deed. Interested bidders
should satisfy themselves
as to the quality of title to
be conveyed by obtaining
an independent title search
well before the foreclosure
sale date.

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BY SOCIAL DISTANCING
GUIDELINES AND MAY BE
REQUIRED TO WEAR A
MASK OR OTHER FACIAL
COVERING. Any person
who violates said protocols
is subject to dismissal at the
discretion of the selling offi-
cer or other court officials.

Riley Pope & Laney, LLC
Post Office Box
11412 Columbia, SC 29211
(803) 799-9993 Attorneys
for Plaintiff 4821

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