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Fireworks at Lake Secession for the Fourth of July? It is truly a tradition. Here is how it looked this year on the evening of July 2. The photograph was just given to us recently by Lake Secession resident Nathan Reuland. (Photo courtesy of Nathan Reuland)

City Council appoints Grant as city judge

By Henry E. Green

Jim Grant was appointed by Abbeville City Council Wednesday night to be an associate judge for the City.

Grant, who has a background in law enforcement, served on Abbeville City Council 2016 to 2020.

"Prior to that I was already a municipal court judge," he said Thursday morning.

Now he will be a judge again.

City Council on Wednesday night took the action to appoint Grant after an executive session, and the newly-appointed judge reflected on his background.

"I had 35 and a half years in law enforcement," he said.

Grant said Thursday that he believes in treating people fairly. "My motto is truth and justice," he said.

"I am from West Columbia," he went on to say. "I married an Abbeville lady. I've been

here since 1999."

Grant began his law enforcement career by working with the City of Columbia Police before joining the Highway Patrol. "I retired in February, 2009."

When the late mayor Harold McNeill asked him if he wanted to be a city judge, he readily agreed.

Among the things a city judge deals with are traffic and criminal cases, bond hearings, jury trials, and preliminary hearings.

He will be working with fellow municipal judges Ed Strickland and Carolyn Brownlee.

Judge Bill McNeill is retiring in December of this year, and Grant paid tribute to him.

"I had the benefit of being trained and supervised by one of best judges we've ever had--Bill McNeil," Grant said. "He will be truly

missed."

Grant said that he will be going to judges school in Columbia, and will take a test, and will be sworn in by Council at a later date.

Mike Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer with the City, provided on Thursday some details about the appointment.

"The appointment was approved 6-2 by City Council," he said.

Council members Jason Edwards and Matt Gambrell voted in opposition, Clary said.

"The executive session lasted over three hours, and four persons were interviewed in executive session.

Those persons were, in addition to Grant, Jamie Lewis, Calvin Wharton and Don Reese.



Abbeville City Council voted recently to appoint Jim Grant of Abbeville to a post as a municipal judge. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

For McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House Society receives massive state grant

By Henry E. Green

Members of the Abbeville County Legislative Delegation made an official presentation Thursday to officials with the Abbeville County Historical Society of a grant from the state of South Carolina of \$150,000 to the Society, for restoration/repair projects of the McGowan Barksdale Bundy House in Abbeville.

State Senators Billy Garrett and Mike Gambrell and State Rep. Craig Gagnon joined Historical Society president Andrew Hartsfield, Society board member Bill Rogers for a photo opportunity with a "big check" for \$150,000.

The Society's board had been planning for more than two years the restoration of the house's four chimneys and replacing the leaking roofs--both the first story tin roof and the second story

shingled roof.

"The mortar had deteriorated between the bricks and bricks falling on the roof were further damaging the already leaking roof," Rogers said.

Rogers indicated that to raise funds for the projects, he secured grants totaling more than \$200,000, along with some local donations.

The \$150,000 grant was part of this, as was a \$35,000 grant secured through the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

The Society hired K and D Contracting Services, LLC of Columbia to restore the chimneys, and the roofing work was done by Adams and Coe Roofing of Anderson, Rogers said.

The house was built in 1888 for Gen. Samuel McGowan, who was at that time an Associate South

Carolina State Supreme Court Justice, according to Rogers. The architect was G. L. Norman of Atlanta.

The house was given to the Society in 1989 by the late J.D. Bundy, a nephew of the late General William E. Barksdale, who resided in the house at one time during its history.

The house, which is today the Society's headquarters, is located at 305 North Main in Abbeville.

Every year, eighth graders from throughout the County tour the house in line with their study of South Carolina history, and they tour the Burt Stark Mansion as well.

The house is home to paintings, books, old photographs, uniforms and flags, as well as a copy of the state's Ordinance of Secession.



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Ordinance to upgrade City's utility system

By Henry E. Green

(See related story.) Abbeville City Council passed second and final reading Wednesday night on a bond issue to provide financing for an upgrade in the City's utility system.

The ordinance provides for the issuance of up to \$800,000 in bonds to finance the construction of the Lowndesville "tie in" point in the City's utility system, something which promises to improve that system.

The bond issue is to "provide financing for the Lowndesville tie in point between the City and Duke power."

"The City Council has determined that certain im-

provements to the electrical component of the System are now necessary, consisting of a tie-in of such component with power supply lines to reduce the frequency and duration of outages in the Lowndesville and Lake Secession areas," the proposed ordinance states.

Council passed the ordinance with an amendment, according to Deputy Administrative Officer Mike Clary.

"The ordinance originally included language that combined the solid waste fund into the City's utility fund," said Clary.

As part of the process of paperwork for the bond, it was discovered by the City

bond counsel that the "City's overarching bond ordinance permits the inclusion of the solid waste fund into the utility fund. However, the City's agreement with PMPA, an agreement dating from the 80s, does not permit the solid waste to be included."

The amendment eliminated the "inclusion" language from the ordinance, and this amendment passed unanimously.

The City's combined utility system takes in electric, water and sewer. The City had taken steps to include the sanitation division into the utility system.

"That was not in compliance with the City's agreement with PMPA," he said.

Students return to school August 2

By Henry E. Green

Tuesday, August 2 will be the first day of school for students in the Abbeville County School District for the 2022-23 school year.

Students at the Calhoun Falls Charter School will start back on the same day.

Teachers are going back to school this week, and a Welcome Back program was held at Wright Middle School this past Monday, and the School District Teacher of the Year announced.

This year's Teacher of the Year is Shannon Carter, who teaches special education at Wright Middle School.

Carter was presented with the award by school board chairman Brad Evans and School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary, assisted by last year's Teacher of the Year, Shannon Temple.

Teachers of the Year at the individual schools were also recognized.

They included Leslie Price at the Abbeville County Career Center, Bill Glace at AHS, Michael Turner at Cherokee Trail Elementary, Wendy Hanna at Diamond Hill Elementary, Sylvia Bryant at Dixie, Varonica Crawford at John C. Calhoun Elementary, Brooklyn Pressley at Long Cane Primary, Mary Sheppard at Westwood, and Shannon Carter at Wright Middle.

Approximately 250 District employees were on hand for the gathering, Dr. Gary said.

School board chairman Brad Evans opened the

gathering with a call for District personnel to have a positive spirit in tackling the new school year.

District employees, he said, should remember the three Ps-- "perseverance, passion and pride."

"Remember the three Ps," he said.

Westwood Elementary School teacher Anna Williams brought the house down when she sang a parody of the song "Let It Go" from the Disney movie "Frozen."

"Here We Go," she sang, bringing many a chuckle as she described, tongue in cheek, the life of a teacher.

Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary, who is in his third year as Superintendent, welcomed new teachers.

"You have joined the best team in the state," he told them.

He also welcomed school board members Brad Evans, Tim Rhodes, Joe Bryson, and Marvin Peoples, who were all in attendance.

The District is not without challenges, he went on to say. "COVID is still here," he said, noting that the District must overcome the less than positive effects of the pandemic on education.

"We have work to do," he said.

When you invest in the life of a child, that child will grow up to invest to pass on that investment to a new generation, Dr. Gary said.

"It is eternal," he said.

The program Monday also included a breakfast sponsored by HopeSouth.

Last week, Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson led a presentation to school principals and administrators about school security.

"Sheriff Watson, Captain Thompson, and Lieutenant Banks gave a presentation to our district administration and school principals," said Dr. Skip Hopkins, the District's director of student services.

"We have a strong partnership with ACSO and they stressed the importance of staff training and practicing emergency drills. All schools will have safety training at their schools on Tuesday July 26, 2022. All schools will complete their required drills in the first few weeks of school."

This school year will be slightly different from years past, when school started in mid-August.

This school year will include an intersession Oct. 3 through Oct. 7. The District office will remain open during the intersession, but students and teachers will have a holiday. Election Day on Nov. 8 will be a holiday, and the District will have fall break Nov. 21-25.

Winter break will last Dec. 19-Jan. 2, there will be a second intersession Feb. 21-24, and spring break will be April 10-14. June 1 will be the last day for students.



Shannon Carter, who teaches special education at Wright Middle School, has been named the Abbeville County School District Teacher of the Year for 2022-23. Here she is being congratulated by District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Teachers of the Year for the individual schools in the Abbeville County School District were announced recently at the District's Welcome Back program to welcome back District personnel for the 2022-23 school year. They included Leslie Price of the Abbeville County Career Center, Bill Glace of Abbeville High School, Michael Turner of Cherokee Trail Elementary, Wendy Hanna of Diamond Hill Elementary, Sylvia Bryant of Dixie High School, Varonica Crawford of John C. Calhoun Elementary, Brooklyn Pressley of Long Cane Primary, Mary Sheppard of Westwood Elementary, and Shannon Carter of Wright Middle School. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Chamber name change announced

By Henry E. Green

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce is changing its name to the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce, Chamber executive director Anna LaGrone announced Thursday night. LaGrone made the announcement Thursday night at a Chamber reception. In conjunction with the announcement, she unveiled a rendering of four logos she is considering for adoption as the new Chamber logo,

and she is welcoming public comment on which one to choose. LaGrone and the Chamber board have made it a priority to remind Abbeville County residents that the Chamber is indeed County-wide in scope, and not just an entity serving the city of Abbeville. This year's Chamber banquet, for example was held at the Lowndesville Community Center in Lowndesville, and the Chamber held a community meeting in Due

West earlier this year. Also Thursday night, LaGrone introduced Randy Curtis as the new Chamber president. Curtis, who lives on Church Street in Abbeville, is also the Abbeville County voter registration director. This past Saturday, the Chamber held a Blue Crab and Blues event at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls, in conjunction with the Chamber's 40th anniversary.



Randy Curtis (right) is the new president of the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce. It was announced at a recent Chamber reception. Here he is with Chamber board member Alison Stone. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Those in attendance at the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce's Blue Crab and Blues event recently had the opportunity to enjoy excellent seafood, as shown here. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Westwood Elementary teachers and administrators gave of their time Monday to give back to the community. Some of them went to the McGowan Barksdale Bundy House -- (from left) Angie Ferguson, Amber Rowland, Anita Dennis, Stephanie Boyd, Jo Marie Price, and Jennifer Harper. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

An hour of their time Westwood Elementary launches community service project

By Henry E. Green

Westwood works. That was the slogan Monday, as approximately 30 teachers and administrators from this Abbeville elementary school spread out throughout the city of Abbeville to put in an hour of giving back to the community.

Some went to the McGowan Barksdale Bundy House, where they did a bit of house cleaning, some bagged groceries at Ingles, some went to the Abbeville County Museum to polish and clean, some went to the Abbeville County Library to help with story time, and some picked up trash on Abbeville's Court Square

under the toasty July sun.

They all wore matching T shirts, as they gave up one hour of their time--1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.-- Monday afternoon.

Monday, incidentally, was the day teachers and administrators returned for the 2022-23 school year--the first day of school for students is August 2.

The premise of the project, which is in its first year, was simple--giving back to the community, said Westwood instructional leader Angie Ferguson.

Later in the day, Historical Society board member Bill Rogers, sent an e-mail in which he, on the behalf of the Historical Society

Board, extended "grateful appreciation to the six Westwood Elementary School teachers who recently went out into the community as volunteers and helped clean the Abbeville County Historical Society's McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House, its Headquarters.

With the observation that "many hands make light work," Rogers went on to say that he "promised each teacher a free one hour tour in the fall as recognition and appreciation for their generosity."

Rogers had hosted the visit from the teachers earlier in the day.

CF Town Council probes alcohol question

By Henry E. Green

Should the Town of Calhoun Falls allow alcohol at its public facilities?

That was one of the questions discussed at the Calhoun Falls Town Council meeting Monday night.

Currently, no alcohol is permitted at the Town's community buildings such as the Ellison Center.

Many people like to rent out building for various occasions.

There was among Council members a difference of opinion on the topic of alcohol.

"I think it sends a bad message (to allow alcohol)," said Howard Harmon.

"I'm totally against it," said Christine Long, adding that she did not want to see town facilities turned into "nightclubs."

She suggested that it would be good to hear from the public on the topic.

"It's going to cause more chaos," if alcohol is allowed, she said.

Johnny Gilchrist agreed. "I think we need to leave it as

it is," he said.

Other Council members were more amenable to the idea, as long as it was done responsibly.

However, there appeared to be consensus on adding Internet/Wi Fi to the Community Building and the Ellison Center.

"I think that's a good idea," said Harmon.

"Wi Fi at all of our facilities would be a good thing," Holland said.

There appeared to be consensus on putting out for bids the trash collection service.

Currently, the Town uses a private company to collect residential and commercial trash.

The Council took no specific action on any of these topics, but simply opened them up for discussion.

During the public comment segment of the meeting, Charlie Tillman indicated that he was treated less than fairly by the Calhoun Falls Police.

He said that he discovered earlier this year tires

had been slashed on his pontoon, and he reported it to the police, but he never heard anything back from them.

He was also served with an anti-trespassing notice from the Police concerning a local business, and he could not tell from the signature on the notice who from the business had signed it.

He also said he believes he is being followed.

"I feel like I got a target on my back," he said.

Mayor Holland invited him to come and talk to him in his office to discuss the matter later in the week.

"We'll try our best," he told Tillman. "Nobody here is perfect. I want everybody to feel happy and satisfied."

In other news, Calhoun Falls Charter has a new School Resource Officer, Aaron Thompson, who is also a member of the Calhoun Falls Police Department.

Gilchrist made the announcement during a segment of the meeting for committee reports.

City opts not to take part in 'Night Out'

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville will not be participating in National Night Out this year, according to Zaneta Miller, victims advocate for the City.

"Everyone is still trying to recover from the COVID pandemic--however, we're working toward planning community events in the

future but it will be a gradual process, before things return to normal," said Miller.

The City National Night Out is an annual event held on the first Tuesday in August. The event is centered strengthening relations between law enforcement and the community, she said.

In the past, the City event,

which is part of a national effort, has been held at the Livery Stable, and has featured many local nonprofit organizations and vendors.

"We've received a tremendous amount of support from the community over the past few years," she said.

School board

Superintendent gets 'thumbs up'

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, evaluating Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary and giving him a thumbs up.

After meeting behind closed doors at least one hour and a half to discuss the superintendent's evaluation as well as a contractual matter, the trustees came back into open session and chairman Brad Evans said that Dr. Gary is doing an excellent job as Superintendent.

The board also approved Tuesday night a bond resolution, for a \$2.5 million bond issue, with \$1.2 million to finance ABM improvements--ABM is an energy savings company with which the School District is working--and the remainder will go toward capital improvements.

"We sell bonds to ac-

complish this every year," Dr. Gary said before the meeting.

The Superintendent went on to say that bleacher installation is slated at Dixie this week.

The trustees approved the 2022 Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, which had been revised from the previous year, as well as a home schooling request.

The trustees also agreed to extend the contract for McAlister's Landscaping to September 30 and then reevaluate the agreement.

The firm takes care of the grounds and athletic fields around District facilities.

The board also agreed to the administration's recommendations on personnel, including one induction contract, three letters of agreement, and one release of contract.

The board also discussed

District attendance zones, with trustee Tim Rhodes stating that these zones need to be adjusted.

The trustees discussed the matter at some length, and examined student attendance maps which had been drawn up.

Rhodes indicated

Evans suggested that the trustees have a work session to discuss the matter.

Dr. Gary also said that all District schools have indicated they are ready for the first day of school on August 2.

"Regarding school opening we're in a good spot," said the Superintendent.

Trustees Adam Rich, Glyn-da Bryson and Keith Dunn were absent from the meeting.

In other news, schools performed emergency drills yesterday, in an exercise coordinated with the Sheriff's Office.

SCDOT reviewing transit application

By Henry E. Green

South Carolina Department of Transportation is reviewing a proposal from Abbeville County for the continuance of a public transportation system here, confirmed Jane Hannah, with the Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership.

"They have the application, but it has not been approved yet," said Hannah Friday.

The application was submitted around the beginning of July.

The proposal would provide for Abbeville County to provide \$150,000 each year

for three years, with SCDOT putting up the same amount--to provide for a \$300,000 contract to fund the public transit system.

Abbeville County would be expected to draw from its allotment of ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds--generated by COVID relief monies approved by Congress in 2021.

The need for a transit system has been identified for several years by the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County and by the Abbeville Area Medical Center as well.

UCMAC executive director

Bill Boone appeared before Abbeville County Council to ask for Council's support, and the transit system began operating last year with the help of a grant. A McCormick area transit system supplied the vehicles and drivers.

Faced with the need to have the system continue once the grant period expires, Boone appeared before Council and asked for Council's support in a proposal by which SCDOT would provide funding for the system, along with contributions from Abbeville County.

Back to School vigil to be held in Calhoun Falls

By Henry E. Green

There will be a Back to School prayer vigil on the evening of Monday, August 1, at the Calhoun Falls Civic Center in Calhoun Falls at 6:30 p.m.

This is being presented by Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland, and it is open to the

public. Holland mentioned the vigil during his Mayor's report at the Calhoun Falls Town Council meeting Monday night.

The first day of school for students at Calhoun Falls Charter will be Tuesday, August 2, and August 2 will also be the first day for

students in the Abbeville County School District.

In other Calhoun Falls news, Holland also mentioned in his report that he and a number of other town council members went to Charleston recently for the Municipal Association of South Carolina conference.

258th Anniversary of French Huguenots

The Commemoration of the 258th Anniversary of the Arrival of the French Huguenots at New Bordeaux in 1764 will be held on Sunday, August 7, 2022 at the SC Governor's School of Agriculture at John de la Howe. This is a special service to celebrate being back at John de la Howe where many reunions have been held over past years. You will see the renovations and improvements at the campus where approximately 60 students are enrolled. The service will be held in the campus chapel with lunch following. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the service beginning at 11:00 a.m. Please bring your own picnic lunch which can be shared in the school cafeteria.



The speaker for the event is Dr. Margaret Keneman, Assistant Professor at the College of Charleston. She is an applied linguist and Coordinator for the Beginning and Intermediate French Program and will speak on "We know the Past, a Glimpse into the Future." An offering will be taken.

During the afternoon, you are invited to tour Willington with the Bookshop and History Centers being open. The Old Post Office/Railroad Center and African American Cultural Center will also be on tour. Local cemeteries and points of interest will be available for self-guided tours.

Please come and join in a day of heritage appreciation, great fellowship, and genealogy swapping on August 7, 2022.



Tracy Jackson program 'all about the kids'

By Henry E. Green

The Tracy Jackson summer program concluded for the summer of 2022 Thursday, with a special gathering at the Abbeville Civic Center in Abbeville.

Mary Lou Edens, who recently retired as executive director of the Tracy Jackson program, was presented with a plaque by the new executive director, Veronica Patterson.

The gathering was something of a surprise party for Edens, who as the guest of honor, was escorted to a special rocking chair, in front of a banner proclaiming "Happy Retirement."

Lesa Thomas-Mims provided a brief description of the program and its beginnings, and some of the kids joined in honoring Edens, who taught science at Abbeville High School before retiring.

"It makes me tear up to know the program has been around this long," she told Edens. "And kids, we do it all for you."

She said this to the children gathered in the gym, and she went on to describe Edens through the letters

of her name.

The letter O in Mary Lou stood for "outstanding."

"You are an outstanding lady," she told Edens.

Thursday was the final day for the program this summer, and about 75 children, along with supervising adults, from the various Tracy Jackson sites gathered at the Civic Center for a special program to wrap up activities for 2022.

The sites included Hickory Heights Apartments, Carver Apartments on Branch Street, Abbeville Civic Center, and the Ellison Center in Calhoun Falls.

Established 22 years ago, the program facilitates nutritious meals during the summer for young people who during the school year get nutrition from school breakfasts and lunches.

The program is offered to all kids regardless of race or ethnicity, from age five to age 18, and any child with a disability up to the age of 21.

In addition to the meals, there have been activities that are educational or just fun.

Edens was instrumental in establishing the program,

and others who played a prominent role included the late Lillie Bell Tinch, who helped establish the program in Calhoun Falls.

The Tracy Jackson summer program was named after a young woman who touched the lives of many before her early demise.

This has been a summer of good things for the Tracy Jackson program. Patterson has spoken to the Abbeville Rotary Club, for example.

Calvin Wharton, who works at AHS, has been reading *The Cat in the Hat* to youngsters assembled for the program during the summer.

At Thursday's program, meanwhile, school supplies were given away to those kids present.

Patterson thanked all of the program's sponsors, and all the volunteers who helped out, and donations were appreciated as well.

She said that this summer, 1,884 breakfasts were served through the Tracy Jackson program, and 2,079 lunches.



Mary Lou Edens (seated) recently retired as executive director of the Tracy Jackson summer program, and (from left) Doris Starks, Louise Aikens, and Veronica Patterson of the Tracy Jackson all presented her with a plaque in recognition of her service. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

School board filing to start next week

By Henry E. Green

This year's Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees elections will be held during the general election on Nov. 8, and filing for school board seats will begin on August 1, at noon, and will run through August 15, according to Abbeville County voter registration director Randy Curtis.

Those seats open include the following:

Area One, held by Tim Rhodes

Area Three--James Tisdale

Area Six--Brad Evans

Area Seven--Adam Rich

Area Nine--Marvin Peoples

To file as a candidate, one may come to the Abbeville

County voter registration office, which is located on the second floor of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex.

School board members serve four-year terms, and donate their time to serve.

"There is no filing fee for school board," Curtis said.



Les Thomas-Mims (left) paid tribute to Mary Lou Edens (right) recently during the last day of the 2022 Tracy Jackson summer program. Edens recently retired as executive director for the program. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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There was recently an anniversary ribbon cutting at the Abbeville restaurant Indigenous Underground, and confetti cannon filled the air with dashes of vibrant color. The restaurant is located at the corner of Trinity and Church streets. (Staff photo by Henry E Green)

AHS graduate awarded scholarship

By Henry E. Green

An Abbeville High School graduate has been awarded the \$3,000 Joe Phillips-Freddy Thomas Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarship is presented annually by the Frank Phillips family in memory of Freddy Thomas, a friend of the Phillips family, and Joe Phillips, the younger brother of Frank Phillips.

Faith Kent, who graduated in May from AHS, is planning to attend Georgia State University in the fall, and study to become a veterinarian.

Faith, 18, is originally from Riverdale, GA, and she moved to Abbeville at an early age.

"I've been here seven to eight years," she said. "I moved here for fifth grade. I was at Westwood for one year."

She went on to Wright Middle School, and at AHS she was involved in a number of activities.

During her senior year, she was president of FBLA, and she just returned from Chicago on an FBLA trip

which included eight AHS students and advisors Felicia Thomas Adams and Crystal Banks.

"We went there for nationals," she said. The contingent competed on a national level with FBLA teams, and the event included contingents from other parts of the country—and the world.

"All 50 states, and Canada, and China," she said.

Although they did not place, they enjoyed the excursion immensely.

"It was wonderful up there," she said. It was the first time she had ever been to Chicago.

"It was my first time on a plane, too," she said.

Kent has excelled in athletics as well.

"I was on the track team," she said. She participated in the 100 meter hurdles and the long jump, and she qualified for Upper State competition in the long jump, and she placed 13th in the Upper State meet in that event.

Why does she want to be a veterinarian?

"Ever since I was little I've always loved animals," she said. "From a very young age, I knew I wanted to be a veterinarian."

Georgia State has a good veterinary science program.

"And it's close to my grandpa," she said. "He lives 20 minutes from the school."

She will be staying on campus, but she will be able to visit him often.

Kent, who will be leaving in several weeks to start an on campus job, paid tribute to her mother.

"She's helped me a lot through all this," she said. "She's very supportive."

She knows also that her grandmother, who has now passed, would be proud as well—she was Florie Walton, and she was named Miss J.S. Wright High for 1962.

"I want to thank my sister for being my truest friend," she said.

"And I want to thank my teachers for always encouraging me, and seeing my growth—and family and friends for always being there."

Will Oyster Roast be coming back?

By Henry E. Green

Will the Oyster Roast be making a comeback?

From time to time, a number of Abbeville County residents have voiced concerns for how they wished for the Oyster Roast that used to be held on the grounds of the Burt-Stark Mansion to return.

The Freshwater Coast Community Foundation took over the event from the Chamber of Commerce.

"It had to be postponed several times because of the virus, but it will be discussed

at the Foundation's next board meeting, to consider establishing a date for the future," said Lee Logan, the secretary for the Foundation board.

The Foundation took over the event several years ago, he recalled. The Freshwater board meeting is set for the middle of August.

"We had sold tickets for a cancelled event, and if you did not request and receive a refund, and if you still have your ticket, it will be good for admission to the next event," Logan continued.

In the past

In the past, according to reports, the event, held in the spring, featured oysters and Lowcountry boil, as well as live music.

People would bring their lawn chairs, and relax on the grounds as they enjoyed seafood and listened to the music.

Tables would be set up where you could shuck your own oysters, and the event as a whole typically drew large crowds.

Area football teams beginning practice

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville High School football team will begin practicing for the fall season on Friday, July 29.

The Panthers will be practicing on the AHS practice field, and they will be looking forward to the West Carolina Tel Kickoff Classic on August 4 at Hite Stadium.

The Classic, whose starting time is 5:30 p.m., will include eight area teams, said AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles.

In the first segment, Strom Thurmond will face Ninety Six, followed by a clash between McCormick and

Emerald, he said.

Abbeville will face Greenwood in the third segment, and Calhoun Falls Charter will face Dixie in the fourth and final segment, the coach continued.

Each segment will be a "24-minute scrimmage," said Nickles.

The Dixie Hornets will also start practice on July 29, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Hornets will practice in the morning Friday and Saturday, and then move to a regular practice schedule after school starts.

"We're hunting a jamboree to participate in," in addition

to the Kickoff Classic, he went on to say.

Zach Theus, the new Calhoun Falls Charter football coach, said the Blue Flashes will begin practice on July 29.

In addition to participating in the WCTEL event, the Flashes have a scrimmage at Carolina High School on August 8 at 6 p.m.

The three teams will all open their seasons on August 19, with the Panthers traveling to McCormick, Dixie traveling to Pendleton, and Calhoun Falls Charter hosting Northside Christian Academy of Lexington.

Chamber to be part of grass roots tour

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce will be part of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce's Grass Roots tour this fall, Abbeville Chamber executive director Anna LaGrone said Tuesday.

Members of the South Carolina Chamber will be visiting local Chambers statewide to shape policy for the upcoming South Carolina Chamber year, she said.

The visit to Abbeville is slated for September 28, according to LaGrone.

More details on the tour will be provided in coming weeks.

"This will be a great way for our members to be involved on the legislative side of things," she said.

Meanwhile, the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce had a very successful Blue Crab and Blues event at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls this past Saturday, July 23.

"We had a great crowd, and it was wonderful to see the community come together,"

said LaGrone Tuesday.

She thanked the Town of Calhoun Falls for allowing the Chamber to use the venue.

Blue Hole is situated on the shores of Lake Russell, and features a pavilion where those in attendance could listen to blues music.

Nearby, there was a shelter where they could enjoy delicious seafood.

The event was held in conjunction with the Chamber's 40th anniversary.

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Mark 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, "if you can believe all things are possible to him who believes." (24) Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

During a wedding ceremony, when the groom knelt at the altar, it was noticed that someone had painted on the soles of his shoes, H-E-L-P. Whoever did that meant it as a joke but nonetheless it was true—in a marriage divine help is surely needed. In Mark 9 a desperate father came to Jesus needing divine help. He had a son who had a demon that caused him to have leprosy. The father begged Jesus to help his son if He could. Jesus told him that all things are possible if one believed. The father replied with a further request for help—"I do believe, help my unbelief!" I would like to share three thoughts from this passage.

First of all this was an honest admission on the part of the father. He did have faith but it was small. The situation with his son was such that no human could help him and he had faith that Jesus could, but there

was a hint of doubt that went along with his faith. If all of us were honest we would have to admit that we are in the same boat with that desperate father. We have faith that Jesus can do what we ask but in the back of our minds we have a shadow of doubt that He will do it for us. We have seen Jesus answer our prayers for someone else but somehow we don't think we are worthy of Him answering our requests. This father was being as truthful with Jesus as he knew how. We need to be truthful with the Lord when we pray.

Second, this was a hopeful admission on the part of the father. He was hopeful that his faith was enough for Jesus to heal the young boy. Jesus had told him if he had faith all things were possible. The father admitted that he did have faith but it was tainted with some doubt. He was

hopeful that his faith was enough to overshadow his small doubt. Luke 17:6 "so the Lord said, "If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." A mustard seed is tiny. We don't have to have huge faith, just one as small as a grain of mustard will do.

Third, this man's small faith resulted in the healing for his son. Jesus rebuked the evil spirit that was causing the epilepsy and commanded it to leave and never return. The father's honest admission touched the compassion of Jesus and He healed the young boy. Our honesty touches the heart of God and moves Him with compassion toward us.

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DSS has many ways to serve community

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County DSS director Bailey J. Johnson, speaking to Abbeville Rotarians Thursday, described the array of services which the agency provides, including the effort to help children in need find loving and nurturing homes.

Abbeville County DSS, part of South Carolina Department of Social Services, works with other agencies, such as Beyond Abuse and Cornerstone in serving the community.

The Abbeville DSS office has a number of features to help provide that service. "We have a food pantry for those in need," she said.

There is also a clothes closet for foster children, and for others in the community in need.

DSS is not just about removing children from homes in cases of abuse or neglect. It also makes use of mentors to talk to parents before DSS has to get involved.

"Parenting doesn't come with an owner's manual," she emphasized.

"There's always a need for foster families," she added. "We currently have 15 children in foster care in Abbeville County," she went on to say.

Those children range in age from 10 months to 17 years.

Being a foster parent is something of a calling. "It really needs to come from your heart," he said.

Foster parents go through a period of training in preparation for their responsibilities.

One may learn more by consulting the websites heartfeltcalling.org and dss.sc.org

Abbeville County DSS, which currently has 22 staff members, and three vacancies, provides economic services as well.

"For FY 2021, we provided \$7,898,791 in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits," she said. In the past, these benefits were commonly known as food stamps.

As of June, 2022, Abbeville County has 1,836 SNAP recipients, ranging in age from newborn to "51 plus" years old.

The average amount of benefits is about \$488 a month, she went on to say.



Abbeville County Department of Social Services director Bailey J. Johnson spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Council takes action on Festival contract

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville City Council, meeting Wednesday night, took on topics running the gamut from a garbage truck to the Spring Festival.

Council passed an agreement for a side arm garbage truck lease.

The City's lease agreement for its current side arm garbage truck ends in 2023, according to a memo City Manager Blake Stone provided City Council.

"Due to the current market conditions, it is necessary to begin the process of renewing that agreement now," Stone wrote.

"I am requesting permission to contact RDK to renew the lease agreement. Terms of that renewed agreement will be brought before Council for final

approval." Council unanimously approved Stone's request.

Council took action on a Spring Festival Amusement and Concessions Vendor Request for Proposals.

"The City received proposals on June 30 for Spring Festival amusement ride and concession vendors.

One proposal was from B&K Carnival Company, and the proposal contained ride information, references, revenue split and required insurance information.

Stone requested permission to enter into a three year contract with B&K Carnival Company to provide amusement rides and concessions for the Spring Festival, and Council agreed.

Council passed second reading on Ordinance

8-2022 amending Ordinance No. 3-2021 to update language regarding the economic incentive program.

Stone said that it removes unnecessary language and adds information on such items as the City's small business incubator program.

Council passed second reading on Ordinance 9-2022 providing for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding \$800,000 combined public utility system improvement revenue bond of the City.


Also Wednesday night, Council reappointed Mark Meyers to the Property Maintenance Board of Appeals.

Council member Louise Aikens was absent from the meeting.

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Obituaries

Temple

Jones Butler (Tosh or Buster to family) Temple, III, of Okatie, South Carolina, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, July 21, 2022, after a hard fought 15-year battle with prostate cancer. He was strong, brave, and kept his sense of humor until the end.

He was born on June 2, 1941, in Abbeville, SC to Jones B. Temple, Jr and Hazel McMahan Temple. Mr. Temple was a 1959 graduate of Abbeville High School after which he entered the Marine Corps. During his service he attended Aerographers Mate A and B schools and Radiosonde Set Operations school. He also attended the MCI Course for Marine Corps Club and Mess Restaurant operations. His first years as a Marine were in Weather Service and his last years were in Club Management around the world. In-between he worked Special Operations, NATO Service, learned to fly planes and helicopters (Huey) and did and saw things in Vietnam that he could never fully talk about. When he left Vietnam for the final time he was told "not to stand out as a service member" so he would not get spit on while traveling home.

He served in Vietnam for a year in '65/'66 and a year in '69/'70. (And unofficial time in Laos.) He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corp July of 1973 as a Master Sergeant after 20+ years of active duty followed by 10 years in the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve. At discharge, his primary duties were Club Manager/Treasurer, and Weather Forecaster second-



Jones Butler Temple, III

arily. He was honored to have been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Cross of Gallantry, Good Conduct Medal with 5 stars, Vietnam Service Medal with 7 stars, Meritorious Unit Citation, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Rifle Sharpshooter Badge, Pistol Sharpshooter Badge, etc.

Mr. Temple is survived by his wife Gail Temple of Okatie, SC; sons, Lonnie Temple of Abbeville, SC and Jonathan Temple of Beaufort, SC; grandchildren, Brandon and Hailey of Guyton, Georgia, Milla of Riverdale, Georgia, Lonnie II of Greenwood, SC, and Joseph of Beaufort, SC; siblings, Roland Temple (wife Nelva) of Bradley, SC and sister Connie Normand of Abbeville, SC; sisters-in-law; Cindy (Chris) Lichtenwalter of Conway, Arkansas and Betty Jo Marshall of Beaufort, SC; nieces/nephews, John Noblin, Neile Ross, LeeAnne May and Nicole Noblin, all of South Carolina, and Hannah Lichtenwalter of Arkansas,

Conner Lichtenwalter of Florida, Callan Lichtenwalter of Washington state, Matt Marshall of Tennessee, and Jay Marshall of SC. He is preceded in death by his mother, father, sister Frances Noblin, brother-in-law Sonny Noblin, and nephew Joseph Charles Marshall.

Above all else Jones Butler (Tosh) Temple was a man that brought strength to the family he left behind. He gave unmatched love to his wife and showed his sons and grandchildren that even when you are facing a losing battle, never back down. The important thing is to give all you have and never give up. He is a man that will always be loved and never forgotten because he will live forever in the lives of the people who remember him.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at the Midway Baptist Church, 1218 Hwy 284, Abbeville, SC 29620. Visitation will be held in the church starting 1 hour prior to the service. Following the service, family will receive friends in the church sanctuary. Scattering of the ashes will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Friends of Caroline Hospice, 1110 13th Street, Port Royal, SC 29935, Wounded Warrior Project, Midway Baptist Church, or any animal rescue.

Arrangements for Mr. Temple have been respectfully handled by Anderson Funeral Home in Beaufort, South Carolina (www.andersonfuneralhomebeaufortsc.com)^{11p}

home prior to services.

In lieu of flowers memorials in memory of Lynde may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made to the Clement family by visiting www.chandler-jacksonfh.com

The Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is assisting the Clement family.

Obituaries

Clement

Lynde DeLos Clement, II, 63, resident of 51 Depot St. passed away at his home.

Born Aug. 24, 1958 he was a son of the late Lynde DeLos Clement and Lorene Shirley Clement.

Survivors include: a brother Jerry Clement (Lavinia) of Abbeville, SC; two sisters Katie Hall of Greenville, SC and Shiley Clement of Abbeville, SC.

A Celebration of Lynde's life was conducted Saturday July 23, 2022 at 2:00 PM in the Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Dority officiating. The family will be at the home of his brother Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Clement 63 Left Link Rd. Abbeville, SC.

The family received friends Saturday afternoon from 1:00 until 2:00 PM at the funeral

Obituaries

Timmerman

Helen Gurley Timmerman, 81, of Abbeville, wife of the late Bruce Timmerman, Sr., died Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Self Regional Healthcare. She was born in Anderson County, SC to the late T.T. and Beatrice Simpson Gurley.

Mrs. Timmerman graduated from Dixie High School, Class of 1959, where she was a member of the Dixie High School Band color guard. She was employed in retail for many years with the former Revco Discount Drug Store and CVS Pharmacy, Inc. Among her many talents, Mrs. Timmerman was especially known for baking her famous chocolate cake. She enjoyed nature, particularly red birds, hummingbirds and flowers. Mrs. Timmerman loved her family with all her heart; above all, her great-grandchildren. She and her late husband were founding members of Emmanuel Baptist Church. Mrs. Timmerman was a member of Rice Memorial Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers,



Helen Gurley Timmerman

Rudolph Gurley and Haskell Gurley; and a sister, Betty Gurley.

Mrs. Timmerman is survived by her children, David Bruce Timmerman, Jr. (Lisa) of Abbeville, Debbie T. Uldrick (Ken) of Greenwood and Dana T. Wiley (Mark) of Abbeville; sister, Gail McGowan of Anderson; eight grandchildren, Hannah Davis (Andy), Matthew Timmerman (Taylor), Keri Young (Seth), Kasey Deason (Rusty), Trent Uldrick (Teddi), Ashleigh Timmerman, Landon Uldrick and Sarah Timmerman; nine great-grandchildren, Claire, Peyton, Grayson, Christina,

Mack, Tinsley, Patrick, Wells and Kate; special niece and nephew, Tracy Williams (Eric) and Tommy Kelley (Angie) and many others; and a special family friend, Donna Sue Richardson.

The family received friends 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Saturday, July 23, 2022, at Harris Funeral Home. Funeral service began at 4:30 PM, Saturday, in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Dr. Alvin Hodges officiating. Burial followed in Melrose Cemetery. Those serving as pallbearers were Matthew Timmerman, Trent Uldrick, Landon Uldrick, Andy Davis, Seth Young and Rusty Deason.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Timmerman, may be sent to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646.

The family is at the home.

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 Timmerman family.

Obituaries

Hartley

Rev. Earl Hartley, 76, of Abbeville, SC, husband of Mary Hutto Hartley, died Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at his residence. He was born in Batesburg, SC to the late Mose and Nora Bell Kneeece Hartley.

Rev. Hartley graduated from Batesburg/Leesville High School/JG, North Greenville College, Carson Newman College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master's in Divinity. He grew up in Hulon Baptist Church where he was ordained into the ministry. Rev. Hartley pastored and played piano for more than 40 years serving churches in NC and SC. His pastorates in Columbia, NC included Soundside Baptist Church and Baptist Church of the Town of Columbia. Rev. Hartley's SC churches included New Hope Baptist Church, Pelion; King Grove Baptist Church, Swansea; Sardis Baptist Church, Saluda; and retiring from South Side Baptist Church, Abbeville. Presently, Rev. Hartley served as pianist at New Hope Baptist Church in



Rev. Earl Hartley

Due West.

A dedicated husband and pastor, he loved his Lord, wife, family and friends. Rev. Hartley was known throughout the area for his pastoral abilities and his musical talents which were a gift from God. Many families were blessed by his association with Harris Funeral Home through his talent of playing the piano. His service to the community was shown in many ways and exemplified by a life well-lived.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Jarius Earl Hartley; two brothers, Andrew J. Hartley and Gerald Hartley;

sister, Henrietta Oswald; and mother and father-in-law, Ruth Bradham and Joseph L. Hutto.

Rev. Hartley is survived by his wife of 41 years, Mary.

The family received friends 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Friday, July 22, 2022, in Harris Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM, Saturday, July 23, 2022, in Harris Funeral Home. Burial will follow at 3:00 PM in Southland Memorial Gardens, 700 W. Dunbar Road, West Columbia, SC.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Rev. Hartley, may be sent to The Voice of the Martyrs, 1815 SE Bison Road, Bartlesville, OK 74006 or The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, 1 Billy Graham Parkway, Charlotte, NC 28201.

The family is at the home.

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 Hartley family.

Obituaries

Purdy

Jesse Ray Purdy, 78, of 919 Chesnut Ridge Road, McCormick, husband of Dianne Purdy, passed away Sunday, July 24, 2022 at Self Regional Medical Center.

Born in Abbeville County, he was a son of the late Bill Purdy and Lula Bell Busby Smith. He retired from the Highway Department after thirty-two years. Jesse enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, and his horses.

He is survived by his wife, Dianne of the home; children, Mark Purdy (Missy), Roger

Purdy (Sandy), Michael Purdy (Pam), all of Abbeville, Eric Batchelor (Sue) of Camden, NC, Marjorie Batchelor of McCormick, Sandy Alexander, Sandra Urban (David), and Pam Sweatt (Sammy), all of Greenwood; sister, Joyce Purdy Clark of Abbeville; brother, Ronny Smith (Patty) of McCormick; and multiple grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill Purdy and Lula Smith; stepfather, L.C. Smith; and brother, Jimmy

Smith.

Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday at Overbrook Cemetery in McCormick with the Rev. Jason Wilson officiating.

The family will receive friends following the service. Memorials may be made to Big Oaks Rescue Farm, 809 Townsend Road, Hodges, SC 29653.

Harley Funeral Home and Crematory (www.harleyfuneralhome.com) is in charge of the arrangements.

Obituaries

Sorrow

Sam E. Sorrow, 78, of Abbeville, died Saturday, July 23, 2022, at his residence. He was born in Abbeville to the late Seth Sorrow and Sybil Campbell Sorrow.

Sam, a graduate of Berry College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Vocal Performance, was employed in the banking/finance industry in California, retiring after 35 years of dedicated service. He performed with the Los Angeles Opera, San Diego Opera, Atlanta Chamber Opera and the Shakespeare Society. An outdoorsman, Sam enjoyed jogging, swimming, rowing, canoeing and hiking. He was also interested in antiques. Sam was a member of Matthews United Methodist



Sam E. Sorrow

Church, Greenwood.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Sandra Gipson and Sue Sorrow Hanks,

Sam is survived by his four brothers, Spencer Sorrow (Suzanne), Vic Sorrow (Linda), all of Abbeville, Steve Sorrow (Ruth Terry) of Rome, GA and Stuart Sorrow of Siler City, NC; many nieces and nephew; and his beloved three fur babies.

No services are planned at this time.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Sam, may be sent to the charity of one's choice.

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 Sorrow family.



Bell Toll Ceremony July 2022

Honoring Deceased Veterans

Robert Nickles	95	US Army WWII
Clarence Enwright	58	US Army
Franklin P. "Booger" Scott	88	US Air Force
Donald "Don" C. Dudley	88	US Marines
Herbert A. "N3HUK" Wooley	81	US Air Force

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 for this solemn ceremony on the Abbeville square at 1 pm, July 29th. Also, all veterans are welcomed to the American Legion meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6PM.

DHEC, SCDNR urge residents not to keep wild animals as pets

Submitted by
SCDNR

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) urge South Carolinians not to keep wild animals as pets.

To protect people and wildlife, DHEC and SCDNR have teamed up to share information about the risks of keeping wild animals as pets. Wild animals live in nature and are not domesticated, meaning they're not tame or kept as a pet or on a farm. Keeping wild animals as pets in some cases may be illegal, and puts the owner and others who encounter the animal at risk of injury or getting diseases such as rabies.

"Wild animals can be dangerous by nature, so they have the potential to seriously injure the owner, children, or guests without warning through bites or scratches," said Terri McCollister, Rabies Program Team Leader. "This behavior can also be triggered when an otherwise peaceful animal is startled, injured, or sick. Bite wounds and scratches from animals can become infected which may lead to severe illness needing medical care."

Rabies is a deadly disease for animals and people. If a person is exposed to the rabies virus, their healthcare provider can recommend a series of shots as a treatment that helps prevent the person from becoming sick with rabies. While this treatment can be life-saving, the cost for receiving these shots can be more than \$10,000 per person. The best way to protect yourself is to do what you can to prevent possible rabies exposure. DHEC and SCDNR recommend that you protect yourself and others by:

Leaving wildlife alone and not keeping wild animals as "pets."

Not approaching an animal in need. Contact a wildlife rehabilitator for the type of animal in need. Deer, fox, and coyote rehabilitators require a special permit issued by SCDNR. A registry of rehabilitators, maintained by SCDNR, is available here.

Contacting your local animal control for stray and feral cats and dogs, a wildlife control operator for

nuisance wildlife, or a wildlife rehabilitator for sick and injured wildlife.

Never touching wild or stray animals with your bare hands.

Vaccinating pets and livestock against rabies. By law, all dogs, cats, and ferrets must be vaccinated. You can find low-cost rabies vaccination clinics here. It's also recommended that livestock receive their rabies vaccinations as well.

In South Carolina, the most common animals to test positive for rabies are wild animals, such as raccoons, skunks, foxes, and bats. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that a skunk, raccoon, fox, or bat that bites someone should be euthanized and tested for rabies as soon as possible. While cats and dogs may be able to undergo quarantined observation for a specific time period to determine whether they contracted rabies, holding wild animals for observation isn't a safe option because it's not known how long it takes for rabies symptoms to appear in different types of wild animals. And since there is no approved rabies vaccine for wild animals kept as pets, even vaccinated wild animals will be treated as unvaccinated.

DHEC is the agency responsible for enforcing the South Carolina Rabies Control Act. DHEC's rabies prevention program investigates incidents involving people and animals, including pets and wildlife, to determine whether rabies is a factor.

The South Carolina Rabies Control Act, requires:

Pet owners to vaccinate their dogs, cats, and ferrets against rabies.

Pet owners or other people to notify DHEC if: 1) a pet or other animal is affected by or suspected of having rabies, or 2) a pet has been attacked or bitten by a domesticated or wild animal known or suspected of being affected by rabies.

Healthcare providers report animal incidents (i.e., a person has been bitten by an animal) to DHEC.

All animal bites, scratches, and exposures to potentially rabid animals must be reported to DHEC. To learn more about rabies, visit scdhec.gov/rabies.

Piedmont Presents Community Award

Submitted by
Andrea Scott

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont (HPCP) recently presented The Heart of Hospice Community Award. The award is given to a business or individual for outstanding community service through continuing support of Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont. This year's award was presented to Riverside Ambulance. Bryan Dickey and

his staff at Riverside work hard to meet the needs of our patients. We appreciate their support and efforts.

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont is your community non-profit network of care that enriches life for those with advanced illnesses. Serving Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties since 1981. For more information, please call 227-9393 or visit www.hospicepiedmont.org.

Democracy Wins, Again.

Dear citizens of South Carolina,

Thank you.

In June, nearly 800,000 South Carolinians upheld democracy and kept their government accountable to the people. Voting was fair, accessible, safe, and secure. In addition, results were accurate and timely, and not one protest was ultimately upheld.

This year brought new and exciting changes to how elections are conducted in South Carolina, and these changes would not have been possible without the work of thousands of people across the state.

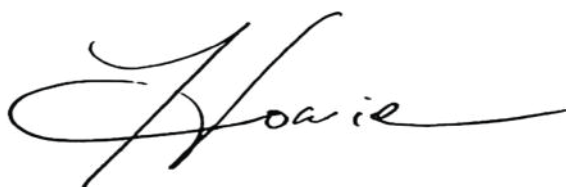
Thank you to the legislature and the Governor for enacting new election laws establishing early voting and making voting more accessible and secure.

Thank you to the members and staff of the county boards of voter registration and elections across the state who helped implement these changes in time for the primaries.

Thank you to the poll workers who volunteered their energy, time, and commitment to give every one of us the opportunity to vote. Poll workers are a vital part of our republic, and without them elections would not be possible.

Finally, thank you to the voters who fulfilled their patriotic duty with civility and without disruption.

Voting is a sacred right and honor for all American citizens. Be assured that the South Carolina State Election Commission will diligently continue to serve the citizens of our great state by protecting and enhancing the accuracy, accessibility, security, and credibility of our election process.



Howard Knapp
Executive Director

SOUTH CAROLINA
ELECTION COMMISSION

Employment Advertising

Abbeville Housing Authority Public Housing Executive Director

The Board of Commissioners of the Abbeville Housing Authority is seeking a qualified professional for the position of Executive Director. The Executive Director is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Abbeville Housing Authority, a public housing agency. The successful candidate will report to a seven (7) member Board of Commissioners and supervise a staff of four (4) employees.

The Director will provide the leadership and management of the planning, organizing, staffing, direction, and control functions of the agency as well as interpret and implement policies approved by the Board and is responsible for the administration of Board policies. This is a contract position that is supervised by the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

Knowledge and Skills

- Bachelor's Degree or master's degree in Public Administration, or equivalent experience is required. Experience in property management or HUD subsidized housing environment is preferred.
- Five (5) years' experience in housing management, community development, public administration, or a closely related field. Other related education and experience may be considered.
- Four (4) years in a significant management capacity at a public housing authority or other similar experience.
- Supervision of staff for at least two years.
- Prior skills in budgeting, personnel management, and public relations.
- Unique expertise/certification/registrations required:
- Ability to travel between various sites and to meeting locations as required

Duties of the successful applicant include:

- Supervise management and control of agency's payables, receivables, cash, or other assets (including investments) associated with operating contracts, insurance administration and all internal and external financial operations.
- Initiate the writing of proposal and grants.
- Direct and coordinate activities of managerial personnel engaged in carrying out agency objectives.
- Compile agency budget for Board review and approval and review entire agency budget.
- Provide general oversight of the management and maintenance of all housing developments to ensure high degree of livability at the lowest possible cost.
- Provide general oversight to the selecting of tenants, the execution of leases, the collection of rents, and the enforcement of leases as required by Abbeville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners' policies and procedures and other such duties as may be assigned by the Board of Commissioners.
- Select, appoint, discipline, promote, transfer, and terminate all agency employees according to Board policy as amended from time to time.
- Receive bids for Board approval and execute contracts for work by contractors and monitor work progress for compliance with contractual provisions.

Salary: \$84,000 annually (Negotiable based on experience and qualifications)

Application Process Requirements:

To be considered for this opportunity, you must submit the following by August 24, 2022:

- Cover letter that addresses how your work experience and education qualifies you to perform the essential functions listed in the job announcement.
- Detailed resume of all educational and professional experience with references, salary requirements and salary history.
- Above information is to be sent to:

Mrs. Margaret S. Harrison, Chair
Abbeville Housing Authority
Board of Commissioners
424 Vienna Street
Abbeville, SC 29620

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PUBLIC NOTICE: PHA PLAN

The Abbeville Housing Authority's PHA Plan for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, is now available to the public for review and comment.

The Plan can be reviewed at our main office, which is located at 508 Haigler Street, Abbeville, SC 29620, during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Abbeville Housing Authority at (864) 366-4549.

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Employment Advertising

Abbeville Housing Authority Occupancy Specialist/ Resident Services Coordinator (Full Time)

This staff support position performs a variety of administrative support including but not limited to those of property management (leasing and occupancy) for public low income units. This position is responsible for the review and validation of applicants for admission to public housing. Employee exercises considerable judgment and initiative in carrying out day-to-day responsibilities of landlord-tenant and Fair Housing laws subject to established procedures, practices, and standards. Duties require considerable knowledge of HUD regulations and the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy on tenant selection, the ability to maintain clerical records and to prepare accurate and concise reports. Work involves considerable and constant contact with applicants/residents.

Knowledge and Skills

Bachelor's Degree or an Associate's Degree in public service, social work or a related field, or equivalent experience is required. Applicant must have at least two years of administrative and/or community service experience. Some experience and knowledge of local, state, and federal public benefits available to eligible low-income families, including youth, senior citizens, and/or people with disabilities.

Experience in property management or HUD subsidized housing environment is preferred. Proficiency using MS Office applications including Word, Excel, and the Internet; ability to learn and use agency software is also an asset.

Applicant must have excellent communication skills, verbally and in writing. Candidate must effectively communicate and interact with people from a broad range of socio-economic backgrounds. Applicant must be resourceful and able to independently address and resolve issues as they arise. Successor must have the ability to understand, act on, and interpret policies, regulations, and procedures as set forth by the Housing Authority and/or HUD.

Salary: \$39,000 Annually (Negotiable based on experience and qualifications)

Application Process Requirements:

To be considered for this opportunity, you must submit the following by July 27, 2022:

- Cover letter that addresses how your experience and education qualifies you to perform the essential functions listed in the job announcement.
- Detailed resume of all educational and professional experience with references.

To: Abbeville Housing Authority
AATN: Employment
Post Office Box 609
Abbeville, SC 29620

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Legals

SUMMONS AND NOTICE

STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF
COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO. 2022-CP-01-
00148

US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust,

Plaintiff

VS.

Judith A. Norman and Discover Bank,

Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S)
Judith A. Norman:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above action, a copy which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned at their offices, 2838 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205, within thirty (30) days after service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and, if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County on May 19, 2022.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you have a right to be considered for Foreclosure Intervention.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been commenced and is now pending or is about to be commenced in the Circuit Court upon the complaint of the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant for the purpose of foreclosing a certain mortgage of real estate heretofore given by G. Randall Norman to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust bearing date of March 21, 2007 and recorded March 27, 2007 in Mortgage Book 17-B at Page 215 in the Register of Mesne Conveyances/Register of Deeds/Clerk of Court for Abbeville County, in the original principal sum of Eighty Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$88,000.00). Thereafter, by assignment recorded

February 24, 2021 in Book 22-F at Page 653, the mortgage was assigned to Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC; thereafter, by assignment recorded on May 26, 2022 in Book 22-X at Page 396, the mortgage was assigned to the Plaintiff., and that the premises effected by said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof are situated in the County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, and is described as follows:

A lot of land, together with a dwelling house and other improvements thereon, situate in the City and County of Abbeville, South Carolina, known, designated and more particularly described as Lot No. 107 Northside

Heights Subdivision, and being more particularly described 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.

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

Riley Pope & Laney, LLC
Post Office Box 11412
Columbia, South Carolina 29211
Telephone (803) 799-9993
Attorneys for Plaintiff 4658

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Classifieds & Legals

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

Estate: Betty Joyce Lewis
Date of Death: 2/12/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100176
Personal Representative: Lonnie Dale Lewis
Address: 101 A. Summerwalk Ct. Anderson, SC 29625
7/13:3tc

Estate: Carolyn Polston Schoenfeld
Date of Death: 06/17/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100175
Personal Representative: Elizabeth Carolyn Robertson
Address: 1780 Stevenson Road Abbeville, SC 29620
7/13:3tc

Estate: Donna Jean McCurry
Date of Death: 3/13/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100177
Personal Representative: Benny McCurry
Address: 33 Three B Drive Abbeville, SC 29620
7/20:3tc

Estate: Nancy Pruitt Ashley
Date of Death: 6/23/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100184
Personal Representative: Renee A. Harbin
Address: 218 Wildwood Dr. Honea Path, SC 29654
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Estate: Laura Jean Loftis
Date of Death: 5/19/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100185
Personal Representative: Delaine Haynie
Address: 1161 Hwy 184 Iva, SC 29655
7/20:3tc

Estate: Roscoe Gordon
Date of Death: 5/16/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100186
Personal Representative: Tiffany Gordon
Address: 559 Lawrence Road Anderson, SC 29624
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Estate: Winston James Willis
Date of Death: 07/03/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100188
Personal Representative: Annie L. Willis
Address: 120 Olin Smith Road Donalds, SC 29638
7/27:3tc

Estate: Franklin Perrin Scott
Date of Death: 07/16/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100189
Personal Representative: Kerry S. Fleming
Address: 60 Scenic Dr. Abbeville, SC 29620
7/27:3tc

Estate: Frances Jane Loner
Date of Death: 03/21/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100191
Personal Representative: Frankie Charlene Parnell
Address: 101 Loner Lane Iva, SC 29655
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HELP WANTED

Manager, Driver, and Service Technician for Abbeville, Greenwood, and Saluda area. Great pay and benefits. Please send resume to piedmontpropane.peggy@hotmail.com or mail to Piedmont Propane 1225 Lincolnton Rd, Washington, GA 30673. 3/23:ffc

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Farm Bureau holds Legislative Dinner

By Henry E. Green

Providing an update on local government as well as happenings in the General Assembly, the Abbeville County Farm Bureau's annual Legislative Dinner was held at the Abbeville County Agricultural Building recently.

Members of the Abbeville County Legislative Delegation, and Abbeville County Council, along with the Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson, met with representatives of Abbeville County Farm Bureau, and about 30 people were present altogether.

Abbeville County Legislative Delegation members State Rep. Craig Gagnon and State Sen. Mike Gambrell were on hand to talk about happenings on the state government level.

Gambrell represents State Sen. District Four, while Gagnon represents State House District 11.

Gambrell, who said he also served 10 years in the House of Representatives, said that constituent service is the most important thing he does.

An Anderson County resident, he raises cattle and runs a sanitation service.

"We really feel blessed that we can serve you," Gagnon told those on hand.

The House District 11 representative noted that he serves on the Ways and Means Committee in the House of Representatives.

Here in South Carolina, there are strict rules govern-

ing the budget. "It has to be balanced," he said.

If it is not balanced, legislators must trim it and trim it until it, by state law, is balanced.

All the spending measures in the General Assembly originate in the House.

He praised Christy Hall of state transportation, who is originally from Abbeville County.

After the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, a fetal heartbeat measure, which would ban most abortions, became law in South Carolina, although it faces legal challenges. The law does allow for exceptions.

Four County Council members were in attendance, including Rick Campbell, James McCord, John Calhoun and Drew Simpson.

Campbell noted that he has hopes for establishing a convenience center in Lowndesville.

"We have one of the best Sheriff's Departments in the state," he said.

McCord noted that Abbeville County has a good County Director, but could use more in the way of financial resources.

"We're a poor county," he said.

John Calhoun, meanwhile, noted, "I grew up on a farm. I never learned the art of milking."

Calhoun worked for many years with UPS, and has served for many years also on County Council. Opting not to run for reelection, he has decided to retire from

Council. Simpson said that he grew up in the realm of agriculture and graduated from Clemson University.

Some of his best friends, he said, he met through Farm Bureau.

Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson praised the people who work for the Sheriff's Office. Good people, he said, make good law enforcement officers.

While Abbeville County may have a scarcity of financial resources, it does have an abundance of good people--people, many of whom are related, who enjoy a high quality of life.

The level of crime is down here in Abbeville County, said Watson, who went on to note approvingly that some money from the state has been granted to help renovate the Abbeville County detention center.

He wants to talk to the Abbeville County School District about upgrading school safety.

Thompson Smith, Piedmont District director for South Carolina Farm Bureau, said that the General Assembly has been kind to agriculture over the years.

An Anderson County resident, he spoke of how that county has been dealing with growth and growing pains, and there are times when he would like to live in Abbeville County, where the quality of life is better.

Farm Bureau is an organization which promotes agricultural interests.




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