



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

No millage increase!

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, passing second and final reading on a budget plan for FY 2021-2022, with no millage increase. Funds will come from carry-over funds from the prior year.

Trustee James Tisdale voted in opposition, noting that it was important for the district to preserve its carry-over funds.

In his superintendent's report, Dr. Mason Gary looked at attendance zones/transfer data, the Capital Improvement Plan, ABM dates to meet, enrollment information, Year Round Calendar, and updates on maintenance, finances, technology, curriculum, and safety.

The board also had first reading on Policy IKADD (Content and Recovery) and Policy JFABC, dealing with transfer students.

Trustee David Brooks abstained on JFABC, since his wife is a teacher.

The trustees also discussed the Dixie High School weight/wrestling/locker room construction.

Cely Construction has submitted a bid of up to \$1.63 million to provide for the construction.

The board agreed to take the bid, with Tisdale voting in opposition.

Finally, the trustees agreed to follow the administration's recommendation to approve two induction contracts.

Dr. Gary also gave an update on a bill in the General Assembly which would open the door for a sales tax which would help fund capital improvements in Abbeville County.

Dr. Gary said the bill has passed the State House of Representatives.

It is in the hands of the Senate at this point, he said. No action will be taken until the State Senate reconvenes.

The Superintendent also provided a report on year round school calendar, emphasizing that he does not recommend it at this time.

“There is no compelling reason at this point to move forward with it,” he said.

Among the reasons are concerns over possible disruptions in summer jobs and summer vacations—and

it would be a break with tradition, not a good thing in the eyes of people who do not welcome change.

Concerning District enrollment, he said that “we’re up 92 students from last year,” he said.

However, he cautioned that all the data is not in yet.

The trustees opened the meeting by going into executive session at 5:15 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation, and for personnel.

The trustees returned to open session about two minutes after six, and then trustee David Brooks made the motion to go back into executive session to continue the Superintendent's evaluation, and the board agreed.

The board came out of this second executive session after about 45 minutes. After returning to open session, chairman Brad Evans commended Dr. Gary for the excellent job he had done.

In other matters, Evans commended the District's maintenance crew. “They’re doing an amazing job,” he said.

This house on North Main in Abbeville is one of the stops in the Abbeville County Historical Society walking tour which is being established. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Coalition to present movie at Livery Stable

By Henry E. Green

The Greenwood-Abbeville Coalition will present at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville a movie called “The Anonymous People” at 6 p.m. on the evening of Thursday, August 26.

The movie is free, and the Coalition is encouraging anyone with an interest in substance abuse and mental health to attend.

“The movie is about addiction, stigma, and life in recovery,” said Betsy Royal, prevention specialist

with Cornerstone, which is helping sponsor the movie.

“Following the movie will be an open discussion led by group facilitators to raise awareness in our community and to work toward a solution,” Royal continued.

“At the conclusion of the evening, there will be a candlelight vigil to remember those whom we have lost to overdose,” she said.

Addiction and mental health resources will be available.

Those planning to attend

are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Popcorn and water will be available.

The Greenwood-Abbeville Coalition is a community coalition “with a mission of spreading hope through education and resources to eliminate substance misuse in our communities,” Royal continued.

For more information, one may check the Greenwood-Abbeville Coalition Facebook page.



At the “opening day” program for Abbeville County School District educators on August 11 at Wright Middle School, you could find District personnel T-shirts with the slogan “Better Together.” From left is Angie Ferguson, Milton Scott, Deborah Ayers, Anita Usher and Beth Riddle. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

CF Chamber to have banquet in October

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce is planning to present its annual banquet on Oct. 7 at the Calhoun Falls Civic Center in Calhoun Falls, according to information released by the Calhoun Falls Chamber.

Tickets are \$20 per person, and the meal will be catered by Southern Soul Catering. (More information will be provided closer to the date.)

Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce is having a membership drive, encouraging those who currently belong to the Chamber to renew their membership, and welcoming new members as well.

The Calhoun Falls Chamber, according to mem-

bership drive information, promotes development in Calhoun Falls and the surrounding area.

The Chamber prior to Easter sponsors an Easter Eggstravaganza, and in May of this year the Chamber sponsored a music program for “Springtime in the Falls” in conjunction with the annual Calhoun Falls Townwide Yard Sale.

In August, the Chamber presents a “summer blast,” and on Oct. 31, the organization sponsors Fall Fest on Cox Avenue.

On the first Saturday in December, the Chamber presents the annual Calhoun Falls Christmas parade and the Christmas market.

The Chamber offers help

assistance at the Calhoun Falls Charter School and John C. Calhoun Elementary throughout the year.

According to the membership flyer, “we support our local Farmer's Market and manage the Open Market.”

The Chamber meets on the first Monday of every month in the Calhoun Falls Chamber Office/Visitors Center at 6 p.m.

There are three membership levels—Individual, Small Business and Corporate.

“No one needs a personal invitation to join the Chamber of Commerce,” according to the Chamber flyer. “It is open to all who have an interest in our town and community.”

By Henry E. Green

A renowned author is coming to Abbeville in the fall with a story of how he came to embrace life after attempting to end his own.

Suicide: The Ripple Effect will be shown on Sunday, Oct. 3, at Erskine's Lesesne Auditorium in Due West.

Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. General admission is \$15, and student admission is \$10, and there is free

parking.

“Guests are encouraged to come early for food, refreshments plus information and access to mental health resources outside of the auditorium,” according to a flyer for the upcoming event.

Along with the movie, there will be a guest speaker, Kevin Hines, an international mental health and suicide prevention activist who will be sharing his story of

how he attempted suicide by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge—and lived to tell about it.

The event is being presented by the Caroline Project, named after the late Caroline Bishop, a young woman who touched the lives of many in Abbeville before she lost her life tragically to suicide.

More details will be announced closer to the date.

Abbeville Rotary Club president Matthew Johnson (left) recently presented, on behalf of the club, Mary Lou Edens (right) with a donation for the Tracy Jackson Program of GIFT. Edens is the executive director of the program. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



So far, so good

City of Abbeville does not implement sanitation fee increase for residents

By Henry E. Green
The City of Abbeville has so far not been charged tipping fees by the County in connection with a County ordinance passed earlier this year, according to Mike Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer with the City. "Abbeville County passed Ordinance 07-2021 in July which authorized them to charge the City tipping fees on residential waste collected by the City and hauled to

landfill," Clary said. "This had previously not been done. Since the passing of that ordinance the County has not charged the City those tipping fees so the City did not include a Sanitation Fee increase on our upcoming FY offset the cost of that new fee. "Should the County begin implementing that tipping fee, the Sanitation Fee Increase will be brought

back to City Council for their consideration." Ordinance 07-2021 has had its critics, according to published reports. Abbeville Jim Grant spoke out against it during a County Council public hearing for it earlier this year, raising fears that it would subject City residents to double taxation, and Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards expressed concerns about it as well.



Meg Davis (right) and Mary Elizabeth Land (left) could be found dressing up a window in the old Belk building in downtown Abbeville recently, as part of the project which City Council member Jason Edwards has launched. The two ladies are looking at the camera from two perspectives -- Land is on the inside of the building, and Davis is on the outside. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Jason Edwards of Abbeville has launched a program to "dress up" the windows of empty buildings on Abbeville's Court Square. The aim is to give small businesses and community organizations an opportunity to display their goods/services in the downtown environment, with the ultimate goal to make the windows so appealing that someone will see the potential and will invest in the building. The Belk building, which Edwards is shown here cleaning, will host windows by Abbeville County Library System, Abbeville Artist Guild, Abbeville Area Medical Center, Breezy Quarters, Endless Beauty and Boutique, and Jessica's Closet. There will also be a window to feature the upcoming events at the Opera House. The process will be about two weeks. Those interested in participating may call Edwards or call Austin Walker at the City of Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



"Motown and More" will be coming to Abbeville Opera House on August 28. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

'Motown and More' coming to Opera House

By Henry E. Green
"Motown and More" will be held at the Opera House in Abbeville on Saturday, August 28, promising concert-goers a chance to put on their dancing shoes and enjoy the sweet sounds of yesterday. "The band is United Sound Entertainment, a six-piece ensemble of veteran musicians from Greenville/Spartanburg," said Emily

Bledsoe, Special Events Coordinator for the City of Abbeville. "They cover jazz, R&B, beach, and Motown sound in their high energy performances. Tickets can be purchased online through the City's website and Facebook page or in person at the Opera House." The show starts at 7:30 PM with doors opening at 6:30 PM, said Bledsoe.

The "Motown sound" has been defined by such artists as Marvin Gaye, the Temptations and Stevie Wonder. The upcoming event is part of a kaleidoscope of musical styles experienced at the Opera House, where the musical agenda has included tributes to everyone from Pink Floyd to the late Tom Petty to the sounds of the Eighties.

Self Regional Healthcare visitation policy change

Submitted by Mary Cathcart

Given the high incidence of COVID-19 in our community and in the hospital at this time, beginning Monday, August 23, 2021, Self Regional will implement a change to our visitation policy: Only one care partner will be allowed, and care partners may not rotate. All

other aspects of the policy are unchanged at this time. **In outpatient and ER rooms, and physician practice areas:** One Care Partner (parent, adult child, spouse, loved one, etc.) is allowed to accompany patient. Excluded areas include the ER front lobby and the ED/BA (Emergency Department, Behavioral Area).

In the hospital and inpatient areas: Visitation hours are 11a.m. - 4:30p.m., 7-days-a-week. One Care Partner will be permitted and may not rotate with other care partners. Those 16 and under are not allowed unless they are the patient. Excluded areas include the Behavioral Health Center.



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Abbeville First and Select Insurance donated the materials needed to help Renee McCaslan at Wright Middle School, to implement an activity in her 8th grade science class. McCaslan thanked these two businesses for their contribution to education. Here is McCaslan (left) with Vickey Ferguson from Abbeville First. (Photo courtesy of Renee McCaslan)



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WMS teacher thanks local businesses

By Henry E. Green

A Wright Middle School teacher recently enlisted the aid of some local businesses to help teach her students some valuable life skills in terms of handling money. “My class is using the concept of money to earn extra credit,” said WMS teacher Renee McCaslan. Play money is being used to drive home the point. The teacher noted that Abbeville First and Select Insurance donated the

materials needed to help her implement an activity in her 8th Grade Science class. McCaslan said she would like to thank these two businesses for their contributions to education. “Every student received a checkbook register to keep up with the \$100.00 dollars (extra points). They will earn money for awesome answers to questions, displaying extraordinary character or losing money for not completing assignments

or poor choices. They will deduct money (points) in red and add money (points) in blue. Checkbook registers and red pens for every student in my classes were donated.

The purpose of the project was to teach responsibility and life skills,” said McCaslan.

“This is my 28th year teaching and 22 of them are with WMS.”

It’s time for hospitals to put patients first

By Sally C. Pipes

Many hospitals are refusing to comply with a Trump-era requirement that went into effect on January 1st of this year to publish the prices for more than 300 “shop-able” medical procedures. This intransigence is alarming -- and expensive. The rule could save American patients and insurers up to \$27 billion annually, but only if hospitals play ball. Rates of noncompliance are extraordinarily high. Three-quarters of the highest-earning hospitals in the country aren’t fully compliant with the rule, according to researchers at Harvard Medical School. A March analysis found that two-thirds of hospitals weren’t complying. When hospitals don’t publish their prices, patients have no way of knowing if they’re getting a good deal on elective surgeries and other procedures -- or getting ripped off. Prices for identical services vary widely, depending on the location and provider. Even in the same city, there are major price discrepancies. The most expensive 5% of hospitals in metro areas containing over 3 million people receive almost \$1,400 for each knee MRI, on average. The least expensive 5% of hospitals

in those metro areas take in just \$600 for the scan, according to Crowe, a consulting firm. If a gas station or grocery store tried to slap a 133% premium on an identical product, they wouldn’t get much business. Customers shopping for gas or food can easily compare prices and find a more competitive option. That’s why hospitals are so loathe to comply with the rule -- the lack of transparency makes it much easier to gouge patients and insurers. Hospital groups have already lost two court challenges against the rule. Their attorneys claimed that patients would be unable to decipher byzantine pricing schedules and could not be trusted to make responsible financial and health decisions. They complained that publishing their prices would be an expensive regulatory burden. But consumers make weighty financial and health decisions all the time. Transparent prices make that task easier, not harder. Perhaps the best example is Lasik eye surgery. Because the procedure is optional, many insurers don’t cover it. Patients must pay out of pocket. That incentivizes them to

shop around and compare different providers. It’s no coincidence that Lasik has gotten cheaper since the turn of the century in inflation-adjusted dollars, while virtually every other hospital procedure has gotten dramatically more expensive. The notion that publishing prices is some gargantuan regulatory burden is ridiculous. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services estimates that the direct cost to hospitals in the first year would be around \$12,000 -- far less than a single administrative worker’s full-time salary, and a drop in the bucket for hospitals that bring in tens of millions of dollars each year. The fight to make health care more affordable and accessible for ordinary Americans begins with price transparency. It’s long past time for hospitals to publish their prices -- so that market competition can drive down costs and improve quality. Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute. Her latest book is *False Promise, False Promise: The Disastrous Reality of Medicare for All* (Encounter 2020). Follow her on Twitter @sallypipes.

District sees number of new administrators

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County School District has a number of new administrators this year, administrators who were recognized at the “opening day” program for District educator on Wednesday, August 11 at Wright Middle School. They included the following: Brandon Burdette-Principal, Wright Middle School Brandon Winchester-As-

stant Principal-Wright Middle School Scott White-Principal, Abbeville High School Renee Newton, Assistant Principal-Abbeville High School Brenda Jackson, Director of Freshmen Academy, Alternative School & Asst. Principal--Abbeville High School Paul Anderson-Interim Principal-Westwood Elementary School.

Tuesday, August 17, was the first day of school for students in the Abbeville County School District. The August 11 gathering at Wright Middle School welcomed educators back for the new school year--2021-2022. One highlight of the gathering was the talent of Dwight Bozeman, a Wright Middle School social studies teacher who sang “The Impossible Dream.”

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McCoy & Liput wed May 22



Lannon Patricia McCoy was married to Chase Douglas Liput on May 22, 2021, at Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Lannon is the granddaughter of the Rev. Dr. Frank McCoy and Mrs. Bennie McCoy of Abbeville.

Heart and soul A young lady from Antreville wins acclaim in world of baton twirling

By Henry E. Green

Ella Brown, a fifth grader at Diamond Hill Elementary, just recently returned from Junior Olympics held in Houston, Texas with something special.

"She returned with a gold medal," said her proud mom, Brooke Brown.

That cherished gold medal was in baton twirling. Ella, the daughter of Brooke and Chase Brown of Abbeville, competed with hundreds of other teams from over the United States.

She was part of a team called Carolina Superstars, based in Anderson. She is one of about 12 people on her team, made up largely of nine and 10 year old girls. "This is the first time she's done the Junior Olympics," Brooke said.

The team qualified to go to the Junior Olympics through a number of other competitions, competitions which have taken the Brown

family on the road.

Athens, GA; Spartanburg, North Carolina--the Browns have been to all of those locations for baton competitions.

The trip to Houston, however, was the piece de resistance. The family turned the 14-hour drive to the Texas metropolis into a vacation.

"It was a really fun road trip," said Brooke, noting that the excursion took them through New Orleans and across the Mississippi River, and even they even saw an alligator.

The baton team, meanwhile, has its own Facebook page, and her coach is Hazel Cartee, who just recently retired from coaching the Clemson Tiger twirlers. She is about to start teaching her 48th year of baton.

Ella is starting her fifth year of baton twirling. "She's gotten really good at it," said Brooke.

So what you have to be

in order to be a successful baton twirler.

"You have to be very flexible," she said. Good hand eye coordination is a must as well.

Ella practices twice a week, an hour at a time.

Brooke notes that her daughter has a baton in her hand pretty much from the time she wakes us to the time she goes to bed.

"She IS committed to this," she said. "She loves twirling. My husband and I finally found something she absolutely loves."

Ella is multi-talented--she won awards in writing at Diamond Hill Elementary last year, for example.

"She does like to dance just like any other kid," said Brooke.

Above all, she has put her heart and soul into baton twirling, and has embraced the team slogan:

"The work is worth it."

Ella Brown, a fifth grader at Diamond Hill Elementary, just recently returned from Junior Olympics in Houston, Texas, with a gold medal in baton twirling. (Contributed photo)



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Anna LaGrone is the new executive director of the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

LaGrone takes over at Abbeville Chamber

By Henry E. Green
Anna LaGrone is the new executive director of the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce. LaGrone, who took over in her new post on Monday, resides in Abbeville. A graduate of Lander, where she had a double major in history and English, she comes to the Chamber from working previously at

Lander University. LaGrone is very much in tune with the twofold mission of the Chamber. "We promote the small business community," she said. The Chamber also runs the Welcome Center on Abbeville's Court Square. As executive director, she will be working with a team of volunteers known as the

Ambassadors. "We're looking to expand our Ambassador program and get some new people involved," she said. Abbeville is a town that is replete with historic and natural attractions—it is small in size, but big in potential, according to LaGrone. "I'm very optimistic," she said.

Windows on the world

City Council member Jason Edwards putting downtown plan into place

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville City Council member Jason Edwards has a plan. Edwards has launched a program to "dress up" the windows of empty buildings on Abbeville's Court Square. "The aim is to give small businesses and community organizations an opportunity to display their goods/services in the downtown environment, with the ultimate goal to make the windows so appealing that someone will see the potential and

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may call Edwards, or call Austin Walker at the City of Abbeville. Walker is the City's Community Development Director and can be reached at 366-5017. Inspired by networking at the recent Municipal Association of South Carolina conference, Edwards said he hopes that the Belk building will be the starting point for the project, which he hopes will eventually incorporate other buildings in downtown Abbeville.

2020 Census data on Abbeville County

Submitted by Lanny McKay
Abbeville County's first

census was conducted in 1790, the same year that a decennial census was mandated by the U.S. Constitu-

tion. The 1790 Census recorded an Abbeville County population of 9,197 (bear in mind that the current Ab-

beville County boundaries are much smaller than they were in 1790 because large parts of the County were carved out later to create other South Carolina counties). By 1970, 180 years later, Abbeville County's population was 21,112. What followed was 30 years of steady population growth for Abbeville County, with a 2000 population reaching 26,167. Since 2000, however, the County has seen its resident population decrease from 26,167 to the current population of 24,295. Regarding the most recent trends, the 2020 Census of Population revealed that the Abbeville County population decreased from 25,417 in 2010 to 24,295 in 2020, a decline of 4.6% and 1,122 residents. In that same decade, the County's housing units declined

from 12,079 units in 2010 to 11,540 units in 2020, a decline of 539 housing units and 4.5%. The 2020 housing vacancy rate in Abbeville County was 14.9%. Abbeville County is not alone in sustaining losses in population and housing units from 2010 to 2020. In fact, it is located in a geographic cluster of five South Carolina counties that have lost population during that time: Abbeville (1,122); Greenwood (310); McCormick (707); Saluda (1,013); and Edgefield (1,328). A different kind of cluster is found among the five South Carolina counties that are contiguous to Abbeville County. Among these five, the 10-year demographic changes are as follows: McCormick County had a 6.9% population decline; Greenwood County, a decline of 0.4%; Laurens County, a 1.5% population increase;

Greenville County, a 16.5% increase; and Anderson County, an 8.9% increase. The combined 2020 population of these five counties contiguous to Abbeville County is 875,668. The general demographic trend in this region seems to follow the national trend of younger populations moving to more urban areas and away from rural areas, although there are certainly exceptions to this tendency to be found. This report essentially concludes the work of the Abbeville County 2020 Census Committee, created in 2019 at the request of the Abbeville County Council. The U.S. Census Bureau may further revise some of the data listed within this report, however, and more information on other demographic components such as age, sex, and race are expected soon.



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Abbeville Artist Guild receives grant from SC Arts Commission

Submitted by
Jane Agan

The Abbeville Artist Guild has been awarded a \$3,201.00 grant for the 2022 fiscal year by the South Carolina Arts Commission which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts. This is an operating support grant that will allow the Artist Guild to continue to offer workshops, summer art camp, photo contest and other events to support the arts in Abbeville County. "This funding helps us achieve our mission to seek to enrich our community and promote growth through education, active participation in and exhibition of the Arts" reported Jesse Nance, president of the Artist Guild. The S.C. Arts Commission grant will enable the Artist Guild to offer beginning/

refresher workshops that will explore different mediums and techniques such as pottery, photograph, and painting. Portions of this grant will be used for awards in our annual high school art show. The South Carolina Arts Commission is the state agency charged with creating a thriving arts environment that benefits all South Carolinians, regardless of their location or circumstances. Created by the South Carolina General Assembly in 1967, the Arts Commission works to increase public participation in the arts by providing services, grants and leadership initiatives in three areas: arts education, community arts development and artist development. Headquartered in Columbia, S.C., the Arts Commission is funded by the state of South Carolina, by the federal government through

the National Endowment for the Arts and other sources. For more information, visit www.SouthCarolinaArts.com or call (803) 734-8696. The purpose of the Abbeville Artist Guild is to bring an understanding of the many ways that our society/community members can express themselves in positive ways through art. The Artist Guild is committed to teach and encourage children to learn to express themselves in positive ways. The Artist Guild seeks to enrich our community and promote growth through education, active participation in and exhibition of the Arts. The Guild meets every other month on Sundays at 4 pm in the Abbeville Welcome Center. For more information on Guild activities, contact abbevilleartistguild@gmail.com or call 864/366-5881.



Abbeville Rotary Club president Matthew Johnson (left) recently presented, on behalf of the club, Angela Pruitt (right) with a donation for Abbeville County First Steps. Pruitt is the executive director of Abbeville County First Steps. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Card of Thanks



The family of Mr. Robert E. Burton, Jr. would like to convey our most sincere appreciation for your prayers, support, and acts of kindness during this difficult time. Your condolences were not only comforting, but a source of strength for the family. We are truly grateful for all you have done. Thank you again. Sincerely, The Family of Mr. Robert E. Burton, Jr.

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Philip Said

A great Puritan evangelist, John Rogers, warned his congregation against neglecting Scripture by telling them what God might say: "I have trusted you so long with my Bible...it lies in [some] houses all covered with dust and cobwebs, you care not to listen to it. Do you use my Bible so? Well, you shall have my Bible no longer."

Rogers then picked up his Bible and started walking away from the pulpit. Then he stopped, fell on his knees, and took on the voice of the people, who pleaded, "Lord, whatever Thou dost to us, take not Thy Bible from us; kill our children, burn our houses, destroy our goods; only spare us Thy Bible, take not away Thy Bible." "Say you so?" the minister replied, impersonating God. "Well, I will try you a while longer; and here is my Bible for you. I will see how you use it, whether you will search it more, love it more, observe it more, and live more according to it."

Thomas Goodwin was so moved by Rogers's dramatic presentation that when he left church he wept upon his horse's neck for fifteen minutes before he felt strong enough to mount it.

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Graduate from Abbeville Receives County Academic Award at Piedmont Technical College's recent summer commencement exercises, outstanding students were honored for academic achievement as County Award Winners. **Jessica McCurry**, who earned a diploma in applied science, major in surgical technology, was the honoree for Abbeville County. She graduated magna cum laude and also served as one of three student graduation speakers. (Photo contributed)

Artist Guild to display photos from contest

By Henry E. Green

The community photo contest presented by the AbbevilleArtist Guild is over, and the photos are to be displayed at the Welcome Center beginning Sept. 1, the Guild is reporting. The theme of the contest was “My Best Photo Ever,” and there were three categories in which photos could be submitted. Thirteen cash awards will be given for a total of \$900. “Due to COVID we will not have a reception but we will present the awards at a time to be announced during the first week in September,”

according to the Guild newsletter. Approximately 50 individuals submitted photos, and each person could submit up to three photos--one entry in each category, said Guild treasurer Jane Agan. A trophy will be presented for Best in Show, as well as \$150 cash award. “There are some really nice looking pictures,” Agan said. The AbbevilleArtist Guild is planning a umber of events this coming fall. Among them is Paintnic in the Park on Sunday, Sept. 12 at 3 p.m. on Abbeville’s Court

Square. The Guild is planning to post an exhibit in October at the Welcome Center called “It’s Fall, Y’all.” The Guild is a nonprofit organization with about 30 members. Jesse Nance is the president, Jane Agan the treasurer, and Carolin Ann McLane the secretary. The Guild meets every other month. For more information, one may call Agan at 366-5881. “Our events are partially funded by a grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission,” Agan said.

‘Smooth’ is the key

Notify Abbeville County voter registration office of address change

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County Voter Registration and Elections Director Kim London has a word of advice for Abbeville County residents who change their addresses. Be sure to tell the Abbeville County voter registration office--and preferably tell them before election time. London advises voters NOT to wait until election day to tell voter registration officials if they have changed addresses and moved out of their voting precincts, or if they have married and undergone a

name change. Waiting on Election Day for poll workers to confirm changes in voter information makes for longer lines at voting precincts, and longer lines can create impatient people. This year, the Abbeville County voter registration office is handling only municipal elections, slated for Nov. 2, but in 2022, there will be primaries in June, and gubernatorial races. London is advising people to call the voter registration office if they have changes at least 30 days before

election time, or they may go online to scvotes.gov. The Abbeville County voter registration office is located on the second floor of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex in Abbeville. One may call the voter registration office at 366-2400, extension 53. It is all in the name of making sure the election process proceeds as it is supposed to do, according to London. “We want to make sure it’s a smooth, seamless process,” she said.

Boosters offered for ‘immunocompromised

The Abbeville Area Healthcare Center and Due West Family Medicine are now offering COVID-19 “booster” shots to those who are moderately to severely immunocompromised per CDC recommendations, according to Meg Davis, AAMC Marketing Director. This includes people who have: --Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood --Received an organ

transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system --Received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system --Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome) --Advanced or untreated HIV infection --Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may

suppress your immune response” To schedule your booster, contact Due West Family Medicine at 379-2345 or the Healthcare Center at 366-9681. “According to the CDC, it is expected that boosters will be available for everyone in mid to late September,” said Davis. “We are currently in the planning stages and will announce booster shot appointment information as soon as we have it.”



a Word from “THE WORD”

Rev. Dr. John Keith

The Secret

Psalm 91:1 “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

There was a cartoon in the “New Yorker” some-time back. It shows a middle-class man in his living room, watching television. On the screen is a large pot. Behind the pot says, “How much would you pay for all the secrets of the universe? Wait, don’t answer yet. You also get this six-quart covered combination spaghetti pot and clam steamer. Now how much would you pay?” That cartoon is a tongue in cheek put down on commercial advertising.

But the question of how much one would be willing to pay for the secrets of the universe is an intriguing one. Just how much would you be willing to pay for the secrets of the universe? Here in Psalm 91:1 the Bible give us the secret of the spiritual realm and it is free to all who will accept and apply it to their life. The secret is as simple as it is profound. Let’s look at

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the verse in depth. “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High...” this suggests a private place one spends with God. In Matthew 6:6 Jesus had this to say about the secret place—“but you when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.” The secret place is a place of prayer and communion. It is a private place where you and God get alone together. It is also a place where one experiences the presence of God. What a wonderful place to be—in the presence of God. What a precious privilege it is to dwell in the presence of God.

The late evangelist Billy Graham was once asked what was the greatest thrill of his ministry and he said that it was fellowship with

God, having God commune with him and he with God. To dwell with someone and to abide under their shadow implies closeness. To have a shadow be over a person he would have to be in close proximity. The word dwell connotes something continual. What a joy to continually be in the presence of God.

No wonder the Psalmist stated in Psalm 84:10 “for a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than dwell in the tents of wickedness.” The secret to joy, peace, and contentment is to dwell in the presence of the Lord.

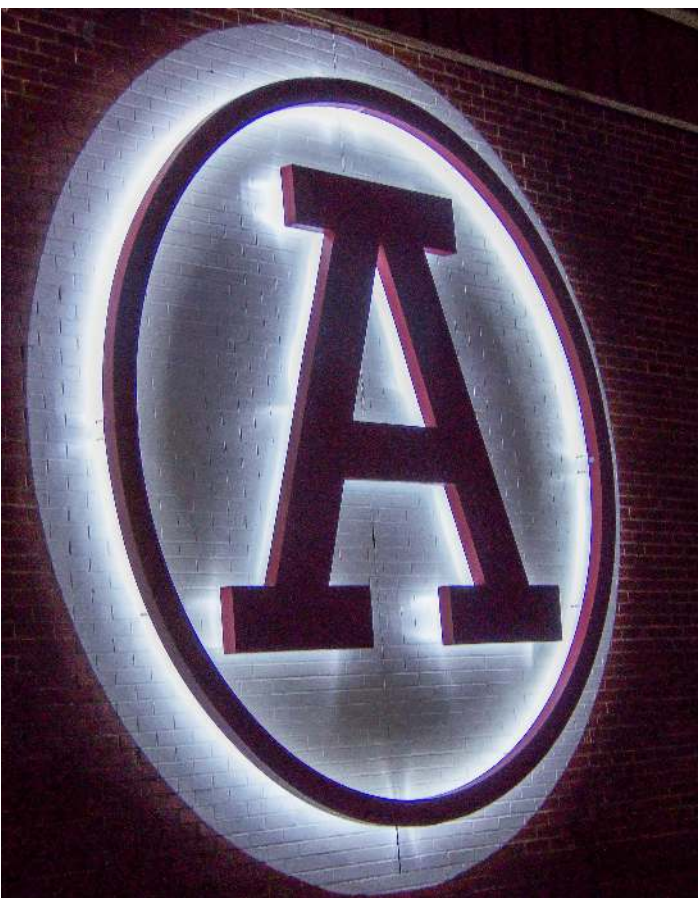
The secret place is the place of prayer and communion with God. The result of that dwelling is the presence and pleasure of the Lord’s company as you journey through life.

We are the pediatricians of South Carolina, and we believe the best way to protect young children from COVID-19 is to mask and vaccinate everyone who is eligible. This recommendation is based on practical and proven ways to reduce the spread of a dangerous virus. In a time when misinformation is more contagious than COVID, here are some facts from the people you trust to care for your children:

- Children below vaccination age should be in masks when inside and in close proximity with others, **including in schools and on buses.**
- In a non-household group of both vaccinated and unvaccinated children (and/or adults), everyone should be masked when in close proximity.
- We recommend COVID-19 vaccinations for children age 12 and older and also for parents, grandparents, teachers, and everyone who interacts with young children.
- Despite public perception, **anyone can be infected with COVID**, including newborns, children, teens and young adults. It is not just an “old person’s” disease. Vaccination for eligible children and adults and masking greatly reduce risks of transmitting the highly contagious Delta variant.
- The risk of death from COVID among children is low; however, it can cause serious disease and long-term adverse health effects.
- We believe safe, in-person learning is best for children. Scientific studies demonstrate that masking does not cause negative effects on mental health or learning.
- Universal masking for children in schools provides maximum protection from infection. This is especially important now when children under 12 cannot be vaccinated, the large majority of older children have not been vaccinated, and infection rates are increasing rapidly.
- Our position on masks and vaccines is also supported by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

Masks and vaccines help protect your children. When it comes to your child’s health, don’t rely on Facebook, TikTok or YouTube for advice. Ask a healthcare expert who knows you and your child – **your pediatrician.**

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You know football season is here when the AHS Panthers come marching down the steps of Hite Stadium to the field prior to a big game. The Panthers defeated McCormick 46-0 in the AHS season opener. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Dazzling Abbeville High School delights home crowd with 46-0 win over McCormick

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville High School got its season off to a dazzling start Friday night by crushing McCormick 46-0 at Hite Stadium in the Panther season opener.

"I thought we came out ready to play," said AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles following the game.

The 2-A Panthers scored early and often in this non-Region game which displayed the considerable talents of the AHS offense-and defense, to the detriment of the 1-A Chiefs.

The first quarter set the tone for the game. Abbeville scored the first of many, many touchdowns when J'Marion Burton plunged in to the end zone with 9:24 in the first quarter, and, with a successful PAT, AHS led 7-0.

J. Hill then scampered in

on a first and goal from the McCormick 6, and AHS led 14-0 with 4:09 in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, J'Marion Burton scored on a fourth and goal from the three, and Abbeville led 21-0, and Shi Brown scored a touchdown to put the Panthers up 27-0.

Zay Rayford scored on a 15-yard run with 5:30 in the first half, to extend the Panther lead to 33-0.

J.Hill scored on a three yard run with 8:03 in the third quarter, to extend the AHS lead to 40-0.

Darren Calhoun scored on a third and goal from the five in the third quarter, to put the Panthers up 46-0 with about 1:19 in the third quarter.

The score came following an interception by the Panthers' C.J. Vance, who returned the ball to the Mc-

Cormick 9.

The Panther offense was running on all cylinders, but the defense did quite well also, pitching a shut-out.

According to AHS tradition, the defense is typically rewarded for a shut-out with a feast of doughnuts.

Abbeville will now travel to Newberry to take on another non-Region foe this coming Friday night, in an 8 p.m. contest.

Nickles praised Newberry as a team with big, strong athletes, athletes including an excellent receiver.

The Panthers, who again are among the state's elite this season, are the defending state champions in 2-A, having clinched the title last December at the Benedict College stadium in Columbia with a victory over Marion.



These young people are anticipating the entrance of the Abbeville High School Panthers into Hite Stadium before the start of the AHS-McCormick football game recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Dixie wins season opener in road thriller

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School Hornets won their season opener Friday night in dramatic style, with a thrilling 27-26 win on the road at non-Region foe Greenwood Christian.

"We had a couple of touchdowns called back because of penalties," said Dixie head coach Vic Lollis.

"We were penalized a lot," said Lollis, noting that Dixie amassed 160 yards in

penalties.

"We were kind of rusty," he said.

Despite the rustiness, the Hornets had some shining moments. Junior Hunter Satterfield had 157 yards and three touchdowns on 18 rushing attempts, Lollis continued.

Dixie had 238 yards rushing and 20 yards passing.

Dixie, which led 20-7 at halftime, also had some particularly brilliant plays.

"We had a 47 yard interception return by Austin Scarborough in the second quarter," the coach said.

Greenwood Christian scored first, but then the Hornets scored 20 unanswered points, before Greenwood Christian came back, Lollis continued

The Hornets will now travel to Crescent on Friday for a 7:30 p.m. game with another non-Region foe.



The Dixie High School varsity football team recently enjoyed a thrilling victory over Greenwood Christian in the Hornet season opener. (Dixie photo)

AHS golf tournament very successful

By Henry E. Green

The annual golf tournament held to benefit the Abbeville High School football and baseball programs was a big success, said Abbeville High School head football coach Jamie Nickles.

Held at Star Fort on July 31, the event featured about 100 people participating, with 22

teams.

A team representing Hite and Stone law firm won the gross honors, and a team led by Lewis Chiropractic won the net.

John Mark Scruggs won "closest to the pin," meanwhile.

The coach was exceedingly pleased with the amount of

money raised.

"We probably grossed around \$7,000," he said.

The golf tournament has become something of an AHS athletic tradition, said Nickles, who expressed appreciation for the participation.

"I think everybody had a good time," said the coach.



The 2021 Calhoun Falls Charter Blue Flashes are under the command of first-year head coach Juwan Owens. Here is a recent team photo. (Photo courtesy of Juwan Owens)

Flashes fall to WS in season opener

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Charter lost to Ware Shoals 24-12 in Calhoun Falls in the season opener for the Flashes, said Calhoun Falls Charter coach Juwan Owens.

Marquise Turman scored on runs of 37 yards and 25 yards in the third and fourth quarters of the game, in which the Purple Hornets led 12-0 at halftime.

The Flashes threw an interception right before halftime, and that interception

led to a Ware Shoals score.

"It was a very competitive game overall," said Owens, noting that both teams ran the ball fairly well.

"They had two fumbles and we had that one interception," said the coach.

So where do the Flashes go from here?

"We have some regrouping to do," he said, noting that a Calhoun Falls Charter player was ejected from the game Friday night, and

could be out for perhaps two games.

The Flashes' next opponent will be Branchville, which Owens said is one of the top 1-A teams in the state.

Branchville likes to run a spread offense, said Owens. "They'll be well-coached," he said, noting that the Flashes need to be very, very well-prepared to meet their next foe. "We've got to be the best version of ourselves."

Ready or not...

High school football coaches talk to Rotarians about upcoming season

By Henry E. Green

Are you ready for some football?

That seemed to be the operative question Thursday, August 19, when the three high school football coaches spoke to Abbeville Rotarians about the 2021 high school football season. And the answer seemed to be...

"Ready or not, here it comes."

Jamie Nickles of Abbeville High, Vic Lollis of Dixie High School, and Juwan Owens of Calhoun Falls Charter all provided small previews of their schedules, and their outlook for 2021.

The Panthers were scheduled to open up their regular season with a home game this past Friday night against McCormick.

The Hornets, meanwhile, will travel to Greenwood Christian, while Calhoun Falls Charter will host Ware Shoals.

Each team has its own story to tell. The Flashes, with 18 players, have worked to get their numbers up.

And each coach was at a unique point in his career. Owens is in his first year of

coaching the Flashes, while Lollis is in his sixth year of guiding the Hornets, and Nickles took over the AHS coaching duties following the death of Dennis Botts in 2003.

The 2021 season promises to be a showcase for some very talented players. Ty Moon is set to be the quarterback for the Flashes. For the Hornets, running back Hunter Satterfield is expected to help lead Dixie, and junior quarterback Zay Rayford is expected to be handling the signal calling duties for AHS.

And there are players who are breaking gender boundaries. Lollis noted that the Hornets have a female player this year, a player whose role could include some kicking duties.

At Abbeville High School, there is a high level of commitment to the power of the pigskin.

"We have over 80 kids at Abbeville High School involved in football," said Nickles.

2021 promises to be a rebuilding year for the Panthers, and while they may be excited about playing, they

may not be ready, according to Nickles.

After the game with McCormick, the Panthers will travel to Newberry for an 8 p.m. game, said Nickles.

The coach likes to divide his season into three components--the preseason, the non-Region schedule, and the Region schedule.

The Region slate will open with a contest against Crescent, whose Tigers have a marvelous quarterback, and Christ Church should also be a tough opponent.

The Hornets, meanwhile, have 41 players on their varsity team, and Lollis is pleased with the numbers.

For Owens, the Calhoun Falls Charter post represents a chance for him to return to his roots. "I'm from Greenwood," he told the Rotarians.

His team has a large number of underclassmen. "I have six seniors," he said, noting that the remainder of the team includes two juniors, and a blend of ninth and 10th graders.

The coaches' presentation is a Rotary tradition for the month of August.



Three Abbeville County high school football coaches, Jamie Nickles of AHS, Juwan Owens of Calhoun Falls Charter and Vic Lollis of Dixie, spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about the upcoming high school football season. Following the meeting, Abbeville Rotary Club president Matthew Johnson (far left) joined Nickles (second from left), Owens (second from right) and Lollis (far right) for a group photo. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

AHS has new score board at stadium

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville High School's Hite Stadium has a new score board, according to AHS principal Scott White.

"Yes, AHS is very fortunate and blessed to have a new score board in Hite Stadium," said White in an August 19 email.

"(Abbeville High School varsity football) Coach Nickles came across a grant opportunity that provided partial funding and the rest was all community driven. No district funds were used to purchase or install the score board. There were six very supportive organizations who donated

money to the project: Abbeville First Bank, Stoll Trailers, Edward Jones, The City of Abbeville, Hite and Stone, and Harris Funeral Home."

The new score board meets a need.

"The old score board was more than twenty years old. It was beginning to require regular maintenance, and the new score board will utilize better technology, which will make it more efficient to operate. Pending the weather, the new score board will be installed prior to the first home game on August 20 against McCormick."

White praised what he

characterized as the outstanding support from the community for this and other projects.

The athletic and academic support by the Abbeville community, whether it be financial and/or material contributions or volunteering of time, has always been outstanding. This project would not be possible without such supportive community members and businesses.

The score board, along with other facility improvements, will go a long way in enhancing the experience for our coaches, athletes, and fans."



Abbeville defenders Kendall Barr (11), Mikelyn Bowie (8), and Darren Calhoun (4) team up to stop a McCormick ball carrier during the Panthers' 46-0 victory over the Chiefs last Friday night at Hite Stadium in Abbeville. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

Erskine Baseball, Fleet name Daniel Perez as new Pitching Coach for 2022 season

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

The Erskine Flying Fleet Baseball team named Daniel Perez as their new pitching coach for the 2022 season on Monday. Perez joins the Fleet following three seasons as the pitching coach at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Florida.

"I am extremely blessed and excited to accept the position of pitching coach for the Erskine College Flying Fleet. I would like to thank every coach who has taken a chance on me and mentored me leading up to this point in my coaching career. I would also like to thank Coach Mark Crocco for believing in me and offering me this opportunity to join his staff," Coach Perez said. "It is evident that Erskine College puts an emphasis on the success of athletics, and Erskine College baseball is clearly trending in the right direction. I look forward to helping lead this group of young men to success in life, in the classroom, and on the field, as we pursue our goal of a NCAA Division-II National Championship."

In his first season at Hillsborough, the Hawks posted

a 4.12 team ERA, which ranked 35th in the NJCAA. In the shortened 2020 season, the Hawks' team ERA improved to a 4.08 while ranking 25th in NJCAA with 215 strikeouts. The 2021 Hillsborough pitching staff ranked 26th in the NJCAA in walks allowed, walking only 167 batters in 361.1 innings.

In his time at Hillsborough Community College, Perez has seen one pitcher drafted, 7 move on to play at the D1 level, 3 to the D2 level, and 3 to the NAIA level. He also saw Damien Torres earn 2019 Suncoast Conference Fireman of the Year, while Colton Gordon was named First Team All-Suncoast Conference for the 2019 season, and Ruddy Gomez was named Second Team All-Suncoast Conference for the 2021 season.

Prior to becoming the pitching coach at Hillsborough, Perez served as a volunteer assistant coach at Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, GA. He has also been a Regional Scout for Prospect Wire Baseball since the summer of 2016.

Daniel earned his Master's Degree in Sport Psychology from Florida State University in May of 2018. While at-

tending FSU, he also served as a sports information assistant for the baseball program at Florida A&M University.

Before attending FSU, Perez earned his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Georgia Southwestern State University, where he was a relief pitcher for the Hurricanes from 2013-2016.

Daniel Perez is originally from Tampa, Florida and currently resides in Due West, South Carolina.

"We are extremely excited to welcome Danny Perez to our Erskine Baseball family. Coach Perez is a great fit for our program on so many levels. His organizational skills & professionalism stood out in a major way throughout the entire interview process," Head Coach Mark Crocco said. "This will be a great asset for our pitchers to develop a dynamic pitching culture on a daily basis. He also sets a high premium on building meaningful & lasting relationships with his players. I know he will make an immediate impact on our players and the entire community at Erskine College."

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Abbeville High School's Hite Stadium has a new score board, as seen here on August 20. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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Robert Burton, Jr.	76	US Army
Johnny Spencer	85	US Army
Capt. Marion E. Mundy	91	US Marines
Williams Joe		
Sanders “Billy” Boggs	76	SC National Guard

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 30th. Also, all veterans are welcomed to the American Legion meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Supper is served at 5PM and the meeting is at 6PM.

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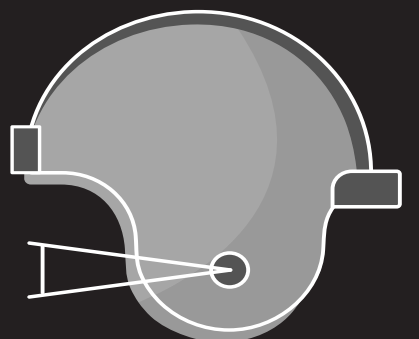
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Roots and such

Due West Mayor Jeannie Knight describes history of her town

By Henry E. Green

Due West of what? So says a famous, or infamous, bumper sticker.

Due West Mayor Jeannie Knight recently spoke to Abbeville Rotarians about the town of Due West, and the history of the town and of Erskine College.

As early as 1765 a site known to the Indians as Yellow Water, where the Keowee Path crossed the Cherokee line, was called DeWitt's Corner, said Knight.

In 1777, a treaty between S.C. and the Cherokee Indians was signed there, and the present town was first called Due West Corner.

In January 1789, Rev. Peter McMullen immigrated to South Carolina and settled

on the north side of Chickasaw Creek very near the future location of the Due West ARP Church, she said.

McMullen was attracted to the area because several family members and others from his church in Ahoghill, Ireland had preceded him to this area, the mayor continued.

"He held religious services near his home and in 1789 or 1790 he and his parishioners built a rough log church on the site of the current building," said Knight.

The pastor named his church in a forest the Due West Corner Church and served it until he moved to Tennessee in 1804 or 1805. The church pulpit was empty until Ebenezer Erskine Pressly accepted

a call to serve the church in 1830. The second dressed log church built by McMullen was dilapidated and replaced with a weatherboard building shortly after Pressly arrived.

The congregation grew and a more substantial building, the fourth church building, was built in 1852. Between 1839 and 1850, the Due West ARP Church raised sufficient money to establish Clark and Erskine Seminary, a school for young girls and a preparatory school for boys that matured into Erskine College by 1839.

"The church has continued an outreach to young men and women who enter Erskine College," Knight continued.

Due West Town Council

meeting August 16, 2021

Submitted by
Jeannie Knight, Mayor

Council met at 6 p.m. for its regular monthly meeting in Council Chambers.

All Council Members were present.

Mayor Knight recognized visitors Leland and Gayle Beaudrot.

The Minutes of the June and July Council meetings were approved. Also, the Minutes of the Civic Events Committee of August 5 were accepted. The monthly Financials for July were not available.

The First Reading of Ordinance No. 04-2021 was held and approved. This allows for a \$100 deposit to be made to the Town for sewer service for those residents who are not on the Town electrical system. This deposit can be refunded if the resident leaves the service provided the bills are all paid. A Second Reading for this Ordinance will be held at the September meeting.

Town Administrator David

Krumwiede reported that the new awnings for the Town Hall and the Police Department would be arriving soon. The radar sign ordered for Anderson Street is in the process of arriving and should be up soon.

Zoning Director Roy McClain presented a new form for "Cleaning and Clearing" property that has fallen into disrepair. This form gives rates for the equipment used if such a procedure is required plus Labor rates and a Service Fee of \$50. A letter is written to such property owners that allows for a 30-day period to react before the Town will enforce the clean-up using the approved form.

As Fire Chief, Roy McClain reported that a new case for the Town Drone had been provided by the County. This will allow for a larger screen to access the data supplied by the Drone. The Drone is used in County as well as Town cases for searches.

Departments continue to

use fever checks and disinfectants to help in the effort to contain the spread of Covid-19.

Council Member Yannarella inquired about the search to obtain a card-reader for processing Town fees. Those interviews are ongoing with hopes of having a resolution soon to decide which would best fit the Town's needs.

Town Hall will be closed on Labor Day, September 6th.

There will be three Council seats up for election on the November 2nd General Election ballot. The Books for signing up for these closed at noon on August 16th.

There are six online sessions available through the Municipal Association for local government training.

The Regional Advocacy Meeting will be on October 5 in Greenwood. This provides information from the Municipal Association regarding present and pending legislation that affects Towns and Cities in South Carolina.



At the recent Calhoun Falls ice cream festival held at the Calhoun Falls farmers market, Horace Thomas of Calhoun Falls held his four-year-old granddaughter Gigi, from Silver Spring, MD. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Calhoun Falls farmers market was the location of an ice cream festival on August 21, with Wilder Ferreira (right) handing out yummy ice cream goodies. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Tax anticipation note

finalized in CF

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Town Council met Monday, finalizing a tax anticipation measure, discussing annexation issues, the American Rescue Plan and assistance from USDA.

Council passed final reading on Ordinance 2021-02 Tax Anticipation Loan, by a margin of 4-0, according to Mayor Chris Cowan. Councilperson Harmon was absent.

The tax anticipation measure allows the Town to borrow money in anticipation of tax monies being collected.

Also Monday night, Council passed Resolution 2021-10. This passed with three voting for and two absent -- Harmon and Postell. Council Postell arrived late.

This resolution designates an authorized representative and contact person for purposes of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

The American Rescue Plan, a federal stimulus package

in response to the COVID pandemic, earmarked money for local governments to help them cope with the effects of the pandemic.

Cowan indicated that the Town has not received its share of the funds.

Cowan explained that the Municipal Association of South Carolina is collecting pertinent data so that when the money is available, it can be provided in a timely manner, hence the need for Resolution 2021-10.

Also Monday night, Council also passed Resolution 2021-11 Acceptance of Loan Assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture.

"This loan in the amount of \$350,702 will be used to remove waterlines and meters from varies locations in resident yards to a standard location near the main street--some meters are in residents backyard or behind storage buildings," Cowan explained.

Council also discussed annexation concerns.

"We discussed issues the Town faces in the cost associated with maintaining water lines outside the city limits," Cowan said. "We have a number of water customers outside the city limits. The costs associated with maintaining those service lines have increased and we need to address those costs. We are researching the possibility to annex several areas/streets into the city limits.

"Also we are also researching changing our ordinances to reflect implementing a voluntary annexation on new water taps outside the city limits. This study will require several months.

"We hope to gain the best possible methods to address our lost cost associated with maintaining water lines outside the city limits."



B-Rad (far left) entertained the young and the young at heart recently at the Abbeville Opera House during a program presented by the Abbeville County Library System. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Estate: Willie Lee Bowie, Jr.
Date of Death: 7/31/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100204
Personal Representative: Theresa N. Bowie
Address: 1895 Cedar Springs Rd. S. Abbeville, SC 29620 8/18;3tc

Estate: Clara Aiken
Date of Death: 06/30/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100206
Personal Representative: Lisa Aiken
Address: 159 Mt. Lebanon Church Rd Donalds, SC 29638 8/18;3tc

Estate: Sara Elaine Davis
Date of Death: 07/31/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100208
Personal Representative: Monika Davis
Address: 20327 Deer Trail, Alpharetta, GA 30004 8/18;3tc

Estate: Ester Mae Baskin
Date of Death: 07/13/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100209
Personal Representative: Desmond Baskin
Address: 114 Kennedy Street Calhoun Falls, SC 29628 8/18;3tc

Estate: Vickie A. Bowie AKA Vickie Ivester Bowie
Date of Death: 07/29/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100210
Personal Representative: Robert C. Bowie, Sr.
Address: 137 Old Hickory Knob Drive McCor-mick, SC 29835 8/25;3tc

Estate: William Robert Wright, Jr.
Date of Death: 2/1/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100211
Personal Representative: Patricia P. Wright
Address: 26 Higgins Rd. Donalds, SC 29638 8/25;3tc

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2020-CP-01-00052

BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for EquiFirst Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-3 vs. Johnnie Ford, the under-signed Master In Equity for Abbeville County, South Carolina, will sell on September 7, 2021 at 02:00 PM, or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the Courthouse, City of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

A LOT OF LAND TOGETHER WITH A DWELLING HOUSE AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS THEREON SITUATE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FRONTING APPROXIMATELY 74.9 FEET ON THE NORTHWESTERLY SIDE OF CAMBRIDGE STREET AND EXTENDING BACK THEREFROM BY THE SOUTHWESTERN BOUNDARY LINE NORTH 49 DEGREES 52 MINUTES WEST A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 295 FEET TO LANDS OWNED BY ABBEVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 60; AND EXTENDING BACK FROM CAMBRIDGE STREET BY THE NORTHEASTERN BOUNDARY LINE NORTH 44 DEGREES 36 MINUTES WEST A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 295 FEET EAST NOW OR FORMERLY BY ESTATE OF SARA B. COLEMAN; SOUTHEAST BY CAMBRIDGE STREET; SOUTHWEST NOW OR FORMERLY BY GERTRUDE S. AND J.L. SPROUSE, JR.; AND NORTHWEST BY ABBEVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 60.

THIS IS THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JOHNNIE FORD BY DEED OF RUTH WALDHAUS, DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 IN BOOK 246 AT PAGE 110 IN THE RECORDS FOR ABBEVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 107 Cambridge St, Abbeville, SC 29620
TMS: 109-09-05-009

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master In Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but in the case of non-compliance to be forfeited and first applied 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 conditions on some subsequent Sales Day. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.9% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions, easements and restrictions of record and any other senior 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 conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.

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2020 Water Quality Report Donalds - Due West Water Authority System #SC0120001

We are pleased to provide you with this year's Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. The Donalds-Due West Water Authority purchases surface water from Belton-Honea Path Water Authority that comes from the Saluda River and the City of Abbeville that comes from Rocky River/Lake Russell.

A Source Water Assessment Plan has been prepared for our system. If you have any questions about this report, our source water assessment, or concerning your water utility, or if you do not have internet access, please contact Matt Cox at 864-379-2226. We want you, our neighbors and valued customers, to be informed about your water utility. Feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Donalds-Due West Water Authority office.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TEST RESULTS

Donalds-Due West Water Authority (SC0120001)

Lead and Copper Results						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	90 th percentile	Unit Measurement	Action Level	Sites over action level	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead (2020)	N	7 Range 3.0-7.0	ppb	15	7	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (2020)	N	.153 Range 0.099-0.153	ppm	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products						
Chlorine (2020)	N	0.8 Range 0.54-0.95	ppm	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic acids (HAAs) (2020)	N	31 Range 15.3-37.4	ppb	60	N/A	By-product of drinking water disinfectant
TTHM [Total trihalomethanes] (2020)	Y	72 Range 25.8-102.6 Highest LRAA was at DBP20	ppb	80	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination

City of Abbeville (SC0110001)

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Sodium ** Unregulated Contaminant (2020)	N	5.7	ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally Occurring
Nitrate (2019)	N	0.61 0.61-0.61	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Belton-Honea Path Water Authority (SC0410011)

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Fluoride (Sampled 2019)	N	.65 Range 0.65-0.65	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (Sampled 2019)	N	.35 0.35-0.35	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium ** Unregulated Contaminant (2020)	N	9.8	ppm	N/A	N/A	Naturally Occurring

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

If you have special health needs--

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/ AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EP NCDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Donalds-Due West Water Authority is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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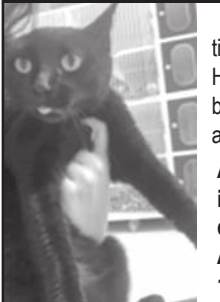
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