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Community food distribution goes well

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County School District held on Thursday in Abbeville another food distribution, helping to fight food insecurity in the Abbeville County community.

Taking place in the parking lot of the old Bi Lo store on Highway 72 on the western outskirts of Abbeville on a bitterly cold, rainy day, Thursday's distribution represented a collaboration between the District and Save the Children,

Save the Children is "an organization working hard to help with food insecurities in our communities," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lori Brownlee-Brewton. "The program is called Farmers to Families, which

delivers food boxes to rural communities.

Thursday's distribution followed the "drive-through" format, with people driving into the parking lot, where District representatives loaded vehicles with boxes of food—all free.

Those working to distribute the food represented a generational cross section, all the way from Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lori Brownlee-Brewton and other District office staffers, to a host of District students, including young people from the FFA chapters at Dixie and Abbeville high schools. Dr. Gary said Friday that

1150 boxes were given out. "We distributed that many in two hours," he said, noting that he was very pleased with the operation. "The flow went very well."

The Superintendent went on to thank the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office.

"They did all the traffic control," he noted.

He thanks also the School District maintenance personnel, who brought loading equipment.

The Superintendent extended thanks also to District Office personnel who helped out, and "especially to our two FFA programs at both high schools.

"That's always great to see kids serving the community," he said.



The Abbeville County School District collaborated with Save the Children to present a food distribution last week. Helping to load boxes of free food were these District students. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Iva man killed in motor vehicle accident

by Henry E. Green

An Iva man was killed in a two vehicle collision Friday night about 7:30 p.m. on the outskirts of Abbeville, according to Abbeville County Coroner Dr. Mark Dorn.

The accident occurred on Highway 71 near Windover Lane, and 53 year old Randy Brian Summers of 315

Chaffin, Iva, in Anderson County, died at the scene, the Coroner said.

Summers was driving a white pickup truck, and was the single occupant of the vehicle, which was traveling toward Abbeville.

There was a collision with another vehicle, an SUV. "The damage to both

vehicles was severe," the Coroner said.

The driver of the SUV was a woman who was transported by EMS to a hospital in Greenville, he said.

The cause of the accident is under investigation by the South Carolina Highway Patrol, Dr. Dorn continued.

Trustees learn about school closure effect

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees met Tuesday night, exploring the effect which school closures due to COVID had on student learning.

In a presentation to the trustees, School District Director of Instruction and Accountability Brandi Sears went over MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) data from the fall.

MAP data was gathered from students in grades kindergarten through ninth grade this year.

Sears compared data from the fall of 2019 to the fall of 2020, and the impact of the closure of schools in March of 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic to the end of the 19-20 school year was apparent.

The number of students who met or exceeded standards in math and reading was lower in the fall of 2020 than in the fall of the previous year.

The three months of school closure, coupled with the summer months, indicated some learning gaps.

"The attention turns to filling in those gaps and helping students recover from that loss," she said Tuesday afternoon before the meeting, noting that students were tested again in December, and there was growth in reading and math scores, thanks to the hard work of our teachers, students and staff.

During the Gold Star Highlights segment, the District's Junior Scholars were recognized, as well as the supervisors of the District's three school bus areas.

The Junior Scholars are middle school students who have shown academic promise by virtue of their scores on the PSAT.

This year the District has six Junior Scholars, all eighth graders, with three from Dixie, and three from Wright Middle School.

The supervisors included

Doug Belcher and Tina Walls from the Abbeville High School area, Brian Milford from Dixie area, and Milton Scott from the Calhoun Falls area.

In terms of facilities, as of Feb. 18, the District had \$5.3 million available for capital improvements, Superintendent Dr. Robert Gary said.

The trustees were expected to discuss Tuesday night possible approval of construction projects whereby new press boxes, concession buildings/restrooms and tickets could be built at Abbeville and Dixie high schools--these projects all together have a price tag of an estimated \$1.2 million.

The board also discussed updating policies on social media, visitors to schools, driver education, character education, the annual budget, and staff leave related to COVID.

Finally, the board was expected to discuss the hiring of a number of teachers for the coming school year.



On a cold, rainy Thursday, Feb. 18, the Abbeville County School District, in partnership with Save the Children, presented a food distribution in Abbeville. These young people are helping load motor vehicles with boxes of food. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

New ways to treat virus have developed

By Henry E. Green

During the course of the coronavirus pandemic, new ways to treat COVID-19 have been developed.

"Over the last year new therapies that can potentially help reduce the effects of the COVID-19 virus have been developed," said Meg Davis, Director of Marketing, Foundation and Volunteer Services with Abbeville Area Medical Center.

"Bamlanivimab (BAM) Infusion can be used for patients who do not have severe symptoms. AAMC also uses a four drug therapy to treat people who are very sick with the virus that

includes the administration of convalescent plasma, an antibody-rich product made from blood donated by people who have recovered from COVID-19 that can help boost their ability to fight the virus."

BAM infusion was described in a recent issue of The Press and Banner.

Cases of COVID-19 are continuing to drop across the state, with percent positive rates lower, according to published reports.

Here in Abbeville County, the number of cases, according to DHEC data as of Sunday, Feb. 21, stood at 1,881 confirmed positive

cases, and 28 confirmed coronavirus cases, according to DHEC related deaths.

Among Abbeville's neighboring counties, Anderson had 17,945 positive cases and 415 deaths, and Greenwood had 6,541 cases and 140 deaths.

Meanwhile, Laurens had 5,731 cases and 135 deaths, and McCormick 718 cases and 16 deaths, continued DHEC.

The number of vaccinations given in the state has risen to 651,113, according to the Feb. 17 issue of The Honea Path News Chronicle.

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Live and learn

We know much more about COVID now than year ago, Trey Moore says

By Henry E. Green
When the coronavirus pandemic started roughly one year ago, there were projections that it would kill as many as 10 percent of those infected, with millions losing their lives, Abbeville Area Medical Center physician Dr. Trey Moore told Rotarians Thursday.
One year later, we find that it has killed half a million, which of course is a large number, but nowhere near the original fears.
The point, according to Dr. Moore, is that we know so much more about the virus now than we did.
AAMC has set up a separate COVID wing, Moore told Rotarians.
“Our organization has been very nimble and on the cutting edge,” he said,

noting that AAMC set up a respiratory clinic in response to the pandemic.
“We did our first COVID test around the second week of March,” he said, adding that the first positive case was detected the third week of that month.
Since that time, AAMC has administered 23,700 tests.
“Per capita we’re one of the highest tested counties,” he said.
Out of those tested, 3,031 have come back positive, said Moore, noting that not everyone tested resides here in Abbeville County.
On Dec. 16, AAMC began vaccinating people for the virus, and so far 4,135 have been vaccinated. Of those, 1,757 have received the full-two shot series.
“The vaccine has been

remarkably safe,” he said, noting that there has not been a single significant adverse reaction at AAMC.
One may get a sore arm, fatigue, or perhaps fever or chills as a reaction, but that is about the extent of it.
Moore was asked about the variants of the virus, variants which are the result of virus mutations “This is what viruses do,” he said.
Moore foresees a day when booster shots could be given for things like the UK variant.
He was also asked about the effect of blood type on the likelihood of getting the virus, and he replied that there is not really any concrete evidence to show blood type is a factor.

Dr. Trey Moore, an AAMC physician, spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about the coronavirus pandemic. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Calhoun Falls plans spring cleaning work

By Henry E. Green
Calhoun Falls Town Council, meeting Monday night, discussed a town wide clean up that is slated for March 3 through March 12, Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris Cowan said Tuesday.
The public will be encouraged to place by the side of the road any items they want picked up, including tree branches, and wood items like old furniture.
A Town crew will be picking

up these items during the clean up, the Mayor said.
“During that time frame we’ll try to get the Town cleaned up,” he said.
Thus, the clean-up is aimed at items made of wood, and items such as refrigerators will not be picked up.
The Town is not responsible for picking up appliances, but the Town will be picking up things like tree limbs.

Cowan also briefed the Council on road projects, with several streets being graveled through the Abbeville County Transportation Committee.
These include Kershaw Street, Emily Street, and Shirley Street, he said.
Cowan said that the bidding process for man holes and sewage repair is going well, and he is hoping the Town can begin work on these in April.

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FFA enriches lives of CF Charter students



Gracee Dixon and Tanner Alewine recently talked about their experiences with FFA, and how much the organization has made a positive difference in their lives. (Photo courtesy of Nancy McCannon)

By Henry E. Green

FFA has made a difference--a big difference--in the lives of many young people.

That includes Tanner Alewine and Gracee Dixon. Gracee is a senior and Taylor a junior at Calhoun Falls Charter.

FFA is, as described on its website, "the premier youth organization preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture."

The official name is the National FFA Organization, with roots going back to 1928, and an FFA chapter may be chartered in any public school with an agricultural education program.

Student officers are elected by the chapter's members.

Both Gracee and Tanner have been members of FFA since the sixth grade, and the experience to them has been rich with memories.

"It's taken us all over the country," said Tanner. "To Indiana, and Washington, D.C."

The Indiana trip was a journey to the national FFA convention in Indianapolis in 2018 and 2019.

The 2020 convention was held virtually because of

COVID.

The trip to Washington, D.C. took place in 2019, for an FFA leadership conference.

"My personal roommates were from Missouri, Texas and Florida," Gracee said.

That, according to Tanner, was part of the plan--so that the young people at the conference could enrich their experience by meeting people from other parts of the country.

Both Tanner and Gracee have held leadership posts within the Calhoun Falls Charter chapter, with Gracee serving as the current president, and Tanner the vice president.

Competitive events are a part of FFA. Tanner, for example, recently placed eighth in the state individually out of 148 students, and the Calhoun Falls Charter team placed eighth as well, in a competition held on Feb. 12.

The chapter has worked to include the community as well in its activities, and one example is a recent wild game dinner.

Community members helped the chapter members gather the meat and Tim Rhodes of Calhoun Falls helped them cook the

meat.

The chapter members enjoyed such delicacies as raccoon, which Tanner recommended.

Here, too, the chapter was careful of COVID concerns. "We ate outside," Tanner said.

All in all, FFA has played a major part in their high school experience.

Tanner said that many of his favorite memories of high school are associated with FFA.

There is life beyond high school, of course. Gracee, once she gets to college, wants to pursue a degree in elementary education.

Her top three choices are Lander, Erskine and Clemson.

Gracee points to FFA's creed speaking competitions as an example of how the organization improves communications skills.

Tanner, meanwhile, wants to enter the pre-med program at Lander, on his way to becoming a doctor.

FFA, he said, has strengthened his leadership skills, and strengthened his character as well. He has, he believes, become a better man because of FFA.

Good Friends

Nonprofit group seeks to raise funds to restore Trinity Episcopal Church

By Henry E. Green

The Friends of Trinity are a nonprofit group founded in the early 1990s which seeks to raise funds to restore Trinity Episcopal Church, according to Friends member Ann Waigand.

"A lot of what we're doing is working with Preservation South Carolina," she said.

Preservation South Carolina, of course, is an organization working to restore Trinity.

Waigand has been president since 2014, when the "need for restoration became pretty apparent."

The daughter of the late May Hutchinson, Ann, who lives in Camden, Maine, says that it is not uncommon for historic churches to have

"friends" groups.

"We don't ask for money to pay for the vicar's salary," she said. "We ask for money to preserve and restore the building."

Trinity, she says, has long been more than simply an Episcopal Church. It has, to many people, become Abbeville's church.

Thus, to donate to the Friends is not so much a gift to support the denomination as a gift to help preserve a very historic building.

The Friends raise money in various ways -- through applying for grants and by accepting memorial donations.

"Preservation South Carolina is a statewide organization, and is helping the

Friends become a stronger organization.

Through partnership with Preservation South Carolina, the Friends can gain considerable expertise in applying for grants and raising funds.

"Trinity is such an educational tool," she said.

For example, the church has a ledger of enslaved persons baptized there. Thus, it could be used to teach school groups about various aspects of South Carolina history.

"We have an annual meeting," Ann said of the Friends. Typically held in February, this year's meeting will be virtual, she said.

Calhoun Falls woman arrested and charged in mail theft

Submitted by
Ray Watson,
County of Abbeville
Sheriff's Office



Tracy Lynn Smith

During the past several months, investigators with the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office have been investigating numerous reports of mail theft, burglaries to storage buildings, several incidents of financial transaction card theft and FTC fraud in Abbeville County.

During the investigation they were able to identify a suspect, and on 2-18-21, executed a search warrant at her home in Abbeville County.

During the search, investigators recovered approximately 1,000 pieces of mail from numerous locations in Abbeville, Greenwood, Anderson, and Laurens County in South Carolina as well as mail from Georgia and North

Carolina. Also recovered were items taken from storage in building thefts, numerous transaction cards, W2 forms, SS cards, assorted personal identification from persons in the county as well as equipment used in the manufacturing of debit/credit cards and material used to wash checks to change information on them.

The US postal service has been contacted and will be assisting with the investigation because of

the jurisdictional boundaries involved in this case.

We have arrested and charged Tracy Lynn Smith of Calhoun Falls with two counts of burglary, two counts of larceny, four counts of FTC theft, two counts of FTC fraud and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

She is currently incarcerated in the Abbeville County Detention Center on a 200 thousand dollar bond.

The sheriff's office will be sending letters to the residents of Abbeville County if mail was recovered and no reports had been filed from these locations. If you think you have had mail stolen, please contact your appropriate agencies. I would also do a credit check to see if your personal information has been compromised.

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City of Abbeville’s vulture wars continue

By Henry E. Green
The City of Abbeville’s vulture wars continue. The City of Abbeville continues to try to curb the onslaught of the buzzards, which congregate in the city in certain areas of the City, according to Mike Clary, the City’s community development director. They have been congregating for years in places such as McGowan Avenue, and on and around the City’s water tower off North Main Street. “The buzzards are federally protected crea-

tures, which means the City must follow strict guidelines when dealing with them,” Clary said. So what’s the problem? “In general they are a nuisance to the public,” he said, noting that the birds like to root around in people’s trash and then spread the garbage around. The City does have a “cannon” which when fired produces a sound “that is supposed to drive the buzzards away.” “It’s shown some good results,” he said, noting that

dealing with the buzzards has been cumbersome because of the projections given to them by the federal government. The City also hangs carcasses of dead buzzards around the nesting areas of the live birds. This is supposed to drive the birds away from their nesting grounds. “It has displayed some good results, but the buzzards are very resilient creatures,” he said.

Big bad birds

Edith Davis does not care much for buzzards congregating in Abbeville

By Henry E. Green
Buzzards. The very name arouses a certain distaste, a certain sense of being--shall we say, creeped out? Well, these birds with a less than savory reputation have been part of the Abbeville scene for a long time. Just ask Edith Davis, who knows from personal experience. Edith lives on Lee Street in the city of Abbeville, and the big birds have been known to congregate in her yard. Edith is also the widow of

the late Jimmy Davis, who served for a number of years as Mayor of Abbeville, and also wrote a column for The Press and Banner called “You Ain’t Gonna Believe This.” The column reflected Jimmy’s considerable talents as a story teller, and one week he wrote about--you guessed it--the buzzards. Edith estimates that the column was written about 20 years ago. Entitled “How to get 100 or more buzzards off a water tank” or “When the buzzards

come back to Capistrano,” the column took a look at the water tank that is located not too far from the Davis home. Edith, meanwhile, is not a big fan of the buzzards. “These birds carry disease,” she said. Once there was an injured buzzard in her yard, she said. The bird was limping, and she called Department of Natural Resources to try to catch him, but he got away. “Probably eaten by the other buzzards,” she said.

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Peach Apple Crisp

1 can peaches, in light syrup, drained, sliced (15 ounces)

2 apples, tart, peeled, sliced (medium)

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon (ground)

3/4 cup flour

1/4 cup brown sugar (packed)

3 tablespoon margarine (chilled)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease 9x9x2 inch casserole dish. Combine peaches, apples, vanilla, and cinnamon in a bowl. Toss well and spread evenly in a greased casserole dish. Combine flour and sugar in a small bowl. Cut in margarine with two knives until the mixture resembles a coarse meal. Sprinkle flour mixture evenly over fruit. Bake until lightly browned and bubbly, about 20 minutes

You Ain't Gonna Believe This!

By Jimmy Davis

How to get 100 or more buzzards off a water tank (Or, “When the buzzards come back to Capistrano...”)

“Why, exactly, are at least 100 buzzards hanging around the Abbeville City water tank...?” That’s a question we who live near the tank often ask ourselves. Some people who work with the Heister and Shyster Law Firm believe the buzzards are there because the buzzards heard that I was close to the Grim Reaper’s grip. Others said it was because of the city water’s smell...(Now that’s an explanation that could carry some weight...) The water in Abbeville had a reputation for some time before the buzzards showed up. It was the first time I have ever known water to have a smell to it. It also has a different taste. When my mother-in-law visited us for the first time 36 years ago, she wouldn’t drink the water here because of that taste and smell. Instead, she got water from Ray Swartzentruber’s well. However, I really don’t think the buzzards are attracted by either the smell or the taste. Rather, I suspect it’s because the water tower makes such a natural lofty gathering spot--where the buzzards can see long distances without having to waste energy flying. A buzzard can fly vast distances and see many things during the day. They can spread their large wings--and float on thermals for hours without having to so much as flap. By the end of the day, they have seen a great deal--and have much to talk about with their fellow buzzards. What better place to congregate than a huge tank with a rail that circles the tank to sit on? There, they can tell all about their day’s flight. They really must have a good time, too, for I’ve watched them with my field glasses as they sit up there wing to wing, claw to claw. I notice that when one of the buzzards is telling a story, the others turn their heads toward him. If it’s funny, they drop their heads and lower a wing. Sometimes, they lift a leg off the rail and slap it with a wing. And if it’s a rip snorter, they loft off the rail about two feet, hover, then settle back down. This can go on for an hour or more. Now most people don’t realize that buzzards can make sounds, but they can. Otherwise, how else could they communicate? Maybe they got ticked off at my spying on them with the binoculars, but they began to circle our house and cars--and drop their buzzardly “payloads.” And there’s nothing worse than buzzard...payload--seeing as it was already a right ripe, thoroughly pulverized, aged road-kill paté going in--to begin with. And to think, that was before it entered that final stage of distilling and refinement in the funky hopper of the buzzard’s gullet. Actually, the mind can’t much conceive of much purer, totally refined rankness than, you know, buzzard...leavings... It was a mess. It doesn’t help that buzzards are such excellent aerial shots. We probably would have won World War II a lot sooner if we’d used buzzards as bombardiers in our B-24s rather than humans...And Saddam Hussein thinks he knows about smart bombs? Every buzzard payload hit its target in this biological warfare with these weapons of mass destruction. Something had to be done. You can’t shoot buzzards because they’re a protected species under law. But I thought I knew what to do. After getting permission from local authorities, I headed down to News Notions--and he recommended a “screaming meanie”--the mother of all fireworks. When I rushed back home, I noticed that the buzzards had begun to gather for their daily news briefing to discuss what curious carcasses they’d spotted. I sneaked outside and got under some pine trees, then drove a pipe into the ground as my rocket launcher. Next I whipped out one of my “screaming meanies” and put the tail end into the pipe. I lit the fuse and hurried back to the corner of the house where my grandchildren were watching me with pride. What I didn’t know was, at the very same time, on the far side of the tank, Jim Simpson was about to shoot his air gun to scare off the buzzards. Both went off at the same time. It scared the buzzards so badly that they took off flying before losing their grip on the water tank. Now folks, you ain’t gonna believe this, but it looked to me as if the buzzards lifted the tank off its foundation a few inches before the weight dropped it back down. When it did, the water rushed back down the large pipe so fast that it sounded like a giant commode flushing. But the worst was yet to come...The screaming meanie that I had launched hit the last little limb at the top of a pine tree. And the branch caused my missile to do a 180 degree turn. It ricocheted off the tree and headed straight back toward us. I grabbed both grandboys and was making tracks when the rocket hit Edith’s flower pot on the end of the porch. The episode scared me so badly I didn’t go back in the back yard for a week. And I understand that the buzzards flew back to Capistrano. Soooooooooo long ‘til next time...

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Be on the safe side!

Mask wearing, authorities say, should continue after vaccination

By Henry E. Green

As the coronavirus pandemic rages on, and as the United States marked a grim milestone, with half a million COVID deaths this week, an interesting question has arisen.

Does someone who has been vaccinated still needs to wear a mask and practice social distancing, and if so, why?

The answer, according to Abbeville Area Medical Center marketing/foundation/volunteer Meg Davis, is a resounding YES!!!

She quoted AAMC physician Dr. Trey Moore as saying:

“Until a certain percentage of population has either

been infected or vaccinated it is important to continue to wear a mask. There (is) still a fair amount of circulating virus and the vaccine is not 100%.”

Davis went on to talk about the importance of continuing to use anti-virus measures, such as washing your hands often, wearing a mask, and practicing social distancing. “It’s important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to help stop this pandemic as we learn more about how COVID-19 vaccines work in real-world conditions,” she said.

“Experts are also looking at how many people get vaccinated and how the virus is spreading in communities.

We also don’t yet know whether getting a COVID-19 vaccine will prevent you from spreading the virus that causes COVID-19 to other people, even if you don’t get sick yourself. The CDC will continue to update this page as we learn more.

“Together, COVID-19 vaccination and following CDC’s recommendations for how to protect yourself and others will offer the best protection from getting and spreading COVID-19. Additional information can be found at key things to know about the COVID-19 vaccine. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html>.”

Historical Society embraces special app

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Historical Society is going high tech!

One of its projects has been the development of an app to help with a walking tour taking in some of the most marvelous locations of downtown Abbeville.

The Historical Society has taken over the Walking Tour that the Chamber has promoted for years, Historical Society president Andrew Hartsfield said recently in the Historical Society newsletter.

“We have teamed up with Story/My Tours in upstate New York to develop an app that can guide visitors through Abbeville’s Historic

District.

“This app will give each person a detailed history of each stop. The walking tour will include about 50 total stops of all our historic buildings, churches, monuments, parks and homes.

“We will offer visitors a virtual tour within the Abbeville area using a range of multimedia and support of GPS functionality to guide them.”

The resulting app allows users to explore the heritage of Abbeville on their own mobile devices.

All of the current green round signs that one sees in front of buildings on the tour will all be replaced with new aluminum numbered signs. When using the app, which

is “downloadable,” a visitor can either read the history of each stop or select the audio version.

“We are so excited about this endeavor for many reasons,” he said. “One, this will allow visitors something to do on their own time while delivering our rich history. It’s also completely safe since it’s outdoors and visitors can travel without being in large groups.”

The Society plans to launch the app by the spring of this year.

“We did a lot of research to find this app that is used by many historic cities and towns in the US, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.”

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Obituaries

Ruble

Randall Tucker Ruble, longtime minister and former president of Erskine College, died February 22, 2021 surrounded by family.

Dr. Ruble was born on April 15, 1932, the fourth of five children of William C. and Carrie Conner Ruble. He grew up in Lexington, VA, and graduated high school near Philadelphia.

Upon graduation from high school, Dr. Ruble enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving in the Korean Conflict. He moved to South Carolina to attend Erskine College on the GI Bill, and graduated with honors in three years. Upon graduation, he then earned Master's degrees from Erskine and Princeton Theological seminaries, and in 1964, the Doctor of Philosophy degree from The University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

He returned in 1965 to begin a long and productive career as an educator at Erskine College and Seminary. He did post-doctoral studies at Harvard University and the ATS Institute for Theological Management at West Point.

Dr. Ruble taught at Erskine for 45 years, first as a professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, later as Dean of the Seminary, and finally as president from 2006-2010. He was named President Emeritus upon retirement. Throughout his tenure, he focused on students, faculty, staff, and alumni. He developed a reputation for encouraging all but especially those who, like him, were first-generation college attendees from modest upbringing. While in college, Dr. Ruble was welcomed into professors' homes because he had nowhere to go on holidays. He, in turn, regularly welcomed students in the Ruble home for holiday meals.

Dr. Ruble served in many ways. As a minister, he was



Dr. Randall Tucker Ruble

ordained in 1961, and pastored Abbeville and Mount Carmel ARP churches from 1967 to 2010, with a brief three-year break to serve as chaplain at Erskine College. He preached across the ARP denomination during his career and served as moderator of the ARP Synod, chair of the Presbyterian Council on Chaplains and Military Personnel, and president of the Association of Seminary Presidents of the National Association of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. He served as chair of many accreditation committees for the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities and the Association of Theological Schools. As a major contribution to the church, he edited the Bicentennial History of the ARP Church.

Dr. Ruble chaired numerous civic groups including the Abbeville Lions Club, the Abbeville Heart Association, the Abbeville Rotary Club, the Christian Prison Ministries Board and Abbeville First Steps. He also helped found the Due West Rescue Squad and served on Due West Town Council.

Above all, Dr. Ruble loved family and friends. He organized family reunions for the Ruble family in Lexington, VA, and annual beach trips to Isle of Palms. He took his family camping across the U.S. and Canada, and traveled extensively with

family in retirement.

He was an accomplished runner and loved all sports, but especially Erskine Athletics. He regularly welcomed Erskine sports teams to his home and those teams, in turn, adopted him as their favorite fan.

In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by two brothers, Bill and Ben, and a sister, Marjorie.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Martha Grant (Molly), two sons, John (Holly) of Orlando, FL, Jeffrey (Cathy) of Columbia, a daughter, Ellen (Mike) of Tucson, AZ, and a brother, Richard (Anne), of Siloam Springs, AR. Grandchildren are Grant and Carter Ruble, Meghan Hall and her husband Trevor Hall, Tucker Ruble, and Flannery and Liam Lindeman. Great-grandchildren are Owen and twins Mary Oliver and George Hall.

Due to the pandemic, a graveside service will be held for immediate family. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Dr. Ruble helped establish Reach the Children of Rwanda, a ministry in Rwanda, Africa, led by Benjamin Musuhuyke, a graduate of Erskine Seminary and a survivor of the 1994 Rwanda holocaust. This ministry was dear to his heart, and those wanting to provide memorial gifts may contribute to the Ruble Scholarship at Reach the Children of Rwanda, PO Box 423, Due West, SC 29639. The Rubles also established scholarships at Erskine College and Seminary, PO Box 338, Due West, SC 29639.

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 Ruble family.

Hall

Marion Thomas 'Bubba' Hall, 72, of Abbeville, husband of Judy Edwards Hall, died Saturday, February 20, 2021 at Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont in Greenwood. He was born in Washington, DC to the late Marion and Mary Janet Jordan Hall.

Bubba, as he was affectionately known, graduated from Calhoun Falls High School, class of 1967. He retired as a cryptologist with the United States Air Force after honorably serving his country with 21 years of dedicated service. Tom often used his computer experience even after retirement; he could always solve any IT issues that arose amongst family and friends. Tom enjoyed reading, with science fiction and

mystery novels being his favorites. He worshipped at Lighthouse Ministries in Abbeville and will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by two brothers-in-law, Clyde Manning and Douglas Anes.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Judy; his children, Marion Thomas 'Tom' Hall, II (Tina) of Abbeville and Kathryn Ann Harcarik (Jason) of Lakeside Park, KY; three sisters, Kathryn Hall Manning of Abbeville, Jeannette Hall Campbell (Robbie) of Chappells, and Helen Ann Anes of Michigan; and three grandchildren, Kaitlin, Morgan, and Austin.

A service to celebrate

Tom's life, with full military honors, will be 1:00PM, Thursday, February 25, 2021 at Lighthouse Ministries Church with Pastor Tripp Speer officiating. A reception will immediately follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorials, in memory of Tom, are sent to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646.

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

Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Hall family.

Parnell

Glenda Louise Parnell, 84, of Calhoun Falls, SC, passed away on Thursday, February 18, 2021.

Born in Abbeville, SC on March 8, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Glen and Vernice Parnell.

She is survived by her sons: Mark Todd (Bonnie), and Stephen Daniel Todd Jr.; daughter: Cindy Erwin (Mike); brother: Louie Parnell; sister: Jewelyn Bryant; grandchildren: Rod Major, Robert Dale Major, Levi

Major, Melissa Richey, Chrissy Richey, Brandon Todd, Brooke Todd, Tara Todd, Stephanie Danielle Todd, Tyler Duke, Sebastian Todd, Stephen Todd Jr, Austin Todd; 13 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by a son: Steven Edwin Todd.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at Sosebee Mortuary, Iva Chapel at 2pm.

Burial will be held at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Visitation will be held prior to the service at the Iva Chapel on Thursday from 12pm to 2pm.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.sosebeemortuary.com.

The Sosebee Mortuary and Crematory, Iva Chapel, 204 East Green Street, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Due West Council Meeting Mayor's Report

Submitted by
Jeannie Knight, Mayor

On January 25th, I signed into effect a Covid-19 Personnel Policy for Employees to use to address exposure

and practices to follow if affected by the virus. There are 5 sections which state quarantine and testing requirements.

On February 9th, the Third Supplemental State

of Emergency Proclamation passed in December will expire. These are posted in businesses in Due West. A new Proclamation will be signed on February 10th to last for 61 days.

Obituaries

Culbreath

Michael Eugene (Mike) Culbreath, 59, of Hartsville, suddenly and tragically departed his earthly home on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Mike was born on May 16, 1961, in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina to William Richard (Bill) Culbreath and Helen Louise (Lawrimore) Culbreath. At just over 11 pounds, he was one of the largest babies born in Horry County Hospital up until that time.

A lifelong South Carolina resident, Mike started school at Ridgeland Elementary School, attended Laurens Elementary for one year, and then continued school in Newberry, from the 5th grade through his high school graduation in 1979. Never one to focus on academics alone, he was an outstanding athlete, stellar tennis player, and a loyal, outgoing friend to all. While living in Newberry, he developed his closest and most enduring friendships, mostly with his traveling softball teams, appropriately named the Outlaws and Bad Company.

Mike originally decided to forego college upon graduating from high school and began work at Central Soya in Newberry. After a year of working in the poultry business and unloading boxcars full of fertilizer, he decided college might be the correct path after all. He attended the University of South Carolina and Spartanburg Methodist College before settling in at Newberry College, where he graduated in 1985. A Physical Education major, he excelled at intramurals and having a really good time throughout his college years.

It was in 1985 he also met the love of his life and the lady he was destined to spend his life cherishing. Catherine (Kathi) Barefoot was the first person able to tame his wild side (a little) and tolerate his antics (a lot) and they fell hopelessly in love. They were wed on December 8, 1990, and never once left each other's sides. In January of 1995, they welcomed a son, Michael Levi Culbreath, into the world. Levi was the apple of his mother's eye and his



Michael Eugene Culbreath

father made over.

Mike worked for the SC Department of Transportation, John de la Howe Orphanage (where his mother was raised), and the Abbeville County School System. He culminated his many years working for the state of South Carolina with his retirement in 2014. But, as one given to a life of hard work and not sitting around on his rear end, he immediately started work at Walmart in Greenwood and later transferred to Walmart in Florence when he and Kathi relocated to Hartsville in late 2020.

Mike would tell you his best years were spent working with youth, mostly in the Abbeville School System. He coached youth sports, particularly football, and eventually coached sports at both the middle and high school levels. He drove the bus for all the team sports and developed wonderful relationships with Abbeville's youth that would be the envy of any educator. He was extremely proud of his Abbeville girls' tennis teams and loved his Abbeville Panther football teams with an unbridled passion. He never missed a sporting event if possible and the kids would look for him every time. He loved each and every one of them and he cared about, and kept up with them, long after they graduated. They, in turn, shared that love for him.

Mike loved all animals, particularly his puppies, golf, music of every type, Nebraska Cornhusker football, and all Newberry Indian (he'd never call them Wolves) athletics. He loved good food and good times. But mostly, he just loved

life. He loved his Lord, his Kathi, his Levi, his family, and his friends. He lived every day to the fullest and had no regrets. A man not focused on worldly things or status, he was rich in the wonderful relationships he had with everyone he knew. He always had a smile or a story and absolutely knew no strangers. His huge, genuine laugh was beyond infectious.

Mike was raised in the church and belonged to a church his entire life. But, in true Mike fashion, he didn't just go to church; he worked with youth and other groups and truly lived a Christian life. No one who knew him doubted his faith or steadfast moral compass. To those around him, he truly epitomized the role model for all things good. His passion for life and doing good, and fun, things was an example for all. The void he leaves in all our hearts will never be filled.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Kathi Culbreath, of the home; his son Levi Culbreath of Hartsville; his mother, Louise Culbreath, of Mt. Pleasant; his brother, Will Culbreath (Teresa) of Mt. Pleasant, nephews, Trey and Andy Culbreath; niece, Julianna Culbreath; sister-in-law, Deanna Kay Brooks; mother-in-law Kay McCormick (Don) and Emily Brown and her family of Hartsville. He is preceded in death by his father, Bill.

A small, private service was held to celebrate Mike's life on Monday, February 22nd at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home in Hartsville. His lifelong friend, the Rev Paul Rowe of Newberry, officiated the service. A larger, and much more informal, service to celebrate his amazing life will be held at the conclusion of the pandemic, most likely in his hometown of Newberry.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests any memorials be made to the Darlington County Humane Society, 1705 Adoption Way, Darlington, SC 29532.

Obituary placed courtesy of Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Abbeville.

Obituaries

Waters

Rayford Carroll Waters, 95, widower of Betty Jean Rudder Waters passed away peacefully Saturday Feb. 20, 2021 at Self Regional Medical Center in Greenwood, SC.

Born in Abbeville, SC he was a son of the late Dewitt Waters and Roberta Hutchinson Waters McNair.

Rayford proudly serviced his country during WWII as a Navy Veteran. He was a retired textile employee/security officer at the Abbeville Sharon Plant. Rayford enjoyed gardening and keeping his yard clean and neat but, his real joy was caring for his family.

Survivors are: three daughters Linda Waters Cheek of New Smyrna, FL, Joyce Elaine Waters Hall of Lowndesville, SC and Stephanie Dawn Waters Copelan of Abbeville, SC; a son Richard Waters of Fayetteville, TN; and a total of 31 grandchildren.

Graveside services will be conducted Wednesday Feb. 24, 2021 at 2:00 PM in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens with Rev. Marion Argo officiating with Military Honors.

The family will receive friends Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 until 1:30 PM at the Chandler-Jack-

son Funeral Home prior to graveside services. Due to COVID-19 social distancing and mask will be required.

Memorials in memory of Rayford may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 478 Craighead St., Nashville, TN 37204 or to the American Heart Association, 3535 Pelham Rd., Suite 101, Greenville, SC 29615.

Online condolences may be made to the Waters family by visiting www.chandlerjacksonfh.com

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



Bell Toll Ceremony February 2021 Honoring Deceased Veterans

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Dennis Oliver Driggers	73	US Army
Allen “Lou Boo” Bowie	62	SC National Guard
Thomas “Jack” Dunlap	79	US Army
William “Bill” Glover Underwood	72	US Navy

The Abbeville County Veterans Organizations jointly sponsor a Bell Toll Ceremony on the last Friday of each month. The veterans names who 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 were 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, February 26, 2021. Also, all veterans are welcomed to the American Legion meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Supper is served at 5 PM and the meeting is at 6 PM.

Cast of characters *Some interesting individuals populated Abbeville County history*

By Henry E. Green
When Dr. Lowry Ware passed away recently, the Abbeville County community lost a man who provided us not only with a glimpse into our history but into the interesting characters who populated that history. One of those characters was found in Ware’s Old Abbeville: Scenes of the Past of a Town Where Old Time Things Are Not Forgotten, a book which includes the story of Joseph Togno, a native of Corsica who served in the French Navy and then moved to America. He found his way to Abbeville, and before his death in 1859, he established a home which he called Montevino. “Dr. Togno called his home Montevino, and with that as his pen name, he addressed

numerous letters to the Abbeville newspapers in which he promoted the cultivation of the native grape known as the scuppernong and in which he carried on a running battle with the more zealous advocates of temperance,” according to an excerpt from the Independent Press, which Ware quoted. “He exhibited his scuppernong wine at the Charleston Exposition and elsewhere.” A medical doctor, Dr. Togno, who was described as a short, stout man with bushy hair, was known for building what came to known as a “The Rock House,” so called because the structure was built of rock, with the walls about a foot in thickness. He established a vineyard and orchard at his farm. “With small means, he ac-

complished much, and he seemed to be just on the eve of remunerative success, when he was struck by apoplexy, or disease of the heart,” according to the Independent Press excerpt. If Dr. Togno tangled with “the more zealous advocates of temperance,” those advocates might have had considerable reason for their advocacy. Ware writes in Old Abbeville that in the 19th century Abbeville residents tended to be fond of alcohol. According to Ware, in 1858, Judge John Belton O’Neill wrote a temperance group the following observation about Abbeville: “I regret to say that I saw more evidence of drinking to excess in Abbeville than at any other place on my circuit.”

Filing for special CF election begins

By Henry E. Green
Filing for a special Calhoun Falls Town Council election will begin today, Wednesday, Feb. 24, at noon, and will last until noon on Friday, March 5, according to Kim London, voter registration and elections director for Abbeville County. The special election will be held Tuesday, April 6, at the Calhoun Falls Civic Center, and it will be to fill the unexpired term of the late Wayne Pless, who passed away on

Jan. 9, London said. Those people wishing to file as candidates may stop by the voter registration office in the Abbeville County Administrative Complex, and fill out the filing paperwork. The filing fee is \$50, and must be paid by check, cashier’s check or money order. No debit or credit cards and no cash will be accepted, the voter registration and elections director went on to say. London explained the

parameters of the term to which Pless had been elected. “He was elected in November of 2019,” she said, adding that his term was set to expire in November of 2023. Calhoun Falls Town Council elections are nonpartisan. For more information, one may call the voter registration office at 366-2400, extension 53.

Notice of Election

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

Notice is hereby given that a non-partisan municipal special election for the town of Calhoun Falls will be held at Precincts fixed by law on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Those seats to be voted on is one (1) unexpired town council seat.

Any person wishing to register to vote in these elections must do so no later than Friday, March 5, 2021 in person, March 7 on-line, All mailed voter registration application must be post marked no later than March 8. Voters must reside within the Town of Calhoun Falls boundaries in order to qualify to vote in this election.

Beginning February 24, 2021 at 12:00 NOON Candidacy can be placed at the Abbeville County Registration & Elections office. Deadline for filing Candidacy is NOON, March 5, 2021. This is a non-partisan election. No party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.

The polls shall be open from 7:00am until 7:00pm at the polling places designated below.

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

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

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

On Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 11:00 am, the Abbeville County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of provisional ballots from the April 6th election. This hearing will be held at the Abbeville County Complex at 903 West Greenwood Street, Abbeville SC 29620.

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

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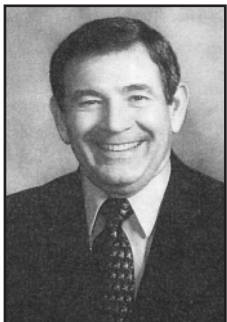
Mr. & Mrs. Christian Edmond Beamguard

Miss Charlotte Calista Colbert of Abbeville and Mr. Christian Edmond Beamguard of Clover were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, November 7, 2020, in the bride’s parents’ backyard. The father of the bride, Mr. Stan Colbert (retired) officiated the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Colbert (Deborah) of Abbeville, SC. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Beamguard (Rita) of Clover, SC. Music for the ceremony was provided by Nathan Holben and Kylie Beamguard. Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a redesigned gown worn by her mother with alterations by Suzie Sherard. The bride’s bouquet included her mother’s wedding dress accents and was made by Lucia Bishop. The bride chose Jordan Kennington as her Matron of Honor. Decorations for the wedding and reception were enhanced by Abbeville Presbyterian Church members who shared china, oil lamps, card tables and lanterns creating a warm, magical atmosphere. Professional guidance on decorations was overseen by Lucia Bishop and Kyle Fuller of Divine Your Space. The newlyweds spent their wedding weekend at the Grove Park Inn and had a few days honeymooning in Gatlinburg mid-January. Calista and Christian will live in Boone, NC while the bride completes her Masters in Counseling at Appalachian State University. During the fall of 2021, the couple plans to live in the Asheville area.

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Numbers 13:30 “But Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. (31) But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we (32) and they brought up an evil report of the land...”

A teacher gave an unusual homework assignment to her class—she told them to go out into their backyards that evening and count the stars they saw. She wanted to use the assignment to prepare them for Christmas. The next day, one excited pupil said he counted 400, another said he counted 800. Finally when it came to little Billy, he said he only counted four. The shocked teacher tried to gain control of the class as it erupted in laughter. Embarrassed, little Billy muttered, “I must have a smaller backyard.” Each child had the same view of the heavens—little Billy’s vision was smaller. In Numbers 13, the ten spies had a smaller vision than Caleb and Joshua. All of them saw the same vision of Canaan, but only Caleb and Joshua had the faith to see it properly—the other ten were cowed by fear. Caleb saw the opportunities that Canaan offered—the ten only saw the obstacles. Caleb looked at God while the other ten looked at the giants. The ten looked at the walled cities and they were filled with fear, but Caleb looked at the promise of God with the eye of faith. In verse 33 the ten spies compared themselves to the giants—they said, “there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so were we in their sight.” My uncle Gil Keith used to say, “if size meant anything, an elephant could outrun a jack-rabbit.” The ten spies looked at themselves as grasshoppers and so did the inhabitants of the land.

If you look at yourself as no-count, unworthy, and worthless, guess what? Others will too. How you perceive yourself will be how others perceive you. The ten looked at the giants and compared themselves to the giants. Caleb and Joshua looked at God and compared the giants to God. Each of us face opportunities every day. Depending on how you look at them will determine how you respond to them. If you only see the obstacles, you will be filled with fear. If you only look at yourself you might let fear of failure hold you back. Rather than looking only at yourself, elevate your vision to God and get a vision of what He can do—that will inspire you to great achievements.

Brand-new year
Historical Society aiming to begin
Phase III of Railroad Museum

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County Historical Society is planning to start Phase Three of the Franklin and Ann Pursley Railroad Museum at the McGowan Barksdale Bundy House this year, according to Historical Society president Andrew Hartsfield. The Society is planning to use a \$20,000 donation to begin Phase III, which will include a new entry way, exhibition room, and two restrooms, Hartsfield said in a recent Society newsletter. Phase 1 and Phase II of the Museum have been completed, and the Society held a grand opening for it in the fall of 2019. “We started out with great responses and many visitors,” he said. However, COVID hit at the beginning of 2020, and the museum and house were closed. Meanwhile, the Society’s website is up and running, thanks to Jason Walker of Website Ministries, LLC, based in Abbeville, Hartsfield said. “Jason completely redeveloped our website in 2020,” said Hartsfield. One challenge which the Society faces is that of replacing the roof on the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House. The roof had begun to leak, and several roofing companies were called to provide an assessment of the problem. “We were told the entire roof was in great need of replacing,” Hartsfield said. In addition, “all four chimneys were discovered to

have significant to major structural issues from over 130 years of weather and storm damage. Many bricks have become dislodged and have fallen on the roof, causing significant roof damage in many areas,” he said. The Society is working to meet both challenges. To secure a grant, the Society will have to have the chimneys restored to their original 1888 look. The chimney work will start the second week in June. “The roof will follow with an asphalt shingle 50 year warranty,” Hartsfield said. Donated to the Society in 1989, the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House, located on North Main in the city of Abbeville, is today the Society’s headquarters.

Busy Bees is growing again
and we are super excited to
announce it!

Submitted by
Mandy Brown

Busy Bees Preschool, a ministry of Abbeville Presbyterian Church, will now be offering a half-day Kindergarten program. Busy Bees currently offers classes for ages One to Four. The preschool is excited to offer more options to the community by adding a 5K program. Half-day Kindergarten is a great option for younger

children who may not be socially or emotionally ready to attend full-day school. A lot of parents choose to hold their children back or repeat a grade, and this program will allow parents to get the same result without having to repeat a class or program. Parents who have children that complete 5K at Busy Bees will have the choice of sending their student to full-day Kindergarten or on to First grade, depending on

the child’s readiness. Busy Bees will take a maximum of 12 students for 5K. The smaller class size will provide lots of opportunities for one-on-one instruction. Registration for the 2021-22 school year is now open. Registration forms can be submitted online at www.abbevillepres.org. Contact Director, Mandy Brown, for more information 366-BEES(2337). Busy Bees is a great place to BEE!

4-H Poultry Project Offered

Submitted by
Jennifer Mountford

It’s that time of year again, the time to sign up for the **2021 4-H Poultry Project**. It may be cool now, but Spring will be here before you know it, and the days will get warmer. With that in mind, consider the fun of raising and showing chickens. The new or veteran chicken grower, this 4-H project offers youth the opportunity to learn valuable lessons in the care and maintenance of a flock in a fun and engaging atmosphere. Raising baby chicks from day one to egg-laying age can be a rewarding experience for our 4-H youth across South Carolina. The 4-H Poultry Projects are open to all youth between the ages of five to eighteen. Each county Clemson Extension office and 4-H Program will have registration information or contact Jenny Mountford, Upstate Region Poultry Project Coordinator and Abbeville County 4-H Agent at 864-446-2276. The 4-H Pullet Chain has been one of our most popular projects, and other than feed and shelter does not require an abundance of time or expense. Registration is open through March 1, 2021 at 10am. Youth have the option to order chicks in quantities twelve (\$35) or twenty-five (\$70) to raise over the summer. Chicks will arrive in early May. The breeds of chicks offered this year are Golden Comet, Rhode Island Red, and Barred Rock. Each breed is a reliable layer. We encourage families to

do some research before deciding which breed will be best for their 4-H project and as their backyard flock. Part of the Pullet Chain project requirements includes returning a portion of the birds at the end of the project for auction. If you order 12 birds, you will return 3 birds to 4-H. If you order 25 birds, you will return 5 birds to a final 4-H Pullet Chain Auction typically held after show season. When 4-H participants satisfactorily complete each required part of the Pullet Chain (showmanship, record book, auction birds), the youth’s registration deposit is returned. Proceeds from the auction will help offset the cost of offering the project and all prizes/awards given throughout the year. All remaining pullets are the 4-H members to keep for their backyard flock. Youth will also have opportunities to exhibit their poultry knowledge or showcase their 4-H project experience by participating in various educational opportunities leading up to the final show. Also offered this year is the **4-H Laying Flock Project**. The Laying Flock Project is for the youth that already has chickens at home and is not interested in ordering chicks from 4-H this year. Participants have the same opportunities to show as those in the Pullet Chain. The cost to participate in the Laying Flock Project is \$10 for 4-H members and registration is open through May 3, 10am. Youth who register for the SC 4-H Poultry Projects must also register and pay

their SC 4-H Membership at www.v2.4honline.com. With the membership, youth will receive a t-shirt and have the opportunity to participate in other 4-H projects offered for the year, including clubs, projects, and summer camps. The Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to people of all ages, regardless of race, color, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability, political beliefs, gender identity, marital or family status and is an equal opportunity employer. The 4-H Poultry Project, like our other animal projects, is a rewarding experience for young people. They learn responsibility and a vast array of life skills that will help them grow into versatile, well-rounded adults. 4-H animal projects, such as the 4-H Poultry Project, encourage the process of “discovery” of knowledge and solutions and build competence and confidence. To participate in the 4-H poultry projects, youth must complete the poultry registration online and pay the project fees. Fees are dependent on which poultry project youth participate in and the number of birds ordered. Forms are available through local Clemson Extension Offices or online at <https://www.clemson.edu/extension/4h/programs/ag-animals/livestock/poultry.html>. For more information, contact Jenny Mountford, Abbeville County 4-H Agent at grier@clemson.edu or your local county Clemson Extension office.

City of Abbeville Job Openings

Custodian

The City of Abbeville is currently accepting applications for a Custodian to work 25 – 28 hours per week.

Duties of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Performs routine custodial tasks for City Hall, Opera House Theater, Police Department and Public Utilities Administration building.
- Vacuum rugs and carpets.
- Sweeping and mopping / waxing floors.
- Washing and sanitizing restroom facilities and restocking disposables.
- Cleaning / disinfecting community surfaces.
- Gathers and empties trash / recyclables.
- Cleans and polishes fixtures and furniture.
- Manages inventory of cleaning supplies.
- Assists with City sponsored events.
- Must be able to work flexible hours.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- High school education or equivalent.
- At least 3 years’ experience in custodial services.
- Ability to work with limited supervision.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to push/lift 75 pounds.
- Ability to climb ladders.
- Bending at waist, sitting, standing, climbing, walking, crouching as job requires.
- Ability to work around paint, cleaning fluids, solvents, batteries and lubricants safely.
- Must possess a valid SC driver’s license with a good driving history.

How to apply: Submit a City of Abbeville application with references to Human Resources, PO Box 40, Abbeville, SC 29620. Applications are also available online at www.abbevillecitysc.com or at City Hall/Opera House.

Deadline to apply: Until filled

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Facilities Maintenance Technician

The City of Abbeville is currently accepting applications for a Facilities Maintenance Technician.

Duties of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Performs routine building maintenance tasks for City Hall, Opera House, Civic Center, Police Department and Public Utilities Administration building.
- Change light bulbs, interior and exterior as needed.
- Maintain exterior property focusing on the Downtown Square area.
- Oversees daily trash removal, bathroom cleaning, entranceway cleaning, cigarette receptacles, cleaning floors, cleaning windows etc.
- Cleaning / disinfecting community surfaces.
- Change all filters for HVAC as required in all buildings.
- Repair maintain/monitor all equipment.
- Paint, remodel, and refurbish areas as needed.
- Assists with City sponsored events.
- Reports maintenance issues to City Manager or Assistant City Manager.
- Must be able to work flexible hours.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- High school education or equivalent.
- At least 5 years’ experience in facilities maintenance.
- Basic understanding of electrical, plumbing, and carpentry.
- Ability to work with limited supervision.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to push/lift 75 pounds.
- Ability to climb ladders.
- Bending at waist, sitting, standing, climbing, walking, crouching as job requires.
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Human Resources Coordinator

The City of Abbeville is currently accepting applications for a Human Resources Coordinator.

Duties of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Assists with the administration of City-wide human resources; ensures adherence to policies, procedures and benefits. Coordinates safety policies, procedures and training.
- Ensures compliance with all local, state and federal personnel laws and ordinances; interprets and applies FLSA, FLMA, OSHA, ADA, etc. guidelines; coordinates and conducts training regarding personnel ordinances, drug and alcohol policies and sexual harassment prevention; coordinates the City’s drug and alcohol testing program.
- Administers new employee orientation and termination of employees ensuring compliance with local, state and federal standards. Processes new employee, terminated employee and retiree forms with PEBA.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Associates or bachelor’s degree with 1-3 years of human resources experience; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge, and abilities
- Must have the ability to manage and resolve complex personnel matters
- Must maintain confidentiality
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively
- Valid South Carolina driver’s license with a good driving record
- Must pass through a background investigation, pre-employment drug screen and physical examination

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Community Development Director

The City of Abbeville is currently accepting applications for a Community Development Director.

Duties of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Facilitates City special events such as the Spring Festival, Hogs & Hens as well as other associated events for the City.
- Directs the operation of the Opera House Venue to include scheduling performances, working with volunteers, and technical Staff.
- Oversees the operation of the Opera House’s Lighting and Sound Systems.
- Aids in maintaining communication with local organizations and the public to promote City events.
- Promotion of the City of Abbeville to attract visitors and potential residents through community development.
- Interfaces with local business, merchant groups and pursues business recruitment.
- Operates the Opera House social media page.
- Reports to City Manager and Assistant City Manager.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s degree with major work in planning, fine arts, mass communication or public administration; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge, and abilities.
- Must have the ability to maintain annual schedules for events as well as supervising the operation of events.
- Must maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with the public and fellow staff members.
- Valid South Carolina driver’s license with a good driving record.
- Must pass a thorough background investigation, pre-employment drug screen and physical examination.

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Deadline to apply: Until filled

Salary Range: 35,000 - 40,000 depending on experience

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A lock of hair

Andy Calhoun embarks on project to seek John C. Calhoun DNA profile

By Henry E. Green
A relative of John C. Calhoun wants to use a lock of the statesman's hair to establish a DNA profile that could be used by "historians, genealogists, and Calhoun descendants across America."

Andy Calhoun lives in Savannah, where he was born and raised.

"My grandfather moved to Georgia after graduating from Clemson College in 1896," he explained.

"I am not a direct descendant of John C. Calhoun. I am directly descended from John C.'s younger brother Patrick."

And the lock of hair?

"As everyone knows, Charleston has taken down the statue of John C. Calhoun that stood in Marion

Square for over 100 years," Andy Calhoun said

"Now they are demolishing the large base that the statue was mounted on. Buried inside this base is said to be a cornerstone (or time capsule) containing several period artifacts that includes a lock of John C.'s hair."

Andy says that he learned about the lock of hair through an old article which appeared in a Charleston paper when the statue was erected more than 100 years ago. In addition to the hair, the time capsule contained items such as a cannon ball and one of John C. Calhoun's speeches.

It was the lock of hair that piqued Andy's interest.

"I am trying to mount a campaign to get at least a portion of the hair in order

to perform a DNA profile on it for the use and benefit of historians, genealogists, and Calhoun descendants across America. Best I have been able to find out, there is no DNA profile in existence for John C."

Andy Calhoun says that he has contacted the Charleston mayor, the Post and Courier, and various state legislators to ask for their help.

"My questions are who is to take possession of the time capsule and who could authorize a DNA test of the hair," he said.

"And I don't have any idea how many Calhoun descendants exist, although I would guess many."

For more information, one may contact Andy Calhoun at andrewcjr@gmail.com



Developer Tonya Haddock is helping spearhead an effort to renovate this old building on Branch Street in Abbeville, and make what used to be the Abbeville County Training School into an apartment building focusing on senior citizens. (Contributed photo)

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Schools in African American Communities in Abbeville

Submitted by Lemuel Patterson

Abbeville County — FEBRUARY — About half a century ago, there were more than 15 schools in rural African American communities throughout Abbeville County. The one and two room schoolhouses which educated children of color existed until the late 1950's. The short school year aligned with the agrarian schedules for the planting and harvest seasons. Still, the educators promoted student learning and nurtured family domestic matters in the community. Today from that era, one sole surviving teacher is Mrs. Ella Jenkins Harrison.

During Black History Month, students who attended the schools and descendants of landowners where the school-houses were erected are asked to share their stories with their respective families, churches, and to contact the Essie Strother Patterson Legacy Foundation for recordings as well.

Listed below are some of the schools and the teachers whose contributions may be remembered.

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Precision Metal Finishing had a chemical change in their processes that resulted in problems with their wastewater treatment system. Precision Metal Finishing had to ship some of their wastewater offsite for disposal until they were able to optimize the wastewater treatment system to treat the higher levels of pollutants. Precision Metal Finishing has been in compliance with their wastewater discharge permit since July of 2020.

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State championship teams recognized

By Henry E. Green
Champions!
The Abbeville High School Panther football team, and three Abbeville recreation football teams were all honored Saturday at the Abbeville Civic Center for the state championships they had won.
Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards presented proclamations to the coaches of the teams, as families and friends sat in the bleachers and listened and watched.
The Abbeville High School varsity football team won the state championship with a victory over Marion in December in Columbia at the Benedict College football stadium.
Abbeville City Council

member Benji Greeson spoke briefly to the crowd, highlighting the accomplishments of the AHS football program and AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles.
The coach's all-time record is 185-40-1, Greeson said.
Nickles has seven state championships which is second best all-time in the history of SC high school football. Only John McKissick of Summerville and Willie Varner of Woodruff have more and they have eight each.
The AHS Panther team has won five of the last six state titles with a 78-4-1 record over that stretch, Greeson continued.

Nickles himself spoke briefly to the crowd, and the teams posed for group pictures.
The Panthers joined the three recreation football teams and cheerleaders--Abbeville seven-and-eight year olds, nine-and-10 year olds, and 11-and-12 year olds.
Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone said Monday that the event was spearheaded by Edwards, and included take out plates of chicken, potatoes and macaroni for the players, cheerleaders and their families.
Altogether, 125 people were fed, said Stone.



The Abbeville High School Panther football team, and three Abbeville recreation football teams were all honored Saturday at the Abbeville Civic Center for the state championships they had won. Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards (second from right) was a guiding force behind the event, and holding copies of the proclamation in connection with the event were AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson (second from left) and AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles (far right). City Council member Benji Greeson (far left) spoke about the accomplishments of Nickles and the AHS team. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Lady Flashes end up in third place in Region

By Henry E. Green
The Calhoun Falls Charter varsity girls basketball team lost to High Point Academy on the evening of Tuesday, Feb. 16, in Calhoun Falls, 67-36, according to Calhoun Falls Charter coach Joseph Cade.
"They were a tough team," said Cade of High Point. "They led the whole game."
In the final game of the regular season, the Calhoun Falls Charter girls played

hard, but with the victory High Point won the Region. Jasmine Cade had 15 points to lead Calhoun Falls Charter.
"We ended up in third place for our Region," said the coach. "I was very pleased."
The Flashes won only three Region games last year, and "this year we won eight Region games," he said.
Calhoun Falls Charter also made the playoffs, and the

Lady Flashes were slated to play Denmark Olar on the road last night.
Overall, the Lady Flashes ended the regular season with a record of 10-8, and in the Region, Calhoun Falls Charter was 8-4.
"I was pleased with the outcome," he said. "I do have a very young team. Nine of our 14 players are middle school--they are seventh and eighth graders."

AHS boys basketball season comes to end

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville High School varsity boys basketball team lost to York Prep Monday night in the first round of the state playoffs, 76-48, and with the loss the Panthers concluded their season, according to AHS Panther head coach Doug Belcher.
The Panthers were led by

Jeremiah Lomax with 17 points, Belcher said.
AHS was down by six at halftime, said the Panther coach, who commended York Prep for a game well-played.
"They had a deep bench," said Belcher. "It was a fast paced game."
The Panthers also expe-

rienced considerable foul trouble, which did not help their cause.
Despite the loss, Belcher was pleased with the season.
"We had a great year considering the circumstances with COVID 19," he said. "We're just grateful to get the season in."

Dixie boys basketball team concludes season

By Henry E. Green
The Dixie High School varsity boys basketball team finished its season with a record of 8-10, according to Josh Harbert, Dixie varsity boys coach.
The Hornets finished in fifth place in their Region. Dixie finished its season on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at Calhoun Falls Charter.
"We lost by three points," he said. "It was back and forth."
The Hornets played good

defense, but "offensively we didn't play well--missed some free throws, missed some open shots."
"We return the majority of team, for next year," said Harbert, who is in his first year of coaching the Hornets.
"We had a ton of injuries," he said, more than he had seen in a single team in a single season. This made an impact on the team and its record.
The games the Hornets

missed because of Covid concerns they were able to make up. "We played all our games," he said.
The Hornets finished in the "middle of the pack" in the Region, which was about where the coach expected them to be.
However, he is optimistic about next season. "We return a majority of our rotation," he said. "We return about 75 percent of our scoring."

Tyson's second half goal sends Fleet past Converse in season opener

**Submitted by
Erskine Athletic
Department**

The Erskine Flying Fleet (1-0, 1-0) got a 75th minute game-winning goal from Kelsey Tyson to pick up a road victory over Converse College (0-1, 0-1) at Viking Stadium on Sunday afternoon.
The Fleet now lead the all-time series against the Valkyries 9-5 and have won four straight in a series that began in 2007.
Both teams were held scoreless in the opening half as Erskine was held to just four shots and Converse was limited to just two shots in the first 45 minutes. The Fleet continued to create the majority of the chances before eventually finding a breakthrough in the 75th minute. Devyn Cabral forced

a save out of the Converse goalkeeper, which was parried behind for a corner kick. Cabral took the corner kick and delivered a perfect ball right onto the penalty spot, which led to a goalmouth scramble before Kelsey Tyson got the final touch to give Erskine a 1-0 lead. Just minutes later, Converse set a ball into the box which was fumbled by the Fleet goalie and originally ruled to be an own goal. But after a conversation between the officials, the decision was overturned, and the Fleet maintained the lead. Erskine held most of the possession in the final ten minutes to finish off a 1-0 victory over Converse.
Kelsey Tyson tallied two of the Fleet's eight shots on goal, including the most vital shot as she tucked away a goalmouth scramble from

about two yards out in the 75th minute for the only goal of the game.
Erskine finished with eight shots, five of which were on target, and held Converse to five shots and two on target. Erskine goalkeeper Cheyenne Fuller saved both Valkyries' shots on goal.
Erskine continues its start the 2021 conference-only season with another road bout at King University (0-0, 0-0) next Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.
The Tornado are 1-6 all-time against the Fleet, but Erskine earned its first win in the series in the most recent meeting with a 2-0 home victory back in November 2019. Second half goals from Katie Cauble and Lauren Mullen earned Erskine the win.
Visit the Official Home of Erskine Athletics at www.erskinesports.com.

Request for Quotes

City of Abbeville, South Carolina

Brick Border Masonry and Repair

Quotation Number 100-1-2021

The City of Abbeville, SC, is requesting quotations from contractors and brick masons for the repair of a brick border at the corner of Penney Street and South Main Street. Quotes should represent all project costs to include all but not limited to mobilization, materials, demolition, labor, equipment, transportation, and taxes. The bidder should visit the site to determine any factors that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the services. Brick and other materials should match the surrounding streetscape materials currently in place.

Contractor is required to have or obtain a current City business license, any applicable state and federal licenses, and submit a Certificate of Insurance. Quotation should state completion time frame for repair given an anticipated notice to proceed date of March 8, 2021.

Quotations may be submitted to the attention of Assistant City Manager as follows:

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The Abbeville High School football team was honored Saturday at the Abbeville Civic Center for the state championship the team won last year. Team members and cheerleaders posed for this picture. Also honored were three Abbeville rec teams which won state championships last year. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Abbeville High School Panther football team, and three Abbeville recreation football teams were all honored Saturday at the Abbeville Civic Center for the state championships they had won. Here are members of all the honored teams posed together for a big group picture. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Abbeville High School Panther football team, and three Abbeville recreation football teams were all honored Saturday at the Abbeville Civic Center for the state championships they had won. Here are members of the rec teams, along with coaches. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Legals

SUMMONS AND NOTICE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO. 2020-CP-01-
00280

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., Plaintiff vs. Taria Stokes a/k/a Taria D. Stokes a/k/a Taria Dianne Stokes, Midland Funding, LLC, and Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S)

TARIA STOKES A/K/A TARIA D. STOKES A/K/A TARIA DIANNE STOKES: 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 December 30, 2020.

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 Taria Stokes to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. bearing date of June 9, 2010 and recorded July 12, 2010 in Mortgage Book 18L at page 665 in the Register of Mesne Conveyances/ Register of Deeds/Clerk of Court for Abbeville

County, in the original principal sum of Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$86,673.00), 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:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying and being situate in the State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville, and being shown and designated as Tract "A" on SC Highway 184 on plat prepared by Wallace &

Associates dated April 29, 2010 entitled "Boundary Survey for James D. Stokes and Mattie Stokes" and recorded in Plat Book 69 at page 33 in the Abbeville County Clerk of Court Office. Reference is hereby made to said plat for a more complete and accurate description of said property. TMS No. 009-00-00-075 (LOT) 000-99-07-830 (MH) Property Address: 9204 Highway 184 E, Donalds, SC 29638 Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, South Carolina 29211 Telephone (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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

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Case Number: 2021ES0100030
Personal Representative: Juanita Napoleon
Address: 37 Oaklawn Drive Abbeville, SC 29620
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Estate: F. M. Norman
Date of Death: 07/13/2020
Case Number: 2021ES0100042
Personal Representative: Clara Mae Norman
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Attorney, if applicable: John J. Stathakis, ESQ
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Personal Representative: Annie Freely
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Notice is hereby given that A-Town Sports Bar LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of Beer/Wine at 782 Hwy 28 ByPass, Abbeville, SC 29620. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than March 9, 2021. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:
(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
(2) The specific reasons why the application should be denied;
(3) That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
(4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
(5) The name of the applicant and the address of the business to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-0907; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Notice is hereby given that Midsouth Oil, LLC aka Corner Stop 201 intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of Beer/Wine at 110 N Calhoun Shores Parkway, Calhoun Falls, SC 29628. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2021. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:
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'Miracle Cat' fails to save trapped farmer



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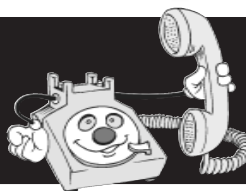
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