



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



Fire damaged the Abbeville Church of Christ on the eastern outskirts of Abbeville recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Fire damages Abbeville church

By Henry E. Green

An Abbeville County church was recently damaged by fire, with the cause of the blaze under investigation, according to Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams.

The Abbeville Church of Christ, located at 405 Grey Rock Estates, is in the Long Cane Fire District, Williams said Monday.

A report of a structure fire involving the exterior of the building came in on Thursday, Dec. 30 at 7:11 p.m., and the first fire service units arrived 11 minutes later.

The units proceeded to mount "an interior attack" on the blaze in the building--they went inside the building to find "heavy smoke con-

ditions with extremely high heat conditions, Williams continued.

"The fire was under control in about 30 minutes," he said.

"The State Law Enforcement Division was called in to investigate, which is not uncommon for church fires. The ATF was notified as well but did not respond," he said.

The investigation lasted until about 5 a.m., and the cause was still undetermined at press time.

"Without the quick operations of fire fighters, the entire building would have been a total fire loss," he said.

The fire damage was minimal, but the smoke and heat

damage was throughout the building.

"It melted every light fixture in that building," he said. An artificial tree inside the sanctuary melted as well.

There were no injuries in the fire, to which Long Cane, Sharon, Edgewood, and Cold Spring fire departments responded, Williams continued.

The church has a congregation with about 60 members, said Calvin Wharton, one of the volunteer ministers for the church.

No one was in the building at the time of the fire, he said Monday.

"We have been worshipping outside since the pandemic started two years ago," he said.

City Police probing shooting incident

Abbeville Police are investigating a recent shooting incident in the city, according to a press release from the Police,

On January 2, 2022 officers with the Abbeville City Police responded to a Cambridge Street residence

in reference to a shooting incident, according to an Abbeville Police Department news release.

Upon arrival, Officers were able to determine that a single projectile had entered the residence and damaged

the mirror in a bathroom, the release indicated.

Officers did locate several shell casings in the roadway. No one was hurt during the incident, which is still under investigation, according to the news release.

Voter registration

Curtis serving as interim director

By Henry E. Green

Randy Curtis of Abbeville is serving as the interim Abbeville County voter registration and elections director.

Curtis said he took over as interim director on Dec. 1, following the recent resignation of former director Kim London.

Before that, he had worked part time in the voter registration office.

"I've done this for a little over two years now," he said. He helped process absentee votes and voter registration applications.

"And I was a poll worker during the elections," he said.

Before that, he worked about five months in the Greenwood County voter registration office.

He has lived in Abbeville five years, and before that

he was president and CEO of a retail chain based in Greenville for 17 years.

Originally from Easley, he graduated from Pickens High School, and he has an associates degree in business management from Tri County Technical College.

He is part owner of Deason's Flower Shop, and is on the board of the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

County sells recycled material to vendors

By Henry E. Green

(See related story.) Robbie Hanna, Abbeville County's solid waste/recycling manager, recently provided some data on Abbeville County's recycling over the past year.

The County recycled: -- 140 tons of cardboard for the past year, and received \$17,000 for selling cardboard over the past year.

--Thirty-five tons of paper were recycled over the past year, and the County received \$1,854 for selling

paper.

--In addition, the County recycled 41 tons of e-waste (electronics). "We pay to have the electronics recycled," Hanna said.

--The County recycled 682 tons of metal, and received \$103,362.

--Meanwhile, three tons of aluminum cans were recycled, and the County received \$2,873 for selling aluminum cans.

--Four tons of batteries were recycled, and the County received \$1,257 for selling the recycled

material.

The County also recycled 256 tons of tires. "We pay to have the tires recycled," Hanna said.

"Once the recyclables are full at our centers, our trucks pick up the recyclables and transport them to the landfill," Hanna said. At the landfill they are bailed.

"We sell our recyclables to various vendors," she said. "Whoever is paying the highest price per ton (at the time of sale)."

Cornerstone First Baptist of Abbeville celebrated 150th anniversary last year

By Henry E. Green

The First Baptist Church of Abbeville celebrated its 150th anniversary last year, highlighting a history that goes back to 1871.

The church was organized on January 15, 1871, with two members, according to information supplied by the church last year.

On Feb. 23, 1873, a lot was purchased for the new building at the corner of Church and Pinckney, and on April 23 of that year ground was broken on a new building, and on Sept. 5, a cornerstone was laid.

Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal churches raised money for the new building, which was dedicated on Feb. 13, 1876.

The first baptism of what was then known as Abbeville Baptist Church was held on August 16, 1874.

However, the church outgrew its initial building, and the church pledged in 1910 to start a building program for a new structure.

The new building for the

church, which at this time had 235 members, was slated to located at the corner of North Main and Ellis.

The new building and parsonage were dedicated on Dec. 31, 1911.

There have been building renovations through the years. On May 1, 1939, renovations to include extra seating in the sanctuary, a baptistry, and Sunday School space began. In addition, the name of the church was changed that year to the First Baptist Church.

On July 10, 1955, ground was broken for a new, three-story education building.

Finally, in 2001 a building program to construct a Christian Life Center began, and the CLC, now completed, has become an integral part of the church.

Thirty one different pastors have guided the church during its history, according to First Baptist.

Today, Rev. David Little is serving as the interim pastor

of First Baptist, which is an active part of the Abbeville community.

The church has a praise team and a choir, making use of both contemporary Christian music and traditional hymns, and has a number of ministries.

There is a prison ministry, for example, and mission teams have gone to Central America.

The 150th anniversary was highlighted by a special service held at the church on May 2 of 2021, with Dr. Johnny Hunt delivering the keynote message.

A number of former pastors were in attendance. Dr. John Keith, who served as pastor from 2011 to 2018, and who writes a column for The Press and Banner provided this quote last year for the anniversary:

"When I think of First Baptist Church Abbeville's 150 years in existence one word comes to mind--rich. Rich in heritage, rich in dedication, and rich in serving the Lord."



First Baptist Church of Abbeville celebrated its 150th birthday last year. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville High School graduate Savannah R. Winn (center) has been awarded the SMILE scholarship. Winn, the daughter of Billy and Shannon Winn (at right), is a freshman at Piedmont Technical College, where she is majoring in horticulture. The scholarship sponsors are Gary and Katy Tilley (at left), and the scholarship is given in memory of Whitney Tilley, who belonged to the Abbeville High School Class of 2003. Established in 2006, the scholarship is managed by the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation. (Contributed photo)

Greenwood man faces drug charges

A Greenwood man is facing drug charges, following an incident on Cambridge Street in Abbeville, according to an Abbeville Police Department press release.

On January 02, 2022 officers with the Abbeville Police Department responded to a Cambridge Street apartment, in reference to a domestic dispute, according to the report.

Upon arrival officers spoke with the victim and determined 38-year-old Douglas Shawntee Turner

of 3603 McCormick Highway, Greenwood, did not live at the apartment and had been asked to leave by the homeowner and the Police.

"Turner became irate and refused to leave at which time he became physical with Police," according to the press release.

Police were able to successfully detain him and place him under arrest for Breach of Peace.

Upon a search of his person, officers located a clear plastic bag con-

taining 74 multi-colored pills that field tested for Ecstasy.

EMS and Deputies from the Abbeville Sheriff's Office responded as well to assist with transporting Turner, who was taken to the Abbeville Area Medical Center and was then released to the Detention Center.

Turner faces charges of Breach of Peace, Resisting Arrest, and PWID Ecstasy 1st, according to the Police.

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New Start



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Jeremiah 18:4 "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it."

The new year is a good time to make a new start. Wouldn't it be great to start all over again—especially after a bad year like we have just had. Louise Fletcher Tarkington wrote a poem that expresses that very same wish.

"I wish there were some wonderful place

Called the Land of Beginning Again,

Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches

and all of our selfish grief

Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door

and never put on again."

In Jeremiah 18, the Lord speaks to Jeremiah and tells him to go down to the potter's house, not to give a message but to receive one. Jeremiah watched as the potter put the clay on the wheel and began to shape a vessel. The vessel was marred and the potter remade it into the vessel he desired it to be. Then the Lord spoke to Jeremiah in verse 6, "O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the Lord. Behold as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine

hand, O house of Israel."

Notice the message of the Lord. It is the message of hope, the message that even though Israel had messed up the Lord could give them another chance. He was offering them a chance for Him to remake them into the vessel He desired them to be. The same is true in our lives. No matter how big a mess we have made of our lives the Lord is able to remake and recreate them into a vessel that He can use.

Secondly, notice the method that God uses to remake us. The wheel of the potter signifies the circumstances of our lives. God uses the events in our lives to shape us into a vessel fit for His use. It is good to realize that God's hands are the potter's hands, with loving and gentle hands He molds us and shapes us and removes the impurities in our lives. When an imperfection cropped up in the vessel the potter had several choices. He could have thrown the clay away. He could have gotten another lump of

clay to shape his vessel in. He could have said, "forget it, I'm not going to make any vessels." But the potter didn't do any of those things. He just reshaped the clay to a vessel he could use.

Finally, notice the message of this passage. The potter is God, you and I are the clay. It is our responsibility to submit and it is the potter's responsibility to shape us. You will note that the potter made the clay "again into another vessel, as seemed good to him to make it." The potter has a plan for our lives—He is the one molding us and shaping us into the vessel He wants us to be. Our job is to submit to His plan. We make a mess of our lives when we try to take control of our lives and try to make ourselves into the vessel we want to be. If this past year has not been good for you, take stock, consider this: maybe God has a different plan for your life.

The wise thing would be to submit your life to His loving hands.

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By Henry E. Green

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One important component of the Angel Tree project is the bicycle ministry, and 81 bicycles were distributed to kids this year as part of the ministry.

On Christmas Eve morn-

ing, members of the Abbeville Rotary Club and others gathered at Main Street United Methodist Church to distribute the bicycles that had been purchased through the project.

The bicycles were distributed by these approximately 20 volunteers, who traveled near and far to deliver them to their various destinations.

Two of the Rotarians rode up into the northern realms of Abbeville County, into the Keowee Road/Antreville area, for example.

"Tim Simpson, retired from WCTEL, and the Rotary Club are major partners in the bike ministry," said Lori

Glance, Angel Tree coordinator.

The Angel Tree Project as a whole was very successful this year, according to Glance. "It went very well—everybody working together to make such a difference for the children," she said.

Several hundred volunteers helped out this year, and 593 children had a brighter Christmas because of their assistance, according to Glance.

"God is amazing," she said. "We appreciate everybody's contributions, help and prayers."



The City of Abbeville presented its annual Hogs and Hens festival last October, and among those who enjoyed it were Anna LaGrone (left) and Josh Baughman (right). The festival was a success story of 2021. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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County offers many ways to recycle

By Henry E. Green

So you want to recycle? Well, here in Abbeville County you have a number of options for doing just that, according to the Abbeville County Department of Public Works.

First, there are a number of items you can recycle—aluminum cans, large appliances such as refrigerators and dryers, batteries, corrugated cardboard, cooking oil, electronics, oil from farm equipment, scrap metal, newspaper inserts, telephone books and magazines, office paper, oil filters, oil/gasoline mixtures, plastic bottles, steel/metal food cans, tires and used motor oil.

Recycling is important for a number of reasons, according to the Department of Public Works. It prevents materials from going into the landfill.

It also saves money and creates jobs, and saves natural resources like trees and petroleum.

There are certain steps to prepare items for recycling: --Separate recyclables from household trash

Rinse bottles, cans and jars

Flatten cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic bottles,

and steel cans.

Keep newspapers and magazines

Place recyclables in the correct containers at the recycling centers.

Abbeville County has both staffed recycling centers and unstaffed centers.

Staffed recycling centers include:

Mt. Olive--135 Mt. Olive Church Road Extension, Abbeville

Huggins--178 Huggins Garment Road, Donalds

Gilgal--693 Gilgal Church Road, Donalds

Diamond Hill--1563 Highway 284, Abbeville

Alewine--200 George Alewine Road, Abbeville

Calhoun Falls--5957 Old Calhoun Falls Road, Calhoun Falls

Sharon--396 Sharon Circle, Abbeville

Landfill/Recycling Facility--1094 Gassoway Farm Road, Abbeville..

"Unstaffed" centers include :

Brownlee-Brownlee Street, Due West

Savannah-614 East Savannah Street, Calhoun Falls

Oil/gasoline mixtures may be recycled only at the Landfill Recycling Convenience Center.

Used motor oil may be turned in at all Abbeville County Recycling Centers except the one on Savannah Street.

Oil from farm equipment may be recycled only at the Alewine Recycling Convenience Center.

Certain items may be recycled only at the staffed convenience centers--large appliances, batteries, cooking oil, electronics, scrap metal and tires.

The unstaffed centers are open 24 hours, the Landfill/Recycling Facility is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the others are open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday--7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. --and Sunday, 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Curbside recycling is available in the City of Abbeville, and residents can recycle aluminum and steel cans, as well as plastic bottles and jugs, and paper, such as cardboard, newspaper and inserts.

For more information on recycling in the City, one may call 864-366-4636.

For more information on recycling in Abbeville County, one may call 864-446-8473.



There was a light decoration competition among the departments at the Abbeville Area Medical Center for the holidays. In first place was "barnyard Christmas," by the Administrative Wing. Registration came in second, with Winter Wonderland, and Specialty Services came in third. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

High winds wreak havoc in county

By Henry E. Green

High winds resulted in fallen trees and fallen power lines early Monday morning, according to Abbeville County Tim Williams.

The Abbeville County fire office received as many as 17 calls in the early morning hours of Monday, he said.

These calls provided reports of downed trees, some

with power lines involved.

"There were several near the Lake Secession area," he said. Others were on the Old Abbeville highway, and the Old Hodges Road, and "a couple in Donalds."

No injuries were reported, but the fallen trees "disrupted the flow of traffic for a little while," he said.

Similarly, he was not aware of any property damage, but he believes there might have been scattered power outages because of the downed lines.

The ground had been saturated due to recent rains, and that may have contributed to the falling trees, Williams continued.

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Williams celebrates 90th birthday



A recent reception at the Belmont Inn provided a celebration for the 90th birthday of Abbeville Jane Williams (second from left). She joined her son Luke Williams (far left), daughter Susan Gessler (second from right) and granddaughter Caroline Gessler (far right) in a photo opportunity. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

By Henry E. Green
Jane Williams of Abbeville recently celebrated her 90th birthday on Friday, Dec. 31, with a gathering at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville. About 50 people were in attendance for the gathering, which drew together family and friends of a woman born on Dec. 24, 1931. Williams's daughter Jane Gessler provided some of the details of her mother's life: Williams grew up in Abbeville and graduated from Abbeville High School, before attending Erskine and Anderson colleges. She married Paul Grier Williams, Jr., who was also from Abbeville, in 1952, and they raised a family.

Jane and Paul had three children--Susan, Pete, and Luke. Susan, the oldest, lives in Arkansas, and the youngest, Luke, lives in Abbeville. Pete passed away in 2010. She and her brother Luke held an 80th birthday party for their parents in 2011. She explained that it was all very appropriate, since her father, who passed away in 2020, was born on Dec. 7. Williams, who also has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, worked for a number of years at the Abbeville Senior Center, also known as Center Street Cafe, on the western outskirts of Abbeville. She retired in 1994, and

she has been retired ever since. Jane has done volunteer work at what was then the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital, and she has volunteered at the Abbeville County health department as well. Susan was asked to sum up her mother, who lives in Abbeville, in a few words. "She is probably the sweetest and kindest mother anybody ever had," she said. "Mama always cares about her appearance," she said. Jane takes special care for her shoes to match her pocketbook, for example. "She loves to shop," Susan continued. "She can actually shop longer than I can."

School District 2021

New press boxes built at stadiums

By Henry E. Green
New press boxes, concessions areas and restroom facilities were constructed at the Dixie and Abbeville high school stadiums during 2021, and were opened for use during the 2021 football season. Also during 2021, a number of District schools received new administrators. Among them were Scott White, who took the helm at Abbeville High School, and Brandon Burdette, who took

the principal's post at Wright Middle School. The Abbeville County School District held a special program for educators to usher in the 2021-22 school year. At the gathering, held in August at Wright Middle School, Shannon Temple was recognized as District Teacher of the Year for the District. In other news, Abbeville High School launched a

Freshman Academy, and the Abbeville County School District did well on the "report cards" issued by the state of South Carolina. The School District also finalized in September an agreement by which ABM Building Solutions, LLC, will provide upgrades to all of the district's schools that will bring guaranteed savings on energy each year, through a guaranteed energy savings contract.

Long excited about election to CF council

By Henry E. Green
Among the tidbits of political news from 2021 was the election of Christine Long to Calhoun Falls Town Council in November. A member of the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County board of directors, Long is a lifelong resident of Calhoun Falls, where she graduated from Calhoun Falls High School in 1975, and went on to attend Allen University in Columbia before going on to work in the textile industry for many years. "I worked until I became disabled from breast cancer," she said. She has now been cancer free about seven years.

Long, who also served a number of years as a guardian ad litem, is no stranger to politics. "This is my first time running for office," she said. However, she has been involved actively in a number of facets of the political world. "I'm a member of the South Carolina Democratic Party," said Long, who has been a campaign manager, and helped to organize a number of political campaigns through the years. A widow, she is raising two grandsons--one a senior at Clemson, and the other a senior at Calhoun Falls Charter. She is an active member of

Springfield Baptist Church. "I serve in many capacities," she said. As for becoming a member of Calhoun Falls Town Council, she is immensely pleased about this new chapter in her life. "I'm eager and excited about this new endeavor," she said. "Together we can make Calhoun Falls a better place." She welcomed anyone with questions or concerns call her at 828-1256. And she has a very definite goal as a new member of Calhoun Falls Town Council. "Bringing accountability back to city government," she said.



The Abbeville Lions Club held its annual Arbor Day program at Westwood Elementary School in December of last year. The Lions allowed students to pitch in in planting the tree, and even curriculum coordinator Angie Ferguson (left, foreground) and interim principal Paul Anderson (right, foreground) helped. In the background are Lions Charles Williams (left) and Charles Crowther. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Vaccines and Autism: The Other Side of the Story

By Geoff Hult

The government, media, and medical establishment are as adamant as can be that there is no connection between vaccines and autism. For decades, a highly organized propaganda campaign with limitless funds has been employed to promote the notion that vaccines have no causal relationship to autism. Tremendous effort has been made to suppress all information to the contrary, but there is information that counters the establishment position on this as well as a number of courageous medical professionals who have not bowed to the pressure to conform to this false narrative, a small fraction of which are covered here.

For starters, parents have claimed and continue to claim that their child was normal and then after having received any particular vaccine, was shortly thereafter not normal and regressed into autism. It doesn't matter what contrived science is thrown back at them; they have direct, first hand experience that vaccination harmed their child neurologically and developmentally. Testimony of this is heavily censored but there is a 4 hour, 45 minute video on bitchute.com of nothing but testimony from a great multitude of parents entitled "Hear This Well, Vaccines Can and Do Cause Autism." This is like listening to first hand eyewitnesses to a crime, while the official narrative is like listening to a defense lawyer say there was no crime. Both cannot be telling the truth.

Perhaps one of the biggest outcasts in all of medicine is Dr. Andrew Wakefield, a former gastroenterologist in the UK, began to receive complaints from numerous parents beginning in 1994 that their children developed autism, along with gastroenterological problems after receiving the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR). Wakefield and other doctors conducted a small study published in the *Lancet* in 1998 showing there was indeed a connection between vaccines and autism. Wakefield, however, never claimed there was a causal link, only that further study was required. Pandora's box had been opened though, and the establishment panicked and embarked on a brutal smear campaign against Dr. Wakefield. The study was retracted in 2010 and Wakefield stripped of his license as if he had committed fraud. No such fraud was committed by Wakefield. Andrew Wakefield is one of the most sincere, intelligent, and compassionate human beings and despite being stripped of his license, is a real doctor with genuine knowledge and genuine concern for the well being of people. Wakefield has since made two films entitled "Vaxxed: From Cover-Up to Catastrophe"

(2016) and "1986: The Act" (2020). See his work for yourself and decide what the truth is.

The CDC initiated studies in response to the Wakefield study and in Feb. 2004 published one of these studies in the *American Academy of Pediatrics*. The study was conducted by senior scientist William Thompson, Ph.D., and four others entitled "Age at First Measles-Mumps-Rubella Vaccination in Children with Autism and School Matched Control Subjects: A Population Based Study in Metropolitan Atlanta." In August, 2014, Dr. Thompson contacted Brian Hooker, Ph.D., and informed him that he and these other four scientists had committed fraud in this study by deliberately withholding very significant findings. The real findings from 2001 were supplied to Hooker and revealed that the CDC knew that younger age exposure to the MMR vaccine increased the risk of autism. Specifically, there was a 340% increased risk of autism in boys receiving the MMR vaccine according to the CDC schedule compared to receiving it later. There was also shown a significantly higher risk for black boys aged 18-36 months receiving the MMR vaccine than white boys. This data was left out of the 2004 published product and despite a participant of this study admitting fraud, I could find no evidence this study has been retracted. Thompson stated: "The higher ups wanted to do certain things and I went along with it." What the higher ups wanted to do was to edit out the science that was inconvenient to the narrative of there being no link between vaccines and autism. Is this the only time the CDC has committed fraud or is this the only time a scientist from the CDC has admitted to it? The real results of this study clearly showed a link between the MMR vaccine and autism, just as Wakefield's study had done.

Considering the above-mentioned fraud in the *American Academy of Pediatrics*, former editor-in-chief of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Marcia Angell, MD, stated the following nearly 20 years ago: "It is simply no longer possible to believe much of the clinical research that is published, or to rely on the judgment of trusted physicians or authoritative medical guidelines. I take no pleasure in this conclusion, which I reached slowly and reluctantly over my two decades as an editor at the *New England Journal of Medicine*." We're told to trust the science, but much of the so-called science has been carefully doctored to prop up the cult of vaccination.

In a presentation by retired neurosurgeon Dr. Russell Blaylock, MD, entitled "Immunoexcitotoxicity and Autism Spectrum Dis-

orders," Dr. Blaylock explains that the stimulation of the immune system can cause the brain to become inflamed. When we get sick an inflammatory response is seen in the brain, but when we get better it goes back to normal and repairs itself. If, however, the immune system is under constant stimulation by continuous vaccination, a developing brain will remain in a state of inflammation and the risk of autism goes up. Dr. Blaylock goes into great detail describing the mechanism by which vaccination induces autism and states: "We know that if you stimulate a pregnant woman's immune system powerfully during certain stages of pregnancy, there is a 7 to 14 fold higher incidence of autism and schizophrenia developing in this child. This is very firm research that's been produced over and over and over." A pregnant woman's immune system is powerfully stimulated if she gets severely sick or if she receives vaccines during pregnancy.

Dr. Kenneth Stoller, MD, does not mince words: "Pharma is still causing autism to break out all over the world because one of the key triggers is the heavy metal exposure that children receive from vaccination, specifically mercury. No one holds Pharma accountable for what they put in vaccines, or verifies what they put in vaccines, and they have complete immunity for whatever happens to those who receive these vaccines." This is true, there is no liability whatsoever for vaccine manufacturers for any amount of injury or death caused from their products. There is also epic resistance from the majority of the medical community in confirming that vaccine injury and death even exists, when in reality it is abundant and this is especially true with the latest and greatest Covid vaccine.

In the book of Revelation, in verses 9:21, 18:23, 21:8, and 22:15, the English word sorcery/drug sorcery appears. The Greek words from which the English sorcery/drug sorcery come from are: *pharmakeia*, *pharmakon*, and *pharmakeus* meaning: medicine, druggist, poison, sorcery, magic. This is exactly from where we get the words pharmacy, pharmaceutical, Pharma, etc. Vaccination is the golden calf of the medical industry and is nothing other than drug sorcery.

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"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." (Isaiah 5:20)

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An excerpt from the archives: The Press & Banner's Editorials & Comments section, originally published Jan. 9, 1991:

"Sensational Public Warnings Serve No Purpose"

By the late Fred D. West, Jr.

Since none of us is promised a finite lifespan on this earth, any life can end with the next breath—even in the middle of the breath we are taking at this moment. The Bible mentions three score and ten, but that certainly was no promise. So, death is something of which we are all quite conscious.

We know that certain habits, activities, diseases, environment, foods, etc. can contribute to a shorter lifespan. Many exist on so-called health foods, others seek to avoid foods that may encourage certain diseases, we exercise, we get a full night's rest—we try to increase our lifespan. There's nothing wrong with that; it's good.

...

There are a lot of things that

are bad for us; some of these will shorten our lifespan and others will quickly end life. We need to know about these.

Our complaint concerns all the public warnings based on false, incomplete, and unsubstantiated information. We represent the half truths, the incomplete information and all these things that get people in an uproar without just cause. If we adhere to all these warnings, refrain from all things that endanger our lives, etc. we'll all starve to death and before that, all the joys of life will be taken away.

Long ago we decided that moderation is the important factor in most things and that we would ignore all the sensational warnings that are not fully supported. Maybe we've

shortened our days on earth, but, by golly, most of the warnings have been withdrawn.

No, we are not going to step out in front of a car, jump off a tall building or ingest a known poison and we will do our best to avoid some other threats to a healthy life, but we are going to continue to ignore most of the highly publicized threats to our good health until the complete story is unearthed.

Well, since we are closing in on that "three score and ten," we will make an extra effort to eat a balanced diet, get plenty of rest and sunshine and, if possible, establish a little better control over those things we know darn good and well are not contributing to our good health.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Right now, the world and especially the U.S. are fighting two pandemics – one with Covid and one of stupidity. And the sad thing is – there is no cure for stupidity.

Growing up in Abbeville, one of the things that made it special to me is how folks would always help each other out and give their fellow neighbors a helping hand – whenever it was needed. In times like these, I find it hard to imagine that folks would not do the same now. How hard is it to roll up one's sleeve and get a vaccine that has proven to lessen the effects of Covid, help prevent hospitalizations and deaths to help protect your family and neighbors? As of the first of the New Year, South Carolina has one of the lowest rates of full vaccinations – two shots – among its eligible population, standing at 51.8%, and Abbeville County is only at 36.7%, according to *The State* paper. How sad and disappointing is this?

The argument of you wanting to protect your individual liberties and constitutional rights is a flimsy one at best if this is the only line in the sand that you are not going to cross. Why not pick wearing your seatbelt in your car or putting your child in a safety seat? How dare the government tell me how I should transport my child in my own car! If you ride

a motorcycle, do you wear a helmet? If you go into a grocery store or restaurant, do you wear shoes and a shirt? Or if you hunt or fish, why do you have to buy a license to do so and why do you let the government tell you when you can hunt/fish?

If you are going to be a rebel, why do you just pick this one area to rebel against – a life-saving vaccine? Even the loser of the 2020 Presidential Election, the Republican cult-leader, is vaccinated and promotes the benefits of doing so! I mean, if you are going to be a rebel, go all out and don't do it half-ass.

If you are going to be a rebel and fight this as your personal, constitutional battle, let me tell you how it is going to end. You will eventually catch Covid, pass it on to others, end up in a hospital – most likely ICU, be put on a ventilator (there is a mask you will not like) and there is a good chance you will die. But hey, they can put on your tombstone, "Here Lies a Rebel."

If you look at Darwin and the Theory of Evolution, maybe you are trying to prove that truly the strongest and smartest do survive. But, hey you do you. Not that I wish death on anybody – that choice is in your hands, but it could mean one less, non-educated vote to count in upcoming elections.

And I'm a little disappointed

in the B&P as well. Can you at least put a disclaimer in front of the Letters to the Editor that spread lies and misinformation about the vaccine and Covid? How about something like...

"Views expressed do not represent the opinions of the paper and facts presented have not been verified for accuracy."

The folks that write these letters are good, upstanding people, but retired, spend about 4-5 hours a day on the Internet looking for conspiracy theories, with FOX or Alex Jones on the television in the background. And let's pepper those letters with Bible verses to give it some Christian credibility. Most folks in Abbeville are great people, but we all tend to gravitate toward information that reinforces our own beliefs, whether it is accurate or not. We rarely take the extra steps to verify the facts and information before we start spreading it.

Bottom line: This is not a constitutional issue. This is not a political issue. This is a health issue and crisis. Please get vaccinated and always get your medical advice from your doctor or medical professional and not the Letters to the Editor section of the P&B. Your neighbors and the Abbeville community will thank you.

Clifton O'Neal

US Senate

Senator Scott Talks Education, Hope for America on Trey Gowdy's Sunday Night in America

Submitted by
Senator Tim Scott

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) joined Trey Gowdy's Sunday Night in America on Fox News to discuss the future of education and his hope for America as the new year begins.

On the role of the federal government in education ... "[On] the issue of education, [the federal government] should have a minimal role. ... Let's just be frank. About 10 percent of the money for education on the local level comes from Washington, D.C., but 90 percent of the strings also come from D.C. We should probably equalize that a little bit. We need to cut some of the red tape so those 50 laboratories of democracy actually work for the kids. We need a system designed for kids

in local areas, not for adults in Washington, D.C."

On his message for young people heading into the new year ... "I'd tell them three things—it's one of the messages I love to share. ... Number one, I'd say that America is the story of redemption. We need to remember to fail forward because, in life, you're going to have hard times—you're going to have struggles—but fail forward. Don't fail backward, but fail forward. That means that we don't count the number of times you get knocked down. In America, we count the number of times you get up.

"Number two, America is the story of sacrifice. In other words, if you want to stand out in life, stand up for those who can't stand for themselves. That's why our nation is such an exceptional place to live—because

we find people going the extra mile for each other every single day.

"And finally, hold on to your dreams. The American Dream is within our grasp. There's an old scripture that says that we are able, through God, to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or imagine. That's good news. Our kids need to see the best of who we are, and that gives us a chance to live that dream."

On his goals for 2022 ... "Well, you know, 2022 is about making continuous improvement. ... I want to do more homework on how to make America a better place and how to market that. We should not spend more time on the darker angels that [seem] to be overcast over this country. We should be piping hope into every corridor of this country."

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

There is a movement afoot to remove the statute of John C. Calhoun from South Carolina, his native state (which was taken down in Charleston, S.C., during the summer of Woke nonsense) and have it moved to a museum in California. The greatest Statesman South Carolina has ever produced may be leaving the state he so loved. The citizens of South Carolina have only one time to regret this: forever. I urge everyone to contact their Representative and let them know that this is NOT acceptable.

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•In 1841 he became Secretary of State of the U.S.

•In 1845 he was reelected to the United States Senate.

•In 1959 Senator John F. Kennedy proclaimed John C. Calhoun to be one of "The Famous Five" greatest senators in the United States.

Respectfully,

Pamela R. Knox,
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US House of Representatives

Rep. Duncan Visits Southern Border at Rio Grande Valley in Texas

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

During the weekend before Christmas, Congressman Duncan visited the southern border to personally witness Biden's southern border crisis. This is one of multiple trips he has taken to either our southern or the northern border since being elected to Congress. Here is Congressman Duncan's statement on his trip to the southern border:

"We visited the Rio Grande Valley in Texas where I met with Kinney County Sheriff Brad Coe to learn more about the challenges these border counties are facing from the failures of the Biden Administration's border policies. Hearing how this County Sheriff covers 1,400 square miles with 6 deputies and thousands of illegal aliens transiting East from the Rio Grande toward San Antonio shows exactly how difficult the problem is, a problem that has become exponentially worse now that we have a President in office who sides with illegal immigrants over the safety and security of the American people," said Congressman Jeff Duncan. "In addition to Sheriff Coe, I also briefly visited with Texas National Guardsmen where I wished them a Merry Christmas and thanked them for serving to protect our nation. This border situation is a dire situation the Biden Administration

chooses to ignore, and in my opinion, they are in violation of Article IV Section IV of the United States Constitution with guarantees the states' protection from invasion. Please join me in praying for the Law Enforcement Officers who are in this battle to keep us safe and enforce the laws along our Southwest border."

"On a separate note, I would like to point out that in just a couple of hours, that I have seen more firsthand accounts of our border crisis than our Border Czar/Vice President Harris has EVER done. That's a huge problem and shows how their strategy to deal with border security is not deal with it," said Congressman Jeff Duncan.

"The situation at the southern border has escalated into a humanitarian and national security crisis due to President Biden's border policies. Joe Biden reversed Trump-era immigration policies on his first day in the White House, and this action has led to an unprecedented surge in illegal immigration," said Congressman Jeff Duncan. "While Biden's border policy is reckless, unsustainable, and a threat to our nation, the President and 'Border Czar' Harris ignore the severity of our situation at the southern border, refusing to even call it a 'crisis.'"

Background:

•Addressing the southern border crisis has been a

top priority of Congressman Duncan's this year. This is why he supported an article of impeachment against President Biden for endangering the security of the United States and countering the will of Congress. through releasing illegal aliens into the United States, halting border wall construction, failing to maintain points of entry, and allowing a surge of illegal aliens and narcotics to enter our country.

•Congressman Duncan addressed the border crisis and immigration in various ways this year. Most recently, he re-introduced legislation to ensure illegal immigrants and non-citizens cannot vote in elections through the Protecting Our Democracy by Preventing Foreign Citizens from Voting Act. He also teamed up with his colleagues and supported dozens of pieces of legislation designed to tackle the border crisis.

•Some of the legislation he supported in 2021 includes the SECURE America Act, the Securing Our Border States Act, the REMAIN in Mexico Act of 2021, the Americans not Aliens Act, the Americans Not Aliens Act, the Stopping Border Surges Act, and the Ending Payments to Non-American Citizens Act.

•Congressman Duncan is a proud member of the Border Security Caucus and frequently gets updates from key stakeholders.

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21. Not silently
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35. State of dishonor
37. Three, to Caesar
38. Brightest star in Cygnus
39. Performer's time to shine
40. "No. 1 Ladies Detective _____" book series
42. African migrator
43. **"The Night Watchman" author
45. **"Little Women" author
47. Poor man's caviar
48. Analyze
50. Canter or gallop
52. **"A Farewell to Arms" author
56. Latin dance
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59. Los _____, CA
60. Round feed storage
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3. Antioxidants-rich berry
4. Popular primo dish in Italian restaurant, pl.
5. Bye, to Edith Piaf
6. Wanderer
7. Garbed
8. **"Moby Dick" author
9. Length times width
10. Call someone, in the olden days
11. Poetic "ever"
13. Apple invention
14. Food contaminant
19. Run off to wed
22. Jean of Dadaism
23. Out of style
24. Find repugnant
25. Burn with coffee, e.g.
26. *Ursula K. Le _____
27. Jargon
28. It happens at a certain time and place
29. First novel, e.g.
32. Near in space or time
33. Not a win nor a loss
36. **"Song of Solomon" author
38. **"Chronicles" author and songwriter
40. *NY Times bestselling author Atkins or playing card
41. Gambling venue
44. Smidgins
46. Young swan
48. Eagle's nest
49. Young salmon
50. **"Miss Lulu Bett" author
51. Highest adult male singing voice
52. Snake's warning
53. Take as a wife
54. Got A+
55. Desires or cravings
56. Sticky substance

US Senate

Senator Scott Statement on FDIC Chairman McWilliams' Resignation

Submitted by
Senator Tim Scott

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) released the following statement on Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Chairman Jelena McWilliams' resignation after a politically-motivated attempt to undermine the independence of the agency. "I am thankful for Chairman McWilliams' service as FDIC chairman," said Senator Scott. "She played an instrumental role in the implementation of rules to alleviate regulatory burdens

on community banks and helped guide the industry through pandemic-related economic uncertainty. Her strong and fair leadership will be greatly missed.

"Over the course of her career, Chairman McWilliams has established an impressive reputation as a good faith negotiator and dealmaker, all while staying true to her core principles. Moreover, throughout her FDIC tenure, she has been a consummate consensus builder. The fact that Biden administration regulators have seemingly failed to

conduct board business through the standard procedural channels in an open and honest manner with a regulator as well known for her integrity as Chairman McWilliams speaks volumes. I remain deeply concerned that the flagrant, politically-motivated efforts to appropriate the authorities granted by FDIC bylaws to the agency's Senate-confirmed chairman represent a dangerous attempt to politicize the independent and historically apolitical practice of federal bank regulation."

Rx Resolutions: 6 Ways to Improve Your Health in 2022

(StatePoint) While diet and exercise resolutions typically top New Year's lists, experts say that focusing a few of your resolutions on forming good habits relating to your pharmacy routine can improve your overall health.

Susan Peppers, RPh, vice president, Express Scripts Pharmacy, suggests these resolutions to make the most of your pharmacy care.

Resolve to...ask more questions

Many of us are hesitant to speak up when we have questions about prescribed medications or therapies. Don't be! Pharmacists have clinical expertise and can play an important role in your whole health. At Express Scripts Pharmacy, pharmacists are available 24/7 to answer questions or talk through any other health issues you may be experiencing.

Resolve to...never miss a dose

The best way to see improvement in both chronic and short-term conditions is to take medication as prescribed — the right dose at the right time in the right way. Try using a pill container or a dose reminder or taking your medication as part of your daily routine, such as brushing your teeth. Talk to your pharmacist about the best time to take your medication.

You should also consider ongoing home delivery — like that provided by Express Scripts Pharmacy — so you never run out of medication due to a missed pharmacy trip. Express Scripts Pharmacy customers can also enroll eligible medications in an automatic refill program. Your prescriptions will be refilled at the right time, so your medicine will always be on hand.

Resolve to...take your medications safely

Taking medication the wrong way or without knowledge of their effects can be dangerous. Read and understand the instructions printed on your prescription label, so you can be sure you're taking your medicine exactly as intended. For example, taking certain medications on an empty stomach if you're supposed to take it with a meal can reduce their effectiveness.

You'll also want to be sure you don't mix your medication with certain other drugs or alcohol, or even engage in specific activities, like driving, if the label warns you against doing so.

Resolve to...clean out your medicine cabinet

Many people find they're more likely to take medications properly if they have a well-organized medicine cabinet. Go through and properly dispose of expired medications or those you're

no longer taking. For more information on discarding expired medications, visit express-scripts.com/askyourpharmacist.

Resolve to...check-in with your doctor

Your health can change, and your prescriptions should change along with it. Schedule time at least once annually to go over everything you're being prescribed. It's a good chance to talk to your doctor about what's working, what's not and what might need adjustments. In turn, keeping all medications at a single pharmacy when possible allows your pharmacist to have the most accurate information to help keep you safe from drug interactions or medication issues. Be sure your physician knows which pharmacy you use.

Resolve to...update your insurance information

The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to ensure you have updated insurance information accessible in case you need to reference it. Replace old cards with new ones as soon as you can to save time and reduce confusion when filling prescriptions.

For more medication pharmacy care resources and information, visit www.esrx.com/AskYourPharmacist.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2022!

Obituaries

Speer

Chief G. Mason Speer, Jr., 79, resident of 313 Wilewood Rd. husband of Connie Yeargin Speer passed away peacefully Friday at Self Regional Healthcare.

Born April 19, 1942 he was a son of the late G. Mason Speer, Sr. and Mary Shaw Gilliam Speer.

Mason was a 1960 graduate of Abbeville High School, where he played offensive and defensive line for Coach Tommy Hite, Sr. He was a 1965 graduate of Lander College with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Mason worked with South Carolina National Bank in Greenwood and Abbeville for 18 years, where he managed the Abbeville Branch the last years. After working for bank, he went to work with Reithoffer's Amusement and Entertainment as their Public Relations Manager for 2 years. He then took over his family business, Henry Gilliam Florist, which he and his family ran, until they sold it in 1996. He continued his role as Abbeville Fire Chief, which he'd been since 1987, and retired in 2012. He served a total of 49 years with the City of Abbeville Fire Department, both as a volunteer and as Chief.

Mason also proudly served with the US Army/National Guard for 22 years.

Mason lived a life of service to his community and fellow man, including service in the Lakelands FCA, Abbeville High School Booster Club where he was a past President, Abbeville Youth Athletics, IPTAY Clemson Representative for Abbeville County, Spring Festival Committee, SC Fireman's Association/ Fire Chief's Past President, Avid Clemson Tiger and Abbeville Panther Fan, volunteered as equipment manager/trainer for many years.

He was a faithful member of Abbeville First Baptist Church, Sherry Wilson Sunday School Class, served as a Deacon, with Men's Ministry and various other outreaches. He loved serving and being around young men, encouraging them to reach their full potential and know that Jesus loved them. Above all, he loved his family, friends, and most of all his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Survivors include: his beloved wife of 56 years Connie Yeargin Speer of the home; a daughter Jennifer Speer Simmons (Luke) of Abbeville, SC and a son George Mason Speer, III (Tripp) (Hannah) of Abbeville, SC; five grandsons Christopher Simmons (Taylor), Joseph Simmons, Abe Speer, Nate Speer and Titus Speer; two great-grand-

children Quinn Simmons and Emmy Simmons; two adopted sons Benji Parent and Britt Parent and a niece and nephew Susan Anderson Schneider and Hal Anderson.

He was preceded in death by a sister Samuella Speer Brown.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday Jan. 4, 2022 at 2:00 PM at Abbeville First Baptist Church Christian Life Center with Pastor David Little officiating. The burial will be Wednesday Jan. 5, 2022 at 2:00 PM in Greenwood Memorial Gardens with Full Military Honors and Fireman's Honors. The family is at the home.

The family received friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Monday evening at Abbeville First Baptist Christian Life Center.

Memorials in memory of Mason may be made to Abbeville First Baptist Church, PO Box 825 Abbeville, SC 29620 or to Lighthouse Ministries, C/O Jared Willey 132 Fawn Valley Lane Abbeville, SC 29620 or the Lakelands FCA, PO Box 50707 Greenwood, SC 29649.

Online condolences may be made to the Speer family by visiting www.chandler-jacksonfuneralhome.com

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

Obituaries

Campbell

Bob Campbell, 77, of Lake Secession, husband of Betty Suttles Campbell, died Sunday, January 2, 2022, at his home. He was born in the Nation Community to the late Pete and Winona Below Campbell.

Bob, known as the 'Mayor of Antreville', attended Calhoun Falls High School. Employed in the construction business, he could often be found farming and tinkering with tractors. Bob was a classic car enthusiast and member of the Wheels of Time car club. He also enjoyed NASCAR racing, Super Late Model Dirt Racing, and hunting. Time spent at A&P Automotive and around the table in Crawford's Country Store brought him many happy hours. Bob was a member of Bells United Methodist



Bob Campbell

Church.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Betty, of the home; a son, Chuck Campbell (Leika), of Lake Secession; a brother, Wayman Campbell, of Honea Path; two grandchildren, Akila Campbell Allen (Mark) and Max Campbell; and a niece, Alyssa Mann (William) of the

Nation Community.

The family will receive friends 1:00PM - 2:00PM, Thursday, January 6, 2022, in Bells United Methodist Church. Funeral services will begin at 2:30PM in the church sanctuary with Rev. Scott Allen officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with Rev. Tommy Alewine officiating.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Bob, may be sent to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 W. Faris Rd., Greenville, SC 29605.

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

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

Obituaries

Bird

Hamilton, NJ - On Monday, December 27, 2021, in the morning, The Lord called Peggy Ann Williams Bird to go home with him. Peggy left this world, peacefully, as a woman of great faith. Her family is comforted in knowing that she is with her Lord Jesus Christ.

Peggy was born in South Carolina and lived large portions of her life in Hamilton, New Jersey and, later, in Abbeville, South Carolina. She was retired from the State of New Jersey / Division of Taxation and went on to live at her lake house in Abbeville until recently returning to the Hamilton area. She enjoyed countless trips to the beach, craft work, shopping adventures, cheering on Clemson, vacations to visit extended family and spending time on her boat. She loved spending days at the shore or the boardwalk with her family, whom she was devoted to and loved passing out the gifts from under the tree every Christmas Eve.

Peggy was pre-deceased by her parents Dan Furtick



Peggy Ann Williams Bird

and Ruth Hallman, her first husband Jimmy Williams, her daughter Judi Monacchio, her sister Betty Rooney and her brother Jessie Furtick. She is survived by her husband Roger C. Bird, with whom she has spent the last 30 plus years of marriage blessed by the Lord, her daughter Debbie (James) Minch of Ewing, NJ, Sandy (Harby) Williams of Abbeville, SC, and Wanda (Kenneth) Lovett of Hamilton, NJ, her sister-in-law Rose Furtick, her grandchildren Jennifer (Kevin) Rice, Kelly Minch, Joshua Lovett, James (Jillian) Minch, Erin (Justin) Byers, and Carlie (Tyler)

Brooks, her great-grandchildren Jared and Keeva Rice, Ashlyn Powell, Caleb Byers, Jackson and Braelyn Minch, as well as, many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, step-children and grandchildren who were all so very important to her. We know that the Lord has brought her home and she is rejoicing in his promises.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at 11:30 AM at Kingston & Kemp Funeral Home, 260 White Horse Ave., Hamilton, NJ (www.KingstonandKemp.com).

Interment will follow at Brig. Gen. Wm. C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 350 Province Line Rd., Wrightstown, NJ.

Relatives and friends may call on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 from 6 to 8 PM at the funeral home.

Due to cemetery restrictions concerning flowers, the family is requesting that memorial contributions be made in Peggy's memory to First Creek Baptist Church, 9511 Abbeville Hwy, Iva, SC 29655-9591.

Obituaries

Dunlap

Crystal Bonds Dunlap, 64, of Donalds, SC, wife of Steven Dunlap, died Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at the Hospice House in Greenwood, SC. She was born in Clinton, SC to the late Huey T. and Eunice Patterson Bonds.

Crystal received her Bachelor of Science degree from Lander College and a Master's in Environmental Science from Clemson University. A devoted educator, she taught at Emerald High School, Abbeville High School and Dixie High School. Crystal was also a former fitness instructor at Wellness Works in Greenwood, SC. She was a member of Greenville Presbyterian Church.

Crystal is survived by her husband of 40 years, Steve, of the home; son, Benjamin, Drake Dunlap; daughter, Kylie Dunlap Hamrick (Jon-



Crystal Bonds Dunlap

athan) all of Graniteville, SC; three sisters, Karen Bonds of Greenwood, SC, Janet Abercrombie (Mark) of Laurens, SC and Bonni Lynn Lewis (Dwayne) of Simpsonville, SC; and two grandchildren, Molly Hamrick and Lena Hamrick.

The family received friends from 12:30PM - 1:45PM, Friday, December 31, 2021, in the sanctuary of Green-

ville Presbyterian Church. Memorial services began at 2:00PM in the church with Rev. Jones Brewer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions, in memory of Crystal, be sent to Greenville Presbyterian Church, PO Box 157, Donalds, SC 29638 or the Greater Abbeville Humane Society, c/o Barbara Freese, 200 Greenville Street, Abbeville, SC 29620.

The family is at 238 W. Main Street, Donalds, SC 2968.

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 Dunlap family.

Obituaries

Benton

Victor Wayne Benton, 72, of Greenwood, husband of Sandra Ellis Benton, died Sunday, December 26, 2021.

Born in Kannapolis, NC, he was the son of the late John Bunyon Benton and Abbie Jane Mote Benton. Wayne was formerly employed with Greenwood Mills-Mathews Plant and was working at the Greenwood County Recycling

Center. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and attended Augusta Highway Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife of the home are his children, Angela Benton McCurry (Mike) of Abbeville and Victor Wayne Benton, Jr. (Karen) of Greenwood; a sister, Mahlon Benton (Mark) of Hartsville; grandchildren, Heather Benton (Dewayne), Tripp Benton,

Austin McCurry, Cameron McCurry, Dallas Rose McCurry, Cassidy Hilley, Jason Hilley and Davey Ray Hilley (Allie); and great grandchildren, Alton, Sernity, Lawson, Abbey, Jada, Aubree and Olivia.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS...

By Caroline Gilchrist McGee

The masthead of the Abbeville newspaper The Press and Banner features a quote: "Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there is no constitution, no law, no court can save it."

We see the quote every week on the front paper of the paper and simply accept it as part of the page. However, the quote by the late Judge Billings Leonard Hand is a powerful one and, while written in a speech he made in 1944, its meaning has huge implications today for our country and its future.

"Billings Learned Hand was an American jurist, lawyer, and judicial philosopher. He served as a federal trial judge on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and later as an appellate judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Wikipedia"

I share his speech here with you as "food for thought" as we face what many Americans consider the most critical time in the history of our nation. Read it, ponder it, share it, discuss it. The liberty we must secure starts in your homes, on your streets and in your neighborhoods, in our local governments and cherished institutions, and in the courage we must muster to overcome the "pandemic" forces that threaten the very freedoms we take for granted!

"The Spirit of Liberty," A speech given by Judge Learned Hand in 1944 in celebration of I Am an American Day."

We have gathered here to affirm a faith, a faith in a common purpose, a common conviction, a common devotion.

Some of us have chosen American as the land of our adoption; the rest have

come from those who did the same. For this reason we have some rights to consider ourselves as a picked group, a group of those who had the courage to break from the past and brace the dangers and the loneliness of a strange land. What was the object that nerved us, or those who went before us, to this choice? We sought liberty; freedoms from oppression, freedom from want, freedom to be ourselves. This we then sought; this we now believed that we are by way of winning.

What do we mean when we say that first of all we seek liberty? I often wonder whether we do not rest our hopes too much upon constitutions, upon laws and upon courts. These are false hopes; believe me, these are false hopes. Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court to save it. And what is this liberty which must lie in the hearts of men and women? It is not the ruthless, the unbridled will; it is not freedom to do as one likes. That is denial of liberty, and leads straight to its overthrow.

A society in which men recognize no check upon their freedom soon becomes a society where freedom is the possession of only a savage few; as we have learned to our sorrow.

What then is the spirit of liberty? I cannot define it; I can only tell you my own faith.

The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the mind of other men and women; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which weighs their interests alongside its own without bias; the spirit of liberty remembers that

not even a sparrow falls to earth unheeded; the spirit of liberty is the spirit of Him who, near two thousand years ago, taught mankind that lesson it has never learned but never quite forgotten; that there may be a kingdom where the least shall be heard and considered side by side with the greatest.

And now in that spirit, the spirit of an American which has never been, and which may never be; nay, which never will be except as the conscience and courage of Americans create it; yet in the spirit of that America which lies hidden in some form in aspirations of us all; in the spirit of that America for which our young men are at this moment fighting and dying; in that spirit of liberty and of America I ask you to rise and with me pledge our faith in the glorious destiny of our beloved country.

Judge Leonard Hand -1944

*Citizenship Day used to be called 'I Am an American Day (See details online)

Caroline Gilchrist McGee is the eldest daughter of the late Howard Tawney Gilchrist, Sr. (known to many P and B readers as the author of "Doc's Talks and Tales") and the late Martha West Gilchrist. Caroline is the elders granddaughter of the late Fred D West, Sr., former owner of the Press and Banner. She and her husband Glen retired to Abbeville in 2008. A graduate of the University of South Carolina College of Journalism, her professional career included service in both print and broadcast media, public relations, and teaching and administrative positions in both public and independent education.



The process of restoring Trinity Church, one of Abbeville's architectural jewels, continued in 2021. The Episcopal church, which dates from the 19th century, looks down on the intersection of Church and Trinity streets. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

'Budget' workshop Newspaper reaches Amish, Mennonite communities worldwide

By Henry E. Green

A friend recently stopped by The Press and Banner and brought the Nov. 10 copy of The Budget, a newspaper "serving the Amish-Mennonite communities throughout the Americas," as its masthead indicates.

A weekly newspaper published in Ohio, The Budget dates from 1890, according to Wikipedia.

It is a newspaper that consists mainly of columns written and sent in by "scribes" in various Amish/Mennonite communities

around the world.

"The Budget Scribes document community events such as baptisms, weddings, births, and funerals, as well as information on church attendance, visitors, weather, accidents or illnesses, agricultural happenings, special church and school events," according to Wikipedia.

A report from a community in Ohio, for example, describes the excitement caused by a runaway horse. The Nov. 10 edition also included listings of auctions and fundraisers, as well as

obituaries.

There were also columns. "Cookin' with Maudie" includes a recipe for roast pork with spiced apples, and Just Plan Mom takes a look at books for kids.

There is no one in the Abbeville County community who currently is writing to the newspaper as a reporter, according to a resident of the Abbeville Mennonite community.

In the past, there have been reporters for The Budget, but no one currently, she said.



Doc's Talks ... & Tales

By Doc Gilchrist

"Thoughts on Democracy"

Someone wrote that a democracy could not last much longer than two hundred years, and after that, its demise was inevitable.

We have passed that year mark, but the signs are there that some action must be taken to preserve this nation as a democracy.

The sound doctrines that our Founding Fathers set down for this country to follow have been slowly downgraded and invaded and mis-conformed to meet some alien ideas and standards.

The rulings of our high courts by judges and the laws that have passed even some with an eventual Supreme Court decision, have all eroded our basic rights and privileges.

Professor Alexander Tyler of the University of Edinburgh wrote about a democracy being of a temporary nature.

He listed the following steps that a democracy can go through in about 200 years:

1. From bondage to spiritual faith.
2. From spiritual faith to great courage.
3. From courage to liberty.
4. From liberty to abundance.
5. From abundance to complacency.
6. From complacency to apathy.
7. From apathy to dependence.
8. From dependence back into bondage

He also wrote that "if the Senate grants amnesty and citizenship to twenty million criminal invaders called illegals and they vote, then goodbye USA in less than five years."

We have to look to our electorate to take the proper, courageous action to preserve this democratic country.

We are evidently in the decline that Professor Tyler predicted.

President Abraham Lincoln is credited with many quotes. Someone wrote that this quote could be a comment on our recent election: "If ever this free people - if ever this government itself is ever utterly demoralized, it will come from this incessant human wriggle and struggle for office, which is but a way to live without work."

The elected officials in the Congress long ago voted themselves so many privileges and perks, that the offices are like honey to a bee - only our "bees" who are drawn to the honey are mostly all drones and not working drones at that.

Put them all back on Social Security and take away those outrageous pensions and limit their time in office - unless mandated to be eligible to rerun by an overwhelming vote of their constituents, and then only for one more term. That may give them a chance to finish some worthwhile legislation.

This little article but scratches the surface with ideas on this subject. We desperately need unselfish men of courage and intelligence to run this country.

We seem to becoming a country of losers. It's a thought. See you in church!



Yes, folks, another Christmas is behind us, and when the City of Abbeville was taking down its Christmas tree on Court Square on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 28, it was a reminder of "Christmas past." (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

School District sets priorities for 2022

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District is expected to continue to focus on its capital improvement plan in 2022, said Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary Monday.

The District will also look to continue with its "strong academic success," and to keep "Everybody safe from COVID."

Will the Abbeville County School District have a referendum this year to try to secure funding for capital needs, such as new academic wings at Abbeville and Dixie high schools, making renovations at the Abbeville County Career

Center, and expanding cafeterias at the two high schools?

"We'll know more at the end of January," said Dr. Gary. Representatives of the architectural firm of LS3P and the construction management firm of Thompson Turner are expected to be on hand at the school board meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

These representatives could produce data showing how much the improvements would cost.

Keeping students and educators safe from the pandemic will continue to be a priority for the School District.

The District had experi-

mented for a time during the pandemic with iTech Academy, allowing many students to learn from home via computer.

The Academy has been scrapped in favor of classroom instruction--and that's the way it is expected to stay.

Virtual learning left much to be desired, according to Dr. Gary.

"Our kids suffered greatly," said the Superintendent. "Being in front of a teacher is the best bang for your buck."

In-person instruction enriches the learning experience in an especially significant way, according to Dr. Gary. "A computer screen can't do that," he said.



Halloween drew a "spirited" response in Abbeville in 2021, as could be seen from this scene on Magazine Street. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



This was the message we found on North Main in Abbeville recently. Will they get their wish? Only time will tell. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Twisters, vaccines, made news in 2021

By Henry E. Green

A tornado tore through Abbeville County in early May, causing damage but no fatalities.

Twisters have aroused fear in Abbeville County at least since March 1973, when a tornado caused a number of fatalities.

The tornado was one of a numbers of news makers in 2021.

Here are a few others: A young man named Adam Clark Harvey disappeared on Sept. 11, but a massive search yielded no results.

-- A scholarship has been established in honor of retired educator Stan Keaton. -- Mike Brandt was named the Calhoun Falls personality of the year.

Brandt is the commander of American Legion Post 72. -- Like the Abbeville Spring Festival, the Calhoun Falls Springtime in the Falls festival had been cancelled in

2020 due to COVID issues, but it came back in 2021.

-- The City of Abbeville won an award for its excellence in financial reporting

-- Abbeville City Council member Benji Greeson was elected by his fellow City Council members Mayor Pro Tem.

-- WZLA Radio round a new home, moving to the Hwy 28 ByPass on the western outskirts of Abbeville, and a ribbon cutting was held in the summer of 2021.

-- Abbeville County Council member Billy Norris was elected County Council chairman by his fellow Council members in January.

-- Abbeville County is launching an effort to construct a memorial to fallen law enforcement officers Danny Wilson and Donnie Ouzts at the site of the infamous Bixby standoff of Dec. 8, 2003, according to action

taken by County Council in early December.

Norris proposed, and Council agreed, for the County to spend up to \$20,000 on a memorial at the site, which belongs to Abbeville County and which is located on the western outskirts of Abbeville.

-- Abbeville Area Medical Center launched a massive COVID vaccination effort in 2021.

One may call 366-9681 for an appointment to be tested for COVID-19 or to receive a vaccination booster.

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Workshop

"Turning an Idea into a Profit," an online workshop/zoom meeting, will be held on Wed., Jan. 19, from noon to 1 p.m.

One may register online at <https://clemon.zoom.us> for the workshop, which is being presented by the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation.

Correction

Phyllis Davis is the only owner of the Abbeville Vintage Market on Court Square in Abbeville. A photo caption last month provided incorrect information about the number of owners.

The Press and Banner regrets the error.

LONG CANE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The Long Cane Cemetery Association will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 6:00 PM in Harris Funeral Home.

All members are invited to attend.

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A car show was part of the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Fall Jubilee at Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls last year, and one of the vehicles displayed was this 1929 Ford, which surely drew its share of admirers. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Who let the Dogs out? Georgia, Alabama to play for national championship in college football

By Henry E. Green
And there were two.
The college football national championship game is coming up, and Georgia will meet Alabama for the prize on Monday, Jan. 10, at 8 p.m.
The two teams reached the finals in convincing fashion. Georgia annihilated Michigan 34-11, and Alabama rolled over Cincinnati 27-6 in the playoff semifinals, to reach the college football national championship game.
"I wish a team from our state were playing in it,"

said Abbeville High School head football coach Jamie Nickles Tuesday. "That would be great."
"Personally I'm more of an Alabama fan. My three favorite teams are Clemson, Carolina and Alabama."
Georgia and Alabama deserve to be in the national championship, according to Nickles.
"Those are definitely the two best teams," he reflected.
Nickles believes the Bulldogs will prevail.
"It's hard to beat a good team twice," he said, refer-

ring to a previous match-up between the two schools--which Alabama won.
This time, Nickles believes, the nod goes to Georgia. "They've got an advantage. I do think Georgia wins this time."
"I'm a Georgia fan," said Bill Lesesne of Due West. "I think this is their year."
Calhoun Falls Charter head football coach Juwan Owens likes Alabama, because he believes Alabama coach Nick Saban has a sound program.
"I think he's a phenomenal coach," said Owens.

Lander breaks ground for outdoor pool, pavilion to enhance student experience

**Submitted by
Karen Petit**

Lander University officials broke ground Tuesday (Nov. 30) to build an outdoor, multipurpose space for students' recreational and academic use.

The new facility, which replaces the Sproles Recreation Center built in 1952, is designed to enhance the student experience at the university and will include a covered pavilion with large televisions, an outdoor movie screen and an expansive area for outdoor classes and academic activities, including campus events that call for social distancing. An outdoor pool at the heart of the structure, surrounded by palm trees, will feature seating near the water, in the shade and on the nearby grassy terrace.

Dr. Richard Cosentino, Lander University president, told a crowd of students, community leaders and university employees, "What's coming here, you can't even believe it."

The facility, being constructed during a time of record enrollment and unprecedented growth at Lander,

will have a resort-like design and is scheduled to open in fall 2022, during Lander's 150th anniversary celebration. "This beautiful, new space is sure to be a highlight of the student experience at Lander," Cosentino said.

Dr. Boyd Yarbrough, Lander's vice president for Student Affairs, said, "What makes me most excited is that Lander continues to put its students first."

Students have been an integral part of the planning process and provided input throughout the project's design. "We are thrilled that our contractor partners listened and adapted the plans to accommodate feedback from students," Yarbrough said. "Specifically, students asked for bench seating in the pool, raised seating around the pool, TVs throughout the space, and ultra-cool lighting in and around the pool."

Yarbrough said the project continues to transform the heart of the campus.

"It is a natural extension of the gathering options in our plaza area to allow students to hang out between classes or after a full day

of studying," he said. "It will be a magnificent draw for prospective students to see our current students relaxing in such a beautiful environment."

Nearly 70 years old, the Sproles Recreation Center no longer could safely accommodate Lander students' expanding needs for recreational space, including a location that would provide adequate social distancing, Cosentino said. At the time that Sproles was built, Lander had about 140 students. Today, the university has more than 3,800 students.

To address the campus growth, the university sought and received approval from the Lander Board of Trustees and the State of South Carolina to demolish Sproles to make way for the complex, he said.

The president told students, "It will be amazing. This is as high-end as it gets, and we want you to use it and enjoy it."

Yarbrough said the project is an exciting one for students. "It will provide a dynamic space for students to gather, relax and have fun with their friends."



This car show at the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition's Fall Jubilee held last year at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls drew motor vehicle lovers. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

CF Charter girls returning to action

By Henry E. Green
The Calhoun Falls Charter Lady Flashes are poised to enter the post-holiday chapter of their season, Calhoun Falls Charter girls varsity basketball coach Joseph Cade said Thursday.
The Calhoun Falls Charter Lady Flashes were slated to host Whitmire last night, according to Cade.
"We've played three Re-

gion games already," he said. The Lady Flashes are 2-1 in the Region and 4-1 overall.
Their only loss was to High Point Academy, with wins over McCormick and Dixie.
Whitmire, a Region foe, has won at least two games in the Region, having defeated Ware Shoals and Southside Christian.
The Lady Flashes will

travel to Ware Shoals on Friday at 6 p.m. for another Region contest, and then Calhoun Falls Charter will host Lincoln County, from Georgia, on Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Cade is putting the loss to High Point behind him and getting his troops back on the winning track after the holiday season.

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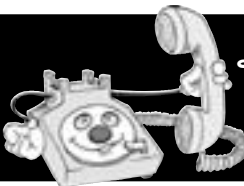


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