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Lives of Ouzts, Wilson remembered

By Henry E. Green

“It’s hard to believe it’s been 19 years.”

So said Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson to a small group assembled in front of the Abbeville County Law Enforcement Center for a program Thursday to mark the anniversary of the infamous Bixby standoff, during the course of which law enforcement officers Danny Wilson and Donnie Ouzts were killed.

The program has been held every year at the Law Enforcement Center to mark the day in which Wilson, a Sheriff’s Office deputy, and Ouzts, a constable,

gave their lives, but Watson told the group on the rainy Thursday morning that this is expected to be the last year that the program would be held at the Law Enforcement Center.

Abbeville County Director David Garner told the crowd that the County obtained the property, located on Highway 72 on the western outskirts of Abbeville., on which the infamous standoff took place, and the house was demolished several years ago.

On the Highway 72 site will be erected a new monument to the fallen officers, a monument made of marble and

granite and which is being funded by Abbeville County government, which budgeted \$15,000 for the project.

The new monument is being constructed, and is expected to be placed at the site sometime next year.

Thursday’s program also featured a presentation by chaplain Josh Chiles, who talked about the power of love, and shared two verses of Scripture—Matthew 5:4 and I John 3:16--about sacrifice and heroism.

He welcomed those in the audience to turn to the people next to them and tell them they loved them.

Sheriff Watson welcomed

members of the families of Ouzts and Wilson to lay wreaths at the small monument that is situated in front of the Law Enforcement Center.

In addition, the Sheriff welcomed comments from those in the audience who reminded that terrible day nearly two decades ago.

Abbeville County E911 Director was a coordinator for County telecommunications that day, and she recalled the close bond forged through the experience.

“They all stuck together,” said Miller. “It was just one tough day.”

Former magistrate Tommy

Ferguson remembered that it was one of the hardest days he had ever experienced.

Former Sheriff Charles Goodwin recalled how the experience underscores the nature of law enforcement, where those who serve do not know from day to day if they will be coming home to their families.

Solicitor David Stumbo turned to the law enforcement personnel in the crowd. “Thank you all for what you do every day,” he told them.

Sheriff Watson paid tribute to the closeness of people living in Abbeville.

“Abbeville is a tight-knit community,” Watson told the crowd.

Following the program, Garner said that the County ordered the memorial back in May, and it is currently being fabricated in Georgia.

There are expected to be benches at the site, where Garner said grading work will need to be done.

The granite and marble monument will be more than eight feet tall, he said.

“It’s gigantic,” the County Director said.

A program to remember the lives of Donnie Ouzts and Danny Wilson was held Thursday, Dec. 8 at the Abbeville County Law Enforcement Center. Members of the families of the fallen law enforcement officers, killed in the line of duty in 2003, joined Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson and Victim Advocate Monique Bell and Magistrate Susan Gladden. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Wayne Ashley (left) and Charles Magaha (right) recently presented, on behalf of the Woodmen of the World, a donation to Lori Glace (center) for the Christmas Angel Tree. (Photo courtesy of Lori Glace)

SCDOT planning to replace bridge

By Henry E. Green

A bridge in rural Abbeville County is going to be replaced, providing good news for infrastructure in Abbeville County.

South Carolina Department of Transportation plans to replace the bridge on S-01-113, also known as North Depot Street Extension, over Chickasaw Creek in Abbeville County. The structure is located on the outskirts of Due

West, according to SCDOT information provided by State Representative Craig Gagnon

The bridge, which is currently load restricted with 30 percent of timber piles deteriorated or spliced, is to be replaced by SCDOT maintenance forces.

SCDOT was slated to begin working on the bridge on Dec. 6, and, pending any delays due to weather conditions, fabricator delays or

other factors, the new bridge is expected to be re-opened to traffic by May 31, 2023.

The Abbeville County School District, Abbeville County Sheriff’s Office, and emergency management services have been advised of the pending closure, and no businesses are expected to be affected significantly by the closure, according to SCDOT information Gagnon provided.

Chamber planning ‘Tis the Season’ event

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce is planning “Tis the Season,” coming up on Saturday, Dec. 17, according to Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce executive director Anna LaGrone.

“The Chamber is organizing one last push before Christmas to encourage shopping locally, visiting our historic sites, and enjoying the special time that

is Christmas in Abbeville,” she said Wednesday.

“We’ll have a map with participating businesses and historic sites, and shoppers can visit stops on the map, and fill out a ticket at each stop.

“The more places they visit, the more entries they get.

“I’ll collect all of the tickets and draw three winners at random.

“You have the chance to win one of three prizes,

which will include Square Dollars, a Shop Small tote, and a Chamber T-shirt of your size,” she said.

Among the stops will be Trinity Church, Jessica’s Closet, and Revive Abbeville--among many others.

More stops are to be announced.

For more information, one may call the Chamber at 864-366-4600.



This vintage automobile was one of the ingredients making the recent Abbeville Christmas parade well worth watching. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Post 2 remembers Pearl Harbor Day

By Henry E. Green

Franklin Delano Roosevelt called it a day "that will live in infamy."

Yes, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, ranks as a milestone in American history, albeit a terrible one, with 2,403 Americans killed.

Wednesday, members of American Legion Post 2 gathered on Abbeville's Court Square to recall that awful day.

Post 2 commander George Key read aloud a short statement, and the Post provided for a siren that sounded at about

12:55 p.m. to mark the Abbeville equivalent of the time of day that the Japanese planes hit.

Post 2 chaplain Wallace McClinton provided a benediction, ending the brief ceremony.

Following Wednesday's program, American Legion Post 2 past commander Terry Greenfield recalled watching the movie "Midway" recently, a motion picture about the World War II naval battle, fought six months after Pearl Harbor, in which the Americans defeated the Japanese.

Greenfield, who served in the U.S. Army from 1984 to 2006, placed Pearl Harbor in the same category as the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Just as the tribulation of 9/11 should be something that holds a place in our memories, "we should never forget" Pearl Harbor, and all that it means, he indicated.

Speaking of Pearl Harbor and the lives lost, Key noted that the program is "to remember their sacrifice and to honor them."



American Legion Post 2 had a Pearl Harbor Day ceremony Wednesday, Dec. 7, on Abbeville's Court Square. Post commander George Key (standing, at left) read aloud a brief statement in remembrance of that day when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Chris Crawford (left) was sworn in to a new term of office on Abbeville City Council recently by Municipal Judge William McNeil (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

CF Town Council approves water project

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Town Council had a special meeting Friday, giving the green light to a project to replace aging water lines in certain portions of the town.

Council unanimously approved a water project, which will add new waterlines for five streets in Calhoun Falls--part of Bamberg Street, Edgefield Street, Berry Street, and Ellis Street, and Sherard Street.

The new waterlines will replace aging water lines, a Town spokesperson said.

"The funding is coming via the "Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)," said Keith Dunn, a partner with Dunn & Shirley, a civil engineering firm helping the Town in the project. "The program is run by the SC Department of Health and Environmental

Control (DHEC) and the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA), Office of Local Government (OLG).

"The particular category of funds of which the Town is receiving from the DWSRF are known as Principal Forgiveness Funds, which act just like a grant. The Town achieved funding for \$500,000 for this project.

"We assisted the Town early on in applying for funding for this important project. We performed the detailed design and permitting. The project is now under construction, where we handle the construction contract administration."

In other matters, Council approved second reading of Ordinance 31.06 (B) related to the powers and duties of the mayor. The measure

relates to a motor vehicle owned by the Town, and provided that the Mayor will have the vehicle at all times--the vehicle will be used only on Town business.

Before, the vehicle, a Chevrolet Tahoe, was parked at Town Hall, and now the Mayor will be able to keep it with him.

The mayor will have the car at all times., according to information.

Council member Christine Long abstained on the Ordinance vote.

Also, Town Council deferred discussion on changing the Town Hall hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Council member Wane Postell was absent from the meeting.



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Keisha Lockhart (right) was the speaker during a recent meeting of The Brew. Here she is following the meeting with Austin Walker, community development director with the City of Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Lockhart makes her mark in Abbeville

By Henry E. Green

Keisha Lockhart could be seen distributing candy to kids during the City of Abbeville's Scare on the Square this fall.

That was something that rang especially true, because Lockhart helps provide medical care for young as part of her work.

The pediatric nurse practitioner and nurse midwife was the speaker for the December session of the Brew, a project in which the City of Abbeville, Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce, and Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership are collaborating.

Inspired by a similar program in Anderson, the Brew seeks to help nurture small businesses that are just getting off the ground.

The Brew brings together business owners and friends each month to the Belmont Inn to network and socialize. There typically is a program featuring a new business, a program in which the business owner will talk about how or she got it started, and listeners will provide advice on how

to make it more successful. Lockhart, meanwhile, has worked to introduce herself to the Abbeville County community. She has passed out candy during the Scare on the Square, and she has made a presentation at a Calhoun Falls Town Council meeting about her work.

Born and raised on the island of Bermuda, she has a Bachelor of Arts in Biology and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, both from Temple University, according to information she provided at the Brew.

She went on to get a Master of Science in Nursing from Temple, and she is working on a Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Alabama.

Licensed by the South Carolina Board of Nursing, she is certified in pediatrics by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board, and certified in midwifery by the American Midwifery Certification Board.

She is a certified breast-feeding counselor and a certified infant massage instructor.

She lives in Anderson County with her husband,

and has a daughter in college.

"We moved from Pennsylvania at the end of August," she said.

Midwifery "encompasses a full range of primary health care services for women from adolescence beyond menopause."

Pediatric nurse practitioners treat children from birth through transition to adult care and their families and care givers.

"I am a pediatric nurse practitioner and nurse midwife," said Lockhart.

What brought her to the Abbeville area?

"I landed in Abbeville after a search of the Upstate counties - by demographics, socioeconomic and poverty level, and insurance mix. I wanted to provide services in a medically under-served area where I could also establish a close connection with community. Further research led me to Abbeville's Business Incubator program, and I decided that this city was a good central hub for me to extend my reach to this community and others surrounding.

Final weekend for 'Walk' coming up

By Henry E. Green

The Walk through Bethlehem is entering its final weekend, promising a rich tapestry of sight and sound as the Christmas story is told.

Presented by Cold Spring Mennonite Church, Walk through Bethlehem presents a sort of extension of the Live Nativity.

It is all outdoors and it is all free for those who want to take the Walk, which includes some familiar characters--Mary and Joseph, for example--but also some characters you might not have expected.

As you walk, you see Roman soldiers on horseback, as well as angels making their special announcements to Mary and Joseph, and then the "town" of Bethlehem, with characters in period costume taking on

the role of a community in first-century Palestine.

These characters, played by members of the Cold Spring Mennonite church and school, are engaged in various activities--from going to school to working as blacksmiths to baking bread.

Then there are the shepherds, and the angelic choir familiar to those who know the Christmas story.

The Walk is scheduled for Dec. 16-18, with performances from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. nightly.

The church is located at 226 Cold Springs Church Road on the outskirts of Abbeville.

Deck the halls

The Walk is just one part of a number of Christmas activities here in Abbeville County.

Saturday, the Abbeville

Christmas parade drew hundreds of onlookers. Serving as grant marshals were the members of the AHS football team, which recently won the state championship.

At the Belmont Inn, the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Belmont, presented Breakfast with Santa, where you could enjoy a hot breakfast and have your picture taken with the Jolly Old Elf.

A total of 130 people attended this event, according to Anna LaGrone, executive director of the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce.

Also Saturday, the Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association scheduled a wine walk and an ugly sweater contest in Abbeville.

Dixie, AHS FFA chapters plan concert

By Henry E. Green

Dixie High School and Abbeville High School FFA chapters are collaborating to plan a concert in February of 2023, a concert which will serve as a fund-raiser for FFA, according to Dixie High School FFA advisor Josh Murdock.

The concert is slated to be

held at Erskine's Lesesne Auditorium on Saturday, Feb. 25, he said.

Performing will be Shenandoah, Clay Page, and the Pickens Creek Band, and proceeds will go toward an FFA scholarship fund.

Doors will open at 6 p.m., and Pickens Creek is slated to begin performing at 6:15

p.m. More information will become available in coming weeks.

"FFA is the premier youth organization preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture," according to the national FFA Website.



American Legion Post 72 was represented with this float in the Calhoun Falls Christmas parade of Saturday, Dec. 3. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Council hears Simpson's farewell

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County Council heard some differing opinions Monday night.

Council approved a proclamation of appreciation and recognition for David "Drew" Simpson's service to Abbeville County.

Simpson, a County Council member whose term expires this year, abstained.

The outgoing Council member later in the meeting read a farewell to County Council.

While Council has accomplished a number of things, such as replacing outdated Self Contained Breathing Apparatus equipment for County fire fighters, he criticized Council for not having been, in his view, transparent.

County Council did not attempt to discuss a fire service fee, Simpson said.

"In the end, the Fee was put off for another year, but the point is that this discussion could have and should have been done in the public eye," he said.

He went on to say that "Abbeville County has a Council appointed board that is not following the state statute for their procedures as well as not keeping minutes."

Essentially, Simpson said that Council was having

discussions behind closed doors that should be in the public eye.

During the public comment period, Mack Beaty said he agreed with Simpson.

"I concur," Beaty said.

In other news, Council approved third reading on an ordinance to amend the text of special sections of the Abbeville County Zoning Ordinance.

Council approved Resolution 2022-44 authorizing the Abbeville County Director to enter into a contractual agreement with Pope Flynn LLC (bond counsel) for the purpose of preparing the necessary documents to issue a solid waste revenue bond in the amount of approximately \$1,500,000 so that such documents can be brought to County Council for approval.

Council also passed Resolution (2022-450 authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with W. E. Martin Contracting of Pauline, S.C. for repair of the Diamond Mine Road creek crossing in Abbeville County not to exceed \$17,950.

Also approved was a proclamation honoring and congratulating Abbeville High School football team on winning the AA state

championship.

Council chairman Billy Norris presented the proclamation to AHS football coach Jamie Nickles and AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson.

Abbeville, in winning its 12th state championship, finished with a record of 13-2.

Council also approved a proclamation of recognition for the service of Council member Jason Bonds to Abbeville County.

Bonds was absent from the meeting, but County Director David Garner read aloud an e-mail from Bonds that essentially wished the County the best.

"To the new Council, I wish you nothing but the best," Bonds said.

Council also approved a proclamation recognizing outgoing County Council member John T. Calhoun for his service to the County.

"You're going to be sorely missed," Norris told Calhoun.

Council also approved, with Simpson abstaining, 2023 meeting and budget calendars.

Council also named Calvin Donaldson to the Board of Assessment Appeals and Robert Pruitt to the Library Board.

Long requests CF financial records

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Town Council member Christine Long says she has sent a letter to the Town of Calhoun Falls and Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland in which she is requesting financial records of various kinds.

Under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, she requested in the Dec. 12 letter an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that show the "Monthly Financials."

These include, according to Long, monthly detailed income and monthly detailed expenses from January 2022 to November 2022.

She also wants a copy of the 2022-23 operating budget.

She also requested copies of the documents where the Town of Calhoun Falls was awarded PARD grants for 2022, as well as copies of reports submitted to the State for reimbursement from the PARD Grant expenses, as well as copies of documents where the Town was awarded grants to purchase Police vehicles.

"As an elected Town Council member, I request a waiver of all fees in that the disclosure of the requested information is in the public interest and will contribute significantly to the public's

understanding of the Town of Calhoun Falls operations for 2022. This information is not being sought for commercial purposes," she wrote.

Long has expressed concerns about the Town's finances and its financial records.

Long was earlier this year elected to Abbeville County Council, and she said Tuesday she plans to be sworn in on Tuesday, January 3, to her term on County Council at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex in Abbeville.



Bobby Patterson (right) was inducted recently as a new member of the Abbeville Rotary Club by club president-elect Austin Walker (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Council votes down anti-loitering measure

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council had a special meeting Wednesday night, swearing in a newly reelected Council member and taking a long, hard look at a proposal which proposals hoped would curb crime.

Newly reelected City Council member Chris Crawford was sworn in by City Judge Bill McNeil.

Crawford defeated challenger Deanna Ashley in a City Council runoff on Nov. 22.

In addition, Council voted down on first reading an anti-loitering proposal relating to Abbeville Police Department law enforcement.

Voting in favor were City Council members Benji Greeson and Matt Gambrell, and Mayor Trey Edwards.

Voting in opposition were Council members Jason Edwards, Chris Crawford, Faye Thomas, J.J. Jackson, and Louise Aikens.

Council member John Sutherland was absent from the meeting.

The vote followed a lengthy, impassioned discussion on the merits of the proposal.

Council members who favored the legislation on Council indicated that it might help the Police in their battle against crime, but other Council members expressed doubts as to whether it could help.

In the audience were Abbeville Police Chief Ron Bosler and Investigator Dwane Balchin.

At issue was a proposed ordinance "establishing loitering and failure to stop regulations to encourage effective policing within the city limits."

"It shall be unlawful for any person in the city to willfully and knowingly fail or refuse to stop when signaled, hailed or commanded to stop by a police officer or any other city officer; provided that the officer has reasonable suspicion that the person is involved in

criminal activity. The criminal activity may be ongoing at that moment, a crime that has already been committed, or a crime about to be committed."

The proposal also includes a section on loitering.

"No person shall loiter or prowl in a place, at a time or in a manner not usual for law abiding individuals under circumstances that warrant alarm for the safety of persons or property in the vicinity."

The rationale for the proposal?

As the City continues to develop techniques to more effectively combat criminal activity within the City limits, additional regulations are needed, the proposed ordinance stated.

To further deter drug activities and other criminal behavior, officers need to have the ability to lawfully stop persons of interest on foot and clear out chronic loitering throughout the city. Additional measures need to be taken to address chronic loitering throughout the city that has the potential to escalate into dangerous situations.

The proposed ordinance will help reduce the number of persons of interest fleeing from officers in the future, as well as issues of chronic loitering, and will help expedite investigations, the proposal continued.

The discussion before the vote, meanwhile, was lengthy

"This is a public safety issue," said Mayor Edwards.

Mayor Edwards asked Bosler and Balchin if they had reached out to communities that had developed similar ordinances.

Balchin replied that the city of Anderson has adopted it and it seems to be working there, and the city of Greenwood has adopted it also.

Two women had appeared recently at a City Council meeting to complain about criminal activity in the Adams Drive area.

Bosler and Balchin talked about how much of the trouble is not being caused by people living in the apartment complexes in the area, but by people coming in from outside the area.

Council member Chris Crawford wondered if the police could have better communication with area residents, communication that could help in the war on crime.

"More communications with the Police," he said. "We could tighten up a little better."

He also suggested that Police would do better to walk around in their patrols.

"We DO get out and walk around," said Bosler.

Bosler and Balchin indicated that the Police already had good communication with residents of people living in the affected areas. "We've got an opportunity to give them tools to fight crime," said Mayor Edwards.

"I disagree," said Thomas, noting that if a crowd disperses, it does not mean that a shooting will not take place.

"This ordinance has me torn," she went on to say. "I hear what you guys are saying," she told Bosler and Balchin.

Council member Jason Edwards was afraid innocent people would be caught up in the enforcement of the measure, should it be adopted.

Edwards suggested a situation in which a young person could run away from a law enforcement officer not because he was guilty but because he was simply scared.

"It's the other end of the spectrum," which caused him concern, Council member Edwards said.

Council member J.J. Jackson wondered if the addition of security guards at the housing complexes would help.



Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville has this Nativity scene in front of the church to help display the Christmas spirit. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Abbeville Presbyterian Church announces the expansion and improvement plan for Busy Bees Preschool

Submitted by Mandy Brown, Director

Busy Bees Preschool received over 120 student registrations for the current school year (2022-23) and was only able to accommodate 60, putting over 60 children on the waiting list. In response to this high demand, Busy Bees will be increasing maximum enrollment to 84 students, while also reducing class sizes to a maximum of 12 students per class. We will accomplish this by hiring additional staff and preparing additional classrooms to offer multiple classes for 2K-4K. At this time, we will continue to offer a single 1K class.

At Busy Bees, we are committed to offering our students the highest quality Pre-K program possible. To ensure that our preschool educators are strengthening their skills and practices throughout their career at Busy Bees, our teachers will be required to receive professional development training hours each year. Our goal is to improve and enhance job performance by allowing our teachers to learn and apply new knowledge and skills in the classroom.

We are also excited to announce that we will be adding two new programs next year for our older age groups. Our 3K and 4K classes will attend a health and nutrition class each month. Our "Active Bees Class" (ABC) will feature lessons on nutrition, encouragement to try new/healthy foods, the importance of taking care of our bodies and minds, and fun exercises.

Preschool children have a natural disposition towards science with their sense of creativity, curiosity, and determination. To help build that foundation, our 4K students will begin having regular STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) units and activities. STEAM activities will provide our 4K students with a natural environment for teamwork and communication, and will allow them to explore, question, research, and exercise innovative building skills. We conducted a trial run of a STEAM unit with our current 4K group where they designed, created, and built their own "car city" during their transportation thematic unit. This first STEAM unit was a huge success, and we are looking forward to adding similar activities to

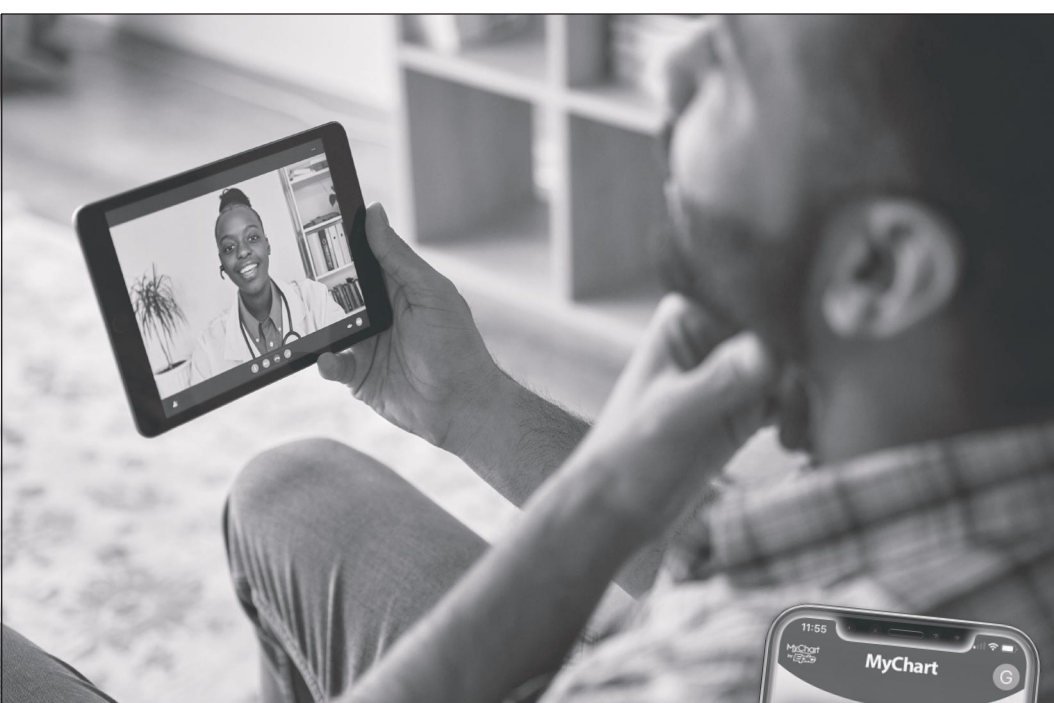
our 4K program. Our 3K/4K classes will continue having scheduled Art Classes that focus on Directed Drawing lessons.

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To make these enhancements and improvements possible, annual tuition will increase from the current \$2,000 to \$2,150 per child, beginning August 2023. The one-time registration fee will increase to \$150. There will be multiple child discounts for the registration fee only. Parents with multiple children will be able to apply for scholarship assistance. Members of Abbeville Presbyterian Church and Busy Bees employees will receive a discount in tuition beginning August 2023.

We are very excited about how our preschool program continues to grow and improve. We appreciate all the love and support from our Busy Bees families since 2017. We strive to be the BEST PLACE TO BEE!

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Firefighters hold Christmas dinner

By Henry E. Green

"We had quite a year." So Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams noted at the crowd assembled at the Abbeville Civic Center Friday night for the County fire commission and fire chiefs Christmas dinner. Abbeville County fire fighters recognized their best efforts of 2022 during the dinner. Fire chiefs and fire commissioners and friends enjoyed a meal of barbecue, baked beans, and macaroni and cheese, and Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams presented awards to fire fighters who had achieved levels of excellence. "We continue to get compliments from the state level," said Williams to the crowd. Johnny Stancil of Lowndesville fire department and Danny Fleming of Antreville were given the Beyond the Call of Duty Award. Winning Assistant Chief of

the Year honors was Travis Ashley of Lowndesville, while Roy McClain of the Due West Fire Department won Fire Chief of the Year. Commissioner of the Year honors went to Jesse Karls of Antreville, chairman of the board of commissioners. A special award went to Lee Alewine and Kyle Vaughn of Donalds and Kadance Kidd and Samuel Black of Due West in connection with the rescue of an individual in September from a burning house in the Broadmouth area. Firefighter of the Year went to Joe Shuler, who actually serves in two departments--Edgewood and Cold Spring. Earl Wright of Monterey was named the recipient of a special award named for the late Hobie Erickson, for his dedication to the fire service of Abbeville County. A New Jersey native, Erickson was a mainstay of the Donalds fire department

for many years before he passed away earlier this year. The award, according to Williams, was presented by Hobie's widow Lois and his son Walt Bunnell and Donald fire chief Ronnie Vaughn. State Rep. Craig Gagnon spoke briefly to the crowd, paying tribute to the fire fighters. "You're ready to lay your life down," he told them. He went on to note that the General Assembly is in the process of starting a new session. "We're trying to increase funding for our rural fire departments," he said. About 100 people were in attendance, and in addition to Gagnon, County Council members Drew Simpson and Rick Campbell attended, as well as County E911 Director Sharmel Miller and County emergency services director Will Blackwell.



During the recently County fire chiefs and fire commission dinner, Earl Wright of Monterey fire department was named the recipient of a special award named for the late Hobie Erickson, for his dedication to the fire service of Abbeville County. A New Jersey native, Erickson was a mainstay of the Donalds fire department for many years before he passed away earlier this year. The award was presented by Hobie's widow Lois and his son Walt Bunnell and Donald fire chief Ronnie Vaughn. Posing for a picture were (from left) Bunnell, Wright, Vaughn, Lois Erickson, County fire maintenance chief Paul Parnell, administrative assistant Hunter Hazel, and County Fire Marshal Tim Williams. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Trip to Washington D.C. for High School Juniors Applications are now open to students interested in visiting the capital

Submitted by Virginia Smith

Abbeville, SC—December 5, 2022—WCTEL is sending a local high school junior to the 2023 Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour. Applications are now available online at wctel.com/youthtour. This year's tour is May 31-June 4, 2023, and will include nearly 100 students from rural communities nationwide. Participating students will visit our nation's capital, learn about rural broadband, and will have the chance to share their community's story with key legislative, regulatory,

and government figures as well as a forum for them to meet and interact with their peers from other rural communities. The FRS Youth Tour is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to get an all-expense paid trip to tour the U.S. Capitol and several other landmarks. "The FRS Youth Tour is designed to give our students a voice. WCTEL is invested in providing a platform for that voice. Not only do we want to educate our leaders on the technology needs of rural America, but we also want to empower tomorrow's leaders with a keen understanding of our legislative and government

processes." shares Jeff Wilson, CEO of WCTEL. Eligible students must be a junior in high school (graduating in 2024), under the age of 18 at the time of the tour, and their legal guardian/parent must be a WCTEL member. Applications include a short essay and a one-page profile that describes the student's participation in high school and community activities, including years of participation. Applications are due February 8, 2023. For more information about the FRS Tour and how to apply, please visit wctel.com/youthtour.

WCTEL College Scholarship Open for Applicants

Submitted by Virginia Smith

Abbeville, SC—December 5, 2022—West Carolina Tel (WCTEL) is committed to building a stronger future for the communities it serves. This year, the local technology provider is giving away \$8,000 in scholarship money. Senior high school students are invited to apply now. For decades now, WCTEL has been providing high school students the opportunity to receive funds for college, regardless of GPA. Jeff Wilson, CEO of WCTEL, shares, "We are invested in furthering the

education of tomorrow's leaders. We want to reward students for doing their personal best and we encourage this year's seniors to participate. It's important that our youth know that we support and believe in them." To be eligible, students must live in the WCTEL or WCFIBER service area and their legal guardian/parent must be a WCTEL or WCFIBER customer. The WCTEL Scholarship winner will receive \$8,000 toward their college tuition paid in four annual distributions of \$2,000, provided that the student continues to meet the scholarship program

qualifications each year. WCTEL is also an annual partner with the Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) who, in cooperation with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association (NTCA), and offers several scholarships to rural high school seniors. The FRS scholarships are one-time payout distributions. The great news is that the application is the same for both the WCTEL and FRS scholarships, so students only apply once. The application is now available online at wctel.com/scholarship and the deadline to apply is February 8, 2023.

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Local Rotarians have annual Reindeer Run

By Henry E. Green

Neely Bell of Due West and Rylan Durbin of Greenwood were the top finishers Saturday in the Abbeville Rotary Club's Reindeer Run, a 5K event.

Bell and Durbin received cash prizes in the event, which is presented by the Abbeville Rotary Club.

The 17 year old Bell, the top female finisher in the event, is home-schooled. "I do all my sports at Dixie," she said Saturday.

She has been a member of the Dixie cross country

team, and has run track for the Hornets as well. She has also played basketball, soccer and volleyball.

In the state track meet in May, she won the 3200 meter run, and was runner up in the 1600 meter event, and the javelin throw.

A senior, she has committed to run track at Anderson University.

Greenwood Christian seventh grader Rylan Durbin, who runs cross country and track for his school, was the top male finisher.

This year's Reindeer Run

featured 60 participants. The Rotarians present the event every year during the holiday season to help support the Christmas Angel Tree bicycle project.

Every year on Christmas Eve morning, Rotarians and friends gather to deliver bicycles to boys and girls in Abbeville and surrounding areas.

The Abbeville Rotary Club also has a number of other projects, including a scholarship program, and, in the spring, a corn hole tournament.



The Reindeer Run is a 5K event which is presented by the Abbeville Rotary Club annually during the holiday season, taking participants on a course beginning and ending at the Abbeville First Bank in Abbeville. Here are the participants waiting for it to begin. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Volunteers (from left) Clyde McKaba, Mike Shirley, Pete Price, Lanny McKay, and Cookie Fetzer help out in the UCMAC food pantry. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Sam and Angie McCord had fun on their motorcycling while cruising in the recent Abbeville Christmas parade. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Local Legion Riders spread the love

By Henry E. Green

A love of the open road. And a love of doing good. An area component of the American Legion Riders seems to have combined the two very nicely.

Legion Rider Terry Greenfield explained recently that the American Legion Riders are a part of the American Legion--not a separate organization.

To be a Rider, one has to be a member of the American Legion, and one must also be able to ride a motorcycle.

There are 23 American Legion riders in American Legion Post 2, and they are led by Rob Phillips of Abbeville, Greenfield continued.

These motorcycle riders provide escorts for a number of military funerals.

American Legion Riders also take part in the Legacy

Ride, which raises money for children of veterans killed on active duty.

They were also scheduled to take part in Wreaths Across America, when Wreaths visited Greenwood.

There are American Legion Rider chapters throughout the United States, according to the American Legion Website.

"American Legion Riders chapters are well known for their charitable work, which has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for local children's hospitals, schools, veterans homes, severely wounded service members and scholarships," according to the American Legion Website.

Locally, Legion riders have also been active, as can be seen by a story Greenfield,

who served in the U.S. Army from 1984 to 2006, told.

The Legion Riders delivered boxes of toiletries, mens and women's clothing, hand soaps, toothbrushes, to the Augusta Veterans Affairs Medical Center for the spinal center and Heroes Haven (a kind of hospice facility for veterans) patients, he recalled.

"The aforementioned items were collected by the Women's Club (of the church) and sorted by the Children's Cornerstone Youth group at Lady Of Lourdes," he said. "This is an annual trip for the groups and has been going on for a little over five years. We used to hand the items out directly to the nurse stations but Covid changed all that. "

'Blessed' UCMAC food pantry benefits from food drives from local organizations

By Henry E. Green

"Food, Glorious Food". That song from the musical and motion picture "Oliver!" seems to say it all about the importance of what we eat.

It could also be the theme song for the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County food pantry network, which has benefited recently from an abundance of food, thanks to the generosity of a number of organizations.

"We're blessed," said UCMAC food pantry director Mike Shirley Friday.

A number of area organizations have conducted food drives for UCMAC, including Stoll Industries

and Abbeville High School FBLA. The latter collected 554 cans of food, and Stoll Industries collected more than 2,000 pounds of food, and very nearly that amount of bottled water.

Other contributors include Westwood Elementary School, Long Cane Primary School, and WCTEL.

It all amounted to a room full of food at Main Street United Methodist Church, where the Abbeville branch of the UCMAC food pantry network is located.

Other branches are located in Calhoun Falls and in Lowndesville, and Shirley has said that the Abbeville pantry shares food with the

other two branches. The three branches together have a total of about 50 volunteers.

"For the County, we have an average of 210 families served," Shirley said. "We have distributed over 60,000 pounds of food year to date."

The food pantry system is only one of three components of UCMAC--the others include an emergency assistance ministry and a medical clinic.

UCMAC is an all volunteer organization which is run by a board of directors working with executive director Dr. William "Bill" Boone.

Many candidates ran without opposition

By Henry E. Green

The Nov. 8 general election featured some close races, but it is also worth noting that a number of candidates ran unopposed in last month's general election.

Incumbent State Rep. Craig Gagnon ran unopposed in State House District 11, as did Mark Sumner, facing no opposition in being reelected Abbeville County Judge of Probate.

Jessica Chrisley Scott ran unopposed for Abbeville County Auditor, and incumbent County Treasurer Betty Cowan faced no opposition in being reelected.

Bryan McClain ran unopposed for County Council District 7, as did Brandon Johnson in County Council District 1.

In School Board District Three, incumbent James B. Tisdale, Jr., faced no opposition, as did Charles Angel in School Board District 7.

Louise Tootsie Aikens faced no opposition as she was reelected to her seat in City Council District 1, and the same held for incumbent John Sutherland in City Council District 3.

Barry N. Edmunds and J. Eric McCall won reelection to the Soil and Water District Commission.

On the state level, the Republicans continued to hold power.

Mark Hammond was reelected Secretary of State, Curtis Loftis was reelected State Treasurer, and Alan Wilson, running without opposition, all won reelection.

All are Republicans. In the race for State Superintendent of Education, Republican Ellen Weaver defeated the Democratic candidate Lisa Ellis.

Here in Abbeville County, Weaver won 5,503 votes, and Ellis 2,674 votes.

Statewide, Weaver won 55.57 percent of the vote, to 39.55 percent for Ellis, according to scvotes.gov

U.S. Senator Tim Scott easily won reelection. Here in Abbeville County, Scott received 6,252 votes, to 2,309 votes for Democratic challenger Krystle Matthews.

U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan, who represents the Third Congressional District, which includes Abbeville County, ran unopposed.

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Abbeville County E911 holds Christmas dinner

By Henry E. Green

"Thank you for keeping our guys alive."

That's what Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson told Abbeville County telecommunicators when Abbeville County E911 held its Christmas dinner Monday night at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex, and awards were presented for outstanding efforts among the County's E911 system.

It was a time to shine the spotlight on a job which sometimes can be immensely stressful.

Simply put, calling 911 connects you to an emergency dispatch office from which

emergency responders may be sent to the caller's location.

Monday night, telecommunicators and their families, as well as Abbeville County Council members Billy Norris, Charles Goodwin and James McCord, Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson, and County Director David Garner, and County emergency services director Will Blackwell.

Winning Telecommunicator of the Year honors was Kayla Rhodes, and Ashley Giles won the Supervisor of the Year award.

Presented with Lifesaver awards were Michelle Mercer, Jessica Fowler, Kayla

Rhodes, and Sharmel Miller, Krystal Collins and Jennifer Silvers.

The Lifesaver award recipients were presented with little heart-shaped awards, in recognition of their work in preserving lives in various situations, all over the phone.

Guests at the dinner paid tribute to the work of the telecommunicators.

"I can't imagine anybody having a better system than what we have," said Norris.

"I think you all do a great job," said McCord.

"You're the success story that probably doesn't get mentioned enough," said Garner.



Winning Lifesaver awards at the E911 Christmas dinner were Michelle Mercer, Jessica Fowler, Kayla Rhodes, and Sharmel Miller. Not pictured are Krystal Collins and Jennifer Silvers. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

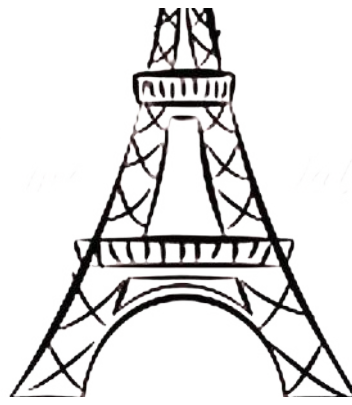


Abbeville County E911 had its Christmas dinner recently at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex. Awards were presented for outstanding service--Telecommunicator of the Year honors went to Kayla Rhodes (left) and Supervisor of the Year honors went to Ashley Giles (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Mark 6:1 "Then He went out from there and came to His own country, and His disciples followed Him. (2) And when the Sabbath had come, He began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, 'Where did this man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands! (3) Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?' So they were offended at Him."

Do you remember the first time you left home for an extended period of time? It may have been when you entered the military, or when you left home for college, or when you took your first job and it took you away from home. Do you also remember how good it felt when you got to return home and bask in the love of your family? But what if when you returned home your family acted like they had not missed you while you were away? How would that have made you feel?

That is the situation here in Mark 6: Jesus returns to His hometown. He had been across the Sea of Galilee and was just returning when Jairus approached Him about healing his daughter. On His way to heal her a woman with an issue of blood stooped down and touched the hem of His garment and was healed. After acknowledging the woman He had healed Jesus received word that Jairus' daughter was dead. Jesus continued on to the home of Jairus and then raised his daughter from the dead. It was after this that Jesus returned to His home country. No doubt He was in need of some R & R and some encour-

agement, but instead they were offended by Him. The question comes to me, why were they offended by the teaching of Jesus? Let me suggest three reasons.

The first reason they were offended at His teaching was due to the fact that they really did not recognize His identity. They thought He was only the son of Mary. They failed to recognize His divinity. They only thought he was a human being. Many folks today do not recognize the identity of Jesus. For many folks, Jesus is only the little baby they see in a manger at Christmastime. There are a great number of folks who only think of Jesus as a good moral teacher or merely a prophet. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He pre-existed before the creation of the world; there never has been a time when He did not exist and there never will be a time when He ceases to exist.

The second reason they were offended at His teaching is because they refused to believe in the proof of His divinity. The teachings of Jesus proved He was the Son of God. The miracles that Jesus did can only be explained by the fact that He is the

divine Son of God. No mere mortal could do the things that Jesus did.

The third reason they were offended by the preaching of Jesus is because they rejected the wisdom of what He taught. They were amazed at the wisdom He had, but they refused to believe that His wisdom came from the fact that He was the Son of God. They asked the question, "where did this wisdom come from?" And the logical answer was that it had to come from God. No mere mortal could have the wisdom that Jesus had or the insight He had into the deep things of God.

The offense they had with the teaching of Jesus led to a sad result. In verse 5 it says, "Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them." Their unbelief stymied what Jesus wanted to do among them. Their unbelief limited what Jesus could do among them. Likewise our unbelief limits what God can do among us. The belief in Jesus as the Divine Son of God is essential to salvation. If one does not believe Jesus to be God, then he/she will not be saved.

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Obituaries

Stamps

Bobby G. Stamps, 80, of Abbeville, husband of Mary Page Stamps, died Monday, December 12, 2022 at his residence. He was born in Waterloo to the late William Mack Stamps, Sr., and Dorothy Gray Leamon Stamps.

Mr. Stamps served in the United States Air Force and retired from Sunbeam Bread Company with over 30 years of dedicated service. He was a member of South Side Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Levi Hurt; a sister, Elizabeth Ellen Malphrus; and a brother, Connie Stamps.

Mr. Stamps is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary; two daughters, Bobbie Jean 'B.J.'



Bobby G. Stamps

Ferry and Sherrie S. Brown (Barry), all of Greenwood; three grandchildren, Mason, Mindy (Scottie) and Aaron; and seven great-grandchildren, Daniel, Ayleah, Taylee, Trinity, Callie, Carson, and Hunter.

A service to celebrate Bobby's life will be held 3:00PM Friday, December 16, 2022 in the Harris Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Frank Page officiating. The family will receive friends following the service.

The family is at the home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions, in memory of Bobby, may be sent to HomeBridge Hospice, PO Box 887, Abbeville, SC 29620 or to the Greater Abbeville Humane Society, PO Box 256, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

Obituaries

Seagle

Carolyn Kirk Seagle, 78, of Abbeville, wife of Scott A. Seagle, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at the Abbeville Nursing Home. She was born in Abbeville to the late L.T. and Claire Brooks Kirk.

A 1962 graduate of Abbeville High School, Carolyn's senior quote read 'Take life easy; there's no point in being the smartest girl in the cemetery.' She was employed with the former Milliken & Co.-Sharon Plant for 41 dedicated years and a member of Rice Memorial Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, Carolyn was preceded in death by a grandson, Dillon Dansby, and a brother, Kenneth Kirk.

She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Scott, of the home; a son, John A. Dansby, Jr., (Patti), of



Carolyn Kirk Seagle

Abbeville; a granddaughter, Beth Dansby, of Abbeville; a sister, Betty K. Hughes (Joe), of Abbeville; a sister-in-law, Barbara Kirk, of Greenwood; and two brothers-in-law, Steve Seagle (Laurie) of Boone, NC and Doug Seagle (Jill) of Belleville, Illinois; many nieces and nephews, Joey, Lynn, Steven, Ken, Kathy, Emma, Robert, Andrew, Brittney,

Wyatt and Morgan.

Funeral services to celebrate Carolyn's life were at 3:00PM, Saturday, December 10, 2022, in the Harris Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Wayne Wicker and Rev. Alvin Hodges officiating. The family received friends following the service.

The family is at the home. Memorial contributions, in memory of Carolyn, may be sent to Rice Memorial Baptist Church, Building Fund, 1975 Hwy. 72 West, Greenwood, SC 29649 or to Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church, 194 Highway 20, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

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 - 15. Neutral shade
 - 16. Orderly arrangement
 - 17. Romanian monetary unit
 - 18. Button on electrical outlet
 - 19. *Frosty's nose
 - 21. *Gingerbread Man, e.g.
 - 23. Drench
 - 24. What a willow did?
 - 25. Famous song by The Jackson 5
 - 28. Cone-shaped quarters
 - 30. *Snow mover
 - 35. A bit of water
 - 37. Pakistani language
 - 39. Measured in knots
 - 40. Tatted fabric
 - 41. **A Visit from St. Nicholas" poet
 - 43. Tropical edible root
 - 44. Paintings in Orthodox church
 - 46. Not swim or swim
 - 47. Frozen puddle accident
 - 48. Small skullcap
 - 50. Dresden's river
 - 52. Captain's turf
 - 53. Drop of sorrow
 - 55. "Slippery" tree
 - 57. *Frozen spike
 - 60. *Three-horse sleigh ride
 - 63. Words to live by
 - 64. Caviar alternative
 - 66. On D'Artagnan's hat
 - 68. Group of wives
 - 69. Boiling emotion
 - 70. Furnish with a fund
 - 71. Travelers' stops
 - 72. Poetic "even"
 - 73. Buy second-hand

- DOWN**
- 1. Agha, alt. sp.
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 - 3. Poet Pound's first name
 - 4. Draws close
 - 5. Fungus damage (2 words)
 - 6. Shake's cousin?
 - 7. * fishing
 - 8. Two, in cards
 - 9. Station finder button
 - 10. Not final
 - 11. Curved molding
 - 12. Kind of nurse
 - 15. Bouillons
 - 20. Laudanum ingredient
 - 22. Saturn's wife
 - 24. As opposed to widow
 - 25. Impromptu
 - 26. Emergency pedal
 - 27. *Hot treat
 - 29. Major-leaguers
 - 31. Prefers
 - 32. Butcher shop offering, pl.
 - 33. Ghostlike
 - 34. Parkinson's drug
 - 36. Philadelphia's Ivy League member
 - 38. Russian mountain chain
 - 42. *Fireplace glob
 - 45. TV offering
 - 49. Reef fish
 - 51. Kind of bride
 - 54. Eagle's home
 - 56. Hundred Acre Wood creator
 - 57. A Flock of Seagulls' 1982 hit (2 words)
 - 58. European Council for Nuclear Research, acr.
 - 59. Bad day for Caesar
 - 60. Not quite an adult
 - 61. Spiral-horned African antelope
 - 62. Singer-songwriter Tori
 - 63. Tai's partner
 - 65. Miner's bounty
 - 67. Female sheep

Obituaries

Thompson

Patricia (Patty) Lou Foster Thompson, widow of the Reverend Doctor Leon Thompson, passed peacefully from this life to her eternal heavenly home surrounded by family on December 9, 2022. She was 86. She was born on September 8, 1936, in Spartanburg, SC where she finished high school. She attended Converse College and met the love of her life at Duncan Memorial Methodist Church. Leon and Patty were married in 1955 and started their family in 1958. The Thompson's were married for 66 years at the time of Leon's passing in January of this year. Patty continued her education after having their four children. She graduated with a B.A. from Columbia College in 1972 and received her Master of Education from Clemson University in 1976. She retired with her husband to Abbeville after teaching special needs children in Lexington, Greenwood,

Charleston, Bishopville, and Clover.

Patty was the daughter of the late John L. and Sarah I. Foster. A wonderfully devoted wife, mother, and grandmother she is survived by her children John and Susan Thompson of Greenwood; Robin Fox of Ninety-Six; Leon (Chip) Thompson Jr of Travelers Rest; Jack and Jane Harmon of Woodstock, GA; sister-in-law, Maxine T. Armstrong of Atlanta, GA; and sister-in-law, Joyce Thompson of Timmonsville and her beloved 13 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 3 great, great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Sammie Thompson, and son-in-law Russell Fox.

Funeral services were graveside at Greenwood Memorial Gardens, Monday, December 12, 2022, at 3 pm with the Rev Steve Keck officiating and Rev Johnny

Waller and Rev Hank Brooks assisting. The family received friends following the service.

The family wants to thank the staff of The Oaks at Greenwood for the wonderful love and friendship given to Ms. Patty this year and the loving care by the staff at Self Regional Medical Center, NHC Health Care, and Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont during her recent illness.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 West Alexander Avenue Greenwood, SC 29649, Main St. UMC 211 North Main Street Greenwood, or Cambridge UMC, PO Box 384, Ninety-Six.

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

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Covid-19 Injection: The Other Side of the Story

By Geoff Hult

The subject of vaccination, and in particular the Covid-19 injection, is one of the biggest issues of our day. It has been a subject that has caused division between friends and family members, has caused people to do something they normally wouldn't because their place of employment mandated it, and has been a major point of contention as to its safety and efficacy, or lack thereof. We have witnessed a massive media push to get vaccinated over the course of the last two years to supposedly help save your life and the lives of others. Does the government, media, and Pharma give us good, honest, unbiased information or is this the biggest propaganda campaign in US media history? I refer to this "vaccine" as an injection because I have heard it said and discussed by many credible sources that this is not really a vaccine at all; but rather, gene editing technology being falsely presented as a vaccine. This writing will examine what military whistleblowers, doctors, and embalmers have learned and discovered about the effects of this injection. Many people only hear the establishment narrative on this subject, and this represents a small fraction of what the other side of the story is.

On September 25th, 2022, US Army Flight Surgeon Lt. Col. Dr. Theresa Long testified to Idaho legislators regarding the rollout of the Covid-19 injection that: "In my 15 years as a doctor taking care of soldiers, I have never seen this litany of debilitating and potentially deadly medical conditions in soldiers." The conditions she cited included, but are not limited to: strokes, heart conditions, rapid onset cancers, multiple sclerosis, and unusual blood clots. She also stated that when she went to senior medical personnel within the Army's chain of command, that her concerns were ignored and that her career was threatened. She stated that no investigation was undertaken in regards to the number and scope of adverse medical events related to the Covid vaccine. Long also states in the film "Died Suddenly," which can be found on rumble.com, that insurance companies consider a 10% increase in all cause mortality in the United States to be a catastrophic event, but that we are now seeing a 40% increase in all cause mortality and in her words, these figures are apocalyptic. Regarding rapid onset cancers, Idaho pathologist Ryan Cole, MD, states that he has witnessed healthy people suddenly afflicted with stage 4 cancer all over their body within a month after the second or third Covid shot.

Lt. Col. Dr. Pete Chambers is also a US Army Flight Surgeon and also testified before the same body in Idaho in September. Chambers stated that Long contacted him and encouraged him to look at the

Defense Medical Epidemiology Database (DMED). This database contained all the information of what was previously mentioned by Long. The information on DMED was brought out by way of attorney Thomas Renz, who is representing 3 Department of Defense whistleblowers, to US Senator Ron Johnson. Senator Johnson publicly stated that the information on DMED must be preserved and investigated. Chambers stated that within 24 hours of Johnson's statement, the DMED data was scrubbed from the internet. Attorney

iting shot being referred to as a vaccine.

Anna Foster, an embalmer with 12 years experience from Carrollton, MO, states that she has pulled a white, calamari like clot that was 3 feet long from the jugular vein of a person. Foster states that: "I have been in this profession for approximately 12 years, with approximately 200-250 bodies per year, and I have never seen anything like this until the vaccination."

Ok, so why don't more doctors speak out about this? For starters, the medical establishment and medical boards

will silence and threaten them with their licenses if they speak against this monolithic and ruthless propaganda campaign

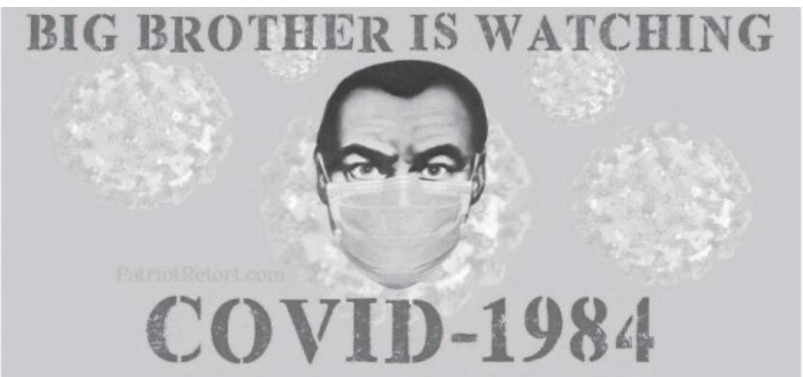
in any way. In California, legislation now exists that threatens to strip doctors of their license if they spread "Covid misinformation" in any way. This is medical tyranny at its finest and does not allow doctors in California to practice medicine in any way other than what Big Brother prescribes. They are being cowed into silence. Despite this, they should still take a stand against what is obviously tyrannical and wrong but they don't. One can only conclude that they simply don't have the guts to do so, as a collective.

After having been told repeatedly that vaccines are safe and effective, for information to come out that counters that, the unpleasant psychological dilemma known as cognitive dissonance can set in. If this Covid injection is not only not safe and effective, but instead deadly and dangerous, the validity of the entire medical and pharmaceutical establishment is in question because vaccination is the flagship product of the industry. Highly educated people have a very hard time coming to terms with the notion that what they have been taught by the system they serve is actually a gigantic and deliberate lie.

In 1981, CIA director William Casey stated that; "We'll know our disinformation program is complete when everything the American public believes is false." Yes, he said that and he meant it. The CIA has infiltrated the media long ago with programs like Project Mockingbird. Disinformation is the deliberate dissemination of false information through clever, multilayered, sophisticated propaganda and this is exactly what has been cast upon the American public in regards to vaccination in general, and the Covid injection in particular.

"And the light of a lamp shall not shine in you any more at all. And the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you any more at all. For your merchants were the great ones of the earth, for by your drug sorcery all the nations were led astray." (Revelation 18:23)

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Renz stated to Johnson: "our soldiers are being experimented on, injured, and sometimes possibly killed," in regards to the mandated Covid-19 injection.

Pete Chambers also states in the film "Died Suddenly" that this is about depopulation, and cites a 1974 paper by then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in which Kissinger writes of the need for depopulation. Bill Gates, George Soros, and Klaus Schwab of the World Economic Forum routinely speak publicly about the need to depopulate the earth. Bill Gates has even stated that the world's population can be reduced by 10-15% by way of vaccination. For those who agree with the idea of depopulation, do you volunteer yourself and your family to be sacrificed for this utopian idea?

Something that increasing numbers of embalmers are speaking out about are the unusual clots they are pulling from the arteries and veins of deceased people. From the ones I have listened to, they are in agreement that they did not start seeing this new type of clot until the last 16-18 months, shortly after the rollout of the Covid-19 shot. Richard Hirschman, an embalmer from Alabama, states that these clots are a white fibrous material, looking like calamari and feeling like a rubber band. They are not actually blood clots though, as they are made up of a very low amount of magnesium, potassium, and iron, according to cardiologist Wade Hamilton.

Indiana embalmer Wallace Hooker is a national and international lecturer on embalming and states in the film "Died Suddenly" that during a lecture he gave at a recent Ohio Embalmers Association, in which approximately 100 embalmers were present, he posed two questions to the audience. He asked them if they had been witnessing these large, white fibrous clots and all confirmed that they had witnessed and pulled these clots from bodies. When Hooker then asked the audience when they started seeing them, they unanimously answered that it was within the last 18 months, coinciding with the introduction of the experimental gene ed-



Scott Joins Colleagues to Direct Funds Back to States, Help Strengthen Coastal Communities

WASHINGTON – This week, Senator Scott joined Senators Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), and 20 of their Senate colleagues as a cosponsor of the Reinvesting in Shoreline Economics and Ecosystems (RISEE) Act. The legislation would direct money generated from offshore wind projects back to the states nearest to those projects.

Current law requires that all revenues generated from offshore wind leases and production beyond six nautical miles from states be sent to the U.S. Treasury. The RISEE Act would allow South Carolina to generate revenue from these leases, giving the state and local governments more resources to better protect the Carolina coastline.

"Coastal states like South Carolina are actively pursuing an all of the above energy approach, especially now that failed leadership in Washington has crippled our domestic energy production and endangered our national security," said Senator Scott. "I would rather see revenue from these newer projects get into the capable hands of South Carolinians instead of it all going to the U.S. Treasury. Leaders in the state know the needs of our coast better than any of the bu-

reaucrats in Washington." State funds from offshore wind revenue could be used for the following: Coastal restoration, hurricane protection, or resiliency infrastructure; Mitigating damage to natural resources; or Implementing a marine, coastal, or conservation management plan.

Additionally, 37.5 percent of offshore wind revenues would serve as a further dedicated funding source for the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund (NOCSF). This fund provides competitive grants to coastal communities to respond to coastal erosion and sea level rise, restore coastal habitat, and make improvements to coastal infrastructure.

The RISEE Act would also amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA) to create a new stream of funding by equalizing mineral rights revenues for offshore leases and devoting that money to coastal resiliency and flood mitigation projects.

The bill amends GOMESA by: Eliminating the state revenue sharing cap, currently at \$375 million; Lifting the Land & Water Conservation Fund's state side funding cap of \$125 million; Adding the National Oceans and Coastal

Security Fund (NOCSF) as a fourth GOMESA equity (12.5%);

Making oil and gas leases from 2000-2006 eligible for future GOMESA payments to Gulf Coast states and the NOCSF. Currently, only leases from 2007 to present are eligible for GOMESA payments. EIA reports 11 new oil and gas fields in the Gulf of Mexico that will contribute to the overall growth in U.S. production are GOMESA eligible under current law, and another eight would qualify under this proposed change; and

Protecting GOMESA revenues from sequestration.

This bill is co-sponsored by U.S. Senators Chris Coons (D-Del.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Tim Kaine (D-Va.), Angus King (I-Maine), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), John Kennedy (R-La.), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), Mark Warner (D-Va.), Benjamin Cardin (D-Md.), Chris Murphy (D-Conn.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), and Alex Padilla (D-Calif.).



Scott Announces Senate Banking Committee Staff Director

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.), who is set to serve as the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, announced today his intention to appoint Lila Nieves-Lee as the Committee's Republican staff director in the 118th Congress.

"Lila Nieves-Lee's career has been defined by her passion to expand economic opportunity for all Americans," said Senator Scott. "She will be instrumental in shaping a committee agenda that makes the right tools and opportunities available for Americans to achieve financial security, provide for their families, gain an education, start a business, buy a house, and engage in the modern economy – without unnecessary red tape and regulations. Having been such an import-

ant part of our achievements in the Banking Committee last Congress, I cannot imagine taking on the role of ranking member of the Committee without her by my side."

Nieves-Lee, who is currently the senior director for U.S. Government Engagement at Visa, previously worked on the senator's policy staff and served as his staff director of the Senate Banking Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protections under Scott's leadership.

"I want to thank Senator Scott for the opportunity to expand on the work we did together to protect American consumers and put hardworking families first," said Nieves-Lee. "The Senate Banking Committee is uniquely positioned to pursue an Opportunity Agenda centered around a fundamental belief that ev-

ery American has the right to succeed. I look forward to carrying out that vision."

In addition to her roles at Visa and in the Senate, Nieves-Lee served as vice president of Autos Drive America, a trade association representing the U.S. operations of international automakers. She also served as a political appointee in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative as director of Congressional Relations and helped usher Members of Congress and staff through the NAFTA/USMCA and KORUS renegotiation processes.

A native of California, Lila started her career with the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and later joined the House Ways and Means Committee. She earned her undergraduate degree from Harvard University.



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The members of the Abbeville High School football team were the grand marshals for the Abbeville Christmas parade of Saturday, Dec. 10. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Ten Panthers named to All-Region team

By Henry E. Green

Ten Abbeville High School Panther football players have been named to the 1-AA All Region team, according to published reports.

Senior Javario Tinch was named Region Player of the Year, and joining him were linebacker Ty Cade, kicker and defensive end Addison Nickles, quarterback Zay Rayford, running back Jamal Marshall, offensive linemen Bryson Hershberger, Jacob Ferguson, and Gregory Martin, defensive

lineman Jae Harris, and outside linebacker Mikelyn Bowie, according to reports.

This year's Panther team, of course, won the 2-A state championship recently, with a 35-20 victory over Oceanside Collegiate in the state championship game, played at Charles W. Johnson Stadium in Columbia on Friday, Dec. 2.

It was the 12th state championship in varsity football in AHS history.

Region champs, the Panthers enjoyed other honors

as well. Ty Cade and Addison Nickles were chosen to play in the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Bowl and AHS assistant coach Gil Cade was chosen to help coach the North Squad, in this game drawing outstanding high school football players from throughout the state.

During the regular season, the Panthers' only two losses were to Powdersville and Westside, two non-Region foes from the 3A and 4A classes.

Cade, Nickles give good performances in Touchstone Bowl

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville High School Panthers Ty Cade and Addison Nickles distinguished themselves in the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Bowl recently.

The two helped propel the North team to a 22-14 victory over the South squad Saturday, Dec. 10, in Myrtle Beach.

Addison Nickles kicked two fields in the first half, and then kicked a 48 yard field goal late in the third quarter. Nickles was also true on his extra points.

Nickles has said that he would like to be a kicker for the University of South

Carolina Gamecock football team.

Meanwhile, Cade, a linebacker, had five total tackles in the game, and the North defense allowed a total of only 143 yards, according to published reports.

Cade has played a pivotal role in the Panther defense, intercepting a multitude of passes from AHS opponents during the 2022 season.

The two were part of a contingent of outstanding Lakelands players participating in the game, which draws outstanding high school football players from throughout the state.

Nickles and Cade were two of the 10 Panthers recently named to the All Region team in varsity football.

Cade and Nickles were recognized at a recent Abbeville County School District meeting, along with AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles and assistant coach Gil Cade.

Nickles and Cade were among the reasons the Panthers won the state championship in 2-A varsity football recently, with a 35-20 victory over Oceanside Collegiate in Columbia in the finals.



Abbeville County Council approved a proclamation recently to recognize the Abbeville High School football team for having won the state championship. Here is Council chairman Billy Norris (left) shaking hands with AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles as AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson looks on. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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