



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



Among the crafters exhibiting their items for the "Market in the Park" in Due West recently were Janie LeTourneau (left) and Cassie Turner (right) of Due West. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Merchants to mark Small Business Saturday

By Henry E. Green

The Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association will celebrate Small Business Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 28, and the Association is planning an "Ugly Christmas Sweater Wine Walk" next month as well.

Small Business Saturday is held every year on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, said Association vice president Paige Bowser.

This year Small Business Saturday falls on November 28, and the Association is encouraging merchants to at least be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., she said.

"Every merchant does their own thing, some have snacks and drinks available for a party feel," said Bowser, noting that some will have doorbusters and coupons, and some have

a percentage markdown on select products.

"The important thing is that money spent in Abbeville, stays in Abbeville," she continued. "The better our existing merchants do, the more diverse businesses we can attract to downtown Abbeville!"

One of the ways that the Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association brings people downtown is to host events, said Bowser.

On December 11, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., the association will present the "Ugly Christmas Sweater Wine Walk."

"We had 17 merchants on the last wine walk, but we haven't finalized this one yet," she said.

Tickets are \$20 and are available online, as well as at Breezy Quarters on

Church Street and As We Grow Boutique on Trinity Street, she continued.

"Wear an ugly sweater, get together with friends for a fun night of shopping and sipping. Snacks will be served at stops as well. We don't have a contest planned, but I know people will have fun seeing those that really go all out with what they wear. It's always a good time."

"Small Business Saturday is a day that communities all across the country use to support their small businesses," said Mike Clary, Community Development Director for the City of Abbeville. "Much like Black Friday, many merchants will be offering a number of deals and special promotions so it is a great time to get out and shop local."

## Virus central?

So you're going home for Thanksgiving? Just be careful . . .

By Henry E. Green

There's no place like home for the holidays, or so the song goes.

And the holidays are synonymous with large gatherings, which in any other year would be an opportunity for good fun and good fellowship.

But this is 2020, and such gatherings mean something else—an opportunity for the coronavirus to spread.

We asked Meg Davis, the AAMC marketing/foundation/volunteer services director for some tips on keeping safe, in terms of COVID, for Thanksgiving.

She referred us to CDC guidelines for large gather-

ings. People wanting to host gatherings would do well to follow some tips.

--Limit the number of attendees to allow for social distancing.

--Host outdoor rather than indoor gatherings as much as possible.

--Require guests to wear masks when not eating or drinking—even outdoors.

--Guests should avoid direct contact, including handshakes or hugs, with people not from their households.

---Avoid holding gatherings in crowded, poorly ventilated spaces with persons not in your household.

--Increase ventilation by opening windows and doors

to the extent that is safe and feasible.

--Encourage guests to avoid singing or shouting, especially indoors

--Do not share or swap masks with others.

--Encourage attendees to wash their hands often.

According to USA Today, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the immunologist, has advised Americans to "think twice" about traveling and having indoor gatherings for the holidays.

The CDC, according to NBC News, has recommended that Americans avoid traveling for Thanksgiving, given the risks of the coronavirus pandemic.



A sea of cars awaited a food distribution in the old Fred's parking lot on the western outskirts of Abbeville yesterday. The event was ultimately canceled, with hope of rescheduling it at a later date, before Christmas if possible. The event was canceled because the truck with the food did not arrive. Hundreds of motor vehicles had shown up for the event. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Abbeville Chamber planning wreath auction

By Henry E. Green

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce is planning a wreath auction, according to Janice Corriveau, the Chamber's executive director.

People are encouraged to drop by the Chamber and "adopt" a wreath, which they will take home and decorate.

They will then bring back the wreath, which will be displayed at the Chamber, and auctioned off, with the proceeds split between Preservation South Carolina, for the Trinity restoration project, and Betty Jo and Mary's Closet.

The bidding for the wreaths starts on Nov. 30, at 10 a.m. and ends on Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the annual wreath auction at the Chamber.

"We'll be taking online

bids as well on the Chamber Facebook page," said Corriveau.

The annual Deck the Walls Wreath Auction Reception is between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 3. Light refreshments will be served at the reception, which will provide a finale for this year's Deck the Walls auction event.

"It's a silent auction," she noted. People may come in and bid, or place bids online at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page.

The Chamber is also planning a number of other holiday events.

There will be Handmade for the Holidays, a craft show in the Livery Stable, Dec. 4-5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Breakfast With Santa and Story Time with Santa's Helper will be presented by the Chamber on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 8 a.m. at the Belmont Inn.

"Tickets are on sale at the Chamber now," she said.

Finally, the Chamber will present the annual Cookie Walk on Dec. 5, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Corriveau continued.

Check in starts at the Livery Stable, and tickets are on sale at the Chamber for that event as well.

Tickets for the Breakfast With Santa are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children under 10.

The Cookie Walk tickets are \$10 each.

Gourmet style cookies will be offered at participating businesses.



The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce is planning a wreath auction, which Janice Corriveau, the Chamber's executive director, discussed recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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ABBEVILLE COUNTY





The City of Abbeville had its traditional Christmas tree lighting on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 19. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Tree lighting helps usher in City's holiday season

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville held its annual Christmas tree lighting Thursday night on Abbeville's Court Square. Mayor Delano Freeman and Mayor-elect Trey Edwards provided Christmas wishes to the crowd assembled at the north end of Court Square for the occasion, and then, with a flipping of a switch, the tree was "turned on" for the holiday season. The tree is man-made, put together by a City crew on a framework on which

Christmas decorations are placed. The Christmas tree lighting traditionally helps usher in the holiday season for the City of Abbeville. The City will present its annual Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m., followed by carriage rides in downtown Abbeville, according to Emily Bledsoe, special events coordinator for the City. The selection of the grand marshal is still being finalized at press time.

The last day to register for the parade is Dec. 9. To register, one may visit the Website of the City, or its Facebook page, said Bledsoe. "There's no entry fee, so all you have to do is submit the application," she said. The City has 12 entries for the parade signed up so far, and at least 20 are anticipated—including floats, bands, and walkers—according to the special events coordinator.



The City of Abbeville is planning to hold its Christmas parade on Dec. 12, helping to bring in that holiday warmth and cheer... Emily Bledsoe, the City's special events coordinator, is standing here beside the Christmas tree in the lobby of the Abbeville Opera House. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Calhoun Falls Chamber plans Christmas parade

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls Christmas Parade is scheduled for Dec. 5, 2020, at 2 p.m. Presented by the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce, the parade will begin at the Pentecostal Holiness Church and proceed down Savannah Street to Cox

Avenue, according to Rebecca McCaslan, the Calhoun Falls Chamber executive director. The parade is expected to include bands from McCormick, Elbert County, and Lincoln County high schools, as well as floats from local churches, and

American Legion Post 72, McCaslan said. The parade in Calhoun Falls will be one of a number of parades of the season in Abbeville County in early December. Others will include those in Abbeville and Donalds. (See related stories)

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# Mark Dorn incoming County Coroner

**By Henry E. Green**

Mark Dorn is the incoming Abbeville County Coroner, thanks to a victory in the Nov. 3 general election.

While he was not born here in Abbeville County, he has come to call it home.

"I was actually born and raised in Anderson," he said. He graduated from T.L. Hanna High School. "That was a long, long, long time ago," he said with a chuckle.

He went on to graduate from Clemson with a bachelors and masters in nursing. "I'm a board certified family nurse practitioner," he said. Dorn went on to graduate from the University of Alabama with a doctorate in nursing practice.

His doctorate is the equivalent of a PhD, but he says the PhD is more research-focused, while a doctorate in nursing practice is more

clinically focused.

"We augment and work in collaboration with medical doctors," he said. "We work in collaboration with the physician community."

Dorn has worked at Cornerstone Family Medicine in Anderson for 22 years. He now lives in Abbeville County's Level Land community, a place he has called home for 17 years.

While Dorn has a firm attachment to the medical field, he has also worked in the field of law enforcement.

"I was a reserve police officer with the Anderson City Police Department for 23 years," he said.

He served on everything from routine road patrol to special events, and he served as medical commander for a SWAT team.

"I retired in 2014 from there," he said. "That was

a very enjoyable part of my life."

Police work is in his blood. His grandfather helped form a police auxiliary program in Anderson.

He and his wife Betsy have two adult children, Jaclyn Lynch and Chris Dorn, and grandchildren as well.

Before his victory in the Nov. 3 general election, he had never run for political office.

He is humbled by the support he has received from the Abbeville County community.

While he has never served as coroner before, he has had training in medicolegal death investigations.

Dorn is also a professor at Anderson University, where he teaches in the college of health professions.



Dr. Mark Dorn, a Republican, is the incoming Abbeville County Coroner. (Photo courtesy of Mark Dorn)



Among those assembled to help with an Abbeville County School District food distribution event planned yesterday were (from left) Gage Evans, Jacob Ferguson, and Michael Gordon. Gage is a Wright Middle School eighth grader, and Jacob and Michael are sophomores at AHS. The event was ultimately canceled with hope of rescheduling it at a later date, before Christmas if possible. The event was canceled because the truck with the food did not arrive. Hundreds of motor vehicles had shown up. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Calhoun Falls continuing face covering measure

**By Henry E. Green**

Calhoun Falls Town Council met Monday night, agreeing to continue a measure which the Town hopes will curb the spread of COVID-19 in this Savannah Valley community.

Council agreed to reissue Ordinance 2020-03, requiring individuals to wear face coverings in retail and food service establishments.

The measure is in line with efforts to stop the spread of the coronavirus, which is surging throughout the nation.

Face coverings, social distancing, and getting tested for COVID-19 are weapons in the war on the virus that so far has killed more than one quarter of a million Americans.

Council also passed Resolution 2020-06, a resolution Council had previously tabled.

It is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Dunn and Shirley consulting engineers on behalf of the Town of Calhoun Falls, to obtain oversight on the Sewer Col-

lection System Habitation associated with the award of \$300,000 from the State Revolving Fund, according to information from the Town of Calhoun Falls.

In other matters Monday night, Council passed a resolution naming Michael Johnson to the Abbeville Area Medical Center Board. The appointment is a three year term.

Councilwoman Rogers and Councilman Pless were absent from the meeting.

## DHEC wants everyone to be safe and healthy this holiday season.

If you plan on visiting family or friends, be positive that you're negative before you go. Get tested for COVID-19 and know your results before traveling to or hosting a gathering.

Continue to wear a mask, keep a safe distance, and avoid large gatherings even if you test negative. If you're sick or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, the best precaution is to stay home to keep your loved ones safe.

Find more helpful holiday planning tips at [scdhec.gov/holidaytips](https://scdhec.gov/holidaytips).



Visit [scdhec.gov/findatest](https://scdhec.gov/findatest) or call 1-855-472-3432 to find COVID-19 testing near you.

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### HANDMADE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & STORYTIME WITH SANTA'S LITTLE HELPER

8:00 am at The Belmont Inn  
Saturday, Dec. 5th, 2020  
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@ The Chamber

### COOKIE WALK



12/05/2020 @ 1 pm — 4 pm  
Starts at the Livery Stable  
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- 11/28/2020 - SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY** - Shop Your Local Merchants For Unique Gifts & Treasures meeting all of your Holiday needs
- 12/03/2020 - Chamber of Commerce ANNUAL "Deck the Walls" Wreath Auction for Charity** - Proceeds benefit Preservation SC for the Trinity Restoration Project & Betty Jo & Mary's Closet
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- 12/05/2020 - BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & STORY TIME WITH SANTA'S HELPER** - Have the Kids enjoy a little story time after breakfast.
- 12/05/2020 - COOKIE WALK** - Take a nice leisurely walk around to the Local Merchants filling your bags with cookies and shop for your Christmas Wish Lists.

# A future so bright

## A young lady from Calhoun Falls finds success in Charleston

By Henry E. Green

A young lady with Abbeville County connections has been recognized in a Charleston-area publication.

In a summer issue of the Charleston Regional Business Journal, Karriema Calhoun, the niece of Abbeville County Council member John Calhoun, has been named to a 40 under 40 list of young people with bright futures.

Calhoun, 32, is a Senior Process Analyst with Boeing. She has a B.A. in journalism and mass communications, an MBA, and an MS in Information Systems Technology Management.

All of the 40 under 40 were asked the same questions. What made her choose her chosen profession?

"I got into IT from being open-minded and open to trying new opportunities. Growing up, I thought I was going to be a doctor, then later, a pharmacist. After my first year of college, I knew pharmacy wasn't for me. It wasn't until nine years ago

that I was introduced to IT and realized how much I enjoyed working in a STEM field."

Her proudest accomplishment was graduating from high school at age 16 as the valedictorian of her class.

The best advice she has ever been given?

"No matter where you are in your career, you can make an impact."

Advice for the next generation?

"Have a plan, but be flexible. You never know when and where a great opportunity will come along."

Karriema's life began far from the Carolina coast.

"She was born and raised in Calhoun Falls," said John Calhoun.

A Calhoun Falls High School graduate, she received an academic scholarship to the University of South Carolina, where she graduated.

She resides in Charleston, and she returns to Calhoun Falls often to visit her parents, Barbara and Larry Calhoun.

She likes living in Charleston. "The beach is definitely my happy place," she said.

Calhoun graduated when she was only 16 from Calhoun Falls High, in 2004. She was the valedictorian for her graduating class at Calhoun Falls High.

"I was in the color guard in the band," she said.

She also was instrumental in planning activities for her graduating class.

"I worked very closely with the class president," she said.

She was also very involved with her church, Glovers AME.

The 2008 graduate of the University of South Carolina has been living in Charleston 12 years, and she plans to stay in the community by the sea.

Karriema has a desire to "give back" as well. She would like to encourage in young people an appreciation for science and technology, and she is very happy about the achievements of groups like Due West Robotics.



Karriema Calhoun, who grew up in Calhoun Falls, now lives in Charleston and works with Boeing. She was recently recognized in a regional business publication. (Photo courtesy of Karriema Calhoun)

# Community Calendar



## DHEC Care Line Open

The DHEC Care Line is staffed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day. They are prepared to answer general questions about COVID-19. Please call 1-855-472-3432.

## Hospital board to meet

The Abbeville Area Medical Center Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 30, in the education room at noon in the AAMC administration building.

## Enrollment has started

GLEAMNS Abbeville Head Start/Early Head Start is now enrolling children ages eight weeks old to five years of age.

The program offers virtual classes or home learning activities, parent workshops, research-based curriculum, health and dental screenings.

One may call 864-459-5275 for an enrollment

appointment, or visit [www.gleamnshrc.org](http://www.gleamnshrc.org)

"Applications are accepted regardless of race, sex, creed, nationality, immigration status or disability," according to GLEAMNS.

"Parents must provide proof of income, valid birth certificate, and insurance and/or Medicaid information, and an up-to-date immunization record."

## Guild plans workshop

The Abbeville Artist Guild is sponsoring a painting workshop taught by Jeffery Callahan on Saturday, November 21, 2020 or Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Abbeville Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$25 for AAG members and \$35 for non-members. The cost includes all the materials needed, but those planning to attend are asked to bring their favorite paint brushes and to bring their own

lunches. Space is limited to 10 people for each day and the deadline to register is November 15. To sign up, email the guild at [abbevilleartistguild@gmail.com](mailto:abbevilleartistguild@gmail.com) or call 864-366-5881 and leave a message.

This project is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts and Abbeville County Accommodations Tax.

## Donalds Christmas parade planned

The Donalds Christmas parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. on Main Street in Donalds. DHEC guidelines will be in place. For more information, one may call Michael Marshall at 864-407-6446. One may check the Donalds Fire Department Facebook page for any updates.

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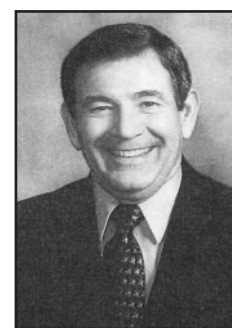


Dixie High School's Student Government and Beta Club presented Hoyt Dorn with a check for \$1873.38. The check will go to Abbeville County's American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The Student Government raised money by having a pie contest. The students donated money to have their favorite teacher pied during the pep rally. Three coaches and our AG teacher brought in the most donations. Coach Lollis, Coach Martin, Coach Prince, and Mr. Murdock were the recipients of the pie-in-the-face. This fundraiser raised \$768.38. The Beta Club at Dixie sold pink links for eight days. The pink links were 10 cents apiece. Coach Martin's class purchased over 1600 links and Coach Burton's class purchased over 1200 links. In total, the Beta Club raised \$1,100. Pictured above are Hoyt Dorn, Makinsie Ware (Vice-President of the Beta Club), Bradley Ware (President of the Student Government), Dr. Gary, Mr. Prescott, Mrs. Eller (Advisor of the Student Government), and Beta Club members who sold the pink links. (Photo contributed)



# a Word from "THE WORD"

Rev. Dr. John Keith



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## Correction

Proverbs 3:11 "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor detest His correction; (12) For whom the Lord loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights."

There was an article in the "Arizona Republic" some time back. According to this report, an instructor at the University of Arizona, Terry Mikel, was speeding toward Tucson. He passed a car, an unmarked Arizona Highway Patrol car. The officer pulled Terry over. When Terry explained that he was late for a class he was teaching, the officer took pity on him and let him off with a warning. Before he went back to his car the officer said, "Slow down and drive safe." Terry felt obliged to correct him. "Excuse me sir, but it should be 'slow down and drive safely.' You said, 'Drive safe.'" The officer walked back to his car... and wrote Terry a \$72 speeding ticket.

Nobody likes to be corrected—it just goes against our grain. Our text here instructs us to "not despise the chastening of the Lord..."

It is easy to get weary of the Lord's correction if we only view it from an earthly perspective. Let me share three reasons to view chastening from a heavenly perspective.

First of all, chastening is not punishment. The word used here in Proverbs is the word that means "restraint" or "instruction" or "discipline." The Lord

chastens us not to punish us, but to correct us or instruct us in His ways.

More often than not, the chastisement of the Lord involves pain, but the pain is because when God corrects us it often goes against the grain of our human nature. Remember, God is conforming us to the image of his Son, Jesus Christ. In order to do that, He often has to prune us of the habits, attitudes, or actions that are in conflict with the image of Christ. The pruning process is painful but it is also profitable because it rids us of the dead things of the world that hinder our Christian growth and development.

Secondly, the chastening of the Lord is proof that God loves us. Proverbs 13:24 "He that spareth his rod hateth his son, but he that loves him chasteneth him betimes." Did you catch that? The parents that love their children chasten them.

God loves us too much to not correct us. God loves us too much to save us and leave us like we are—like a loving earthly father He patiently and lovingly corrects us and shapes us into the image of Christ. God loves us too much to let us run unrestrained like bratty children without any discipline.

Alady in a church I served came to me one time and said, "I love my boys too much to spank them."

I looked her right in the eye and said, "It shows. You have the meanest boys in our church."

Without the discipline of God on our lives, the lost world would say that about the church—"those folks are the meanest people around."

Thirdly, the chastening of the Lord promotes delight. Why does a father delight in the correction of his son? Because he sees what it produces in his son—discipline, maturity, responsibility, and trustworthiness. When will our heavenly Father stop chastening us? When we get to heaven.

I received a bookmark from a church member that had these letters on it: PBPWMGINFWMY. That stands for—please be patient with me God is not finished with me yet. I keep that bookmark in one of my study Bibles. Every once in awhile I look at that bookmark and when I do, I am thankful that God is not finished with me yet.

My prayer is much like a good friend of mine, Doug Martin, "God, do anything you want with me except let me alone."

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# Reincarnation

## John de la Howe finds new life as Governor's School for Agriculture

By Henry E. Green

Over the years, the institution we know as John de la Howe has been many things.

According to [scpicture-project.org](http://scpicture-project.org), the school was founded in 1797 to provide education for poor and orphaned children.

According to [delahowe.sc.gov](http://delahowe.sc.gov), it is the oldest educational institution in South Carolina for children under college age.

The school was established through the will of John de la Howe, a French physician who immigrated to Charleston in 1764, and made his home in the McCormick County area to be close to the Huguenots of New Bordeaux.

He left his estate for the establishment of an "agricultural seminary, and the school became an agency of the State of South Carolina in 1918.

Today, according to [delahowe.sc.gov](http://delahowe.sc.gov), it is a "public residential high school focused on providing a unique and challenging agricultural education program."

It is located in McCormick County, on 1,310 acres of forest and farmland, the website continues.

The school, in its newest incarnation, follows in the footsteps of the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics in Hartsville, and the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts and Humanities in Greenville.

John de la Howe was designated as the state's third Governor's School in 2020, according to [delahowe.sc.gov](http://delahowe.sc.gov).

Abbeville County residents know that, even though it is not physically located in Abbeville County, it is right next door.

John de la Howe president Tim Keown recently provided a small profile of the school.

"We have a new name: The South Carolina's Governors School for Agriculture at John de la Howe. It's a long name, but the General Assembly wanted to honor the past while moving to the future!"

"In our inaugural year,

we have 34 students. Most are from South Carolina, three from Georgia, and one from NC. We opened up admissions on October 1 and we already have 34 applications for admissions for August 2021!"

Some had wondered whether the school would have a "bridge" program for Clemson.

"We do not have a bridge to Clemson," he said. "Our students, however, are in Honors Level courses and the rigor of our coursework and residential life will have them better prepared for collegiate life."

"We do offer dual enrollment with Piedmont Tech which will help them transition to Clemson since they have a bridge program with Piedmont Tech."

Keown also commented on the school's programs of study.

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"Market in the Park" was held in Due West recently, and one of the crafters, Melanie Reid, holds an example of "yarnt," art made with yarn. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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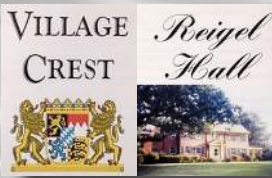
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# A Slice of Mike

## “Rick Springfield plays the Flute”

By Mike Elis

So, here we are. Nearly forty years after Rick Springfield ran up the charts with this song called “Jessie’s Girl,” I still today can’t help myself from cranking it up every time it comes on the radio. Of course, at the same time, it depresses me that it is called an “oldie.” To add to that, Rick is 71 years old and although I am not nearly as old as he is, it makes me feel worse that he looks as young as I am, almost 25 years his junior.

The classic rock tune (not an oldie) Jessie’s Girl had it all; A great beat, understandable lyrics, a guitar riff that sticks in your head, and for those of us that lived through the MTV area, a classic video to match. Great song, right? However...

There is one thing about the greatness of “Jessie’s Girl” that will always torture me as I sing along: “Where can I find a woman like that?”

Here it goes. Every time I hear that song, I think to myself, how much did they have to pay Rick Springfield to add the word “moot” into a song? And you know the lyrics, “You know I feel so dirty when they start talking cute; I wanna tell her that I love her but the point is probably moot.”

“Moot?” Really, Rick.

There are other words that rhyme with “cute” and any of them would be a serviceable option. I looked online and

there are 203 English words that rhyme with “moot.” Pick one, any one. I am thinking this is what happened. Rick had a meeting with the record company and it went something like this:

“Rick, you want a recording contract? Here is what we are willing to do. We will do it under one condition. You accept our challenge and add the word ‘moot’ to a song. It is a dream of ours and we want you to make it happen. If you can do that, we can do business.”

“Do I have to?”

“Yes Rick, you have to. This is a non-negotiable. You must add the word ‘moot’ to a song, or no deal. Listen Rick, there are thousands of acts out there that want recording contracts. So, what’s it going to be, Rick? Moot or no moot?”

This has to be the only explanation for this to happen. And the thing is, because the song is so good on so many levels, the lone fault of the song gets a pass because of it. There are so many other lines that could have been penned in its place. “I wanna tell her that I love her, but stalking her is a long commute.” Or how about, “I wanna tell her that I love her, instead I’ll play it on the flute.” Maybe, “I wanna tell her that I love her, but I’m in my polka-dot bathing suit.”

“I wanna tell her that I love her, but not nearly as much as fruit.”

And note that moot doesn’t even rhyme, but the word that

many confuse it with, which is “mute,” does. So, maybe “I feel so dirty when they start talking cute, I wanna tell her that I love her but my volume was set on mute.” That actually makes more sense.

I am sure that overthinking lyrics to Rick Springfield songs is why someone like me belongs in a General Hospital. Yes Rick, behind those good looks, acting ability, spot on vocals, guitar playing, and five top ten singles, I have found the one slip in your career.

Okay, fine; It’s an amazing song and I am just jealous because I didn’t write that song first. Rick Springfield’s got himself a song and I want to make it mine.

Thank you so much for reading. I wanna tell all of you, my readers, how much I love you, but instead I’ll just salute.

Don’t forget that February 6th, Interstellar Echoes, The #1 Pink Floyd Tribute is coming to The Abbeville Opera House with full band, lights, and laser show. Tickets are now available at [abbevillecitysc.com](http://abbevillecitysc.com).

Michael Elis is a comic emcee as well as a comedy and music promoter. Be sure to tune in to his radio show “The Mike on the Mic” show on WZLA 92.9FM for your favorites in country music and stand-up comedy, along with the most fun call-in radio show in the Carolinas.

The Christmas Angel Tree program has been a tradition for many years in the Abbeville County community. Here, Christmas Angel Tree coordinator Lori Glace is wrapping one of the many presents for the program. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



## Christmas Angel Tree major holiday tradition

By Henry E. Green

The Christmas Angel Tree has been an Abbeville tradition for 32 years, and it will continue this year, said Lori Glace, the program’s coordinator.

Christmas Angel Tree reaches out to the community with the aim of providing “a brighter Christmas for those in need.”

Christmas Angel Tree welcomes members of the community to adopt kids just for the Christmas season, providing them with gifts.

Everything is confidential, and children are referred to the program through a variety of sources, from teachers to churches to friends, Glace continued.

The way it works is simple. A “donor” will provide a contribution for a child, or

purchase gifts for that child. “We have been serving over 600” children through the program each year, she said.

Gifts range from bicycles to clothing to dolls. The gifts are purchased by sponsors and volunteers work to prepare them.

This year, volunteers will gather at the Greene Center of Main Street UMC in Abbeville with face coverings and social distancing to wrap the presents, Glace continued.

This will take place over a two week span, and the gifts will be delivered right before Christmas.

Glace said that Main Street United Methodist Church sponsors this mission, and was inspired through the Agnes Rogers and Ann Moore

circles of the church, but it takes the whole community working together to provide for the children.

The program has more than 100 volunteers every year—volunteers who wrap presents, help to deliver presents, and some of the volunteers shop as well.

Anyone interested in being a sponsor for the program is encouraged to go by the Edward Jones office on Court Square to select an Angel or make a donation.

The program operates through donations from the community—churches, businesses, civic groups, school groups and individuals.

“It’s everybody in the community working together to provide the resources,” she said.

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# Abbeville County Number of coronavirus cases closes in on 800

By Henry E. Green

The number of coronavirus cases in Abbeville County continues to rise, closing in on 800 cases, according to DHEC.

As of early afternoon of Monday, Nov. 23, Abbeville County had 784 positive cases of coronavirus, and 17 coronavirus-related deaths.

Among Abbeville's neighboring counties, Anderson had 7,152 cases and 205 deaths.

Greenwood had 2,811 cases and 73 deaths, while McCormick had 300 cases

and six deaths.

Laurens, meanwhile, had 2,312 cases and 65 deaths. In South Carolina as a whole, there were 194,902 cases, and 3,987 deaths.

Nationally, more than 12 million people have been infected, and more than one quarter of a million Americans have lost their lives to the virus.

The nation is in the midst of a coronavirus surge, but the U.S. is not alone. Europe is also experiencing a resurgence of the illness.

In the midst of this misery, many people are antici-

pating the development of vaccine with a glimmer of hope.

Vaccinations could begin as early as next month.

According to CNN, the U.S. has recorded more than three million COVID 19 infections already in November.

Here in Abbeville County, the rise has been sharp in the past several months. On Oct. 26, Abbeville County had 669 positive cases, and 12 confirmed coronavirus-related deaths, according to DHEC.

# Abbeville Rotarians planning Reindeer Run

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Rotary Club will present the 11th Annual Abbeville Rotary Club Reindeer Run on Saturday, Dec. 12, according to information from the club.

This 5-K event, which is designed to support the Angel Tree Bicycle Fund, will begin with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. at Abbeville First Bank and end there as well.

One may register for the event at Abbeville First Bank or the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

The registration fees are as follows: runners, \$20; walkers, \$15, and kids under 18, \$15.

Registration will be held the day of the race from 8 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

People in the registration

area will be asked to wear masks and practice social distancing.

Awards will be given for the top male and female runners.

For more information, one may call 864-366-2158.

The Angel Tree Bicycle Fund is in conjunction with the Christmas Angel Tree program, providing Christmas presents for those in need at Christmas time.

The Reindeer Run is just one of a number of projects in which the Abbeville Rotary Club is involved.

The club also has a scholarship program to benefit worthy graduates of Calhoun Falls Charter, Abbeville and Dixie high schools.

In addition, Abbeville Rotarians present every year

the Abbeville Rotary Bowl, featuring a day of Abbeville recreation league football, in which Abbeville teams typically play teams from neighboring communities.

This year's Rotary Bowl was held last month, in conjunction with the Abbeville Youth Athletics homecoming event.

John Andrew Bishop of Abbeville is the current president of the club, which started in 1963.

American Legion Post 72, McCaslan said.

The parade in Calhoun Falls will be one of a number of parades of the season in Abbeville County in early December. Others will include those in Abbeville and Donalds. (See related stories)

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**Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> • 8:30am-2:00pm**

Abbeville Shopping Center - Hwy. 28 (future Abbeville YMCA/old Fred's location)

**Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> • 9:00am-1:00pm**

The Renaissance 5 Dr. Frank Pressly Dr. Due West

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

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**Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30am-2:00pm Abbeville Shopping Center - Hwy. 28**

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**9:00am-1:00pm Monticello Golf Course**

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**\*\*Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> • 8:30am-2:00pm**

\*\*to allow results to be reported prior to the Christmas holiday\*\*

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# Bible Baptist Church



Chad Adams, a graduate of Tabernacle Bible College in Greenville, SC, recently assumed pastorate of Bible Baptist Church in Abbeville. His wife, Lauren is a nurse with School district 50 in Greenwood. They have four children, Jonathan, Lily, Julia, and Jayden. Pastor Adams extends an invitation to everyone to attend the services. (Photo contributed)

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  13. Spanish sparkling wine
  14. Pico de gallo
  15. WWII side
  16. Like word of mouth
  17. Church song
  18. \*Victoria in Zimbabwe or Horseshoe in Canada
  20. \*Home to Rock of Cashel and Blarney Castle
  21. Massachusetts university
  22. "\_\_\_\_ Be Home For Christmas"
  23. Olympic torch, e.g.
  25. On the move
  28. Menu words
  29. \*Golden Gate or Mackinac
  32. Goodbye, to bambino
  34. Ruling in Islamic law
  36. Variable, abbr.
  37. Can, with thou
  38. South American monkey
  39. \*Versailles or Buckingham
  41. Thus far
  42. Yoko's John
  44. Collectively
  46. Party bowlful
  47. Memory failure
  49. Goals
  51. \*St. Basil's or Canterbury
  55. Independent, slang
  56. Initial stake
  57. Field of Dreams state
  58. More than one stylus
  59. Barnes and Noble or Barnum and Bailey
  60. Jaunty rhythm in music
  61. Don Quixote's enemy
  62. Urge Spot to attack
  63. Besides
- DOWN**
1. BBQ side
  2. Taxon, pl.
  3. Fail to mention
  4. Bygone Spanish money
  5. Jeweler's unit
  6. Egg-like curves
  7. \*The Western one in Israel or the Great one in China
  8. \*La Sagrada Familia or St. Peter's
  9. Having wings
  10. \_\_\_\_ of Man
  11. Scottish cap
  13. Ceiling panel in the Pantheon
  14. Type of wheat
  19. Cuban dance
  22. Glacier matter
  23. Medieval knight's spiky weapon
  24. Coffee shop order
  25. \*Home to Taj Mahal
  26. Phonograph record
  27. Artist's support
  28. Back, at sea
  30. Director Reitman
  31. Indian restaurant staple
  33. Giant Hall-of-Famer
  35. \*Moulin Rouge or Netherland's landmark
  37. Incense without prefix
  39. Weasel-related onomatopoeia
  40. Enigma machine's output
  43. One born to Japanese immigrants
  45. Roman magistrate
  47. Hawaiian veranda
  48. V.C. Andrews' "Flowers in the \_\_\_\_"
  49. Naysayer's favorite prefix
  50. Bucolic poem
  51. Type in all \_\_\_\_
  52. Agitate
  53. Hole punchers
  54. Like the White Rabbit
  55. Any doctrine

## Due West works to enhance traffic control

**By Henry E. Green**  
 The Town of Due West is planning to purchase a sign for incoming traffic to show the reduced speed limit and to show the exact speed of the vehicle as it passes by the sign, according to Due West Mayor Jeannie Knight. "We would like for vehicles to be aware of pedestrians and slower traffic in the business district as they pass through Main Street," she said. Also at its November meeting, Council passed second

reading of an ordinance to change a section of the Zoning Ordinance to allow conditional permission for livestock and poultry in the Town limits. "Some few residents have poultry on their property. These permissions have to be approved by Town Council," Knight said. Council has rescheduled the December Council Meeting to the second Monday night to avoid a conflict with the holidays, according to the Mayor.

Thus, the December meeting will be held on December 14 at the usual time of 6 p.m., she said. The Town is working to cope with the coronavirus pandemic, with plans for a "drive-through" by Santa and Mrs. Claus in lieu of a Christmas parade. The Christmas couple "can greet families in neighborhoods and still be socially distanced," she said. There are plans also for a Christmas yard decorating contest.

## Due West Robotics looking for new home

**By Henry E. Green**  
 Due West Robotics is looking for a permanent home. Robotics representative Lee Logan made a presentation recently to Due West Town Council concerning the opportunity to provide a permanent home for "fast growing and very successful" Due West Robotics program. Since its inception, Due West Robotics has not had a home of its own, and has been very fortunate to be able to use several rooms with permission from Erskine College in the Daniel Moultrie Science Center, and the second floor of the Due West Town Hall," he said. "Even these spaces cannot accommodate the number of children that would like to participate in the program. "Robotics must have a place of its own soon as we are using and outgrowing the provided facilities for all of our classes, meetings and events," Logan said in his presentation.

families from around the region to the innovation center for weekend events," according to his presentation. Among those sites that the Robotics organization is looking at is the former Carver School in Due West. Since the school was purchased from the School District many years ago, it was used as the site of Destiny Ministries, which provided aid to those in need, but that ministry ceased operations in Carver School many years ago. The school property is in private hands, and Due West Robotics and town council officials have had discussions with the owners of the property regarding the property's future as a site for Robotics, and possible parks and recreation facilities for the town, and a recognition of the historic significance of the property, Logan continued. Logan said Monday that he was introducing the possibility of a cost sharing arrangement between the Town and Robotics to acquire the property for facilities for Robotics and spaces for a park/recreation area. The presentation was introduced and received as information, and the Town

Attorney and the Robotics attorney are expected to explore with the owners the details of the acquisition of the property. According to Logan, Due West Robotics has been looking at two other pieces of property, but they are both out of town. Due West Robotics has won a number of awards. There are more than 350 robotics teams in South Carolina, and DWR teams have won three state championships, and three times have placed second in the state. Two teams have advanced to the World Championship. Due West Robotics has presented summer workshops every year, and coordinated coaches clinics as well. Boeing S.C. has visited Due West Robotics twice and worked with the organization on several projects, including one to send 50 Robotics young people to Charleston for a tour of the Boeing facility. Due West Robotics started out with four young people and a single sponsor. Today the sponsors include NASA, Bosch, Boeing, John Deere, Tesla, Google and Apple, according to the presentation.

## Obituaries

### Campbell

Blanche Hall Campbell, 88, resident of 952 Hwy. 284 widow of P. Maxie Campbell passed away peacefully Friday Nov. 20, 2020 at the home of her daughter. Born March 15, 1932 in Abbeville, Co. SC she was the daughter of the late Grady Hall and Rosella Poole Hall. She was a homemaker and member of Bells United Methodist Church. She loved to fish and spend time outdoors. She will be missed by her loving family and many friends.

Survivors include: a daughter Tammy Faulkner (Jimmy) of Greenwood, SC; a son Dale Campbell of Taylors, SC; a sister Becky Hall of Abbeville, SC; three grandchildren Hannah Rose Sudduth, McKayla Stevenson and Madisen Faulkner; two great-grandchildren Lucas and Ace Sudduth. A graveside service was conducted Sunday Nov. 22, 2020 at 2:00 PM in Bells United Methodist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Scott Allen officiating. The

family was at the home of her daughter Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Faulkner. Memorials in memory of Blanche may be made to Bells United Methodist Church, 2540 Flat Rock Rd. Abbeville, SC 29620. Online condolences may be made to the Campbell family by visiting [www.chandlerjacksonfh.com](http://www.chandlerjacksonfh.com) The Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is assisting the Campbell family.

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### Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule

Residential sanitation pickups will proceed the week of Thanksgiving as normal. Residential collections normally scheduled to be picked up on Thursdays will be collected on Thanksgiving Day.

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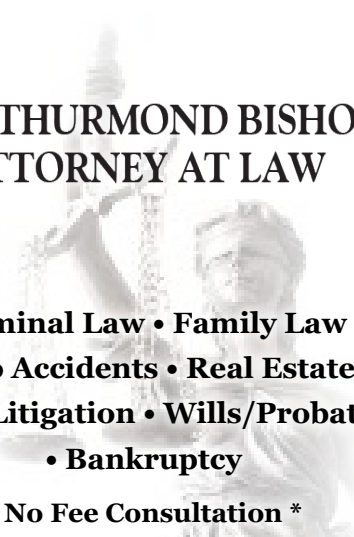


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Avery, 4K student at Busy Bees, delivered her card and helped the tracking team train. She brought her stuffed animal for the dog to sniff, and then she walked with her mom far in the woods, hid and sat quietly while the dog tracked her scent. She thanked them all and made cookies. (Photo contributed)



Connor, 4K student at Busy Bees, holding his packed shoe boxes for operation Christmas child. (Photo contributed)

## Little hands can make a BIG difference

Submitted by  
**Mandy Brown**

Busy Bees Preschool, a ministry of Abbeville Presbyterian Church, has been buzzing to help our great community. They assigned a Community Helper Project to thank our local community helpers. The preschool students made cards and gifts and delivered them to their

favorite community helper as a thank you for their service. The school had a toy drive for Angel Tree during their Spirit Week. Mandy Brown, the director, made cheerful giving a competition on their Team Spirit Day! Clemson fans were the #1 givers, with Georgia fans coming in Second Place. The preschool was able to donate over 60 items to

the local Angel Tree. Busy Bees is also collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Busy Bees Preschool is sponsoring a child abuse prevention campaign through WZLA 92.9.

If anyone wants more information on how they can help, please contact the Busy Bees office 864-366-2337.

## Kennedy reelected Mayor of Donalds

**By Henry E. Green**

Billy Kennedy has won reelection as Mayor of Donalds.

Kennedy, who won in the Nov. 3 general election and defeated a write-in candidacy from Donna Higdon, got his start in Donalds politics with service on Donalds Town Council.

"I was a councilman for a long, long long time," he said.

Kennedy said he first began serving on Town Council in the late 1970s, having graduated from Dixie high School in 1976.

The reason he entered politics has an interesting story behind it. Kennedy had a friend who served on Town Council before the friend passed away during his term on that legislative body.

"I ran for his empty seat," said Kennedy.

Meanwhile, this will be Kennedy's third term as

mayor, after many years of service on Town Council.

The Mayor is proud of the "parking lot/city center" in downtown Donalds that was completed approximately six years ago.

"It wasn't just beautification," he said. "It was a safety item."

Before the completion of the parking lot, motor vehicles were having to back out into Highway 178--a sometimes risky endeavor. He is proud also of the new Dollar General that opened roughly one year ago.

The Town is in the process of tearing down the old Donalds Elementary School building, which is vacant.

Kennedy and other town officials had planned to make the building into a new town hall, but reconsidered considering the renovation costs.

"We have several other beautification projects going on too," he said.

"We do have a number of new Council members coming on board this time," he said.

They include Millie McDonald, who has served on Council before, and William Scoggins, who is a newcomer.

"Veteran Council members Ronnie Vaughn and Susan Powell are returning," he said.

Kennedy wants to "continue with our clean up efforts" during his third term as Mayor.

According to Wikipedia, the town of Donalds had a population of 348 according to the 2010 Census.

Donalds Grange No. 497 and Greenville Presbyterian Church are on the National Register of Historic Places, and Donalds has a public library which is part of the Abbeville County Library system.

## New beginnings Gateway Recovery in Abbeville home for women in recovery

**By Henry E. Green**

Gateway Recovery had a holiday open house recently.

Located on Vienna Street in Abbeville, Gateway is a facility for women in recovery, a facility run by a board of directors

At the open house, ornaments were sold in memory of those who had lost their battle with addiction, or who are in recovery.

Refreshments and fellowship were also very much part of the open house.

It was a major highlight of the year for Gateway Recovery, which opened on Feb. 1 of this year.

Gateway houses eight residents, in addition to manager Sherry Chafin.

The old house has five bedrooms, with two ladies sharing each of four bedrooms, and Chafin having a bedroom to herself, and

the ladies stay as long as eight months.

The stay at Gateway is designed to be infused with spiritual growth for the residents.

"We attend three meetings a week," said Chafin. Those meetings are all AA or NA gatherings.

In addition, all the residents have jobs, and board member Amy Ricketts leads Bible studies--all to provide for a very healthy environment. "It's all about balance," said Sherry.

The first two weeks at Gateway are free to a resident, and then the cost is \$75 a week.

The residents are from places as varied as Wallhalla, Liberty and Gaffney.

"We're from everywhere," said Sherry.

Amy Ricketts is a member of the Gateway board of directors. The other board

members include Rod Stoll, Bethany Stoll, Billy Stoll, and Brooke Blackwood.

Gateway is a nonprofit organization based in Abbeville, and a number of churches and civic groups joined forces to establish Gateway in the house on Vienna.

Various groups supplied furniture, and painted various rooms.

There were various churches and civic groups remodeling, and there was a grand opening in September, 2019, before operations opened on Feb. 1 of this year, said Ricketts.

Gateway would welcome volunteers who could help everything from Bible studies to budgeting classes, according to Ricketts.

"There just so many opportunities at Gateway," she said.

## Greenville man faces assault, battery charge

A Greenville man faces a charge of assault and battery, second degree, in connection with a Nov. 12 incident on Diamond Mine Road in Abbeville County, according to the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office incident report.

On Nov. 12, deputies were dispatched to a location on Diamond Mine Road in reference to an assault that had occurred.

While on route to the scene, the deputies were advised by dispatch that the alleged offender had left in a blue Ford and the victim

was still on the scene.

Dispatch also advised that the victim had begun to have a seizure and may need CPR, the incident report continued.

When the deputies arrived on the scene, the victim was sitting in a chair and was conscious.

One of the deputies noticed that he had injuries to his left eye and face area.

The victim indicated that the suspect had punched him after a disagreement and that he, the victim, wanted to press charges.

EMS arrived on the scene

and began patient care, and photographs of his injuries were taken, and he was transported by EMS for further medical attention.

A deputy also spoke to two individuals who said they saw the incident, and who provided written statements.

The suspect, Jeffrey Allen Easterday, 38, of 6 Sage Street, Greenville, was placed under arrest for alleged assault and battery in the second degree, and transported to the Abbeville County Detention Center, the report continued.



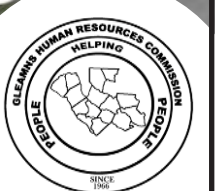
The Abbeville High School band helped keep the Panther faithful on their toes during Abbeville's victory over Chesnee recently at Hite Stadium. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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# Sports & Recreation

## AHS Panthers clip Eagles' wings, 32-7

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville crushed Chesnee 32-7 Friday night at Hite Stadium in the second round of the state playoffs in varsity football.

It was a game pitting against each other two teams that liked to run, and it was a contest as well in which the AHS defense rose to the occasion to thwart several Chesnee threats inside the red zone.

Navi Marshall set the tone with a 21-yard touchdown run with 5:44 left in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Martico Jackson tacked on another touchdown for the Panthers, courtesy of a 41 yard run. The conversion attempt was no good, and AHS led 12-0.

Also in the second quarter, Abbeville's Jeremiah Lomax picked off a Chesnee pass, to preserve the Panthers' 12-0 halftime lead.

It was in the second half that Abbeville put the game away.

Abbeville speedster Tyrell Haddon set the tone with a

15 yard touchdown run early in the third quarter. The PAT was unsuccessful, but AHS led 18-0 with 11:10 in the third quarter.

The Eagles then mounted an impressive drive which started at their own 37.

With a powerful running game in play, the drive took the Eagles all the way inside the Abbeville 10, where the visitors faced a fourth and one, and went for the extra yardage.

Everyone, it seemed, was holding his breath as a time out was called for a measurement, and there was ecstasy among Panther fans when the Eagles came up short, and Abbeville took over on downs.

However, there was more drama just a few plays later, when Chesnee recovered an Abbeville fumble to set up shop at the Abbeville 24.

History repeated itself. On a fourth and 11 situation, a Chesnee pass fell incomplete, and once again AHS took over on downs.

In the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, Abbeville's Ty Cade intercepted an

Eagle pass and returned it 65 yards for a touchdown. With the PAT good, AHS led 25-0.

The Eagles finally got on the board with a 16-yard touchdown run, and Abbeville led 25-7 with 5:49 to go in the game.

The Panthers scored their final points with a 21-yard Tyrell Haddon touchdown run with 3:05 left in the game.

Following the game, AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles was immensely pleased with his team's effort.

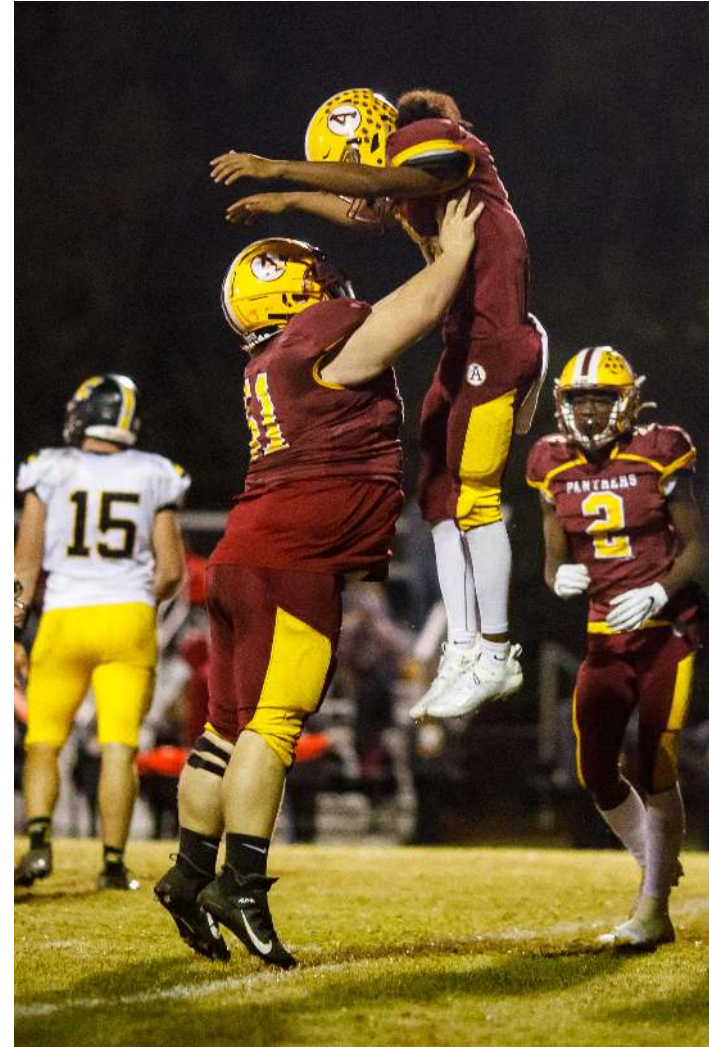
"Just a great group of kids," he said of his Panthers. "Our defense bent but it didn't break."

AHS, which improved to 9-0 with the win, was led by Navi Marshall, with 89 yards on seven carries, followed by Haddon with 85 yards on eight carries.

The Panthers' victory sets up a showdown with Gray Collegiate this coming Friday at Hite Stadium at 7:30 p.m.



Abbeville linebacker Luke Evans (33) tackles a Chesnee runner in the backfield for a loss during the Panthers' 32-7 victory over the Eagles in the 2nd Round of the Class AA Playoffs at Hite Stadium in Abbeville last Friday night. Photo by Shawn M. Knox.



Abbeville center Jake Adams (51) and running back Ty'rell Haddon (4) celebrate a touchdown during the Panthers' 32-7 victory over Chesnee in the 2nd Round of the Class AA Playoffs at Hite Stadium in Abbeville last Friday night. Photo by Shawn M. Knox.



The Abbeville defense breaks through the line to drop Chesnee running back Camden Burns (12) for a loss during the Panthers' 32-7 victory over the Eagles in the 2nd Round of the Class AA Playoffs at Hite Stadium in Abbeville last Friday night. Photo by Shawn M. Knox.

## Re-match!

### AHS to host Gray Collegiate Friday for Upper State championship

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville will play Gray Collegiate this coming Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at Hite Stadium for the Upper State championship.

AHS defeated Gray Collegiate in the playoffs last year, but AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles has considerable respect for the West Columbia team.

"They're really big, strong and fast," said Nickles. "One of the best football teams in the state."

The War Eagles, like Abbeville, will bring an undefeated record into the contest.

Gray Collegiate has a "very balanced" attack, in terms of running and passing, and possesses outstanding athletes at just about every

position.

"They are a charter school," he added, noting that this allows the War Eagles to recruit throughout the state.

The War Eagles show great skill on offense as well as defense, and they are outstanding, particularly in special teams' play and in the return game, Nickles continued.

## Dixie High cross country program prospering

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School cross country program continues to flourish.

The girls cross country team participated in the state meet, held in Columbia on Nov. 6.

"We placed second among the 1A teams, and 10th among all 1A and 2A teams combined," said Dixie girls cross country coach Cayce Prescott.

The girls had qualified for the state event through a

combined 1A/2A qualifying meet, in which they finished fifth out of 12 teams, according to Prescott.

The top six teams from the qualifying race moved on to the state championship, she said.

Meanwhile, the Dixie High School boys cross country team, which recently won the state championship, was recognized at the Nov. 17 school board meeting, during the meeting's Gold Star Highlights segment.

That segment provides an

opportunity to recognize District students and educators for various accomplishments.

Dixie boys cross country coach Brian Gamble was recognized for having been named South Carolina's cross country coach of the year.

Gamble and the team had their picture taken with Dixie principal Paul Prescott and Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary.



The Dixie High School boys cross country team, which recently won the state championship, was recognized at the Nov. 17 school board meeting, during the meeting's Gold Star Highlights segment. Dixie boys cross country coach Brian Gamble (standing, front row, far left) and team members had their picture taken with Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary (back row, left) and Dixie High School principal Paul Prescott (back row, right). Photo courtesy of Dr. Skip Hopkins

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# Ron Dye claims this week's contest prize

**By Henry E. Green**  
Ron Dye of Elberton, GA, is the winner of this week's Press and Banner college football contest, according to Contest Editor Lamar T. West.  
"Ron Dye wins \$50, missing only two picks," said West. "Julie Dye and Donna Balchin split the second place prize, missing only three picks."  
"Sorry, the second place

prize carries no monetary value, but you are mentioned by name in this week's paper.  
"With only 13 of the 15 games being played, there were only 681 points scored. Mr. Tie Breaker is happy he did not have to decide," the Contest Editor continued.  
The lowest score picked for the tie breaker was 720 points, according to West.  
"Liberty University let a lot

of entries down this week," the Contest Editor said. "What a difference a blocked field goal makes. We believe there was probably more than the \$50 contest prize lost on that blocked kick.  
Participation fell off this past week, with fewer than 100 entries. Only a few weeks are left, "so keep those picks coming -- your odds are getting better," said West.



Abbeville running back Martico Jackson (35) bursts through a hole in the Chesnee defense during the Panthers' 32-7 victory over the Eagles in the 2nd Round of the Class AA Playoffs at Hite Stadium in Abbeville last Friday night. Photo by Shawn M. Knox.



Abbeville receiver Kivionte Garner (11) runs for a first down during the Panthers' 32-7 victory over Chesnee in the 2nd Round of the Class AA Playoffs at Hite Stadium in Abbeville last Friday night. Photo by Shawn M. Knox.



Abbeville running back Navi Marshall (21) cruises into the end zone for an early touchdown during the Panthers' 32-7 victory over Chesnee in the 2nd Round of the Class AA Playoffs at Hite Stadium in Abbeville last Friday night. Photo by Shawn M. Knox.



Abbeville defensive back Cruz Temple (6) pulls down a Chesnee ball carrier for a loss during the Panthers' 32-7 victory over the Eagles in the 2nd Round of the Class AA Playoffs at Hite Stadium in Abbeville last Friday night. Photo by Shawn M. Knox.

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<b>Amos Tucker</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>US Navy</b>

The Abbeville County Veterans Organizations jointly sponsor a Bell Toll Ceremony on the last Friday of each month. The veterans names who have passed away in Abbeville County during the month or anyone who was missed in the previous month will have their names read. This includes men and women from Abbeville County who live in other areas. The names will also include any military service member from South Carolina who were killed while on active duty. As each name is read, the Liberty Bell replica, "Big Bob" is struck once as a token of our respect and appreciation for each Veteran who served and for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Please join for this solemn ceremony on the Abbeville square at 1 pm, November 27, 2020. Also, all veterans are welcomed to the American Legion meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Supper is served at 5 PM and the meeting is at 6 PM.

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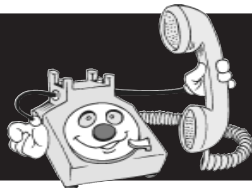
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