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

County voters make election choices

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County voters went to the polls yesterday for a variety of races, and the local winners included Jason Edwards, Lisa Alewine, Brad Evans, Tim Rhodes, and Christine Long, according to unofficial vote totals provided by the Abbeville County voter registration office.

A number of local races were on the ballot, including one County Council race, and nonpartisan school board and Abbeville City Council races.

In Abbeville County Council District Two, Democrat Christine Long and Republican Bebe Wesson were vying for a seat long held by John Calhoun, who had opted not to run for reelection.

Long defeated Wesson by a margin of 598 votes to 458 for Wesson.

In Abbeville County School District Area Six, incumbent Brad Evans faced challenger Erin Gambrell, and Evans won, by a margin of 616 votes to 443 for Gambrell.

In Area One, Tracy Lindler challenged incumbent Tim Rhodes, and Rhodes won,

by a margin of 324 votes to 289 for Lindler.

In Area Nine, Lisa Alewine and Bryan Glace battled for the seat which had been held by Marvin Peoples, who had opted not to run for reelection.

Alewine prevailed, with 666 votes to 274 for Glace.

In Abbeville City Council District Four, Deanna Ashley, Venture Belton challenged incumbent Chris Crawford.

Ashley received 66 votes, Belton 55, and Crawford 62, and there will be a runoff election, at a date to be announced.

In City Council District Six, incumbent Jason Edwards faced challengers Jon E. Porter and Jason Walker.

Edwards prevailed, with 112 votes, while Porter received 13, and Jason Walker 46.

According to Abbeville County voter registration director Randy Curtis, 2,670 registered voters in Abbeville county--16.7 percent--participated in early voting.

The elections were part of the vast package of elections that include 'midterm

battles for both houses of Congress.

The Republicans were trying to wrest control of both the US House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate from the Democrats, whose control of both chambers was razor-thin.

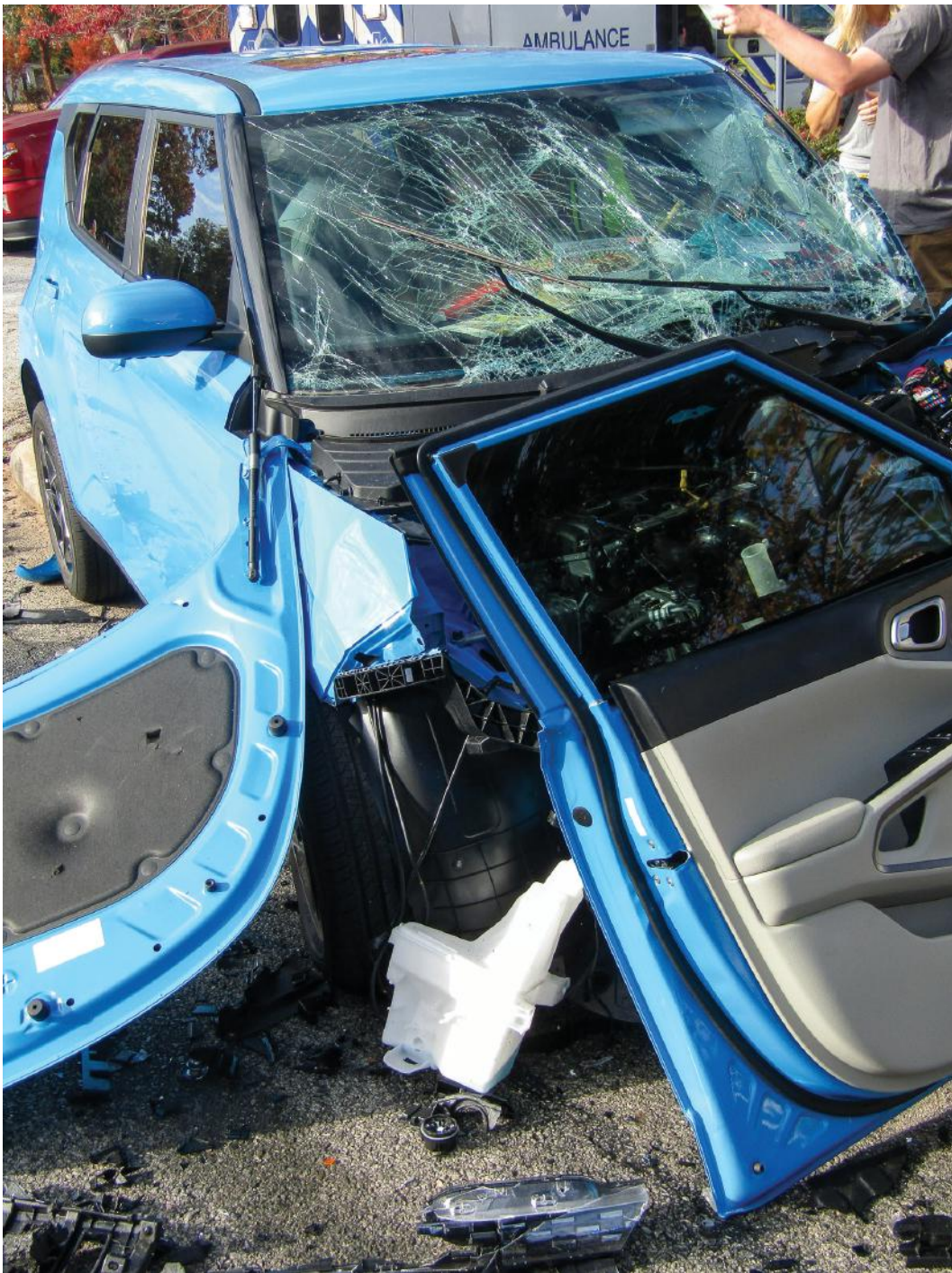
Here in South Carolina, incumbent Republican Governor Henry McMaster was fighting off a challenge from Democrat Joe Cunningham.

McMaster was projected early in the evening to win reelection, and so was U.S. Senator Tim Scott, according to WYFF-TV.

In Abbeville County, McMaster received 6,003 votes, to 2,497 for Cunningham.

A number of candidates were running unopposed, such as State Representative Craig Gagnon, a Republican who represents House District 11 in the General Assembly.

Voter turnout in Abbeville County came to about 54 percent, with 8,658 voters turning out to cast ballots, according to unofficial totals.



A bad wreck on North Main in Abbeville occurred on Tuesday, Nov. 1 and is now under investigation by the Abbeville Police. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Veterans Day holiday coming up on Friday

By Henry E. Green

Friday, Nov. 11, is Veterans Day--a time when we honor people who have served or are serving in the United States armed forces.

Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day, a holiday designed to mark the cessation of hostilities in World War I.

That cessation came on Nov. 11, 1918, giving rise to the observance of Veterans Day on the 11th day of the 11th month of the year.

Veterans groups typically mark the holiday with various

activities. American Legion Post 72 scheduled a parade this past Saturday in Calhoun Falls.

In Abbeville, American Legion Post 2 is planning to have a program at the Abbeville Veterans Foundation Building at 11 a.m. in Abbeville on Veterans Day, said Post 2 Past Commander Terry Greenfield.

The speaker will be Col. George McKinney (Retired), who recently retired as the director of emergency management services for Greenwood County, Green-

field said.

"We will recognize all the veterans from each of the areas of conflict," he said. "And then we will recognize the oldest and the youngest veteran."

There will also be an honor guard, and vocalist Samantha Brooks will be singing.

Veterans Day will be a City of Abbeville holiday, and an Abbeville County government holiday as well. It will also be a holiday for the Towns of Due West and Calhoun Falls.



The First Baptist Church of Abbeville held its fall festival on Sunday, Oct. 30, and among the highlights of the event was an "ark" on display featuring Noah, as played by Stone Driggers (middle) and lions Isabella Norryce (left) and Jonah Strawhorn (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Major wreck on North Main causes injuries

A traffic accident on North Main in Abbeville on Tuesday, Nov. 1 is under investigation by the Abbeville Police, according to Dwane Balchin, investigator with the Abbeville Police Department.

There was a collision on North Main between two vehicles, on the afternoon of Nov. 1, and the drivers of both vehicles were eventually flown to an area hospital.

The drivers were the sole

occupants of their respective cars. One of the vehicles was a Honda and the other a Kia.

The condition of the individuals flown to an area hospital was unknown at press time, he said.



American Legion Post 72 in Calhoun Falls held a Veterans Day parade on Saturday, Nov. 5 in Calhoun Falls. Local veterans gathered on this float on a rainy day, and tossed candy to happy spectators. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Traffic accident results in one fatality

By Henry E. Green
There were two traffic accidents on Highway 28, said County Fire Marshal Tim Williams.
The first accident occurred about 6:30 a.m., just north of Rock Hill Road, and two individuals were transported to area hospitals as a result of that a two-vehicle collision, Williams said.
The second accident occurred about 7:15 a.m. just south of Sideways Drive.
This second accident involved three vehicles, with multiple injuries, the Fire Marshal continued.
Both accidents were investigated by the South Carolina Highway Patrol, EMS transported the pa-

tients to area hospitals, and County fire fighters, along with the Sheriff's Office, controlled the traffic.
Highway 28 was shut down between Shrine Club Road and Belt Line Road, until about 10 a.m.
According to the Highway Patrol, the second accident occurred when a Lexus heading south and two northbound pickup trucks, one of which was pulling a boat collided.
The driver of the truck pulling the boat was killed, and the name of the deceased was not available at press time.
The second traffic accident apparently led to a power outage Tuesday in

Abbeville and Lowndesville, according to reports.
"This morning there was a wreck on Highway 28," said City of Abbeville Deputy Administrative Officer Mike Clary Tuesday morning. "That resulted in a brief power outage inside the City, and there is still an ongoing power outage in Lowndesville, and crews hope to have that resolved as fast as possible."
A power pole was hit in the course of the accident, he went on to say.
The power outage in the City occurred about 7 a.m. and the extent of the outage was unknown at press time.
The outage lasted less than a minute, he said.



Don Goforth spoke to Abbeville Lions recently about the foster grandparent program. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Spanning generations *Don Goforth is the area Director of the Foster Grandparent Program*

By Henry E. Green
The foster grandparent program is a federal program that can provide for participants an inter-generational bonding, and has drawn some very positive reviews, according to Don Goforth of Piedmont Agency on Aging, which is sponsoring the program here in Abbeville County.
Speaking to Abbeville Lions recently, Goforth noted that the program, established in 1965, is part of AmeriCorps, a federal agency.
Volunteers in the program serve as mentors for elementary school children who are in need of help with their school work. They may help youngsters in everything from colors and shapes to math and reading, Goforth indicated.
Volunteers must be at least 55 years old, and they may qualify to receive a stipend

of \$3.15, and they receive reimbursement for travel.
Students to be mentored are typically chosen by their teachers, and they are students in need of help with their academic endeavors. Some students may have learning disabilities.
Here in Abbeville County, Diamond Hill Elementary, Westwood Elementary, Long Cane Primary, and Captivating Montessori School are participating, Goforth indicated.
Individuals wishing to serve as volunteers need to apply to the Piedmont Agency on Aging, and they must undergo SLED background checks.
Volunteers have yearly physicals, which are paid for by AmeriCorps, and they go through about 20 hours of training, in addition to 24 hours of in-service programs.
Goforth said he is helping

recruit foster grandparent volunteers here in Abbeville County, and a number of people have expressed interest.
Goforth, who has been on the radio with Benji Greeson to discuss the program, indicated that one foster grandparent has described foster grandparenting as something that "allows me to interact with the future of our country."
The foster grandparent is typically active during the school year, and he or she gets together with a teacher to help out selected students in selected areas of study.
"They become part of the school family," a school administrator said of foster grandparents.
For more information, one may call Goforth at 864-223-0164 or e-mail at dgoforth@piedmontaoa.com

WMS ornament to feature birthplace of ‘Major of St. Lo’

By Henry E. Green
The Thomas Dry Howie House will be featured on the Wright Middle School Christmas ornaments this year.
Located on West Pinckney in Abbeville, the house is the birthplace of Thomas Dry Howie, the "Major of St. Lo".
Every year, during holiday season, Wright Middle School Christmas ornaments go on sale as a fund-raiser for the school and its media center.
Every year, the ornaments feature a different landmark--the Burt-Stark House, the

Hill House, the Abbeville Museum, and various churches.
This will be the first year the Thomas Dry Howie House has been featured.
A U.S. Army major, Howie was killed while leading his men in an assault on the German-held town of St. Lo in northern France in 1944.
The ornaments will be available on the first of December at the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce and at Wright Middle School. The ornaments will be on sale at \$10 apiece.
The Christmas sale is

now in its 34th year, and thousands of ornaments have been sold through the year--some people collect them, she noted.
"Call to reserve yours today," said Hawthorne.
For more information, one may call Wright Middle School at 366-5998.
The money raised through the sale of the ornaments has definitely been a benefit to the school and its media center, according to the media specialist.
"I have bought computers, software--mainly books," Hawthorne said.



This was the scene on Halloween on Magazine Street in Abbeville. This house went "all out" for the spooky season. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

‘Dreams’ working to help revitalize CF

By Henry E. Green
The organization Dreams With Open Arms has collaborated with the Clemson School of Architecture to develop a plan which could help revitalize Calhoun Falls, according to Dreams founder LaSean Tutt.
The plan has generated a video which looks at how the organization is trying to refurbish a building in Calhoun Falls and make it into a community center.
Clemson students helped with the design of the plans

to refurbish the building, and the firm of Hanbury helped as well, according to reports.
The video, meanwhile, has won a national competition from the American Institute of Architects--the AIA Film Challenge.
Tutt is the founder of the organization, which is working to convert a building on Cox Avenue into a place where other agencies, such as United Way, could establish office space to serve the community.
"We've been working on

the plans for about a year," she said. The building, she said, was donated to the organization by LaSean's late husband, Chad Cornick.
The building, which has a basement, is made of brick, and is 60 feet wide and 103 feet long, she said.
"We're in the process of looking for bids to do the inside demolition," she said. The building used to be a furniture and appliance store, and then a variety store, and was vacant when it was donated to the organization.

CF mayor wants police/fire complex

By Henry E. Green
Calhoun Falls Mayor Terico Holland is hoping that the Town can build a new police/fire complex across the street from the Calhoun Falls Civic Center.
The Calhoun Falls Fire Department is currently housed in a building on Gordon Street in Calhoun Falls, and the Police are housed in a building on Savannah Street.
Holland indicated that both buildings are outdated, and he would like to see both of

them replaced with more modern facilities.
The mayor would like to see both departments housed in one public safety building, and he went on to say the Town is in the process of working on estimates as to how much it would all cost.
The mayor is hoping that the Town can secure grants to help finance the construction of the building.
Calhoun Falls fire chief Darrell Manning said the current fire station building

is too small.
The "newer fire trucks don't fit the current building anymore," he said, noting that it was made for older vehicles, which tended to be smaller.
Manning wants a structure that is more current. "It's a really old building," he said, estimated that the current structure was built in the forties to early fifties.
"The design of the building doesn't fit our needs," he said.

Man charged with golf cart larcenies

A man faces charges in connection with allegations of "larcenies involving golf carts," according to an Abbeville County Sheriff's Office press release.
Captain Matthew Graham of the Sheriff's Office noted that over the past 10 months the Sheriff's Office received several reports of larcenies involving golf carts.
During the investigation, it was determined that surrounding counties had similar incidents.
While working with the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office, Abbeville County Sheriff's Office investigators were able to identify

a suspect.
On Oct. 17, the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office and Greenwood County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at a location on Old Greenwood County Road within Abbeville County.
While on the scene investigators recovered three golf carts that had been stolen from Greenwood County. Following the investigation Alonzo Craig Hawes, Jr., (DOB 2/14/1997) of Greenwood was charged that day with possession of stolen property. Hawes has been connected to 18 golf cart thefts from Greenwood

County and eight from Abbeville County, and has been charged with multiple grand larcenies in Abbeville and Greenwood counties.
Hawes at press time was at the Abbeville County Detention Center awaiting bond.
"The Abbeville County Sheriff's Office would specially like to thank the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office in this joint investigation for their hard work, dedication and willingness to work together and share information that led to the arrest of Hawes," according to the press release.

Cock a doodle doo!

Preston Thorne and Langston Moore visit Wright Middle School recently

By Henry E. Green

Preston Thorne and Langston Moore are graduate of the University of South Carolina--and proud of it! Both played football for Carolina under Coach Lou Holtz. Both Langston, who graduated in 2003, and Thorne, who graduated in 2004, were defensive linemen for Carolina.

They never forgot their experience for the Garnet and Black, and indeed, they have transformed it into a way to teach kids about life and the skills you need to thrive in it.

Today, Thorne and Moore are authors and motivational speakers, and they have visited more than 300 schools.

They visited Wright Middle

School Thursday, reaching out to middle school students with a message of empowerment.

Thatsame message comes through in their books, such as Just a Chicken, published in 2015, which is a story of learning to be comfortable in your own skin.

The Columbia residents have written other books as well, in a series geared toward children ages four through eight--a series including Just a Chicken Little, published in 2019, and Usta Wuz a Rooster, published in 2022, according to The (Sumter) Item.

Both men are from the Charleston area, with Moore graduating from the James Island Charter High School, and Thorne from Summer-

ville High School.

The two men spoke to their listeners Wednesday at WMS about the importance of developing your skills set.

Everyone is born with different talents--something over which an individual does not have much control.

However, development of one's skills is something one can control, and applying oneself in school is part of that process which can lead to success.

Thorne is an outreach coordinator and student success coach in the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, College of Education at USC.

Moore was a sideline reporter for USC football, and has played in the National Football League.



Preston Thorne (left) and Langston Moore (right), both of whom played football for the University of South Carolina under Coach Lou Holtz, visited Wright Middle School. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Operation Christmas Child collection time again

Submitted by Cecily Ferguson

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse that delivers shoeboxes filled with toys, personal care items, and school supplies to children around the world as a tangible expression of God's love. Since 1993, more than 198 million children in over 170 countries and territories have received a shoebox gift. Last year, more than 10.5 million shoeboxes were collected worldwide, 9.1 million of which came from the U.S. Shoebox recipients are also invited to participate in a 12-lesson discipleship program called "The Greatest

Journey" where children learn to follow Jesus and tell others about Him as well as receive a colorfully illustrated New Testament in their own language upon graduation. Currently, materials are printed in more than 70 different languages.

In Abbeville, churches, community groups, schools, and individuals may pack any pre-printed or standard-size cardboard or plastic shoebox for either a boy or girl ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14 and deliver them to Main St. United Methodist Church during National Collection Week, November 14-21, 2022. This will be the sixth year that Main St. United Methodist will be the

Abbeville County drop-off location.

Collection hours are 3:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 14-17, 10:00-noon Nov. 18-19, noon-2:00 p.m. Nov. 20, and 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Nov. 21. In 2021, 684 shoeboxes were collected locally. A \$10 donation per shoebox is requested by Samaritan's Purse to cover shipping, "The Greatest Journey" Gospel booklets, Bibles, printed materials, and other project costs.

Additional resources and information are available at samaritanspurse.org/occ. Questions may also be directed to Abbeville County Drop-Off Leader, Cecily Ferguson, at (864)391-7888.



Westwood Elementary Fellowship of Christian Athletes collected and presented a total of 80 Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes during 2021 National Collection Week. (Photo contributed)

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Looking for a holiday outreach project in your community? We have an option for you...

Submitted by Schea Workman

Dear Friends of Meals on Wheels, Piedmont Agency on Aging is reaching out to local groups and churches in our community for help with our annual Holiday Bags of Love gift bag project for Meals on Wheels.

Over 600 gift bags will be assembled for seniors receiving Meals on Wheels in our four-county serving area. Communities reached will be Greenwood, Abbeville, Saluda, Ninety-Six, Promised Land, Hodges, Ware Shoals, Due West, Donalds, Calhoun Falls, Clinton, Laurens, Cross Hill, Gray Court, Joanna, Mountville, Waterloo, Hickory Tavern & Kinards.

Below is a listing of all the items we are collecting for

this year's project.

Soft throws/Scarves/Gloves;cSmall or individual size Kleenex; Toothpaste & Toothbrushes; Pump Liquid Soap & Bar Soap; Handi-Wipes; Lotion; Wash Cloths; Individual Snack items such as bars & crackers; Tea or Coffee; Candy; Q-tips; AAA or AA batteries; Mini flashlight; Band-Aids; Kitchen towels; Crossword or Word Find Puzzles; Envelopes; Stocking Caps; Socks; 2023 Wall Calendars

Your donation, great or small, will surely be appreciated by those receiving this delightful gift. We are starting to collect items NOW for our December 12th-16th delivery. If you or your organization would like to get involved with packing or delivering gift bags in your community, call 864-223-

0164 Ext 237.

Thank you in advance for any help you can provide! DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Drop off locations include: •Greenwood – 808 South Emerald Road (M-F 8:30am – 5:30pm)

•Ninety-Six – Senior Center at The Depot (M-F 8:30am – 1:00pm)

•Laurens/Clinton – 512 Professional Park Rd., Clinton (M-F 8:30am – 1:00pm)

•Abbeville – 201 Center Street (M-F 8:30am – 1:00pm)

•Saluda – Senior Center on Butler Ave (M-F 8:30am – 1:00pm)

Please call or email Schea Workman with any questions. 864-223-0164 ext. 237. sworkman@piedmontaooa.com

Third graders from throughout Abbeville County learned about agriculture during Farm City Day at the Abbeville County agriculture building. Here they are learning about beekeeping. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Workshop on farming scheduled in CF

By Henry E. Green

An upcoming workshop in Calhoun Falls will give participants an opportunity to learn from Clemson Extension specialists about the fundamentals of farming.

Clemson Extension will be presenting Beginning Growers 101 on Nov. 15 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Calhoun Falls Charter School, and a free supper will be provided by the Calhoun Falls FFA Chapter, according to Wilder Ferreira, a Clemson

Extension educator who is helping coordinate the event.

Wilder and Clemson Extension Agent Adam Gore will be teaching the class, which is free to participants.

Those planning to attend are asked to call Ferreira at 864-642-8758.

Ferreira explained that the workshop is all about “making people aware that it’s not so complicated to grow food.

“Anyone can be a grower,”

he said.

“Come learn from our specialists about soil management, fertilization, and crop rotation; and you will also become familiar with enterprise budgets to learn about production costs and profits,” according to a class description Ferreira provided.

“Any person who wants to produce vegetables, small or large,” is encouraged to attend, he said.

Obituaries

Rabon

William “Bill” Gary Rabon passed away peacefully on November 1, 2022, in Cheyenne. Bill was born on December 9, 1939, in Columbia, South Carolina. In high school, he met the love of his life, Melba Wadean Busby. Bill and Melba were married for 63 years. Bill joined the Air Force and served for 23 years. He was stationed in Florida, Louisiana, Germany, California, and Missouri, and served in Viet Nam. He retired in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Upon his retirement,

Bill began working for Consolidated Freightways. He retired from Consolidated and began driving a school bus for Laramie County School District #1 before permanently retiring. Bill kept busy by being a Korean Shriner and a Shriner Clown.

Bill is survived by his wife Melba; son Wayne (Rebecca) Rabon; daughter Debora Stundon; grandsons Christopher (Janell) Etzel, Michael Rabon, Daniel (Jennifer) Streetman; granddaughter Elizabeth

Rabon; great-granddaughters Hannah and Christian Etzel, Ashlyn Streetman; and sister Carolyn (Buddy) Gault of South Carolina.

Services were held on Friday, November 4, 2022, at 10:00 am at Wieder-spahn-Radomsky Chapel. Pastor Don Kramer of Salt Life Church will officiate.

Military honors were held at the end of the service with interment followed at Cheyenne National Cemetery.

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Moving tribute

Rayford and June Prince honored with parade on Agan Road

By Henry E. Green
Gracias. Merci.
Yes, there are many ways to say “thank you”, but a parade might just be one of the better ones.
And in fact, a parade was held Friday afternoon in quite literally a moving tribute to an Abbeville couple who had given themselves wholeheartedly to serving the community.
June and Rayford Prince of Abbeville have long been involved in everything from the Kairos prison ministry to community holiday dinners. Organizers of the parade felt that it was only right to show appreciation for everything the June and Rayford have done through the years.

So it was that the Abbeville High School band took a bus to Agan Road, on the outskirts of Abbeville, Friday afternoon, and marched up the road to a point in front of their house.
Then, a number of people holding signs walked into the front yard, and stood in front of the house.
Each sign bore the name of something with which the couple had been involved--such as Kairos.
June and Rayford, who had come out of the house, appreciated it all.
On Monday, Michael Mahaffey of Abbeville explained the genesis of the feel-good project.
“The whole thing is the brain child of Frank Camp-

bell,” he said. Frank, who lives in Level Land, worked with Rayford in prison ministries.
Frank still works with a prison ministry that is supported by Harvest Christian Ministries, the nonprofit arm of Stoll Industries, Mahaffey went on to say
Although Rayford and June face health issues, their contributions to providing a better life for so many people have not been forgotten.
Kairos, Faith Home, community holiday dinners, United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County, the Gospel Express music ministry--Rayford and June have left their mark on all of them.
Mahaffey, the director of Harvest Christian Ministries, said that the parade also featured the Cold Spring Fire Department, presentation from Grace United Methodist Church and Faith Home, and an autographed basketball from the Erskine basketball program.
“We just reached out to people that we knew that had partnered with June and Rayford through some kind of mission work,” said Mahaffey.
“I was impressed,” said Jane Agan, who is June’s sister, and who has worked with her in UCMAC, and the holiday meals.
“I would like to thank all the people who organized

it,” she went on to say. “I thought it was very nice. We appreciate the band showing up.”



The Abbeville High School band marched in front of the home of June and Rayford Prince on Agan Road on the outskirts of Abbeville recently as part of a tribute to the couple. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Wright Middle School’s Beta Club inducts 74 New Members

**Submitted by
Juliana Smith**
Abbeville, SC—Wright Middle School recently held its National Beta Club induction



In addition to the induction ceremony, the WMS Beta Club installed its 2022-2023 officers. These officers were elected by their peers and fellow Beta Club members. Mary Ashley Williams (8th grader), was elected as the Beta Club President. Calli New (7th grader), was elected as the Beta Club Vice-President. Mikaela Gambrell (6th grader), was elected as the Beta Club Secretary. Ivania Hernandez (6th grader), was elected as the Beta Club Treasurer. Kasen Deal (7th grader), was elected as the Beta Club Chaplain. (Photo contributed)



The following students were inducted to WMS Beta Club: Micah Allen, Madelyn Beiler, Alexis Belcher, Jamie Bowman, Wesley Bowser, Tywana Boyd, Laila Burton, Ella Busbee, Layla Cape, Emma Creswell, Kasen Deal, Cate Dunlap, Te’Unna Elmore, Trinity Elmore, Bella Evans, Tristin Freeman, Abigail Gambrell, Mikaela Gambrell, Ma’Kaylyn Gary, Nolan Gonce, Paris Gray, Sarah Gulley, Micah Hall, Ja’Niyah Hamilton, Caleb Hanson, Allie Henderson, Owen Henderson, Jonah Henry, Ivania Hernandez, Madi Hill, Olivia Hoover, Zy’Teria Hudson, Ny’Keara Jackson, Catalin Johnson, Reese Jones, Tielle Killingsworth, Zane Little, Brittanya Marshall, Olivia Martin, Mac McCaslan, Thomas Moore, Lauryn Murray, Calli New, Ruthie New, Thomas Nickles, Daelah Norman, Hanna Patterson, Kalob Pooser, Maxwell Price, Allyson Pursley, Jonathan Rausch, Meet Shah, Nathaniel Shaw, Sophie Sienkiewicz, Annsley Smrz, Davis Stanley, Luke Stone, Gideon Tackett, Jeremiah Thackson, Shawn Thomas, Kayde Beth Thomson, Rylee Tiller, Abigail Uldrick, Maddie Wachs, Natalie Wall, Rylan Wiles, Addaleine Wilkinson, Brice Williams, Mary Ashley Williams, Mattie Williams, Carson Wilson, Jakob Wilson (Photo contributed)

the United States and beyond. National Beta Club is the largest independent, non-profit, educational youth group in the United States. Its mission is to promote the ideals of academic achievement, character, service and leadership among elementary and secondary school students.

The ceremony included five of the newly elected officers who defined the four pillars of Beta; Achievement, Character, Leadership, and Service. They also explained the qualifications students had to meet in order to be invited to join the National Junior Beta Club. Students must maintain good academic standing with a 90 or above grade average in all classes. Beta Club Members must display exemplary character at all times, conducting themselves in an honorable manner in and outside of their school building. Members also must log

25+ service hours within the school year, through different club service projects.

Mrs. Juliana Smith, the Beta Club Sponsor Teacher at Wright Middle School, said, “I am proud of this group of young boys and girls for achieving this great honor. Our school’s chapter of Beta Club was chartered in 1979. Many of our members’ parents were once members of our chapter themselves. Our school is excited to get Beta Club going again this year. We haven’t had an active club since the coming of COVID 19, and we are looking forward to getting started on some of our service projects. We held our first meeting last week, and these bright young people have a lot of great ideas for how to serve our school and our community. I don’t think this is the last time you will be hearing from WMS Beta Club this school year. We are ready to serve!”

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National Beta CEO, Bobby Hart offered his congratulations to the students by saying, “The skills and opportunities that come from National Beta membership impact students not only during their time in school, but as they move forward in life.

We are proud of these new inductees and are excited to see how they grow as leaders and positively impact the world.”

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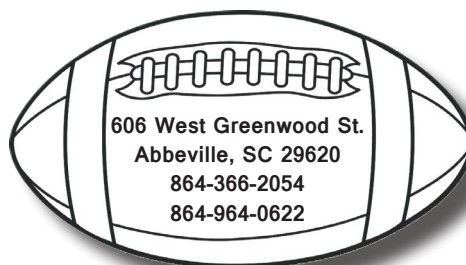
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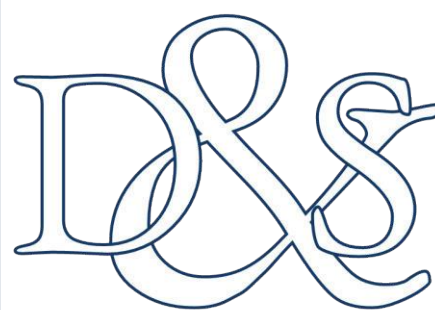


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A graduate of Alta Loma High School in California, she attended junior college, where she was captain of the soccer team. This year she will complete her bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Hope International. She is employed as Project Manager for Storyland Studios, a major design firm. She was employed for 12 years as an International Outreach Director in California.

She is also the mother of two beautiful children.

Born in Spartanburg, SC, Parker is the son of Westwood Principal Paul and Karen Parker Anderson of Ware Shoals, SC. He is the grandson of Billy and Mattie Parker of Johnston, SC; and the late Hazel Boyd “HB” and Edith Anderson of Ware Shoals, SC.

A graduate of Chesterfield High School, Parker was a member of its State Championship football team, and was a wrestler on the



Mr. Parker Anderson & Ms. “Missy” Baitx

schools four-time championship team. He attended Spartanburg Methodist College on a wrestling scholarship, was a member of Student Government, on the selection committee for the schools President, and earned his Associates Degree.

Parker went on to USC-Spartanburg and earned degrees in broadcasting and journalism.

Following graduation, Parker worked with WYFF-TV in Greenville and Spar-

tanburg and WJBF-TV in Augusta, GA.

Parker was recruited by a Fox Sports affiliate in Minneapolis, MN. He was then recruited by the TV show “COPS” and traveled the US filming episodes. When COVID hit, Parker made the decision to attend law enforcement academy, and works as a law enforcement officer in San Bernardino, CA.

Their wedding is being planned for early Spring.

An Effigy Of Rock

by Tom Poland

Something like sixty years had passed since I saw it. This time, however, I saw it from above. The WPA built a beautiful tower of stone so you can get a birds-eye view of a bird of stone. That would be Rock Eagle, although some say it’s a buzzard. Some simply refer to it as a bird.

The experts say Woodland Indians who predated the Cherokee and Creek built Rock Eagle 1,000 to 3,000 years ago. No one can say why they built the large rock mound, which measures 102 feet from head to tail and 120 feet wide from wing tip to tip. The mound sits high above sloping woodlands and I wondered just how they carried all the large quartz stones to the site. One at a time? Pulled by a team of men on some primitive sled? Lots of rocks here for sure. The mound rises ten feet off the ground.

My parents sent me off to 4-H Camp in Putnam County, Georgia all those summers ago. Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. That’s what 4-H represented. Is good wholesome

stuff like that still allowed today?

Rock Eagle has stayed with me for many years now. I learned crafts there such as working with leather, and I have a small coin punch to this day to prove it. I remember swimming and canoeing

too. There was that 4-H business too where elders tried to make us better people.

Most of all, I remember the large bird of stone, what learned folks call an effigy. No, I remember too some prankster short sheeted my bed one night, placing pinecones in it as well. You carry misdeeds and injustice all your life, you know.

As a boy I stood right by the fan of rocks that represents the bird’s tail feathers. I recall them as burning bright white in the Georgia sun. Not so much today. If you make the

drive over there be prepared to see rocks that are gray, some darker, and some still bright white. Be prepared too for the fence that encloses it now. Best to keep the meddlers at bay.

This large effigy, this big bird of stone? A burial place? A way to send a message to the gods? A ceremonial site? We don’t know. We do know that the University of Georgia administers the site today and we do know that the bird’s head faces east to greet the rising sun. We know, too, that a 1950s research project discovered evidence of cremated human remains.

You can visit it for free. It stands in the region of Madison and Eatonton, Georgia. Another effigy, that of a hawk, greets the sky in the vicinity, but it doesn’t catch the attention as Rock Eagle does. On the National Register of Historic Places, it’s there waiting for you. From dawn to dusk, you can see it, and climbing the stone tower is well worth your time.

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Trustees reschedule November meeting

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees has rescheduled its November meeting to Nov. 15, so as not to conflict with the Thanksgiving holidays. The school board normally holds its regular monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month, but the trustees decided to meet a week early--on Nov. 15--so as not to conflict with

the District's Thanksgiving holiday schedule, when District facilities will be closed Nov. 23-25. A number of trustees are expected to be sworn in to new terms of office. In yesterday's elections, incumbent trustee Brad Evans was battling challenger Erin Gambrell, and incumbent Tim Rhodes was facing a challenge from Tracy Lindler. In Area Seven, Charles

Angel was running unopposed to fill the seat, and in Area Nine Lisa Alewine and Bryan Glace were vying the school board seat left vacant when Marvin Peoples opted not to run for reelection. Similarly, Adam Rich did not run for reelection in Area Seven. Board meeting packets are available for viewing on the Abbeville County School District Website.

Small Business Saturday coming up

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville is gearing up for Small Business Saturday on Saturday, Nov. 26, according to Anna LaGrone, executive director of the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce. It is a "shopping holiday that takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving," said LaGrone. "The point of the event is to encourage people to shop small with local businesses. "We just launched a shop

small marketing campaign, and we'll be running that through Christmas. We've also partnered with American Express to bring our businesses promotional material. "Shopping small makes a big impact and a big difference," she said. "Our campaign last year was certainly effective, and we look forward to encouraging people to patronize businesses all over Abbeville County

this holiday season." She also highlighted Pink Friday coming up on November 18, to encourage people to "shop local first before Black Friday." In conjunction with that, the Chamber is presenting Handmade for the Holidays on Nov. 18-19 at the Livery Stable. "Handmade" will focus on local artisans and small businesses, and Broken Road Barbecue will also be on hand.

North Main water line work slated to begin

By Henry E. Green
Crews are scheduled to begin working on North Main this week, beginning construction on the North Main water line project, said City of Abbeville Deputy Administrative Officer Mike Clary Friday. The work will be centered on replacing an aging water line on the City thoroughfare.

"A single lane of traffic will be regulated on the street to allow crews to work," he said. "North Main serves 82 customers directly," said Clary about the water line, adding that indirectly it serves much of the northern portion of the City. The waterline work should be completed by the late spring or early summer of

2023. "One hundred percent of the project is being funded through federal or grant dollars," he said. "Just over \$2 million is being funded through ARPA pandemic relief dollars, and the remaining \$500,000 is being funded through a South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority grant," he said.

I make a motion! Participants in Library's walking project see the USA--virtually, that is

By Henry E. Green
A group of area residents are, through an Abbeville County Library project, "taking steps" to improve their health. Literally. Welcome to Walk Across America, in which 16 individuals are walking across the USA, virtually, of course. "We have a little over a thousand miles to go yet," said Kristina Sutherly, health advocate for the Abbeville County Library. "We started on Sept. 10," said Sutherly. Setting their destination as the Santa Monica Pier in California, the group walked from Abbeville to Chicago, where they got on Route 66, to continue their journey out west to the Pacific Ocean. The project should be finished by mid-November, Sutherly estimates. "Each member of the group sets their own goals for the week," said Sutherly. Each member of the group monitors his walking with a

pedometer or an app, and each reports every Monday how much he has walked. The most productive member of the group last week walked 61 miles during that time. Sutherly emphasized that the members of the group are not competing against each other. They are all just participating in a project to heighten their awareness of how important it is to get up and move. Participants count their steps not only while they are "exercising" but while they are performing relatively mundane tasks during the course of the day. It's all for a goal of "walking for a better life", with the goal of improving your health, but there can be a number of side benefits as well, such as boosting your social life. If you go out for a walk you're bound to meet people--people with whom you might stop to talk, and form friendships. The project has included

at least one "detour" for fun. Participants enjoyed a scavenger hunt to downtown Abbeville on Saturday, Oct. 22. And they share stories of how walking has helped them lose weight, for example. "I've enjoyed it a whole lot," participant Lanny McKay said. I've lost some weight doing it. It's interesting to see how far we've gotten. It's been a great experience. I don't think I've ever done anything quite like that. Every week we call in our number of steps. Two thousand steps equal one mile, according to McKay. "I'm doing about 60,000 steps a week," he said.

The "Walk" is all part of a package of good things happening at the Abbeville County Library. The Library, for example, has been working with Clemson Extension to present a diabetes education class.

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Clemson Extension presented the Farm City event at the Abbeville agriculture building recently to teach youngsters about agriculture. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Farm City event at the Abbeville County agriculture building recently drew third graders from throughout the county. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Farm City event

Third graders learn about agriculture

By Henry E. Green

Third graders from throughout Abbeville County gathered at the Abbeville County Agriculture Building Thursday and learned about the importance of agriculture.

Farm City Day, a program presented by Clemson Extension and sponsored by Farm Bureau, offered these youngsters a chance to learn about agriculture in all its various facets--from beekeeping to horticulture--through 13 stations.

At each station, a presenter would talk to the kids about

a particular part of agriculture--the youngsters would stay 13 minutes at each station before moving on to the next one..

Clemson Extension Agent Adam Gore said that 207 third graders were in attendance, visiting stations that included perspectives on dairy, beef cows, horticulture and beekeeping.

About 20 volunteers from Abbeville, McCormick, Greenwood and Anderson counties were on hand. Members of the Parnell family talked about goats

and sheep, and horses from the Burton equine center excited considerable interest, for example, Gore indicated.

Gore said that he and Victoria Steele and Jenny Mountford of Clemson Extension joined forces to organize the event.

The Farm City gathering has been held annually for a number of years. Kids get the opportunity to look at and even touch animals with which they would not ordinarily be familiar.

Woman robbed while grocery shopping

An individual was allegedly robbed while shopping in a grocery store, according to an Abbeville Police incident report.

On Oct. 30, officers were dispatched to Ingles Market on North Main in Abbeville in reference to an alleged shoplifting incident.

"Upon arrival, officers made contact with Ingles staff who stated that an unidentified female had taken a shopping cart containing various grocery items," the incident report stated.

"It was also stated that

along with the grocery items was a customer's clutch containing various credit/debit cards, insurance cards, checkbooks, identification cards, as well as other various personal items."

The victim said that she had left her cart unattended while shopping within the store, and upon returning to where her cart was last located observed it to be missing, and then reported it to the store management.

The store management then viewed surveillance

footage where the incident had been observed and at this time called for a law enforcement response.

Officers viewed footage of the crime and obtained a description of a suspect and a description of the clothing, the report continued.

According to the Police, Deja Avonda Valente Mathis, 30, of 313 Washington Street, Number 212, Abbeville, has been arrested, and faces charges of shoplifting and financial transaction card or number theft.

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Panthers defeat Columbia 70-14

Abbeville makes
Capital investment

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville High School annihilated Columbia in the first round of the state playoffs in varsity football Friday night at Hite Stadium in Abbeville, 70-14.
Abbeville scored, and scored, and scored some more, and all during the second half there was a running clock.
The Panthers scored the first of their many touchdowns after Ty Cade blocked a Columbia punt after the home team had kicked off to the visitor to open the game, and Damarcus Leach recovered the ball in the end zone.
Columbia punted on its next possession, leaving the Panthers to take possession at the Capital 26. A. Patterson then rambled 26 yards into the end zone for another Panther touchdown, and AHS led 14-0 with 7:45 in the first quarter.
Then, it was Jamal Marshall's turn, with the running back sprinting to the end zone on a 61 -yard touchdown run following yet another Capital punt. With a successful PAT, AHS led 21 -0 with 7:45 left in the first quarter.
The Panthers showed no signs of stopping. Following yet another Capital punt--one which allowed Abbeville

to set up shop at the AHS 48, JhaLouis Haddon rambled 52 yards to the end zone, and AHS led 28-0 with 5:05 left in the first quarter.
Antonio Harrison, back in the action after an injury had sidelined him, returned a punt to put AHS up 35, following a successful PAT, and AHS led 35-0 with 3:17 left in the first quarter.
However, the visitors were not quite ready to throw in the towel. Columbia scored on a 72-yard pass to cut the AHS lead to 35-6.
In the second quarter, AHS scored through the air as well, with Javario Tinch catching an eight yard touchdown pass. With another successful PAT, Abbeville led 42-6. The conversion attempt was no good.
The Panthers snagged a Capital interception later in the second quarter, and a pass interference call on Columbia gave AHS a first down deep in the Capitals' territory. Antonio Harrison caught a touchdown pass to put the finishing touches on the drive. With a successful PAT, AHS led 49-6.
In the second half, it was more of the same.
Columbia kicked off to the Panthers to open the second stanza, and AHS took possession at their own

35, before Haddon sprinted 65 yards. Again , the PAT was good, and Abbeville led 56-6.
The Capitals then started their next drive at their own 20. Three plays later, Harrison intercepted a Columbia pass 21 yards for a touchdown. Abbeville led 63-6.
Abbeville's scoring parade ended with a touchdown run by Jakwon Elmore, and AHS went up 70-6. However, in the closing moments of the game, the Capitals, on their final drive of the game, set up shop at the Columbia 20, and used a 41 yard pass to get to the Abbeville 39 Five plays later, Columbia went through the air to score its second touchdown of the night, and the two point conversion was good to provide for the 70-14 final score.
AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles indicated following the game that he was pleased with the effort his troops had put forth.
"We played a lot of people," he went on to say.
AHS is now poised to host Newberry this coming Friday at Hite Stadium at 7:30 p.m. in the second round of the playoffs.
Newberry, said Nickles, has a spread offense. It is a team which has "good athletes everywhere" and which is "very well coached."



Abbeville High School varsity football mainstay Antonio Harrison (2) is back after an injury kept him on the sidelines. Here is in in action against Columbia. (Photo by Andy Johnston)

Hornets eliminated from playoffs

Dixie loses to
Calhoun County

By Henry E. Green
Dixie went on the road and lost to Calhoun County 33-21 in the first round of the state playoffs in varsity football, and with the loss, the Hornets concluded their season, according to Dixie High School head football coach Vic Lollis.
Hunter Satterfield scored on an interception return of about 70 yards in the second quarter, and Tae

Donald scored on scoring runs of five and six yards in the first half.
Lollis said that Donald "was breaking loose on a run of about 65 yards, and the official blew the play dead. "I disagreed with that call," he said. "The pile never stopped moving."
Lollis said that this was a turning point in the game--a "momentum swinger".
"We were up 21-20 when

that call was made," he said. Calhoun County scored after that, and went ahead to stay.

This game was the best the Hornets played all season, Lollis said, noting that his troops came together as a team.

Dixie finished with a 3-8 record and the Hornets were 2-4 in the Region.



That sturdy Abbeville High School defense was much in evidence Friday night against Columbia, as Gage Evans (30) helped stem the Capital running game. (Photo by Andy Johnston)

Ron Dye wins weekly
football contest

By Henry E. Green
Ron Dye of Elberton, GA, is the king of this week's Press and Banner college football contest, according to contest editor Lamar T. West.
"With a couple of upsets this past week the closest anyone came to picking all games correctly was four misses," said West. "Ron Dye wins the \$50 prize with Mr. Tie Breaker working the math."
West said that 812 points were scored in the 15 game selection. "Ron picked 813, Brant Anderson 719, and Tommy Wilson 850," he went on to say. "If you happen to be a contestant missing seven or eight picks don't feel too bad--you were in the majority."
There are still at least three weeks to go, he said.
Mr. Dye rules over a week of excitement in college football.

The Gamecocks rebounded from their loss to Missouri with a road win over Vanderbilt It wasn't pretty--the Chickens had far too many penalties, and seemed unable to stop the Vanderbilt running game.
Still, a W is a W, and with the win Carolina became bowl-eligible. Yes, we know we picked Vanderbilt to provide the upset special. Hey, folks, it's not an exact science. Like the weatherman, the crystal ball has an off day every once in a while.
Next on the schedule is a visit to the Swamp. The home of the Gators will not provide any hospitality to the visiting Chickens.
We predict that our beloved Barnyard Foul will fall prey to the Reptiles. No, Florida is not a powerhouse, but the Gators should be enough to handle a visit from the Gamecocks . . Florida 28, Carolina 13.

Meanwhile, Clemson will be looking to rebound from its shocking loss to Notre Dame. The Charming Kitties fell out of the Top 10 to Number 12, and the sight of Irish fans storming the field after the game took your breath away.
The Felines will still be smarting from that loss when they take on Louisville, and they will be looking to take out their frustrations. The Tigers will prevail 35-13.
Elsewhere, Ohio State battled Northwestern--and Mother Nature--in Evanston, Illinois. The Buckeyes did not have one of their better games, but they prevailed on a day of win and rain.
Georgia throttled Tennessee, and LSU defeated Alabama in a game which sent Tiger fans into a frenzy. Talk about your Purple Rain on the bayou!



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The Abbeville High School band performed during half-time of the AHS-Columbia game recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)




Log cabins have their own stories to tell


By Henry E. Green
Two log cabins with a wealth of history behind them grace the area where the Abbeville County Museum is located, according to Rotarian Sam Jones.
Jones gave a Rotary presentation recently on the Abbeville County Museum and the area around it. The log cabins are not part of the museum, but have stories all their own.
One is the Conservation

Cabin, which was built by James Fell, one of Sam's fourth great grandfathers, back in 1815.
About 1980, Mary Fell McPhail arranged for the cabin, which had been located in the Cedar Springs area of Abbeville County, to be moved to an area near the Abbeville County Museum.
Last year, Sam joined members of the McPhail family in a clean-up day around the cabin.

Recently, a new synthetic roof was put on the cabin.
Also near the Museum is the Creswell Cabin, which Jones believes dates from about 1837, and which has fallen into disrepair.
The cabin came from the Troy community and was relocated about 1970 to its present location, according to Jones.
"It was taken apart and then reassembled," he said.




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Tim Hall of Abbeville, who recently won a championship in drag racing, has been racing since he was a teenager. (Contributed photo)



Scalded Dog is the name of Tim Hall's championship drag racing car. (Contributed photo)



Among Tim Hall's biggest fans in drag racing are his aunts Kathy Greer (left) and Rita Gamble (right) and his father George Hall (center). (Contributed photo)

Top dog

Tim Hall of Abbeville wins drag racing association championship

By Henry E. Green
Tim Hall has won it all. The Abbevillian has won the championship in the Southeast Gassers Association network of drag racing. Hall clinched the championship with a recent race at Shady Side Dragway in Shelby, N.C. He did it all with his car, Scalded Dog, a 1067 Rambler. "A lot of people helped with it," he said. "Family and friends." He is retired from the Army National Guard, and from the Abbeville County School District, where he was an auto mechanics instructor at the Abbeville County Career Center for 20 years. He has a wife, Christa, and three daughters--Danielle, Julie, and Katie. Danielle lives in Lexington, and the remainder of the family lives

in Abbeville. Drag racing is in Tim's blood. "My daddy was a drag racer when I was a little boy," he said. Tim, 56, has been drag racing since he was 16. This is the first time that he has won the championship, which he said is actually a world championship, with some drivers hailing from other countries.. "We had one guy from Canada, one guy from Sweden," he said. Drivers in the Association participate in a series of races, and accumulate points. At the end of the season, "the points total at the end of the season determines the winner." "It's an 11-race series--from Ohio to Florida," he said. Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia--all are home to races, too.

Approximately 150 drivers and cars participate in the network. "Quick reactions" go far to making you a good drag racer. "You also have to be good at reading the track conditions and making adjustments to the car," he said. "My daddy (George Hall) is crew chief," he said. Indeed, he has developed quite a following of family and friends, as he made his way from race to race. "We traveled 5,500 miles." Racing season, he said, extends from March to November. "It's kind of a warm weather sport," Hall said. So what comes next? That's easy--Hall hopes to win it all again. He's setting his sights on back to back championships--something which to his knowledge has never been done before.

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Gratitude

Psalm 18:1-2 "I will love thee, O Lord of my strength (2) The Lord is my rock and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

In his book, "A Love Worth Giving," Max Lucado has a poem on gratitude. We have a ticket to heaven that no thief can take; an eternal home no divorce can break. Every sin of your life has been cast into the sea. Every mistake you have made is nailed to the tree. You're blood bought and heaven-made. A child of God--forever saved. So be grateful, joyful--for isn't it true? What you don't have is much less than what you do. That poem expresses the sentiment of David in Psalm 18. This Psalm was written as a prayer of gratitude to God for delivering David from his enemies--especially king Saul. This poem of David reveals his determination to love God and declares the attributes of God for which David is grateful. The first attribute of God that David is thankful for is security. David declares that God is his rock. One can build on a rock. A rock provides a solid

foundation. Without a solid foundation, one cannot build a secure house. Likewise, without the solid foundation of faith in Jesus Christ, one cannot build a secure life. Not only is God the solid foundation but David declares that God is his fortress. A fortress provides security. David knows the Lord as the solid foundation of his life as well as the one who protects his life. The next attribute of God that David is grateful for is that God is his deliverer. God delivered him from the hand of the enemy that hunted him like an animal. If Saul could have gotten his hands on David he would have killed him without any remorse. God had delivered David from his hands. Jesus Christ has delivered us from the bondage of Satan and sin. We should be eternally grateful to God for delivering us from sin and death. Another attribute that David is grateful for is God's strength. David recognized that any strength

he had came from God. Folks the same is true of us, any spiritual strength we have comes from all mighty God. God gives us the strength to say no to temptation--without His strength we will succumb to it. God gives us the strength to live a life pleasing to Him. Without Him we would be powerless. David recognized he had been powerless to rescue himself from his enemies. He gives all the credit to God. We should give God all the credit for delivering us from the wicked grasp of our enemy, Satan. It is because of these attributes of God that David declares his trust in God. Because of God's past track record we can trust Him. He has never let His children down and He never will. God is our refuge and strength, we can trust Him no matter what our situation looks like. We can rest in the attributes of God. He is forever faithful.

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