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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."

Not to be

Planned food distribution event in Abbeville had to be cancelled

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District's food distribution event planned for Nov. 24 was ultimately cancelled, after the truck bearing the food failed to show up.

Hundreds of motor vehicles had crowded the parking lot on the Highway 28 Bypass on the western outskirts of Abbeville, for what was planned as a follow-up to an October distribution.

In the aftermath of the cancellation, Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary issued the following statement:

"The Abbeville County School District came across the Farm to Families program when a fellow superintendent in a neighboring district shared the information with me. On October 29, 2020 we held a successful distribution food weighing 32 pounds each to our community. I was sad last Tuesday that our second event had to be cancelled because no one could give us an answer on when the truck would arrive, so after waiting 4 1/2 hours I made the decision to cancel the event. To date, I have not received a satisfactory explanation as to what happened and as late as the evening of November 23, I had received confirmation that the truck would arrive at 9 am on the 24th. Please accept our sincere apologies for this mishap and know that our intent was to once again try and do a positive thing for our communities which we love and support. We think you folks are the best and we will continue to look for ways to give back to you in the days ahead."

"We regret all inconvenience caused," said Sonia in Abbeville.

sending 1,140 boxes of Gass, state director of Save the Children, which is collaborating with a food distribution company that is based in Florida.

> Save the Children, she said Tuesday, is working diligently to address food insecurity issues in rural communities, issues that have been exacerbated by COVID-19.

"A child who is hungry is not eager to learn," she said.

A mishap at the warehouse, coupled with Thanksgiving traffic, led to the truck not arriving for the planned food distribution on Tuesday, Nov. 24, she indicated.

The Abbeville County School District had been working with Save the Children on the distribution planned for Nov. 24.

The two had already produced the massive food distribution in late October

A sea of motor vehicles packed the old Fred's parking lot on Highway 28 Bypass in Abbeville on Nov. 24 in anticipation of a food distribution that was ultimately cancelled. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

They're Swamp Foxes

AHS to play Marion High School for 2-A football state championship

By Henry E. Green

The AHS Panthers will play Marion for the state championship on Friday, Dec. 4, at Spring Valley High School at 5 p.m.

The Marion High School athletic teams are the Swamp Foxes, and their colors are maroon and gold and black, according to their Website.

The principal is Dr Daris

Gore, and Marion High School, Dr. Gore said Monday, has 653 students in grades nine through 12.

The head football coach is Randall State, and the Swamp Foxes play in Region Seven 2-A, Dr. Gore continued.

Marion won their Region, and they clinched the Lower State championship with a victory over Andrews High

School this past Friday niaht.

Marion is near Florence, and is located in the Pee Dee area of South Carolina.

"Marion High School is a school with passion and drive for students to succeed academically and athletically," Dr. Gore said. "We're small but we have a big heart. We support each other."

Pearl Harbor attack remembrance event set

By Henry E. Green

on Monday, Dec. 7 at 12:50 p.m. on Court Square in downtown Abbeville with a bell ringing to commemorate the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In the words of Wikipedia, Pearl Harbor was a surprise attack by the Japanese Navy against the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor,

will have a small ceremony U.S. personnel, including the equivalent of 9/11. 68 civilians and destroyed or damaged 19 U.S. Navy ships, including eight battleships.

The attack on Pearl Harbor not only led to the U.S. entry into World War II, but left an indelible mark on American history.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt called Dec. 7 a date that will

live in infamy, and it was for American Legion Post 2 The attack killed 2, 403 the World War II generation

> American Legion Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield explained that the 12:50 starting time for the commemoration program has a special significance.

> "The attack started at 0755 Hawaiian time, which is 1255 for us," Greenfield explained.



Abbeville Head Coach Jamie Nickles looks on from the sidelines during last Friday night's 28-10 victory over Gray Collegiate in the Upper State Championship game at Hite Stadium in Abbeville. Photo by Shawn M. Knox • www.shawnmknox.com

Trustees look at capital improvement plan items

By Henry E. Green Press boxes.

Locker rooms.

All are on the capital improvement plan list.

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees recently approved a capital improvement plan for School District facilities, and at the Nov. 17 meeting they discussed some of the items in that plan.

"We made a decision about painting the two activity buses, and we'll be going with a blue color with a District branding on it," said District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary Wednesday.

The two buses will be used for school activities at all schools.

"Any school can use these buses," he said.

The buses are slated to arrive within the next two weeks, and they can be used for "any school func-

"We will probably house them at the two high schools,

where that's where most of the use will originate."

There are plans to construct two new press boxes at Dixie and Abbeville High. "We'll add restrooms and

The press boxes will be built to replace aging press

concessions stands," Gary

boxes with safety concerns. The new ones will be aligned with the 50 yard line

at each football field. The new press boxes are to be constructed by the beginning of the 2021 football

season. "They will be a little larger,"

he said of the new press boxes. The restrooms and con-

cessions stands will be in the same building at either school, Gary continued.

Like the press boxes, they are to be completed by the beginning of the 2021

The new buildings will replace aging structures.

Preliminary designs have

been drawn up for the press boxes, and restroom/concession buildings.

There are also plans to build a multi purpose building at Dixie, and this building will be locker rooms, a weight room, a multi purpose room, and student restrooms.

It will be behind the school, and run parallel to existing buildings.

Preliminary designs for this building have not been drawn up yet.

The locker rooms are below standard, and the weight room is occupying academic space currently. Dixie is adding a wrestling program, and they need a facility in which to practice.

He is hoping that construction of this building could begin in 2021.

"We have capital improvement funds that will be used to pay for these projects," he said.

Tickets for game can be purchased on-line

By Henry E. Green

If you want to purchase a ticket to the state championship game Friday evening at Spring Valley High School between Abbeville and Mar-

ion, follow the on-line trail! According to a post on the AHS Facebook page, South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) is releasing 400 more general admission tickets for the game. Tickets will go on sale at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at https://gofan.co/search

One should search "Abbeville" or "SCHSL" to access Friday's game. According to reports, a es, whom he described as

number of tickets were purchased Wednesday on-line before the additional supply became available.

The state championship game between AHS and Marion is slated for 5 p.m. at Spring Valley on Friday, Dec. 4.

According to reports, tickets may not be purchased at the gate.

Spring Valley High School is located at 120 Sparkleber-

ry Lane, Columbia. Meanwhile, AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles expressed considerable respect for the Swamp Fox"very multiple on offense."

"They've got a lot of talent," he said. Although they can move the ball through the air as well as on the ground, "they lean more on the run than on the pass," he said, adding that their kicking game is "not bad."

The Foxes are very good on the other side of the ball as well, as they are very strong on defense as well.

While AHS has, to Nickles's knowledge, never played Marion before, an Abbeville recreation team played a rec team from Marion several years ago.

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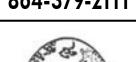
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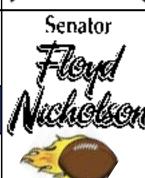
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In the days after Thanksgiving, the Abbeville Opera House got into the Christmas spirit a Christmas tree on either side of the entrance. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Online workshop deals with 'Growers 101'

By Henry E. Green

There will be a free Growers 101 online workshop from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 11, a workshop Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development.

"Join the local food movement and start your own farm from your backyard,"according to Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development.

"Are you interested in growing plants and vegetables to increase family income and provide local food to your community against COVID-19? 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."

The instructors will be coordinated through the Adam Gore, Ag/Horticulture Extension Agent and Wilder Ferreira, Regional Rural and Agribusiness Development Extension Associate.

This will be a Zoom meeting: https://clemson.zoom. us/j/9768809472

The meeting ID is 976-880-9472.

The Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development evolved from the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation, an organization which has worked to develop an entrepreneurial spirit here in

Abbeville County.

Ferreira, who is originally from Brazil, has helped coordinate competitions among local high school students in which they develop plans for hypothetical businesses.

He has been an instructor for many workshops, mostly dealing with how to develop a business successfully.

He has collaborated with Gore before to provide instruction on agricultural matters.

For more information on the upcoming workshop, one may call 864-302-2103 or visit awgore@ clemson.edu.

Fallen officers to be recalled Tuesday

By Henry E. Green

There will be a memorial ceremony at the Abbeville County law enforcement center on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 9 a.m. in memory of fallen officers Sgt. Danny Wilson and Constable Don-

nie Ouzts, but it will not be open to the public due to the coronavirus pandemic, according to the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office.

Wreaths will be laid at the monument in front of the law enforcement center at

It is all to honor the memory of two law enforcement officers slain on Dec. 8, 2003, in the course of a standoff between law enforcement personnel and members of the Bixby family on the western outskirts of Abbeville.

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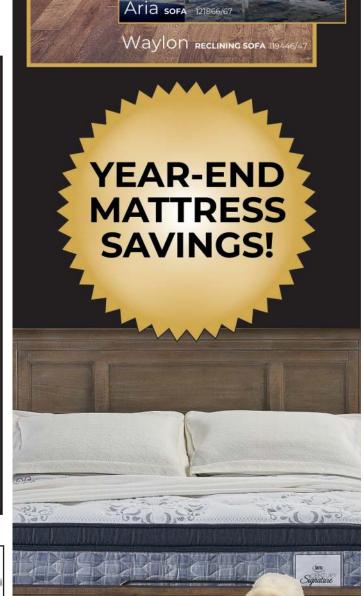
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It's an image familiar to AHS Panther fans. Just before a Panther varsity football game at Hite Stadium, the Panther football team breaks through the banner to march onto the field. Here's the banner just before the "breakthrough" before the game with Gray Collegiate, in which AHS clinched the Upper State championship. (Staff photo by Henry



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In the days after Thanksgiving, even the lampposts on Abbeville's Court Square got into the Christmas spirit, with greenery and ribbons, and a little red, white and blue mixed in. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville County man arrested on Child Sexual Abuse Material* Charges

South Carolina Attorney National Center for Missing General Alan Wilson announced the arrest of Benjamin Davis Henderson to Henderson. Investigators (age 34), of Abbeville, S.C., on 11 charges connected to the sexual exploitation files of child sexual abuse of minors. Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force investigators with the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office made the arrest. Investigators with the Attorney General's Office and Homeland Security Investigations, both also members of the state's ICAC Task Force, assisted with the investigation. According to a recent news release from the South Carolina Attorney General office.

Investigators received a

and Exploited Children (NCMEC) which led them state Henderson created, distributed, and possessed material.

Henderson was arrested on November 3, 2020. He is charged with three counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, first degree (§16-15-395), a felony offense punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment on each count; three counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, second degree (§16-15-405), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment on each count; and five counts of sexual exploita-CyberTipline report from the tion of a minor, third degree

(§16-15-410), a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment on

each count. This case will be prosecuted by the Attorney General's

Office.

Attorney General Wilson stressed all defendants are presumed innocent unless and until they are proven guilty in a court of law.

* Child sexual abuse material, or CSAM, is a more accurate reflection of the material involved in these heinous and abusive crimes. "Pornography" can imply the child was a consenting participant. Globally, the term child pornography is being replaced by CSAM for this reason.

Edwards to be sworn in at City Council meeting

By Henry E. Green

Trey Edwards is scheduled to be sworn in as the new mayor of Abbeville at the Abbeville City Council meeting planned for Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Edwards, who has served on City Council since 2018, defeated incumbent Delano Freeman in a runoff election on Dec. 17.

Freeman faced three challengers in the Nov. 4 general election--in addition to Edwards, Eric Delgado and Josh Baughman were vying for the mayor's job.

City Council elections are nonpartisan.

Edwards currently serves on Abbeville City Council,

having been elected to Council in 2018.

He grew up in Abbeville, and graduated from AHS in 1989, and he is a construction manager for Century Contractors, based in Matthews, N.C.

He has a fiancee, Jennifer Swearingen, of Abbeville.

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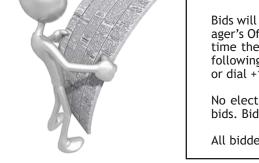
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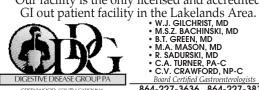
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At the installation of a recent president of the University of South Carolina, the US Secretary of State said education is the greatest influence in a person's life. Malcolm Muggeridge, a well-known activist in Great Britain, disagreed and said that television is by far the greatest influence in a person's life.

In the 1960s through early 2000s, the American school child, upon graduation from high school, had spent 11,000 hours in school and 15,000 hours in front of television because they had to have some time to also listen to music. To put that in perspective, if that child gets a badge for perfect attendance every year in Sunday school for the first 18 years of his/her life, he/she would have spent 636 hours in Sunday School.

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Six-hundred hours in Sunday School compared to 11,000 hours in public education.

Another way of understanding this reality is to compare 600 hours in Sunday School to 26,000 hours influenced by the world.

And what have children seen on television? Plenty of violence. Plenty of promiscuous sex.

What has been the world view of public education?

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These AHS Panther fans were displaying their joy at the end of the AHS victory over Gray Collegiate in the Upper State championship game at Hite Stadium recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Demetrius Harris receives scholarship to Culver-Stockton College

Submitted by

Culver-Stockton College Congratulations to Demetrius Harris from Abbeville, SC, on being accepted into Culver-Stockton College's incoming class for the fall 2021 semester.

Harris, a senior at Abbeville High School, also was awarded the Hilltop Schol-

arship, a \$10,500 per year scholarship for four years. This scholarship is awarded based upon academic credentials and is renewable provided the student remains in good academic standing.

Culver-Stockton College, located in Canton, Mo., is a four-year residential institution in affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). C-SC is the premier experiential learning college in the Midwest and is one of only two colleges in the nation to offer the 12+3 semester calendar, where the typical 15-week semester is divided into a 12-week term and a 3-week term.



The Town of Due West presented a "Market in the Park" on Saturday, with crafters showing up to offer items from Christmas wreaths to scarves. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Fall garden tasks to protect your landscape from winter wildlife damage

by Melinda Myers

As the seasons change, we adjust our gardening tasks and plantings to match. Animals also make changes this time of year, often changing their eating habits and dining locations. These adjustments can impact your gardens. Reduce the risk of damage by starting in fall to protect your landscape from hungry animals this winter.

Take a walk around your landscape to evaluate plants and plantings for their susceptibility to animal damage. Look for pathways that animals use to access your landscape and areas of potential damage. Note new plantings, animal favorites and those special plantings you would hate to lose. Make sure these are protected.

Check mulch around trees and shrubs. Deep layers of mulch and mulch piled around the trunk of trees and the base of shrubs provides shelter for mice and voles. These rodents like to gnaw on the bark of trees and shrubs in winter. Pull mulch off tree trunks and stems and spread out deep mulch so it is only two to four inches deep.

Protect young trees and shrubs with a four-feet-tall fence of hardware cloth sunk several inches into the ground to prevent vole damage at ground level and most rabbit damage. Mature trees are usually only bothered during years where the vole and rabbit populations are high and food is scarce.

Fencing around garden beds filled with animal favorites is another option. Make sure your fence is high enough, tight to the ground and gates are secure. You will need a four-feet-high fence for rabbits and at least five- to six-feet-high fence to keep deer out of small gardens. A fence of several strands of fishing line has proven to be successful for

some gardeners.

Repellents are another less obtrusive option. These use smell or taste to discourage animals from dining in your landscape. Check the label to see if the repellent works on the animals and rodents you are trying to manage. Apply repellents before animals start feeding for best results. Then reapply as recommended on the label. Look for one, like organic <u>Plantskydd</u>(plantskydd. com), that is rain and snow

resistant, lasting up to six months on dormant plants over the winter so you will

need to apply it less often. Scare tactics may be effective depending on where you live. In urban and suburban areas animals are used to human scents and sounds. Gardeners often hang old CDs and shiny ribbons in tree branches to scare hungry animals. If you opt for scare tactics, be sure to employ a variety of options and change their location to increase your chance of success.

Constantly monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the methods used and check all plantings for damage. When animal populations are high and hungry, they will eat about anything. Be willing to change things up if one method is not working. Using multiple tactics will help increase your level of success.

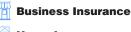
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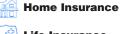
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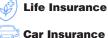
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Abbeville Shopping Center - Hwy. 28 (future Abbeville YMCA/old Fred's location)

Wednesday, December 2nd • 9:00am-1:00pm

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Tuesday, December 8th

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

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Tuesday, December 15th

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

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

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**Monday, December 21st • 8:30am-2:00pm

to allow results to be reported prior to the Christmas holiday

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

No testing the week of December 28th **Testing will resume January 5th**



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Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary (back to camera) administered the oath of office to newly elected school board member Joe Bryson and newly reelected school board members Buster Taylor, Keith Dunn, and David Brooks. The oath ushered in to new school board terms (from left, hands raised) Taylor, Dunn, Bryson, and Brooks. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Skip Hopkins)

Vaccine provides hope on horizon for pandemic

By Henry E. Green

The number of coronavirus cases in Abbeville County has raced past 800, according to figures from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

As of Monday, Nov. 30, at 1:15 p.m., Abbeville County had 828 positive cases, and 17 confirmed coronavirus-related deaths.

Among Abbeville's neighboring counties, Anderson had 7,610 cases, and 209 coronavirus-related deaths. Greenwood County had 2,926 cases, and 76 deaths, while Laurens had 2,432 cases, and 65 coronavi-

rus-related deaths.

McCormick County had
311 positive cases, and six
confirmed coronavirus-re-

lated deaths.

The state as a whole had a total of 203,659 cases, and 4,077 coronavirus-related deaths.

Nationally, approximately 267,000 Americans have died from the virus.

Despite the CDC's warnings that Americans should stay home for the Thanksgiving holiday, many people traveled for the holiday weekend, fueling fears that it would spark a surge in coronavirus cases on top of the existing surge.

These fears come even as Americans anticipate the coronavirus vaccine.

The hope is that, once the proper authorization is given, the first supply of a vaccine should be available before the end of 2020, and all adults should be able to get vaccinated later in 2021, according to the CDC.

A vaccine may not be available for young children until more studies are completed, the CDC said.

Other pandemic notes:

--It's no secret that the pandemic has devastated the economy. One prominent example is that of Atlantic City, N.J., where the virus has wreaked, according to reports, the hospitality and live entertainment industry.

--Also according to reports, "pandemic" is Merriam-Webster's word of the year for 2020.

Anticipation

The season of Advent is celebrated with wreaths, candles, and much joy

By Henry E. Green

Advent is a time of anticipation.

Advent means "coming" in Latin, and that is exactly what the season celebrates--the coming of Jesus into the world.

According to Wikipedia, Advent is the season of the liturgical year observed in most Christian denominations as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.

Advent 2020 began on Sunday, Nov. 29, and will end on Thursday, Dec. 24.

Christians typically celebrate Advent on the four Sundays before Christmas, and they revel in the symbols of the season, including the Advent wreath and the Advent candles.

According to www.christianity.com, the Advent wreath is used to symbolize newness, eternal life, and the death and resurrection of the Messiah.

Candles figure prominently in the Advent season as well. One Advent candle is lit on each of the four Sundays preceding Christmas. These candles can symbolize qualities such as hope, love, joy and peace.

Christmas wreaths, meanwhile, are traditionally made of evergreens, symbolizing eternal life, and the circular shape of the wreath represents God, with no beginning and no end.

Advent is a time when many churches have special services to usher in the Christmas season.

First Baptist of Abbeville, for example, has had in the past "The Hanging of the Green," a service highlighted by Scripture readings, the singing of Christmas carols and the decoration of the sanctuary with Christmas-related ornamentation.



Bell Toll Ceremony

November 2020 Honoring Deceased Veterans

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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 members 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 us for this solemn ceremony on the Abbeville square at 1 p.m., November 27, 2020. Also, all veterans are welcome to the American Legion meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Supper is served at 5 p.m. and the meeting is at 6 p.m.



Emery, 4K student at Busy Bees, and Olivia, a 2K student, are donating their items for Angel Tree into the Clemson bin. (Photo contributed)





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More SRH dates, times and locations to be announced soon. Always check the Self Regional website and Facebook page for latest info. about community testing events.



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Sam Montgomery, who played football for Greenwood High School before moving on to LSU and the pros, presented a free Thanksgiving dinner at the Abbeville Civic Center for the community recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Piedmont Techannounces finalists in Presidential search

Submitted by Kristine Hartvigsen

After a national search, the Piedmont Technical College (PTC) Area Commission has narrowed the field to its top three finalists for the is the current executive position of president.

PTC officials began their search this summer after Dr. L. Ray Brooks the college president for the past 13 years announced plans to retire at the end of the year.

The final candidates to succeed Dr. Brooks are: Dr. Carey Castle, Dr. Hope Rivers, and Dr. Scott Stallman.

Dr. Carey Castle currently serves as president of Somerset Community College in Somerset, KY. An Air Force veteran, he achieved the branch's highest enlisted rank, Chief Master Sergeant, leading deployments in Operation Desert Storm, Operation Allied Force and numerous other global assignments.

Before taking the helm at Somerset, Dr. Castle served in multiple administrative

roles at Greenville Technical College and Northland Community & Technical College in Thief River Falls, MN.

Dr. Hope Rivers is a familiar face to many in SC higher education, as she vice president of the SC Technical College System. In that role, she serves as chief advisor on educational programs, internal and external relations, and System advocacy. Last year, she was part of the System team that developed the state's new \$17 million Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SC WINS).

During her time with the System, Dr. Rivers engineered statewide transfer and articulation agreements with numerous colleges and universities. She is a Riley Fellow and graduate of Leadership SC. In 2019, she received the SC Woman on the Move Award from the SC American Association in Community Colleges.

Dr. Scott Stallman most recently served as vice pres-

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ident of instruction and chief academic officer at Lone Star College-Tomball near Houston, TX. His leadership there improved student success and enrollment significantly. His achievements at Lone Star include the establishment of the first Early College High School in Tomball, a High School Nursing Academy, an associate degree designed for students with autism and an aggressive health sciences expansion plan.

Dr. Stallman's experience includes numerous higher education leadership roles at esteemed institutions in Missouri and Illinois. He is a 2019-2020 Aspen Presidential Fellow, one of 40 chosen to participate in an executive leadership program designed to develop solutions for some of the largest challenges facing community and technical colleges.

The PTC Area Commission will hold interviews with each candidate the week of Nov. 9.

A giving spirit

Sam Montgomery presents free Thanksgiving dinner in Abbeville

By Henry E. Green

The phrase "giving back to the community" is wellworn, but Sam Montgomery seems to wear it well.

Montgomery provided a free Thanksgiving dinner at the Abbeville Civic Center for the community.

He had presented similar events in Greenwood, but the Tuesday before Thanksgiving represented his first such venture in Abbeville. He sat down at the Civic Center for an interview with

The Press and Banner as the food was being set up. Montgomery grew up in Greenwood and graduated from Greenwood High School in 2009.

While in high school, he

played for the Eagles, for which he was a defensive end, and for which he accumulated All-Region and All-State honors, and he was an All-American as well.

Then it was on to LSU, where he also played defensive end for the Tigers. An All-American at LSU, he recalls his days at Louisiana State as immensely happy

Then he set about taking his game to the next level, playing for the Houston Texans, the Oakland Raiders and finally with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Now he is a free agent living in Florence, and he is continuing to work on a degree from LSU. He had

left college early to go to the pros, but he is intent on getting his college degree, and he plans to graduate in May.

Meanwhile, Tuesday was all about the turkey, and the macaroni, and the cranberry sauce. There were rolls, and cold banana pudding -- and it was all free!

"And the food is QUALI-TY," he said. "This will be a complete meal."

We caught up with Montgomery again on Wednesday -- the day before Thanksgiving -- and he said the community dinner went very well indeed, with at least 250 people fed.





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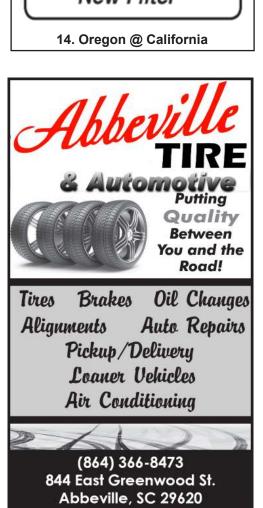
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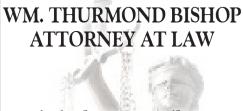
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Business Students Make Pumpkin Patch for Project Hope. After several weeks of collecting pumpkins, paints, stickers and decorations. Lander University students belonging to Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honor society, set up a pumpkin patch for students at the Greenwood campus of Project Hope, which provides services to the autistic community. Participants included, from left, Drs. Susan and Mike Shurden, who sponsored the project; Madison McCall, of Pelzer; Alexandra Sterling, of Batesburg; Marissa Hines, of Due West; Taylor Newton-Spritz, of Lexington; Sommer Burton, of Iva; Sarah Shojaie, of Ninety Six; Trisha Boatwright, of Lexington; and Katie Smith, of North Augusta. (Photo contributed)

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Small Business Saturday goes well in shops of downtown Abbeville

By Henry E. Green Shop till you drop?

That may or may not have been the watchword in Abbeville recently, as Small Business Saturday went well in Abbeville, with local merchants pleased with the number of shoppers who helped stimulate the local economy.

"My sales were 550% higher than the previous Saturday," said Paige Bowser, vice president of the Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association. "Not sure about other merchant statistics."

The Association helped coordinate the observance

of Small Business Saturday in Abbeville.

"Because we don't charge a membership fee, we consider all merchants in the downtown historic area to be members," said Bowser. "I estimate that to be 72 businesses."

Alocal merchant testified to the good business climate. "Black Friday was actually better," said Sam Richey, co-owner with Randy Curtis of Deason's flower shop. "We had a lot of foot traffic on Saturday. It was good for us."

Small Business Saturday was highlighted by large numbers of shoppers enjoying the sights and sounds of downtown Abbeville.

On Abbeville's Court Square, you could find Nicole Calvert of Greenwood with her children William and Peyton, and her father William Calvert of Florida.

They were in downtown Abbeville for Small Business Saturday, their first in Abbeville, and Nicole said that they had "already spent a ton."

They had bought some antiques, and visited Trinity Episcopal Church.

"We love Divine Your Space," she added.

Upcoming Santa Stroll and Festival of Trees

Submitted by Andrea Scott, **Hospice & Palliative** Care of the Piedmont

The 29th annual Festival of Trees, "A Nutty Christmas!", will be held December 4th, 5th and 6th at First Baptist Church. Come and enjoy lavishly decorated trees and beautiful wreaths to get you in the holiday spirit!

First Baptist Church on Grace Street in Greenwood Friday, December 4th 1:00 pm - 5:00 pmSaturday, December 5h

11:00 am - 5:00 pm Sunday, December 6th 1:00

pm - 4:00 pm For many years, the Festival of Trees has become a

special part of the Christmas celebration for people in our community. In addition, funds raised through the event help to support care

for terminally ill hospice patients. Many associated with the Festival felt that because of the unique challenges of the year, it was more important than ever to create this special Holiday experience.

The biggest difference this year with the Festival of Trees will be the auction. The live auction will be a ticketed event with a limited number of attendees. Due to safety concerns, there will not be a bake sale, concessions, entertainment, or the luncheon. All attendees will be expected to follow the rules set up by First Baptist Church by wearing masks, social distancing and a limited number of people will be allowed to view the trees at one time.

The Santa Stroll is Saturday, December 5th at 10 am also at First Baptist Church. Our 5K walk (3.1

miles) takes you from First Baptist Church through surrounding scenic residential areas... or try the one-mile fun walk. You may register up until the day of the walk. Social distancing and safety precautions will be in place.

All proceeds benefit Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont patients and families... Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont is your community non-profit network of care that provides expert, life-changing health care for those living with advanced illnesses. We have served Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties since

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Obituaries

Wardlaw

Edgar Wardlaw, Jr., 77, of Abbeville, husband of Faye Wardlaw, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at his home.

Born May 4, 1943 in Abbeville, he was the son of the late Edgar Wardlaw, Sr. and Martha Sherard Wardlaw. Edgar attended Abbeville public schools and retired from the South Carolina Department of Transportation after 35 years as a maintenance foreman. A life member of the Dreher Masonic Lodge 370 for 31 years, he was of the Baptist faith and affiliated with Walnut Grove Baptist Church in Abbeville County.

Edgar was preceded in death by a very loving aunt, Fannie Bell Rouse.

survived by his children, Evelyn Harris (Andrew) of Abbeville, Evangelist Lytonuia Cole of Miami, FL, Jacqueline Dixon (Edward) of Honea Path, Anthony Moore and Edgar Moore,



Edgar Wardlaw, Jr.

wood, April Mars of Columbia, and William Starks, Jr. (Iris) and Rico Starks, all of Georgia; twenty-one memorial contributions, in grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Edgar will also be missed by his dear stepmother, Gladys Wardlaw, of Abbeville and In addition to his devot- her family; two sisters-ined wife of 26 years, he is law, Ruby Belton (Robert) and Debra Mars, all of Abbeville; a brother-in-law, John Mars (Sara) of Anderson; four special cousins regarded as siblings, Janie Bell and Lewis Wardlaw (Barbara) of Anderson, both of Abbeville, Lisa Fannie Lewis (Robert) of Tolbert (Derrick) of Green- Abbeville, and James W. Wardlaw family.

Wardlaw of Simpsonville; and a host of other friends and relatives.

A private family funeral service was held in the Harris Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Social distancing guidelines will be observed and masks are encouraged. Those wishing to pay their respects visited Harris Funeral Home on Monday, November 30 from12:00PM-5:00PM and Tuesday, December 1 from 9:00AM - 12:00PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memory of Edgar, be sent to Beyond Abuse, PO Box 693, Greenwood, SC 29648 or online at beyondabuse.

The family is at their respective homes.

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

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the

Obituaries

Threlkeld

Thomas Allen Threlkeld, 62, of Abbeville, died Sunday, November 29, 2020 at the Abbeville Nursing Home. He was born in Abbeville to the late T.B. and Cora Davis Threlkeld.

Thomas was a 1979 graduate of Abbeville High School. He participated in the Special Olympics and was a member of Lebanon Presbyterian Church and the Men's Sunday School Class. An enthusiastic Abbeville Panther fan, Thomas enjoyed reading the Press & Banner and keeping up with all the news in the town.



Thomas A. Threlkeld

He is survived by his loving Abbeville family, Susie New and her sons, Al and Ellis New and a sister, Linda Sweat of Ware Shoals.

Graveside services will be

11:00AM, Wednesday, December 2, 2020 in Melrose Cemetery with Pastor John Butler officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions, in memory of Thomas, may be sent to the Special Olympics - South Carolina, 109 Oak Park Dr.,

Irmo, SC 29063.

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

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the Threlkeld family.

Death Notice

Crittendon

Sara 'Issie' Crittendon. 94, of Lowndesville died Tuesday, December 1, Greenwood.

Arrangements will be an- vices of Abbeville.

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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.

Visit scdhec.gov/findatest or call 1-855-472-3432 to find COVID-19 testing near you.





Obituaries

Hilley

Frances Tucker Hilley, 80, of Abbeville, SC, wife of Walt Hilley, died November 29, 2020 at her home after a long illness with Parkinson's Disease. She was born in Anderson, SC to the late Arthur and Kathleen Hollingsworth Tucker of McCormick, SC.

Frances was employed with Pirelli Cable, Rocky River Mills, and Dr. Mark Horton until she retired. After retirement, she volunteered at Abbeville Hospital Frances Tucker Hilley for several years. Amember of Bells United Methodist mannerisms. with her family.

Her vibrant personality



Church, Frances enjoyed She is survived by her Abbeville SC 29620. playing golf, traveling and, husband of 61 years, Walt; most of all, spending time two sons, Byron (Lou) Hilley of Greenwood and Ray (Susan) Hilley of Abbeville; brightened every room fourgrandchildren, Brittany she entered, as well as the (Blake) Ware, David Hilley, lives of those around her. Tucker (Becki) Hilley, and Frances was larger than life Catherine Hilley; and four with her infectious laugh, great-grandchildren Sarah, giving nature, and genteel Liam and Scarlett Ware and

Drake Hilley.

Funeral services were 11:00AM, Tuesday, December 1, 2020 in Bells United Methodist Church with the Rev. Scott Allen officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends immediately following the graveside in the fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions, in memory of Frances, may be sent to the Bells United Methodist Church Building Fund, 2540 Flat Rock Rd.,

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

Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Hilley

Obituaries

Guilford

Lottie Jean Ayers Guilford, 84, resident of 82 Woodhaven Lane widow of Sam Jefferson Guilford Passed away Friday Nov. 27, 2020 at the Hospice House in Greenwood, SC.

Born Nov. 7, 1936 she was a daughter of the late Earl Pelham Ayers and Qurdee Cleveland Ayers.

She grew up in Abbeville, SC where she started teaching dance at the age of 14. She studied dance in NYC and traveled around of the Fidelis Sunday School Georgia and South Carolina Teaching countless number of children to dance. Her love of dance spilled over to her 2 daughters and granddaughter and they are carrying on her legacy at The Greenwood Dance Center (formerly Lottie Jean's School of Dance). She met her late husband Sam on everyday from that day forward. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend close friends will be con-

family, friends, our dance families and students and most of all her Lord and touched so many lives and impacted everyone she met in a positive way. She always remembered peoples name and cared deeply for others. She treasured her memories and friends at Abbeville First Baptist Church and New Covenant Church. She was a member Class.

Jeff Guilford (Felicia) of Greenwood, SC; two daughters Jeanne Ware (Clyde) of Abbeville, SC and Jill Kagley (Larry) of Greenwood, SC; five grandchildren Matthew Ware (Lauren), Haven Amiri (Nak), Cade Kagley, Samantha and Jenna Guilford; a blind date and loved him three great-grandchildren Holland, Paxton and Maya.

A Celebration of Lottie

Jean's life with family and

and teacher. She loved her ducted Friday Dec. 4, 2020 at 11:00 AM at New Covenant Church with the Rev. David Harrell officiating. Savior Jesus Christ. She Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic face mask will be required to enter and social distancing will be followed. A drive by visitation will follow in the church parking lot.

The family request please no flowers or plants in memory of Lottie Jean just memorials to RCRI PO Box 423, Due West, SC 29639 all monies raised will go towards building a girls Survivors include: a son dormitory at Nyabihu Christian Academy in memory of Lottie Jean or to Hospice of the Piedmont, 408 West Alexander Ave. Greenwood, SC 29646.

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

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

Crime prevention to be focus of meeting

By Henry E. Green

There will be a special meeting at Lake Secession concerning what a number of Lake residents perceive as a growing crime problem

The meeting, coordinated and presented by the Friends of Lake Secession, will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Lake Secession community center.

"We have a growing problem with crime on and around the lake," said Leslie

G. McIntire. "Both Anderson and Abbeville counties of the lake are affected -- small things like stealing things from boats and more higher dollar items being stolen from peoples homes/ property."

The Friends of Lake Secession has asked both Abbeville and Anderson County Sheriff Departments to come and speak on what they are doing to help prevent crime and also to inform lake residents on what their options are, she continued.

"We also have asked West Carolina (Tel) to come and speak of what options they can provide to residents regarding security and cameras.

"The association wants to provide information and a forum for our residents to help our community better."

The Friends of Lake Secession were formerly the Lake Secession Rocky River Property Owners Association.



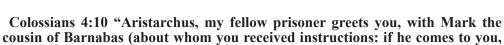
The Abbeville High School Panthers marched arm in arm just before the beginning of the AHS game with Gray Collegiate, in which Abbeville defeated the War Eagles to clinch the Upper State championship. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

a Word from "THE WORD"

Rev. Dr. John Keith

Second Chance





Famous entertainers such as singer Frank Sinatra, actor Peter Lawford, composer Leonard Bernstein, and a number of other celebrities were promised prime seats for the inauguration of John F. Kennedy, but they missed the historic event. They had supported Kennedy's run for the White House and were part of the previous night's parties that ran well into the morning hours. Rather than brave the inconvenience of getting up early and dealing with the cold weather outside, they chose to sleep in and watch the ceremony on television. They all concurred, "I'll see the president's second inaugural."

welcome him."

That presumed opportunity never arrived, nor do many we confidently push into the future. Many times in life one does not get a second chance, but here in Colossians 4:10 we see where John Mark, the cousin of Barnabas, received a second chance. Allow me

to share a little background. Here in Colossians 4:7-17, Paul lists some faithful servants of God who served with him and were trusted men in the ministry. He is giving these men a "shout out" or recommendation. Right in the midst of this commendation he specifically mentions Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. It is noteworthy to remember that this is the same Mark who accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their first missionary journey. He is the same Mark who left them before the trip was completed. He is the same Mark whom Barnabas and Paul had such a fierce disagreement over that they dissolved their partnership. Barnabas wanted to give Mark a second chance but Paul wouldn't hear of it. Let me share some thoughts on this verse.

First of all, this was Paul's recognition that Mark was a changed man. This is a major thing for Paul. On the second missionary journey, Paul was convinced that Mark was not trustworthy and he would not budge on his opinion. Barnabas was just as convinced that Mark deserved a second chance to the point he was willing to break fellowship with Paul to prove it. Something happened between the second missionary journey and Paul's writing in Colossians

Mark did not sit around and sulk because of his past failure. He got back into ministry and proved himself faithful to the Lord, so much so that Paul recognized his growth, maturity and value to the Lord. In 2 Timothy 4:11 Paul said this about Mark: "...Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry." Mark is an encouragement to anyone who has failed in his first attempts to serve the Lord. As Mark received a second chance to serve the Lord, so can you and I. Second, this was Paul's recommendation of Mark. Paul recognized that Mark was a worthwhile servant and he had no reservations about recommending him for service. This would no doubt go a long way with the church at Colossae. Paul was a much revered servant of God and if he put his stamp of approval on someone it meant a great deal.

This recommendation not only reveals a great deal about Mark, but it also reveals a great deal about Paul. Paul was willing to change his mind about someone who had failed. Paul was willing to admit that people can change. Paul was not like many folks who close their minds to people who fail and refuse to admit that people can change for the better. Paul was willing to give Mark a second chance to serve the Lord.

Third, the church at Colossae received him. Some folks must have still had a reservation about Mark, but Paul's recommendation would dispel them. Paul mentions to the Colossians that they had received instructions about Markwe do not know how they received them. They may have been sent personally by messenger or conveyed in an earlier letter.

Furthermore, the Scripture does not reveal to us whether or not they did receive Mark like Paul encouraged them to do. But I can't help but believe that they did receive him. Wouldn't you, if Paul asked you?

I do not know where you are at the time of the writing of this column. You may be like Mark, failed in your attempt to serve the Lord. Let Mark's example encourage you. He did not sit and sulk on the sidelines thinking it was all over. He dusted himself off, got back into the ministry and God used him in a mighty way. That could be your testimony as well. Follow his example.

You may be like Paul, writing someone off as a failure. Maybe you should give that person a second chance. If you do, you just might be surprised at what God will do with that person. Who do you know that needs an encouraging word? Why not give it to him today?



Shoppers gathered at Lander University's Josephine B. Abney Cultural Center for the annual Ceramics Sale. Proceeds from sales benefit the student and alumni artists and the Lander Department of Art. (Photo by Laura Brown)

Lander University's annual Ceramics Sale a hit among students and shoppers

Submitted by **Karen Petit**

The week of Thanksgiving began with a feast of art.

the holiday season with about 1,000 art pieces available for sale, kicking off the shopping season with a blast of color and design at the Josephine B. Abney Cultural Center.

The much-anticipated event featured designs by 15 Lander students and guest alumni Ashley Dever Seufer of Elgin.

Lander students Hallie Smith of Greenville and Brianna Clayton of Greenwood worked double duty as creators of ceramics pieces and sales staff patiently tallying the sales of customers who picked up platters, pitchers,

mugs, Christmas ornaments in the future and have an and other functional and arts-related business." decorative items.

in the second grade. "As I got older, I became more interested," she said, noting that she hopes to pursue a profession in the arts as a ceramics artist and photographer. "It's worthwhile to see that someone likes something I created that I didn't like as much."

Clayton, 22, a Lander of Lexington and Grace senior, said the event was a big success. "It's been a great morning," she said of shoppers who assembled for the sale.

> ceramics was sparked in the seventh grade and continued at Lander. "I would like to pursue my art interests

Watching shoppers peruse For Smith, 20, a junior the ceramics pieces of her arts major, the ceramics students, Sandy Singletary Lander University's annual sale is the culmination of a was visibly proud. "We have Ceramics Sale ushered in passion for art that began more pots, bigger pots and the most pots that we've ever had," said Singletary, a ceramics artist and chair of Lander's Department of Art. "It's very rewarding. Students are able to see the body of work that has been done."

> Singletary praised her students' ability to create during a time of extraordinary restrictions. "Our studio is up and running and has been since we returned in August. We've practiced Clayton's desire to create distancing, we've worn masks, and we've kept right on going. Today is proof of the hard work and talent of our students and alumni."



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Punching their ticket AHS Panthers defeat Gray Collegiate to

advance to state championship game

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville defeated Gray Collegiate 28-10 Friday night at Hite Stadium to clinch the 2-A Upper State championship in varsity football action.

The victory allows the Panthers to play Marion for the 2-A state championship in varsity football this coming Friday--Dec. 4-- at 5 p.m. at Spring Valley High School in Columbia.

It was the second straight year AHS had defeated the West Columbia-based school. The Panthers met the War Eagles in the playoffs last year, and emerged with a victory.

The second half of the Upper State championship game this past Friday "was one of the best we've ever played," AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles said Friday night following the

The coach acknowledged

that his defense bent but did not break. During half time, he challenged his players to kick their performance up a notch, and, indeed, in the second half the Panthers tackled better.

"This was a total team victory," he said.

The play of the game, the one that seemed to create the most buzz, was the halfback pass that put the Panthers ahead just before halftime.

It could not have come at a more opportune time. The War Eagles had just scored on a five yard run to go up 10-7, and the Abbeville faithful were ominously silent.

Nickles credited assistant coach Tony Temple with coming up with what he termed "the perfect play call"--a halfback pass from Tyrell Haddon to Antonio Harrison, a 64-yard bomb that ended up putting AHS up 14-10, with 1:24 left in the first half, and the Panthers never trailed again.

The second half featured more icing on the victory cake for Abbeville, with a 23 yard touchdown pass play on a connection from quarterback Thomas Beauford to Tyrell Haddon.

The Panthers sealed the deal in the fourth quarter when they blocked a War Eagle punt, and Abbeville's Seth Griffin ran the ball in for a touchdown.

In the first quarter, AHS drew first blood, thanks to a 16 yard touchdown run by Tyrell Haddon, and the War Eagles answered with a 25 yard field goal to cut the lead to 7-3 with 8:36 in the first quarter.

Haddon led the way in rushing for the Panthers, with 104 yards on 16 carries.

"We're so excited for our kids," said Nickles.



Abbeville running back Martico Jackson (35) runs for a first down during the first quarter of last Friday night's 28-10 victory over Gray Collegiate in the Upper State Championship game at Hite Stadium in Abbeville. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

Hughes claims this week's contest honors

By Henry E. Green

James Hughes of Calhoun Falls is the winner of this week's Press and Banner college football contest, according to Contest Editor Lamar T. West.

West put it all in perspective in the following fashion:

"In a week with four postponed contest games we had four entries missing only one pick," he said. "All four picked Purdue to win over Rutgers. Rutgers won the game 37 to 30 so it was close, as was the contest"--Nancy Scott with 767 points, Robert Scott with 757 points, with Ricky Balchin 740 points and last, with the least points was James Hughes with 701 points.

The total points scored in the 11 games played came to 632. If "Mr. Tie Breaker" added correctly, the winner is James Hughes.

"Hopefully December 5th will bring a full slate of games played.

"The Communist Chinese have a bad effect on just about everything. If you think you lost \$50 this week because of canceled games, don't forget to write your Congressmen.

"As we Gamecock fans are very used to saying, 'Wait Till Next Year,' or the next."

This was a week in which college football history was made. Sarah Fuller became the first woman to play in a Power 5 football game, when she delivered the opening kickoff of the second half for Vanderbilt against Missouri, as reported by ESPN.

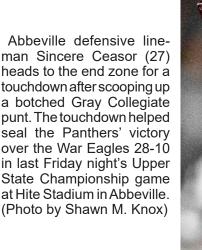
Fuller is a senior goalkeeper on Vanderbilt's SEC championship soccer team.

"Power 5" refers to the biggest and most popular athletic conferences on the college level. In addition to the SEC, Power 5 includes the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Big Ten, The Pac 12, and the Big 12.

On another note, a young man who used to be a member of the University of South Carolina football family has resurfaced in another part of the country.

Remember Jake Bentley? The former USC quarterback left Carolina, but has found new life in the world of college football as the quarterback of the University of Utah Utes, who played the University of Washington in Seattle over the Turkey Day weekend.

Washington won 24-21.







Abbeville linebackers Ty Cade (15) and Luke Evans (33) team up to stop a Gray Collegiate ball carrier during last Friday night's 28-10 victory over the War Eagles in the Upper State Championship game at Hite Stadium in Abbeville. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)



Abbeville running back Ty'rell Haddon (4) prepares to throw the ball to receiver Antonio Harrison on a halfback option play that went for a 64-yard-touchdown reception during last Friday night's 28-10 victory over Gray Collegiate in the Upper State Championship game at Hite Stadium in Abbeville. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

Livestream the Abbeville vs. Marion state championship game

In addition to purchasing tickets online to attend the varsity state championship game between the Abbeville Panthers and the Marion Swamp Foxes, one may watch the game online via livestream.

The livestream link, according to the Abbeville High School Facebook page, is http://tower2.sportfb.com/ hsfootball.php.

Although the link to stream the game is free, the website redirects to signup.bridlee.

net, where viewers are required to input their credit card information.

According to the redirect website <u>bridlee.net</u>, the company asks for your credit card information because they "are only licensed to distribute their content to certain countries." They further state that inputting credit card information is used to "verify your mailing address by providing us with

a valid credit card number."

The website says, "We GUARANTEE that NO CHARGES will be applied for validating your account. No charges will appear on your credit card statement unless you upgrade to a Premium Membership or make a purchase."

The Press & Banner encourages you to use your own discernment and discretion when signing up to livestream the football game in this manner.



Business of the Month





Abbeville quarterback Thomas Beauford (12) runs the ball through the Gray Collegiate defense for a first down during last Friday night's 28-10 victory over the Ware Eagles in the Upper State Championship game at Hite Stadium in Abbeville. Photo by Shawn M. Knox.

69 Years and Counting: The Return of Erskine College Football

Submitted by **Erskine Athletic** Department

It has taken 69 years, but Flying Fleet football is back Peeler said. at Erskine College.

Finally!

Here is what you need to know to keep up with the Erskine College football season, which officially kicks off in just 105 day

Athletic Director Mark Peeler envisioned the return of Erskine football's return beginning in 2008.

"Since I walked onto this campus 23 years ago, I felt it was a special place that offered a unique opportunity for students to develop in a rural Christian environment, but something was missing," Peeler said.

"Much of what I thought the spring." was missing had to do with school spirit and campus pride. I always felt football filled those pieces inat least it does in many

schools." Peeler worked on proposals for a football program, but the idea failed to gain traction at first. Then, after 10 years and two unsuccessful attempts, he was excited to see plans for football come together, backed by the Erskine College admin-

istration, in 2018. "I am honored to get to be involved with it and am so

grateful for all the people who have worked so hard to bring this vision to life. We are definitely doing football 'The Fleet Way,"

And now, since the hiring of head coach Shap Boyd in the fall of 2018, the program has been built from the ground up.

"I just want to say how very happy we are to finally be releasing a schedule," head coach Shap Boyd said. "It has been an interesting twoyear pre-season, and we are looking forward to being able to play some actual games."

"Some of our players have been practicing for two years for this opportunity. We feel blessed to finally be in this position, and God willing, we will get this kicked off in

Fleet Football was recently featured in the New York Times and The State and also received screen time on WSPA. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, Erskine's first game, scheduled for September 5, 2020, was postponed.

Now, over six months later (189 davs to be exact) on March 13, 2021, the Flying Fleet plans to host their first home football game in nearly 70 years.

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Abbeville defensive backs Zay Rayford (10) and Antonio Harrison (2) attempt to break up a Gray Collegiate pass during last Friday night's 28-10 victory over Gray Collegiate in the Upper State Championship game at Hite Stadium in Abbeville (Antonio Harrison came up with an interception on the play). Photo by Shawn M. Knox.

Erskine Men's Basketball Conference Carolinas Finalizes 2020-21 Basketball Schedule

Submitted by **Erskine Athletics** Department

Nearly a month after the Conference Carolinas Board of Directors voted to allow the men's and women's basketball season to begin no earlier than January 13, the league office officially released the full 2020-21 men and women's basketball schedule on Wednesday.

And now, the much-anticipated start to the 2020-21 athletic season and the chance to once again see your Flying Fleet take the hardwood is quickly approaching.

Women's Basketball Schedule | Women's Basketball Roster

THE WOMEN

After a 5-22 (5-17 CC) campaign last year, the Erskine women's basketball team begins its 2020-21 season on the road against Converse College on Jan. 13. The Fleet and the Valkyries split a pair of games played last season.

The schedule features eight home games and eight road games for the Fleet who will be coached by athletic director, Mark Peeler.

"I am excited that we finally have a schedule we can begin to prepare for," Peeler said. "It has been a difficult fall not knowing when the season might actually start." "This schedule has some

unique looks we have never experienced before. Playing at Barton on back to back days and facing Mount Olive at home on back to back days is definitely going to be a first, but I commend the conference office for putting together a 16-game schedule that allows us to compete during this pandemic in a way that will be safe and it cost affordable. I can't wait for January 13th!"

Tip-off times are yet to be definitively determined, but will be finalized in the coming weeks. Any non-conference games added to the schedule will also be announced at a later date.

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Conference Carolinas Tournament TBD Men's Basketball Schedule

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Teacher Cadet program an Important Conduit for **Teachers**

Submitted by Jeff Lagrone

It's no exaggeration to say that South Carolina's Teacher Cadet program has been hugely successful.

Since its trial run during the 1985-86 school year, the program has grown to include 188 high schools and 22 partnering colleges in South Carolina, and thirty-nine other states have followed South Carolina's lead by establishing programs of their own. Nationally, more than 71,000 students have become teacher cadets.

An introduction to teaching, the yearlong course provides an opportunity for high school seniors to earn dual credit while gaining insight into whether they've got what it takes to teach. They learn about cognitive development and effective approaches to teaching, observe teachers at work, interact with students, and teach lessons themselves. If they decide that a career in education is not for them, they can apply the credit they've earned toward any major they choose.

Teacher Cadets are under no obligation to attend the college that partnered with them, although they often do. Forty percent of the cadets with whom Lander University partnered last year now attend Lander, according to Assistant Professor of Education Tamara Pack, who directs the program for Lander.

"That's the highest that it's ever been. That's really exciting," she said.

Letters

Letter to the Editor

The new Washington-Cam-

complex that is being built as I

write this will have the highest

concentration of people in a

small area than anywhere in

Abbeville. It has the potential

to become a breeding ground

herself, while a student at education department, and Chapman High School, in Spartanburg County.

"That was sort of my defining moment, when I realized that I wanted to be a teacher. When I did that class, it just changed my life. It opened my eyes to working with children," she said.

Lander, a college partner since 1999, is currently working with 44 teacher cadets attending classes at Abbeville High School, Calhoun Falls Charter School, Ninety Six High School, and the G. Frank Russell Technology Center, which gets students from Greenwood High School and Emerald.

Renee Silver teaches the Teacher Cadet class at the Russell Center, and has been doing so for 15 years. She calls it one of her favorite classes.

"I love observing my students in classrooms, watching them work with students, and sometimes fall in love with teaching. I also love seeing many of my former students in schools because they are now classroom teachers," she said.

Emerald High School senior Mary Grace Morrow, a student in Silver's Teacher Cadet class, hopes that she will soon be one of those classroom teachers herself.

"Being in this course has allowed me to see my potential, and the impact I can have on the education system," Morrow, whose mother and grandmother are also teachers, said.

She plans on going into early childhood education.

"I'm hoping to attend Land-Pack was a teacher cadet er. They have a good teacher

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disapproval of the majority of

the city's inhabitants, con-

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I can transfer my Piedmont Tech classes as well as my Teacher Cadet class to this school," she said.

Lander's Department of Teacher Education is stepping up its efforts to recruit other promising students into its Teacher Cadet program, according to Pack. Greenwood High School students with grade point averages of 3.0 or better will soon receive invitations to attend a Teacher Cadet dual enrollment night in January.

"And then we're going to go to the other high schools after that," she said.

A series of parent nights are also planned, "where we actually talk to the parents themselves. We've never really done that before."

One of Lander's top recruiting tools is college day, when cadets come to campus, sit in on classes, tour residence halls, visit the Department of Teacher Education, and have lunch alongside Lander students in the dining hall. Because of the pandemic, college day will be virtual this year. Pack hopes a video that education majors are putting together documenting the college experience will succeed in making cadets "feel like Lander students for a day."

South Carolina's Teacher Cadet program began in response to the need for more teachers. With many leaving the profession because of concerns about the pandemic, the need is as great now as it has ever been.

"It's a huge issue," Pack

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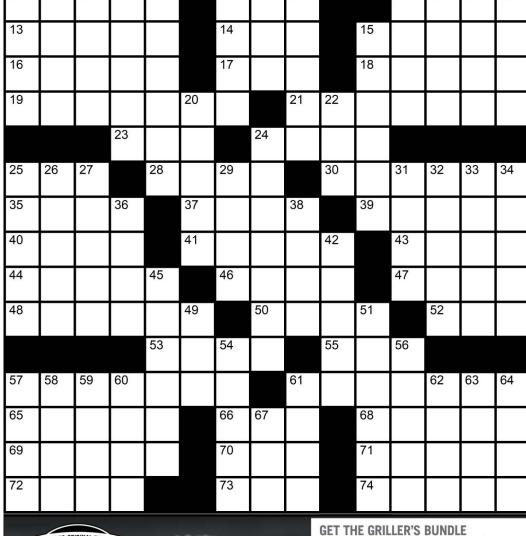
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Letters

Dear Editor,

After working 40 years as a registered nurse in Abbeville County, I retired and got my real estate license. Since then I have had the opportunity to meet a wonderful Abbeville County

employee, Toni Gilmer. She works in the deeds office & is the absolute best!

She is very knowledgeable, very personable and willing to help in any way.

I am so thankful that Abbeville County has such a great staff member that is willing to serve the public so well.

I wanted to publicly thank Toni for all of her help.

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Classifieds & Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371PC with the Probate Court of ABBEVILLE COUNTY, the address of which is 903 WEST GREENWOOD ST., SUITE 2300 ABBEVILLE, SC 29620, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims.
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Estate: Curtis Erskine Phillips Date of Death: 7/23/2020 Case Number: 2020ES0100262 Personal Representative: Christopher Eugene Address: 25 Oaklawn Dr. Abbeville, SC 29620

nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a

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Date of Death: 10/23/2020

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Estate: Danny Thomas Argo, Sr. Date of Death: 10/12/2020 Case Number: 2020ES0100281 Personal Representative: Brenda Joyce Brown Argo Address: 48 Argo Circle, Abbeville, SC 29620

Address: 246 Beltline Road, Abbeville, SC 29620

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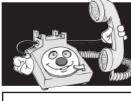
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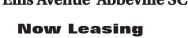
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