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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."

Abbeville City Council

Act of heroism recognized at meeting

By Henry E. Green

An act of heroism in the City of Abbeville was recently recognized with a proclamation presented at a City Council meeting.

It was a proclamation "honoring the heroism of Kingston Marshall, Jahmear Hardy and D'Nari Marshall in the face of extreme adversity."

"Jahmear, Kingston and D'Nari were placed in a harrowing situation when they were attacked by a loose dog," the proclamation opens.

Using quick thinking and an even quicker response

time Kingston, Jahmear and D'Nari were able to call for help from their father, the proclamation continues.

Kingston was injured in the course of protecting his siblings, "but he showed true bravery in protecting Jahmear and D'Nari from being attacked.

Kingston has shown a level of bravery that many aspire to but never achieve by placing his own well-being aside to protect those that he cares about."

Through the proclamation, the City "wishes to recognize Kingston, Jahmear and D'Nari for their persever-

ance in the face of imminent danger to their well-being and for the sacrifices that Kingston was willing to make to protect his siblings."

The family lives in Abbeville, and the incident occurred a little more than a month ago, according to Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone.

The proclamation was one of three at the Feb. 9 Abbeville City Council meeting.

The others were provided in recognition of the accomplishments of the Tracy Jackson summer program, and the Community Outreach Center.



An act of heroism in the City of Abbeville was recently recognized with a proclamation presented at a City Council meeting. It was a proclamation "honoring the heroism of Kingston Marshall, Jahmear Hardy and D'Nari Marshall in the face of extreme adversity." The family was honored by Mayor Trey Edwards (far right) at the Feb. 9 meeting. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Abbeville Police probe armed robbery

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Police recently provided an update on a report of an armed robbery in late January, according to a City Police news release.

On January 27, 2021 at approximately 8:30 pm Abbeville City Police responded to Nap's Grocery located at 501 Cambridge St in reference to an armed robbery that occurred at 1108 Cambridge St Apartments, the Police reported.

Upon arrival they spoke with the victim, who stated that he was robbed at gun point by three black males. Officers learned the incident

took place near the 400 building located at 1108 Cambridge Street, the report continued.

The victim said the three suspects took an undisclosed amount of cash as well as his cell phone during the robbery. The victim at the time was unable to provide Officers a clear description of the suspects. Investigators were called to assist with the investigation. Investigators were able to identify three suspects through surveillance video at the apartment complex.

Two of the suspects are juveniles and their names cannot be released nor

charges pending against them.

The third suspect was identified as Kobe Ahmad Young, 18, of 116 Hammond Street, Abbeville. He was charged with armed robbery, according to the report.

On January 28, 2021 one of the juveniles was arrested and transported to Columbia.

On February 03, 2021 the other juvenile was arrested and taken to the Abbeville Detention Center.

On February 03, 2021 Kobe Young was arrested and transported to the Abbeville Detention Center.

City of Abbeville seeks to renovate parks

By Henry E. Green

The Hodge Street park in the city of Abbeville will be closed until further notice while the City is conducting renovations, Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone said Tuesday.

The City crews are upgrading the park, putting fencing in, and upgrading the equipment, as part of an overall project to upgrade

City parks.

The Hodge Street park contains a slide, a swing set, riding toys, monkey bars, and a basketball court, the City Manager continued.

Crews will be refurbishing the older equipment and installing new back boards and rims for the basketball court.

Work at other parks is also

being done at this time.

"Hodge Street is the only one that's closed at this time," he said.

The overall renovation project is expected to take several weeks, and is being funded through the City's hospitality fund, with the total cost coming to approximately \$25,000, Stone continued.

Sea of umbrellas Chocolate Walk marches on in downtown Abbeville despite rain

By Henry E. Green

The Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association presented a Chocolate Walk in downtown Abbeville on Saturday, pressing on despite rainy, cold weather.

Participants gathered at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, where they bought tickets or presented the tickets they had already bought.

Each participant was given a bag, and a map showing

the various stops on the walk.

At each stop participants could enjoy a chocolate goodie.

The Chocolate Walk has become a February tradition in downtown Abbeville, where it is typically held in conjunction with Valentine's Day.

Those braving the weather to satisfy a sweet tooth kept their umbrellas handy.

About 80 people partici-

pated in this year's Chocolate Walk, said Jennifer Creswell, president of the Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association.

The inclement weather kept many people away, she noted.

The Chocolate Walk is one of a number of events which the Association presents, drawing people to downtown Abbeville, enriching the local scene.



The Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association presented a Chocolate Walk in downtown Abbeville on Saturday, Helping out at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce were (from left) Chamber volunteers Debbie Temple and Jenny O'Quinn, and Chamber interim executive director Julie Wilson. Walkers received bags for the Walkers to carry. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Abbeville County Council approved recently a proclamation honoring Janet Headrick (right) on the occasion of her retirement from County service. She served a number of years as administrative assistant at the Abbeville County fire headquarters. Abbeville County Council chairman Billy Norris (left) presented her with a copy of the proclamation. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

County wants to recruit grocery store

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County wants to recruit an additional grocery store, according to a resolution which County Council approved recently. At its Feb. 8 meeting, Abbeville County Council passed Resolution 2021-04, to adopt the Abbeville Grocery Store Investment Incentive Policy. Assistant Abbeville County Director Stephen Taylor said that the store should be a “dedicated grocery store” with a certain amount of floor space dedicated to

selling food.

There are certain areas of the County which could be deemed “food deserts,” underscoring the need for an additional grocery store, Taylor indicated. A food desert, according to Wikipedia, is an area which has limited access to affordable and nutritious food. The resolution mentions that the County could offer tax credits in this endeavor. County Council member Rick Campbell said Thursday that if the County does get an additional grocery

store, “it would be nice if it were located in Calhoun Falls.”

In other County Council news from the Feb. 8 meeting, Abbeville County Director David Garner said that the County government is in the process of applying for a number of grants, and is also working to prepare a budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

County Council member Charles Goodwin was absent from the meeting.

Nice and tidy Spring clean-up day in Abbeville slated for Saturday, March 20

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville, in partnership with a number of community groups, will have a spring clean up day on March 20, with volunteers that wish to pick up roadside debris, City Manager Blake Stone reported to City Council during the Feb. 9 meeting. The City currently has a list of roads that have been observed “with consistent levels of debris on them,” according to a report he gave to Council. These streets include

Harrisburg, Calvert, Haigler, Ferry, Cambridge, Branch, Vienna, Carolina Circle, parts of Washington, Carwellyn, Long Branch, East and West Greenwood, First and Meadow Drive, Stone said. Palmetto Pride will issue trash bags and protective gear for volunteers who wish to participate. The Greenwood-Abbeville Jaycees will be participating in the clean up event, according to the report. At the meeting, Mayor Trey Edwards said that Scouts

and a number of other citizens are also expected to take part.

In response to a question from City Council member Louise Aikens, Edwards said that he and organizers will work on a “rain date” in the event of inclement weather.

More details of the community clean-up are expected in coming weeks. Edwards said flyers are being made up to help promote the event.

County Council

Measure focuses on historic properties

By Henry E. Green

At its Feb. 8 meeting, the Abbeville County Council had first reading on an ordinance to create a special tax assessment for certain eligible rehabilitated historic properties. All first readings are read into the record by the County Council Chairman, and a vote is not necessary. Ordinance 2021-04 must pass through two more readings and a public hearing before it can become law. The ordinance encourages improvements on historic sites by freezing

the assessed value of the site before improvements are made. The City of Abbeville is in the process of passing a similar measure. Both the City and the County are, through these measures, using a tool offered by the State of South Carolina called the Bailey Bill. The Municipal Association of South Carolina offered this description of this economic development tool: “Enacted in 1992, the Bailey Bill allows local governments to offer a property tax abatement to encourage the rehabilitation of historic

properties. “For a period of no more than 20 years, the local government can lock in a special property tax assessment based on the property’s fair market value prior to rehabilitation. “This allows the property owner to avoid local property tax payments on the increased value resulting from eligible renovations. “The abated value is the difference between the fair market value of the building at the start of renovation and the fair market value of the building after renovation.”

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Speed bumps have been placed on Church Street in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Speed bumps placed along Church Street

By Henry E. Green
Speed bumps have been placed along Church Street, a thoroughfare which at least one person has described as a bypass for downtown Abbeville.

There have been a number of complaints that many people exceed the 25-miles-per-hour speed limit along Church Street.

Jason Edwards, who lives on Church Street, rep-

resents District Six on Abbeville City Council.

"Several of the neighbors had complained to me about speeding on the street," he said Friday. "And we've recently had two traffic incidents where speeding wasn't the main cause but if the humps had been in place the drivers would have been paying more attention."

"I put a request in with the City Manager to have it re-

viewed," he went on to say.

The speed bumps, one of which is located near Trinity Episcopal Church, and the other at the other end of the street, near its intersection with Walnut Street, were installed by City personnel on Wednesday, Feb. 3, according to reports.

"The majority of the road is a City road," said Blake Stone, Abbeville City Manager Tuesday.

Rotary Bedenbaugh provides restoration update

By Henry E. Green
The work to restore Trinity Episcopal Church continues, a speaker told Abbeville Rotarians recently.

Mike Bedenbaugh is the president and CEO of Preservation South Carolina, and he provided to Rotarians a PowerPoint presentation on the work on the steeple of the church.

Preservation South Carolina is working to restore the church, which, while it is widely regarded as one of Abbeville's architectural treasures, has a number of structural concerns.

In addition to the steeple, the stucco on the exterior of the church needs work. "That's got to be replaced," he said.

Portland cement was placed on the exterior of the church in the 1970s, and it needs to be replaced, because it is damaging the original mortar.

Meanwhile, an old gas station on the corner of Church and Vienna is being purchased by a developer.

The old station had been donated to Preservation South Carolina by the Beaty oil company.

Bedenbaugh is not certain at this point how the building

will be used. One possibility is that it could become a restaurant.

The developer is the Greenville-based NAF Holdings, said Bedenbaugh.

Thus, Preservation is selling the property to the developer, and a portion of the revenue from the sale will go to the restoration and Trinity, as well as other Preservation South Carolina projects.

Bedenbaugh would like to see more people join the Friends of Trinity, a nonprofit group which has been in existence since 1990 to support the needs of the church.

While the restoration of Trinity is definitely important, there must be work as well to maintain the church in the restoration's aftermath.

The restoration of the steeple, Phase Two, should be finished by the summer, and then the focus will turn to the stucco, Bedenbaugh continued.

The Prosperity native underscored the importance of the church to the community.

"It's the Eiffel Tower and Mona Lisa of your town," he told Rotarians.

Due West Council gets good audit report

By Henry E. Green
Due West Town Council cancelled its regular meeting for the month of January due to Covid concerns but met Monday, Feb. 8, accepting an audit report and renewing a state of emergency proclamation to help address COVID concerns.

Council accepted as information a Covid-19 Personnel Policy which outlines when to stay home if symptoms exist and what quarantines are necessary, said Due West Mayor Jeanne Knight.

The Town Council accepted during the meeting an audit report for FY 19-20. "We're in good shape," she said.

Also, Council renewed its emergency proclamation to address COVID concerns.

Finally, Knight provided a small profile of goings on in the community that Erskine College calls home.

"Work continues on the construction of a new building on College Street for a Dollar General," she continued.

"The Town has a new speed limit sign on North Main Street to alert incoming motorists of their speeds on a digital flashing screen. It is an attempt to slow speeders as they approach residential properties, Erskine pedestrian traffic, and Main Street businesses," Knight continued.

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Abbeville City Council member J.J. Jackson (second from right) was recognized at a recent City Council meeting for his work with the Community Outreach Center in Abbeville. Mayor Trey Edwards (far right) presented him with a proclamation, which underscored the community service which Jackson provided through the center. Accompanying Jackson were Sandi Hood (far left) a volunteer at the Center, and City Council member Louise Aikens (second from left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Community Outreach Center recognized

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council member J.J. Jackson was recognized at a recent City Council meeting for his work with the Community Outreach Center in Abbeville. Mayor Trey Edwards presented him with a proclamation, which underscored the community service which Jackson provided through the center.

For the past 13 years, the center has been engaged in a number of community service activities, including after-school youth programs, the Tracy Jackson program, the Angel Tree program, and holiday food giveaways.

Through the Community Outreach Center, Jackson has "positively impacted

the lives of thousands of Abbeville's youth and less fortunate residents," the proclamation states.

With the proclamation, the City recognizes Jackson and the Community Outreach Center volunteers for their dedication to the people of Abbeville, which "has resulted in a safer, more prosperous, and more caring community."

According to the Community Outreach Center Website, the Center is a nonprofit organization with an after school program and a number of student clubs, touching on topics from life-styles to science to technology, just to name a few.

In the Martha Jackson Book Club, each child is

committed to reading at least one book per month.

"We have a thriving group of student clubs," the Website proclaims.

The Center has a team of volunteers to help out, Jackson said Friday.

The volunteers include Cynthia Thomas, Martha Jackson, Kendra Linton, Sandi Hood, Thelma Woody, Michael Marshall, Sarah Kennerly, Rebecca White, Many Madison, and Gwen Simpkins, Jackson said.

"We feed about 15 children two times a day a snacks and a meal due to the COVID-19," he said. "Before we used to feed 40 children twice a day."

Developer announces building rehab plans

By Henry E. Green

A developer has announced plans to spearhead the rehabilitation of an old school building in Abbeville.

Tonya Haddock, making an electronic presentation during the Feb. 9 City Council meeting, said she hopes to work with the City of Abbeville to convert the old Abbeville County Training School building on Branch Street into an apartment complex for people aged 62 and older.

The building is replete with history, according to Haddock, who noted that the school, an African-American school before integration, was a "Rosenwald" school, one of five such institutions in Abbeville County.

"There's a very rich history there," she said.

Haddock said she wants to create 42 apartments for people aged 62 and older.

"We're applying for some grant funding from HUD,"

she said.

The historic preservation and rehabilitation of the building provide numerous opportunities for various amenities.

"We'd like to add a pavilion where we'd have a farmer's market," she said, adding that she would also like to see an African-American history museum established in the building's auditorium.

In response to a question from City Council member J.J. Jackson, she noted that the property has not yet been purchased, but is under contract.

Haddock said that she already has a concept drawing for the project, noted, in response to a question from Council member Chris Crawford, that she has spearheaded a similar project in the South Carolina town of Dillon.

The apartments, each of which will have one bedroom, will be "independent living" in format.

According to savingplaces.org, Booker T. Washington of the Tuskegee Institute and Julius Rosenwald, a philanthropist and president of Sears Roebuck, collaborated to build a number of schools for African-American children throughout the South.

More than 5,000 schools were funded in part by the Julius Rosenwald Foundation between 1917 and 1932.

"The City's only contribution at this time is assisting in connecting the development with area service providers," said Mike Clary, Community Development Director with the City of Abbeville.

"I will be working with a non-profit on this development and Cadence Development will be involved as well," said Haddock, a North Carolina-based developer, Thursday.

City has Opera House fundraising project

By Henry E. Green

With the Abbeville Opera House seat installation coming in the next six months, the City will begin preparing to remove the older seats in the venue.

The City will sell the intact seats for \$150 apiece, which will include a named engraving on a new seat, according to a report to Abbeville City Council from City Manager Blake Stone, a report discussed during the Feb. 9 City Council meeting.

Individuals interested in having their names engraved on the new seats

may do so for \$75.

All money garnered from the sale of seats and name engravings will go toward the Opera House Historic Preservation Fund.

"The Preservation Fund is something we set up in I believe late 2019," said Mike Clary, City of Abbeville Community Development Director.

"Currently, two dollars from every ticket sold go into that fund which will be used for the preservation and restoration of the Opera House building.

"For the seats specifically,

we are getting new seats as part of the current round of renovations and are selling the old ones as a fund-raiser for the Preservation Fund.

"The seats in the Opera House are likely about 60 years old at this point and are worn out. After checking with seating companies they are not good candidates for restoration and the recommendation was to install new seats."

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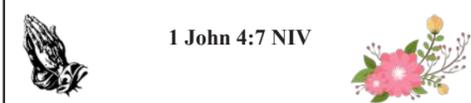
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The Tracy Jackson summer program was recognized at the Feb. 9 Abbeville City Council meeting. Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards (far right) presented the program's executive director Mary Lou Edens (second from right) with a proclamation, as Tracy Jackson program monitor Doris Starks (second from left) and City Council member Louise Aikens (far left) looked on. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Taking a village

City recognizes Tracy Jackson program of GIFT for its contributions

By Henry E. Green

"It takes a village to raise a child."

It's a well-worn phrase, but somehow it seems particularly applicable to the Tracy Jackson program of GIFT, a program by which nutritious meals have been provided to Abbeville County children during the summer for two decades.

It is also a program which was recognized by Abbeville City Council during Council's Feb. 9 meeting.

Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards presented a proclamation to a founder of the program, Mary Lou Edens, during the meeting.

The Tracy Jackson program "has been acting as a resource to the community for the children of Abbeville City during the summer when school is not in session since the year 2000.

With a caring staff at a number of locations every year, the Tracy Jackson program has provided breakfasts and lunches to children each week day through the

summer.

The program "has provided various experiences between meals for the children such as active and quiet games, speakers on topics such as careers, use of money, hobbies and civic responsibilities, as well as time to make friends and grow," the proclamation states.

Edens has served the program since its founding, and "many creative and caring people have served as staff, consultants, donors, board members and volunteers," the proclamation continues. The proclamation recognizes the program for its efforts to support the community, and thanks the program "for their positive impact on the children and the surrounding community."

Edens was joined by City Council member Louise Aikens, and by Tracy Jackson program monitor Doris Starks, during the presentation at the City Council meeting.

Accepting a copy of the proclamation from Edwards, Edens noted that the program, which was named after Aikens's daughter, has provided an experience which has been overwhelmingly positive.

The proclamation, indeed, notes that "it takes a community to raise a child", a philosophy which the program seems to embody.

Edens is the executive director for the Tracy Jackson program.

"We served 13, 880 meals last year in spite of the pandemic," she said Friday. "We did it at four sites (in Abbeville County)."

Those four sites included Hickory Heights and Carver Apartments, the Ellison Center, and the Community Outreach Center.

The program did it all with a staff of 10, including Edens, and a number of volunteers, and it was also done in partnership with the Abbeville County School District.

ACTS building has long, rich history

By Henry E. Green

Old building.
New use.

The old Abbeville County Training School building, located on Branch Street in Abbeville, occupies a prominent place in African-American history here in Abbeville County, according to a history supplied by developer Tonya Haddock, who wants to turn the building into apartments for people 62 years old and older.

The ACTS was built in 1925 as a Rosenwald School utilizing the Community School Plan for a seven-teacher school allowing for seven classrooms

and one central gathering space.

ACTS was built as a brick structure and not wood-frame which was the common material for most Rosenwald Schools, Haddock continued.

A.C.T.S. is one of over 5,000 Rosenwald Schools built in the South to promote improved educational opportunities and learning facilities for African American children. A.C.T.S. is one of five Abbeville Rosenwald Schools in the county and the only one still standing. This Rosenwald School is also one of 59 schools created in South Carolina

for vocational training.

In 1932 the school building was burned down and rebuilt in 1935.

According to an oral history with former Abbeville residents, Steve and Jean Miller, prior to 1947 classes at A.C.T.S. only went to 10th grade, and afterwards, the 11th and 12th grades were added, Haddock continued.

Later additions to the school were made in 1949 adding a new wing, cafeteria and nine additional classrooms rooms. The first commencement exercise in the remodeled building was held in 1951, Haddock continued.

Virus scene contains good news, bad news

By Henry E. Green

The coronavirus case numbers in Abbeville County continue to climb, although there is good news on the horizon.

As of 11:03 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, Abbeville County had 1,842 positive cases of the coronavirus, and 28 coronavirus-related deaths, according to data released by DHEC.

Among Abbeville's neighboring counties, Anderson had 17,594 positive cases, and 402 deaths, DHEC continued.

Greenwood County had 6,428 cases, and 136 deaths, while Laurens

County had 5,649 cases, and 132 deaths.

McCormick County had 698 cases, and 16 deaths.

In the state as a whole, there were 427,763 coronavirus-related cases, and 7,180 deaths.

The number of cases in Abbeville County has been climbing steadily.

As of Monday, Feb. 8, Abbeville County had 1,758 confirmed positive cases, and 24 confirmed coronavirus-related deaths.

As of Feb. 1, Abbeville County had 1,640 confirmed positive cases, and 23 coronavirus-related deaths.

On the national scene, the

caseload seems to be on a downward trend, and the vaccines provide a reason for optimism, but there may still be cause for concern.

The U.K. variant of the coronavirus is part of that cause for concern. According to the New York Times, new research finds that the British variant is "likely to be linked to a higher risk of hospitalization and death.

Not only may it be more lethal, but it may be more contagious.

A number of states are easing restrictions, but some health authorities are saying that this may not be the time to do this.

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Submitted by
Virginia Smith

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School District plans food distribution

By Henry E. Green
 Abbeville County School District will be teaming up with Farm to Family to present another food distribution for the Abbeville County community on Thursday, Feb. 18, at the old Bi Lo Building on Highway 72 on the western outskirts of Abbeville beginning at 10 a.m., according to Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary.

The School District collaborated with the organization Farm to Family last fall to

present a food distribution in October, when approximately 1,150 boxes of food were distributed in about three hours, Dr. Gary said Friday.

The food is all free, and each box contains as much as 32 pounds of protein-laden food, the Superintendent continued.

The food distribution will be in a drive-through format, and Abbeville County law enforcement personnel are expected to be on hand to help direct traffic, he said. ACSD will help to distribute

the food boxes, along with both of the FFA Chapters at Abbeville High School and Dixie High School, the District reported.

"Both of these FFA Chapters, along with their Advisors, Katie Finley & Josh Murdock, have been phenomenal in assisting us with this project," said District Chief Administrative Office Dr. Lori Brownlee-Brewton.

The distribution is being conducted by the District as a public service, to help address food insecurity in Abbeville County.

Abbeville Opera House Garth Brooks tribute rescheduled to April

By Henry E. Green
 The Ropin' the Wind Garth Brooks tribute, originally scheduled for Feb. 13 at the Abbeville Opera House, has been rescheduled to April 16, due to COVID issues with the band, said Mike Clary, Community Development Director with the City of Abbeville.

Ropin' the Wind is a Garth Brooks tribute band, based in Tennessee, Clary said.

This will be the third tribute performance slated for the Opera House, following

tributes to Elvis January 30, and Pink Floyd on Feb. 6.

"The Elvis Show just about sold out, and the Pink Floyd show DID sell out," he said, emphasizing that the shows were at 45 percent of audience capacity to provide social distancing to curb the threat of COVID.

The Opera House is continuing to tap the rich vein of classic rock and nostalgia. The Breakfast Club, an Eighties tribute band, is slated to perform on Feb. 20. Abbeville's community the-

ater promises to be a busy place in the coming months. The Abbeville City Council recently approved a slate of members of the Abbeville Community Performing Arts Commission, and this Commission is expected to help plan events at the Opera House.

The Commission will include Jodi Miller, Maria Brotherton, Mark Meyers, Jordan Clinkscapes, Shelley Reid, Audrey Adams and Joanna Fleming, according to a list provided by the City.

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The Due West Lions held a "drive through" chili supper recently at the Due West fire department. Club members gathered for this photo and the message that the supper was "sold out" -- happy news, indeed! (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Due West Lions have successful chili supper

By Henry E. Green
The Due West Lions Club held its annual chili supper Friday night--but with a slight twist. In the past, people would gather inside the Due West Fire Department, eat chili, and enjoy food and fellowship in this Due West Lions fund-raiser. This year, due to COVID, the format was a bit different. Chili enthusiasts drove

up in their motor vehicles, picked up their chili, and drove off without having to leave their cars. The drive-through format worked well on a cold, rainy evening. "Sold out," said Lions Club president Amos Cunningham, crediting chili supper chairman Jim Gettys and his committee. "We sold out within the first 30 minutes, with 150 pints

of chili," he said Monday. The money raised will be used for Lions Club projects, such as the Due West fall festival and other projects. "We have 57 active members, and we give to 23 different charities," Cunningham said. The Due West Lions are part of the international Lions organization, one of whose priorities is to help the visually impaired.

a Word from "THE WORD"

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Asleep at the Wheel

1 Corinthians 15:34 "Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame."

Stan Mooneyhan tells a famous story of an international congress held sometime back. The subject of the conference was the plight of the Jews in the Soviet Union who were not permitted to leave the country and were suffering various types of persecution. Simon Wiesenthal, director of the Jewish Documentation Center in Vienna, famous for locating and bringing to justice so many Nazi war criminals, was at the conference. Wiesenthal reported that a Jewish participant at the conference called his hotel at 2 a.m. Simon demanded irritably, "Why are you calling me at this hour?" The caller responded, "because you were sleeping."

The folks at Corinth may have felt like Wiesenthal about Paul's letter to them in 1 Corinthians—if they asked him why he wrote to them in such a direct way, he no doubt would have responded, "because you are sleeping." He wanted them to wake up. Some of the folks at Corinth were having doubts about the resurrection of Christ. These folks rejected the resurrection in order to rationalize their sin. He mentions this in verse 32: "...if the dead do not rise, let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die!" That was exactly the attitude of some of the church members at Corinth. Sadly, it is also the attitude of some modern day followers of Jesus.

Paul wanted the folks at Corinth to be awake to the danger they were in. The folks at Corinth were asleep to the danger of their complacency and compromise with sin. Paul mentions that in verse 33: "do not be deceived: evil company corrupts good habits."

Some of them had compromised with the sinful

world around them and they were not even aware of it. I fear that many modern believers today have unwittingly compromised with the world and are asleep to the dangers of it. Many folks are asleep to the danger our nation faces right now. These days in which you and I live are some of the darkest days of our nation's history and many folks don't even know it. The morals in our nation are at an all time low.

Our nation sanctions the abortion of over 3,500 babies every day. Two put that in perspective, on 9/11 about 3,500 people died in the Twin Tower attack, and our nation mourned. That many innocent babies die every day almost without notice. Our new president by executive order has lifted the ban on transgender folks serving in the military. He has appointed Dr. Rachel Levine, a man who thinks he is a woman, to be the U.S. assistant secretary of health. If confirmed Dr. Levine will be the first transgender in the history of our nation for such a position. Not only that, but he has also appointed Pete Buttigieg, an openly gay man married to a gay man, to be the Secretary of Transportation.

To top all this off, as of last week, Joe Biden has a 49% approval rating for his first month in office—almost half of the American population either are unaware or don't care about the direction our nation is heading. I want you to know, I am not making a political statement, I am making a Biblical statement—it does not matter whether you are a Democrat or Republican or a registered Independent, you should have a Christian world view and know these actions are certainly not Biblical. Yes,

dear folks, it is time for us to wake up.

Not only did Paul want them to be awake to the danger but also to be aware of the consequences they faced because of their compromise. The folks at Corinth were unaware of the consequences of their compromise—they were not having a positive influence on their culture—rather their culture was having an adverse impact on them. I fear the same thing is true of many of our churches today, rather than influencing the world, the world is influencing the church.

In Matthew 5:13 Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." It is either be the salt or nothing—I don't know about you but I do not want to be nothing.

Awake, aware, and ashamed. Paul reminded the Corinthians of the folks around then who have no knowledge of God and then he tells them to be ashamed. It is a shame that we are surrounded by such a vast number of people in our very own neighborhoods who have no knowledge of who Jesus is. Folks, that is a shame. When we compromise with sin we lose our witness to the lost people around us. What a shame it is for so many Christians to be living selfishly while multitudes all around us die daily without the knowledge of Christ. It is time for the church to wake up and clean up.

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Commentary

by Lamar T. West, Sr.

The United States of America! What does that mean to you, for you, of you?

The Preamble to the United States Constitution begins: "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union...." Our forefathers did not claim to form a perfect union but a *more* perfect union. They sought to have a better society than what they had before arriving in what is now America. They almost got it right but allowing slavery to become part of a more perfect union (where all men are created equal) was an awful mistake. How can you say all men/women under GOD are created equal and then enslave people?

No man should own another man. Man was made in the image of GOD and no man can own GOD.

The slavery mistake (and I don't use the word mistake lightly) almost cost The United States her protection by GOD from evil and total destruction. Slavery was not the only reason The United States went into a civil war, but without slavery, we would have not had civil war.

Without slavery the other problems would have been handled in Congress.

Being from the South, we must declare we lost the battles because we were on the wrong side of God's will. Remember, "Under God... we will build a more perfect Union."

The United States is more divided now than it was before the Civil War. We seem to believe the Civil War was the

north against the south, but it was actually right against wrong: God's will vs. man's will. God's will shall prevail. The people of America will need a great REVIVAL to be in God's will.

Since World War II, the people of America have been more about "me" and less about "we." This probably began in the mid to late 60s. NBC, ABC and CBS began broadcasting the "culture war" and what they thought we needed to see of the Vietnam War. We became accustomed and desensitized to seeing flag-draped caskets coming home, and unless it was someone you knew (a family member or friend), those caskets became mere numbers.

While our brave men and women of the military went off to war only to be blown apart and returned home in flag-draped caskets, our Congressmen sat back in their Ivory Towers. They made decisions on anything from politics, economy, and anything else but ending the war or winning the war against communism.

The war waged against communism was an attempt to try and keep communism out of America.

Keeping communism out of America should not be a mission for the military. It should be embedded in our education programs. The cost of communism/socialism should be taught from grammar school (where grammar should be taught as well) through high school. The cost of socialism should be taught in the schools and preached from the pulpits. America is

headed down a dark, albeit historic, road and unless we have a come to Jesus revival, America is doomed!

Certain parts of America are voting people into Congress who do not believe in the God on which this country was founded, and they are openly trying to destroy our country. They have been trying to remove Our God from every aspect of our society, the same God who has protected America from evil. Evil has crept into America and we the people have let it happen. We have elected people to represent us who have changed laws to allow evil to flourish unimpeded.

We are quite sure there is a people who believes America has dismissed her values and have let others lead the way. We sit back and do nothing, watching it all happen. I pray that the silent majority becomes bold and stands up to defend God's eternal laws of right and wrong. I pray that we are heard loud and clear so that a genuine revival may occur. This is not a culture war; it is a moral and spiritual war. It is not a drug war where we "just say no." It is a war where we say yes to the God of the Bible and have NO other gods before us.

The first of the Ten Commandments says, "Thou shall have no other gods before me." There are no amendments to any of God's "Ten Commandments." For as Jesus said in Matthew 5:18, "For I tell you truly, until heaven and earth pass away, not a single jot, not a stroke of a pen, will disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

Letters

Letter to the Editor

In 1913, in his book "The New Freedom," 28th president of the United States Woodrow Wilson wrote: "Since I entered politics, I have chiefly had men's views confided to me privately. Some of the biggest men in the United States, in the field of commerce and manufacture, are afraid of something. They know that there is a power somewhere so organized, so subtle, so watchful, so interlocked, so complete, so pervasive, that they had better not speak above their breath when they speak in condemnation of it."

This power that Woodrow Wilson refers to is the criminal cabal which runs this world. This criminal cabal is a tightly knit, highly efficient machine that controls all major institutions worldwide such as government, central banking, major media, education, entertainment (Hollywood), intelligence, scientific institutions, the medical industry, and pharmaceutical corporations.

John F. Kennedy opposed this power and began making moves to dismantle its influence on this country by his stated intent to dissolve the CIA and end the Federal Reserve. For this, he was assassinated and the patsy, Lee Harvey Oswald, was also shot and killed. From the Kennedy assassination is where we get the term "conspiracy theory." In the late 1960s the CIA coined and weaponized this term in order to label and marginalize anyone questioning the government's false narrative that Oswald was the lone gunman.

The label of conspiracy theory/conspiracy theorist has been effective ever since in making anyone who questions the government and media narrative

on any given subject seem like they're mentally unstable and perhaps even dangerous.

The end goal of this criminal cabal is commonly referred to as the New World Order. It is a term which president George H. W. Bush openly spoke about on many occasions publicly in the early 1990s. Unlike Kennedy, the Bush family is entirely on board with this cabal and are a major part of it.

Wikipedia will tell you exactly what the New World Order is, but will also repeat the phrase "conspiracy theory," or some variation of it, ad nauseum throughout the entry, implying that there's absolutely no truth to it. This is known as gaslighting and is psychological warfare.

The apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians 6:12 that we are indeed engaged in spiritual warfare on earth and this is exactly the root of the problem.

Another description of the system we live under comes from former US congressman Lawrence Patton McDonald: "The drive of the Rockefellers and their allies is to create a one-world government, combining super capitalism and communism under the same tent, all under their control..."

Do I mean conspiracy? Yes, I do. I am convinced there is such a plot. In the words of Larry P. McDonald, former United States Congressman, the plot is "*international in scope, generations old in planning, and incredibly evil in intent.*"

This system is prophesied in Scripture as the fourth beast, or fourth kingdom and is discussed in Daniel Chapter 7: "This is what he said, The fourth beast is the fourth kingdom on earth, which is different

from all other kingdoms, and it devours all the earth, tramples it down and crushes it." (Daniel 7:23) The end goal for this cabal is satanic, authoritarian world government.

Considering congressman McDonald's quote, it is important to note that it is from John D. Rockefeller that the entire foundation of the US medical and pharmaceutical industry is built. It is also from this industry that we are being given what we are told is a Covid-19 "vaccine." The operation known as the Covid-19 pandemic is the vehicle by which this New World Order is being brought to fruition. The Covid-19 vaccine is not really a vaccine at all, but gene editing technology, which, according to Dr. Christiane Northrup, MD: "Will fundamentally change people's DNA." Part of the goal is to recreate us into genetically modified organisms. Listen to Dr. Northrup, Dr. Carrie Madej, DO, and Dr. Dolores Cahill, Ph.D., molecular biology and immunology, explain this in detail on Bitchute.com.

YaHuWaH (God) has given us medicines out of the earth but this beast system has given us *pharmakeia*. In Revelation 21:8 and Revelation 22:15 where the word "sorcerers" appears, the Greek word from which that comes is *pharmakeus*. The definition of *pharmakeus* is: druggist, poisoner, magician, sorcerer. The gene editing technology that is being called the Covid-19 vaccine is drug sorcery. Educate yourself and learn more at healthimpactnews.com.

"Seek YaHuWaH while He is to be found, call on Him while He is near." (Isaiah 55:6)

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US House of Representatives

Duncan files legislation to protect sanctity of life

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Congressman Jeff Duncan (SC-03) filed legislation, the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, to give a voice to the voiceless in the 117th Congress:

"Abortion is a devastating atrocity in our country, and I believe ending this atrocity is the most important issue we face. I will always work to protect the unborn in Congress by supporting life-saving legislation like the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act and advocating for policies that ensure the right to life for innocent unborn babies. I pray we move our country closer and closer to one that rights the wrong of Roe vs. Wade and values the sanctity of human life."

Background: Congress-

man Jeff Duncan has been the sponsor of the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act since the 114th Congress. The bill ensures that women seeking an abortion receive an ultrasound and the opportunity to review the ultrasound before giving informed consent to receive an abortion. This bill is supported by the National Pro-Life Alliance. You can read the bill [HERE](#).

Original cosponsors: Norman (SC), Budd (NC), Joyce (PA), Weber (TX), Biggs (AZ), Kustoff (TN), Grothman (WI), Mooney (WV), Kelly (PA), Gohmert (TX), Mann (KS), Hice (GA), Babin (TX), Steube (FL), Jordan (OH), Jackson (TX), Harrell (NM), Banks (IN), Allen (GA), Johnson (LA), Higgins (IN), Baird (IN), Carter (GA), Rose (TN), Williams (TX), Sessions (TX), Keller (PA), and Miller (IL).

Congressman Duncan is a cosponsor of numerous bills to protect the sanctity of life in the 117th Congress including:

- No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act
- Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act
- Protecting the Dignity of Unborn Children Act
- Protecting Life and Integrity in Research Act
- Life at Conception Act
- Heartbeat Protection Act
- Defund Planned Parenthood Act
- Born-Alive Abortion Survivor Protection Act
- Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act
- Protecting Life in Foreign Assistance Act
- Dismemberment Abortion Ban Act
- Protecting Individuals with Down Syndrome Act
- The Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act

Letter

Submitted by **Bob Tillery**

I keep hearing from Democrats that Biden is undoing the "damage" that Trump did the last four years. Besides feelings, I'm not really seeing anything that he hurt!

For those that Hated President Trump...

- Did you HATE that Trump made cruelty to animals a felony?
- Did you HATE that Trump helped raise billions to fight the opioid crisis?
- Did you HATE that Trump signed the Save Our Seas Act, which funds \$10 million per year to clean tons of plastic and garbage from the ocean?
- Did you HATE that Trump donated his salary each quarter to a multitude of charities and programs that benefited those in need? He worked for free!
- Did you HATE that Trump listened to Senator Scott and passed "Invest In Opportunity Zones" to help minorities? Or that he tried (in vain) to send military help to the cities that were set on fire, looted, vandalized, and taken over by BLM and ANTIFA rioters?
- Did you HATE that Trump destroyed ISIS, killed terrorists, (including the leader of ISIS and the Iranian General responsible for thousands of American deaths) all without going to war?
- Did you HATE that under Trump's leadership, we became energy-independent and an exporter (rather than an importer) of oil, no longer relying on the Middle East for our petroleum needs?
- Did you HATE that Trump helped to slash the price for medications in some cases by 50%? Or that he signed a law ending the gag-order on pharmacists that prevented them from sharing money-saving options on prescriptions?
- Did you HATE that Trump signed a bill for airports to provide breastfeeding stations for nursing moms?
- Did you HATE that Trump signed the biggest wilderness protection and conservation bill in a decade, designating 375,000 acres as protected land?
- Did you HATE that Trump passed prison reform, which gives people a second chance and has made a huge difference for the black communities?
- Did you HATE that Trump ended the Obama Care Individual Mandate?
- Did you HATE that Trump (unlike all of the presidents who came before him), recognized Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel, relocated the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and then proceeded to negotiate four peace accords between Israel and Arab Nations when most of the mainstream media were predicting there would be war by doing that?
- Did you HATE that Trump was totally committed to ending wars and bringing our troops home?
- Did you HATE that Trump stood up proudly, sternly, and publicly to our so-called "NATO allies" and insisted they step up and pay their promised commitments to their defense (rather than expecting America to do it for them, like all previous presidents have done for over seventy-five years)?!
- Did you HATE that Trump made a gay man the ambassador to Germany and then asked him to clean up national security and un-classify as much of it as possible for transparency?
- Did you HATE that Trump made a commitment to end child-trafficking and crimes against humanity and has made literally thousands of arrests already?
- Did you HATE that Trump brought home over 40 Americans held captive, the last one from Iran?
- Did you HATE that Trump was a billionaire before he ran for President and is now worth at least 1/3 less... Basically because he loves America much more than he loves his wealth?
- Did you HATE that Trump would show up at 2:00 AM at Dover Air Force Base to welcome home hostages held in foreign lands and the remains of our fallen soldiers?
- Did you HATE that Trump promised a vaccine before the end of 2020 when everyone said it could not be done? (He proved them wrong once again!) Doses of the vaccines are now being shared with less fortunate countries around the entire world!!!!
- Did you HATE that Trump built hospitals in NYC and California, sent retrofitted Navy Hospital Ships (which went unused), and initiated Operation Warp Speed that produced PPE and therapeutics in record time (along with thousands of ventilators, ...far more than we needed). And the overall death rate from Covid stands at less than one percent!
- Did you HATE that Trump wanted to build a border wall to keep criminals and drugs from coming into our country?
- Did you HATE that Trump made it known that he supports the pro-life position?
- Did you HATE that Trump had the guts to call out the biased mainstream media? And that he showed time and time again that the mainstream media in our country has become corrupt and incompetent, twisting the truth to control and mislead the people of our nation?
- Did you HATE that Trump spoke out strongly against censorship and in favor of free speech?
- Did you HATE that Trump signed the largest tax cut in our country's recent history and provided financial relief to middle class families?
- Did you HATE that Trump pushed hard for school choice?
- Did you HATE that Trump was proven right about the Deep State and he was indeed spied on before, during, and after he became President?
- Did you HATE that Trump has declassified more information (the term is TRANSPARENCY) than all previous presidents?
- Did you HATE that President Trump was found NOT GUILTY of colluding with Russia? That it actually was a hoax? That there is proof that the phony Steele dossier was paid for by Hillary Clinton and the FBI altered legal documents to the FISA court!
- Did you hate the phrase "MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN?"
- Did you HATE that Trump was not a career politician and brought new ideas to the presidency from a "businessman's point of view?"

We can all agree that Trump was not the "perfect president." However, nobody is or has been perfect. I'm just happy he never decided to run guns to the cartels or send pallets of cash to Iran, leave Americans in Benghazi to die on 9/11, or lie to us by claiming those four Americans in Benghazi were raided because of outrage over a YouTube video.

I thank President Trump for not telling me I can keep my doctor when he knew I could not, and for not unleashing the IRS on the Democrats who hate you, and a big thank you for meeting with Angel Parents — as they had been ignored for so long.

US House of Representatives

Duncan files Justice Act

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Congressman Jeff Duncan (SC-03) re-introduced the Jurists United to Stop Trafficking Imitation Child Exploitation (JUSTICE) Act to prohibit the importation or transportation of child-like sex dolls:

“This issue is one that all Americans, Republican and Democrat, can come together and demand a solution to protect innocent children. The JUSTICE Act is a commonsense and necessary answer to a disturbing problem in our world. Pedophiles and predators use child-like sex dolls that are imported from overseas to practice their perverted acts. We need to stop them in their tracks – and that’s why this legislation is so crucial. I will work to move this bill through the House of Representatives so we

can safeguard our precious children and their likeness.”

Background: The JUSTICE Act adds “child-like sex dolls” to the already legally defined list of banned obscenities that are prohibited from being imported into the United States or transported across state lines. The penalty for violation under that section of law includes up to five years in prison per offense. Most of these items are manufactured in China and shipped around the world, causing countries like Great Britain and Australia and states like Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee to outlaw them. Similar legislation passed the House of Representatives unanimously in the 115th Congress. This bill is supported by the Stop Abuse Campaign, the Child Rescue Coalition, and the House Values Acton Team.

Original cosponsors: Calvert (CA), Waltz (FL),

Posey (FL), Carter (GA), Joyce (OH), Perry (PA), Timmons (SC), Fleischmann (TN), Gosar (AZ), Kelly (MS), Budd (NC), Weber (TX), Norman (SC), Davis (IL), Bacon (NE), Rutherford (FL), and Banks (IN).

South Carolina Senator Katrina Shealy is the author of similar South Carolina specific legislation in the General Assembly:

“The practice of exploiting children is sickening, and we are going to make it crystal clear that this behavior is not welcome in South Carolina,” Senator Katrina Shealy said. “My hope would be that legislation to address such abhorrent acts would not be needed here, but the disturbing trend has impacted other states; it was time to take a second look at our laws and ensure that children are protected in all areas of predatory acts.”

US House of Representatives

Duncan on partisan COVID-19 relief package

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Congressman Jeff Duncan (SC-03) issued the following statement regarding the House Energy and Commerce Committee markup on COVID-19 relief budget reconciliation legislation:

“The House Energy and Commerce Committee wrapped up a two-day long full committee markup where we debated a “COVID-19 relief” package that is part of the sham budget reconciliation bill. This markup was nothing but another partisan exercise. Democrats are once again using the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to further their radical policy agenda. They have touted this legislation as “COVID-19 relief,” when in reality, there are numerous provisions unrelated to the pandemic. For example, the Democrats are using this process to expand Medicaid, eliminate Hyde amendment protections, and bail out Democrat-run states that were already having

trouble balancing their budgets prior to COVID-19.

“Republicans offered several amendments to the underlying bill, many of which Democrats openly agreed with, but voted against regardless. A few examples of bipartisan Republican amendments that were offered include providing more transparency in the COVID-19 vaccine distribution process, increased testing and vaccinations for our nation’s teachers, funding for youth suicide, mental health funding for states that have suffered unexpected job loss due to actions of the Biden Administration, and holding states that have undercounted nursing home deaths accountable.

“Additionally, I offered two amendments to the underlying bill, one to ensure illegal immigrants do not jump the line to get the COVID-19 vaccine before American seniors, health-care workers, teachers, and those with underlying health conditions, and another that would prohibit the Executive branch from issuing a

moratorium on hydraulic fracturing to protect American jobs and businesses, and to keep energy prices low, especially as we seek to recover from the pandemic. These Republican amendments all failed on party line votes.

“The reconciliation process is a partisan way to do business, as it only requires a simple majority in the Senate for the bill to pass by avoiding the Senate filibuster. Therefore, it is hard to imagine why a COVID-19 relief package would be part of a reconciliation bill when Congress was able to pass five bipartisan COVID-19 relief bills in 2020 under the Trump Administration. It is disappointing that Democrats are now choosing to pursue a hyper partisan process that will allow them to move their radical priorities along without Republican support instead of focusing on tailored, bipartisan policies that better the health of our nation, support American businesses and create jobs, and get our kids back in the classroom.”

US Senate

Senator Scott Fights Job-Killing Artificial Minimum Wage Hike

Senator Tim Scott

Late last night, the Senate unanimously agreed to a budget amendment co-sponsored by U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) to prevent an artificial minimum wage hike to \$15 during the pandemic, which would destroy jobs and crush small businesses already on life support.

As millions of businesses have closed their doors and thousands more are on the verge of closing permanently, Senator Scott has been a vocal champion for job-creators that are trying to make it through the pandemic. Some of the hardest hit, especially in South Carolina, have been restaurant owners. Earlier this week, the senator visited with a bar manager from a DC restaurant who talked about how the Democrats’ plan to artificially increase the minimum wage would cut her paycheck.

Senator Scott also spoke to Chef John, the owner of the same restaurant, about the impact the Democrats’ wage plan would have on his business: longer days, reduced staff, and increased expenses. While the Senate rightly agreed to not increase the minimum wage during the pandemic, this fight is not over. Businesses and workers will need support as the economic recovery continues for years to come.

Prior to the Senate voting on the Ernst-Scott minimum wage amendment, support from advocates poured in for Senator Scott’s own amendment to stop an artificial minimum wage hike:

Heritage Action: Legislation is not a magic wand and there are real-world consequences to politicians’ meddling in the market. Senator Tim Scott is listening to his constituents. Hear one South Carolina bar manager describe how

a \$15 minimum wage would hurt workers.

Americans for Tax Reform: Senators should support Senator Tim Scott’s amendment to prohibit an increase in the minimum wage from taking effect during the pandemic.

Taxpayers Protection Alliance: Fortunately, there is at least one voice of reason in DC. When Sen. Tim Scott (R-S.C.) heard about the proposal he noted that, “Forcing a \$15 minimum wage into a coronavirus relief bill would do nothing but shutter the millions of small businesses already on life support and would force those that survive to lay off employees.”

Key Supporters also included the National Federation for Independent Business, National Restaurant Association, International Franchise Association, FreedomWorks, Americans for Prosperity, and the National Taxpayers Union.

US Senate

Scott reintroduces CHOICE Act to increase Educational Options for American Families & Students

Senator Tim Scott
Today, during National School Choice Week, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) was joined by Senators Mike Braun (R-IN), John Cornyn (R-TX), Ted Cruz (R-TX), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Ben Sasse (R-NE), Rick Scott (R-FL), and Roger Wicker (R-MS) in reintroducing the *Creating Hope and Opportunity for Individuals and Communities through Education Act* (CHOICE Act). The CHOICE Act will expand opportunities and foster success by providing parents greater options when it comes to their child’s education.

“As the product of a poor, single-parent household, I have always been a champion of school choice. And as the coronavirus pandemic has shown us, the need for educational options is more vital today than ever before,” **said Senator Tim Scott** (R-SC). “The sad reality is too many students lack access to a quality education because of their zip code, and that is simply unacceptable. Commonsense solutions like my CHOICE Act will empower families to choose the best schools for their children and put parents in charge.”

“American students’ potential should not be limited by the zip code their family can afford to live in,” **said**

Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL). “I am proud to partner with Senator Scott to empower and enable families to choose education options that best suit the unique needs of their children.”

“When moms and dads go to bat for their kids, we’ve got to have their backs. With roughly one-third of school districts offering virtual-only learning, families need the opportunity to seek out educational options that work best for their kids,” **said Senator Ben Sasse** (R-NE). “Parents with children who have disabilities need the flexibility to customize their kids’ education to provide the best educational and social support. That’s what our bill does. These kids deserve the best – and school choice gives them a chance to meet their needs.”

“Students and parents everywhere deserve a choice in education,” **said Senator Roger Wicker** (R-MS). “I am glad to join Senator Tim Scott to introduce the CHOICE Act, which will help give parents of students with special needs and those who live on military bases more options for learning.”

“Parents, not the government, should be making educational decisions for their children,” **said Senator John Cornyn** (R-TX). “A good education helps lay the foundation for future

success, and this legislation would empower families, particularly those with children with special needs, to help ensure their children have access to a quality education that works best for them.”

Background:

· This legislation would support parents by eliminating barriers to seek the information necessary to determine a best-fit school that can effectively serve their child’s needs.

· Expands school choice programs by permitting states that have established programs for parents of disabled children to use public or private funds for the cost of their children attending a private school to supplement those funds with federal special education funds;

· Authorizes grants to support the design and initial implementation of state programs that allow the parents of a disabled child to choose the appropriate public or private school for their child.

· Establishes a five-year pilot program, within the Department of Defense, to award scholarships that enable military dependent students, who live on military installations, to attend the public or private elementary or secondary schools their parents choose.

US Senate

Senate to Vote on Three Scott-Led Budget Amendments

Senator Tim Scott
U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) introduced three budget amendments that will be voted on today by the Senate.

The first amendment, introduced jointly with Senators John Barrasso (R-WY) and James Lankford (R-OK), would reduce funding to states that have an active investigation into nursing homes for underreported deaths.

“It makes no sense to offer more funding to states that have mismanaged and then covered up their pandemic response,” **said Senator Scott**. “Leaders that neglected their responsibility to protect our elderly populations amid this devastating pandemic must be held accountable. The life-and-death implications

of this dereliction of duty have caused tragedy for countless families whose loved ones died in long-term care facilities. They deserve answers.”

Senator Scott also introduced an amendment with Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) to withhold additional supplemental funding from schools that do not reopen for in-person learning after teachers have received a COVID-19 vaccine.

“Keeping our nation’s students out of the classroom for a year is permanently injuring the educational aspirations and opportunities of an entire generation,” **said Senator Scott**. “The children most negatively impacted are those who are growing up poor, just like I did. While teacher unions and their allies continue to

change the rules as we go, we must be clear: if you have been vaccinated, it’s time to get back into the classroom.”

The third amendment, introduced jointly with Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and James Lankford (R-OK), would protect small businesses from harmful tax hikes during the pandemic.

“Millions of small businesses have closed their doors during this pandemic, and thousands more are on the verge of shuttering,” **said Senator Scott**. “Our responsibility is to ensure these job creators keep their doors open and keep their employees paid. Raising taxes on small businesses would do the exact opposite and devastate Main Streets from Saluda to Springfield.”

US House of Representatives

Duncan introduces Protecting American Energy Production Act

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Congressman Jeff Duncan (SC-03), Member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and Co-Chair of the House Energy Action Team, introduced the Protecting American Energy Production Act:

“The Biden Administration has wasted no time in undermining American energy production and eliminating thousands of good paying jobs in the process. President Biden’s devastating energy agenda is wreaking havoc on our dominant energy security achieved under the Trump Adminis-

tration. By signing executive orders that prohibit the issuance of new oil and gas leases on federal lands, the President is signaling he will use any means necessary to eliminate fossil fuel production in the U.S. Instead of prioritizing American jobs and American energy, President Biden would rather appease the far left and rely on energy from foreign adversaries, who have negligent environmental standards, and promote policies with harmful economic implications.

“Due to the work of the Trump Administration and innovation in our oil and gas sector, the United States is the number one

oil and gas producer in the world. According to a recent study, placing a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing would mean a \$900 billion increase in U.S. household energy costs, \$7.1 trillion in potential losses to the U.S. economy through 2030, and over 7 million fewer U.S. jobs by 2022. Further, it would force the U.S. to import 40 percent of our oil and petroleum products and 29 percent of our natural gas by 2030. The Protecting American Energy Production Act would prohibit the President from banning fracking and in turn safeguard our energy production, our national security, and the livelihoods of thousands of Americans.”

Veterans hold 'town hall' in Abbeville

By Henry E. Green

The needs of veterans were the top concern at a veterans "town hall" held recently at the Abbeville Veterans Memorial Foundation building on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

The guest speaker at the event, which drew about 50 was Will Grimsley, secretary of the South Carolina department of veterans affairs, said American Legion Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield.

Grimsley talked about changes which have been made in the state office of veterans affairs, noting that he is working get the veterans affairs offices in the various counties to work together more cohesively on matters concerning veterans.

"He's trying to get them all on the same sheet of music," said Greenfield.

In addition, there is an effort to get more nonprofit veterans organizations to

work with veterans, and to get younger veterans to become more involved with veterans organizations.

Elizabeth Hiott of Upstate Warriors Solutions spoke briefly about her organization, and Abbeville County veterans officer Teresa Mahaffey also spoke about what her office has to offer.

The "town hall" was presented by the American Legion Post 2 in conjunction with the Abbeville County veterans affairs office.



Will Grimsley, secretary of the South Carolina department of veterans affairs, was the guest speaker for a veterans town hall in Abbeville recently. (Photo courtesy of Terry Simmons)



Valentine Roses 2021 - Rose Committee members: Jean Gettys, Susan Harris (Director of Volunteers), and Sue Colaw (Photo contributed).

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont Celebrates Valentine's Day

Submitted by Andrea Scott

Volunteers arranging beautiful rose bud vases celebrate Valentine's Day at Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont. Hospice nurses and staff will deliver the roses to patients in their

homes and the Hospice House.

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont is your community nonprofit network of care that provides expert, life-changing healthcare for those living with advanced illnesses. Serving patients

and families in Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties since 1981.

For more information, visit our website at www.hospicepiedmont.org or call our office at 864-227-9393.

All about the blue Calhoun Falls Charter FFA chapter joins elite group of FFA contingents

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls Charter FFA Chapter has been recognized as one of the top chapters in the nation.

"We were recognized nationally as a Two Star Chapter," said Nancy McCannon, CF Charter FFA advisor.

This is a distinction based on the slate of activities which the chapter has had all year, and it was perhaps the eighth consecutive year the chapter had received the honor, bestowed by the national FFA organization.

This honor puts Calhoun Falls FFA in an elite group of FFA chapters across the nation, according to McCannon.

To be able to be considered for Two Star recognition, the chapter had to be named a Gold Emblem chapter, a distinction given last summer.

"It means Top Ten (among the FFA Chapters) in the

state," she said.

While the chapter has not, because of COVID, been able to participate in as many FFA competitions as in the past, the young men and women managed to attain some high marks in this realm of FFA activity.

"We were second in the state in parliamentary procedure," she said. That was in June of last year.

That was then. Today the chapter is working on plans to participate in a national observance of this nationwide organization which started out as Future Farmers of America.

"We're in the middle of making plans for FFA Week," she said.

This Week is observed the week of Feb. 20 through Feb. 26, to coincide with George Washington's birthday.

"We're planning a Spirit

Week, we're working on a Community Service project, we're going to attend our school board and provide them with a meal," she said.

"Also some of our young men will finish the week with a fun competition called Mr. FFA," she said. This is a scholarship competition, in which contestants fill out an application, and they have to be interviewed.

"It's a virtual interview this year," McCannon continued.

It is all part of belonging to an organization which helps young people learn a variety of skills, from parliamentary procedure to soil judging, an organization known for the distinctive dark blue jackets the members wear.

The Calhoun Falls Charter chapter is very much in the thick of it all.

"This year we have 62 members," the advisor said.

Community calendar

UCMAC encouraging people to fill out survey

The United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County is welcoming county residents to fill out a survey on the need for public transportation in Abbeville County.

"An electronic version of

the survey is available and we need to get as many responses as possible," said UCMAC executive director Bill Boone.

Boone encouraged people wishing to complete the survey to reach out to the following link: [https://www.survey-](https://www.survey-monkey.com/r/6ZH9FSL)

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Hospital board to meet

The Abbeville Area Medical Center Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 22. Due to the current COVID situation, the meeting will be electronically.

A treasured life

Historian Dr. Lowry Ware was the sage of Abbeville County

By Henry E. Green

If you ever wanted to ask a question about Abbeville County history, one name would come to mind.

Lowry Ware.

There was definitely a reason for that. Dr. Ware, who passed away recently, was a walking encyclopedia of facts and figures about all things relating to Abbeville County.

He put that knowledge to good use, through a series of books which are immensely treasured, we are sure, by all who possess them.

One in particular was a source of pleasure to this writer--*Old Abbeville: Scenes of the Past of a Town Where Old Time Things Are Not Forgotten*.

It is a book replete with little historical tidbits, buttressed by accounts from old newspapers, such as The Press and Banner, providing proof that today's newspaper sto-

ries are tomorrow's history.

In this book Ware focused largely on 19th century life in Abbeville, and life in the very early 20th century as well.

In his preface, Ware wrote, "Abbeville may well have been the typical Southern town that its citizens thought it was. Two themes run through its history. Its citizens, or at least the most memorable of them, had a strong sense of pride or honor. Abbevillians, even those who were not the most favored, preferred a genteel life style. At the same time there were recurring incidents of violence."

One section of the book takes a look at Abbevillians taking part in duels--seemingly combining the two themes.

Was it any wonder that Dr. Ware came to be known as a sage? This man who occupied a treasured niche in Abbeville County life was born near Due West, and

according to his obituary, he early in life showed remarkable promise.

"Lowry was a precocious child and an omnivorous reader with a remarkable memory for everything he read," it stated.

He went on to graduate from Erskine College, and the University of South Carolina in 1956.

He taught at Erskine for 33 years, and one of his books was *A History of Erskine College, 1839-1982*.

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian was another foundation stone of his life--he taught Sunday School, served as a deacon and elder, and wrote a book about the denomination.

So it was that when he died on Feb. 8 at the age of 92, he left behind a legion of people in awe of his talent, his intelligence and his productivity.

His was, in short, a treasured life.



The Due West Lions held a "drive through" chili supper recently at the Due West fire department. Jan Haldeman helped deliver containers of chili to motorists, while her husband, Richard Haldeman, manned the "order table." (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

SCDOT to replace Old CF Road bridge

By Henry E. Green

The South Carolina Department of Transportation is planning to replace a bridge on the Old Calhoun Falls Road, according to reports.

According to information released by State Rep. Craig Gagnon, SCDOT plans to replace the bridge on Old Calhoun Falls Road over Gill Creek in Abbeville County.

The bridge is currently load restricted with 20 percent of timber piles deteriorated or spliced, according to SCDOT.

This bridge is to be replaced by SCDOT maintenance forces.

SCDOT plans to begin work on March 9, with the work expecting to take four months to complete. Pending any delays, the new bridge is expected to be opened to traffic by July 30, 2021.

The Abbeville County School District, Abbeville County Sheriff's Department, and the emergency management services have all been notified of the pending closure.

No businesses are expect-

ed to be affected significantly by the closure.

There will be no detour route, but signs will be posted to notify motorists of the closure, said Dustin Turner, District Maintenance Engineer with SCDOT.

Old Calhoun Falls Road is classified as a "low volume secondary route," Turner said Tuesday.

If anybody needs directions on how to get around the bridge, that individual may call or contact the local Abbeville SCDOT office at 366-4206, Turner went on to say.

Obituaries

Erwin

Rev. Langdon Anderson 'Boo' Erwin, III, of Abbeville, husband of Sandra Uldrick Erwin, died Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at the Abbeville Area Medical Center. He was born in Abbeville to the late Langdon Anderson Erwin, Jr and Darliene Sorrow Erwin.

Affectionately known as 'Boo', he attended Erskine College Seminary and was an ordained Presbyterian and Baptist minister. He served several churches in South Carolina and Tennessee as a dedicated servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 'Boo' was employed with Pirelli Cable for 27 years. A Mason and member of Clinton Lodge #3AFM, he was also a Hejaz Shriner. 'Boo' cared about animals and enjoyed spending time with them. In addition to his parents,



Rev. Langdon A. 'Boo' Erwin III

he was preceded in death by a brother, Ronnie Erwin. 'Boo' is survived by his wife, Sandra, of 58 years; two sons, Steve Erwin and Kevin Erwin and a daughter, Cissy Giles (Jeff), all of Abbeville; a daughter-in-law, Debbie Silk of Coronaca; a sister, Bitsy E. Harrison of Anderson; two brothers,

Terry Erwin (Nancy) and Mike Erwin (Nancy) and sister-in-law, Donna Smith Erwin all of Abbeville; four grandchildren, Scott Silk, Kim Werts (Bryan), Chris Giles (Meg) and Cassie Crowe (Matthew); and six great-grandchildren, Mason, Nolan, Braxton, Grayson, Kaden, and Grady.

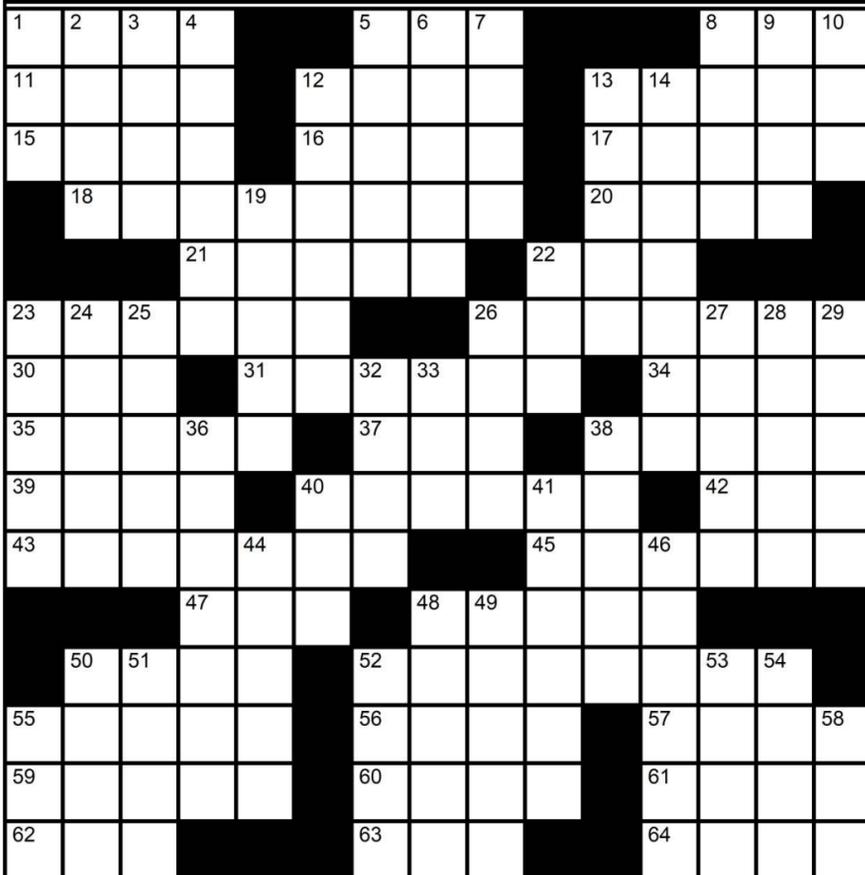
A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions, in memory of 'Boo', may be sent to the Greater Abbeville Humane Society, Attn: Barbara Freese, 200 Greenville Street, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

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ACROSS

1. À la mode
5. Westminster broadcaster
8. Lamb's momma
11. Depression drifter
12. Alternative to truth
13. Like a Druid, e.g.
15. Verify
16. Flair
17. Avoid paying taxes
18. *Same as power in math
20. Surrender territory
21. Mini, midi or maxi
22. Longnosed fish
23. *Round #23 Down
26. Adverb derived from zone
30. Miner's bounty
31. Curved like a foot
34. Mother Earth to Ancient Greeks
35. Truck amounts
37. "_____ the land of the free..."
38. Hitler's Third
39. Capri, e.g.
40. Walked
42. Grande, e.g.
43. Remove scales
45. Accustomed, two words
47. Like arctic air
48. More capable
50. Tibetan priest
52. *Part of a whole number
55. Grinding tooth
56. Stare amorously
57. Hoofbeat sound
59. Garlic mayo
60. Kick out
61. Gossamer
62. *Pi's second digit
63. High _____
64. "Brave New World" drug

DOWN

1. Half a particular dance
2. Past tense of heave
3. Type of mountain goat
4. Body six feet under
5. Harvest helper
6. Small goose
7. Abe's coin
8. Exclamation of surprise, archaic
9. Do like fly fisherman
10. Between northeast and east
12. One who denies
13. Popular pie nut
14. *Sum divided by count
19. Southern cuisine pods
22. Apollo to ancient Greeks
23. *Three-dimensional object
24. Not poetry
25. Mends
26. *Whole number between -1 and 1
27. Scottish landowner
28. In accordance with law
29. Search engine pioneer
32. Pigeon's home
33. H in British HMS
36. *Kind of point
38. Set to zero
40. Cunning
41. Pleasing to the ear
44. Ticks and mites, taxonomically speaking
46. Short for Fredericas
48. Lock horns
49. Popular craft wood
50. Under a fig leaf?
51. Gel producing plant
52. *0.3048 meters
53. Pasta with _____ and alio
54. "Cheers" regular
55. Cultural Revolution leader
58. Money in Myanmar

Obituaries

Overholt

Harold Overholt was born on February 3, 1937 in Virginia Beach, Virginia to Henry and Amanda (Stutzman) Overholt. He left us to be "present with the Lord" on February 9, 2021.

Dad spent his growing-up years in Virginia Beach and Hartville, Ohio. As a young adult he spent some time in Berlin, Germany, helping to build Friedensheim, a community center for assisting refugees and displaced war victims. After that he spent two years fulfilling his obligation to the government as a conscientious objector 1-W worker at Beltsville Agricultural Experiment Station in Beltsville, Maryland. He moved to northern Indiana in 1961 where he farmed. On August 2, 1964 he married Verna Bontrager, daughter of Raymond and Susanna Bontrager. He later worked for Borkholder Buildings and New Paris Silo Company before moving his young family to a dairy farm in central Wisconsin on March 1, 1973. Dad farmed in Wisconsin for 18 years, then he and Mom and youngest daughter, Jenn moved to Due West, South Carolina in 1991. Dad spent the next 25 years as a wholesale car dealer who would much rather make friends of his customers than to make money from them, and he relished peddling (and giving away!) good Wisconsin cheese to friends and strangers in the South. He also very much enjoyed working part time for his brother and nephews' business, Overholt Grading. In November 2016 Dad



Harold Overholt

experienced a stroke on his way to Utah (with Mom). After a week in the hospital and two weeks in rehab in Provo, Utah, the Lord granted Dad a full recovery, which was always a marvel to him and for which he was thankful to the Lord. More importantly than that was the fact that the Lord used this experience in Dad's life to restore Dad to Himself.

In Dad's later years he was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, and later kidney failure. Even through his weakness and inability to do much physical activity, Dad maintained a happy spirit, and he very much enjoyed communicating with his many friends and relatives and keeping up with news about his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, three infant brothers and his brothers-in-law, Paul Yoder, John Hershberger, and Eli Yoder. Survivors include his wife, Verna of Keysville, Georgia, four children, Twila (John) Kulp of Mosinee, Wisconsin, Carlin Overholt of Stratford,

Wisconsin, Marlita (Craig Haas) Overholt of Pittsville, Wisconsin, and Janasue "Jenn" (Royal) Barnhart of Keysville, Georgia, ten beloved grandchildren, Darren (Brooke) Kulp, John Weston (Rebecca) Kulp, Natasha Kulp, Adrian Kulp, Shaylee Overholt, Giles, McKayla, Gianna, Addison, and Karis Barnhart, and three great-grandchildren, Graham and Eleanora Kulp and Lydia Kulp, seven siblings, Esther (Paul) Yoder of Safford, Alabama, Ruth (John) Hershberger of Jesup, Georgia, Lewis (Mary Ellen) Overholt of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Naomi (Eli) Yoder of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Titus (Ellen) Overholt of Provo, Utah, Paul (Linda) Overholt of Chesapeake, Virginia, and Mary (Leon) Zook, Virginia Beach, Virginia, dozens of special nieces and nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation hours were from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Hephzibah Mennonite Church, located at 4248 Rheney Rd, Hephzibah, GA 30815. Funeral services were held at the same location on Sunday, February 14 at 3:00 p.m. Burial followed in the church cemetery. We as a family wish to thank all of our relatives and many friends and church family who have been so kind and supportive over the last month.

Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Road, Augusta, GA, 30906. www.chanceandhydrick.com

Obituaries

Campbell

Benny D. Campbell, Sr., 87, of Abbeville, husband of Carolyn Murrah Campbell, died Sunday, February 14, 2021 at his home. He was born in Abbeville to the late Samuel Eldred and Helen Martin Campbell.

Mr. Campbell was employed in textiles for 31 years. He was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Campbell was preceded in death by a brother, William Campbell and a grandson, Evan Campbell.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Carolyn; four sons, Danny Campbell (Penny) of Greenwood, Bobby Campbell (Mary) of Clinton, Bryan Campbell (Heather) of Greenwood and Gerald Wideman of



Benny D. Campbell, Sr.

Abbeville; a brother, Edgar Campbell (Gloria) of Abbeville; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and his beloved cat, Dewey.

The family will receive friends 10:00AM-11:00AM, Saturday, February 20,

2021 at Calvary Chapel/Greenwood Christian School, 2024 Woodlawn Road, Greenwood, SC 29649. A memorial service will begin at 11:00AM in the church sanctuary with Rev. Marion Argo officiating. Inurnment will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Mr. Campbell to Greenwood Christian School, 2026 Woodlawn Road, Greenwood, SC 29649.

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

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

Obituaries

Goff

Kennedy Jae Goff, infant daughter of Allison Stevens and Hunter Goff, gained her wings Friday Feb. 12, 2021 at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Kennedy was born January 25, 2021 in Greenville, SC.

Survivors include: her mother Allison Stevens and father Hunter Goff; maternal grandmother Jackie Stevens Plunkett (Chris); maternal grandfather David Stevens; paternal grandmother Kristi King; maternal great-grandmother Sara Grimes; maternal great-grandparents Jerry

and Bobbie Stevens; paternal great-grandmother Faye Gunnells Goff; great-great-grandmother Edna McDade; uncle Cody Stevens (Lisa Barrett & Corbin); aunts Haylee, Emily, and Ella King; great aunt Jan Sparkles "Aunt Nellies;" great uncle & aunt Bobby and Rhonda Grimes; great aunt & uncle Kim & Brett Stackhouse; great aunt Kelley Goff Boyd; cousins Lindsey and David Worley, Justin and Chelsea Stackhouse and Kaitlyn Irwin.

Also survived by Kennedy is a godmother Halen Wilkie "Aunt Haha" and a special

friend Jensia Jones "Uncle Jen."

Additional survivors include cousins, aunts, uncles, family and friends.

A Celebration of Miss Kennedy's Life will be held at a later date.

Memorials in memory of Kennedy may be given to a charity of one's choice.

A special thank you to the Doctors and Nurses at Prisma Children's Hospital NICU in Greenville, SC.

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

City of Abbeville Job Openings

Custodian

The City of Abbeville is currently accepting applications for a Custodian to work 25 – 28 hours per week.

Duties of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Performs routine custodial tasks for City Hall, Opera House Theater, Police Department and Public Utilities Administration building.
- Vacuum rugs and carpets.
- Sweeping and mopping / waxing floors.
- Washing and sanitizing restroom facilities and restocking disposables.
- Cleaning / disinfecting community surfaces.
- Gathers and empties trash / recyclables.
- Cleans and polishes fixtures and furniture.
- Manages inventory of cleaning supplies.
- Assists with City sponsored events.
- Must be able to work flexible hours.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- High school education or equivalent.
- At least 3 years' experience in custodial services.
- Ability to work with limited supervision.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to push/lift 75 pounds.
- Ability to climb ladders.
- Bending at waist, sitting, standing, climbing, walking, crouching as job requires.
- Ability to work around paint, cleaning fluids, solvents, batteries and lubricants safely.
- Must possess a valid SC driver's license with a good driving history.

How to apply: Submit a City of Abbeville application with references to Human Resources, PO Box 40, Abbeville, SC 29620. Applications are also available online at www.abbevillecitysc.com or at City Hall/Opera House.

Deadline to apply: Until filled

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Facilities Maintenance Technician

The City of Abbeville is currently accepting applications for a Facilities Maintenance Technician.

Duties of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Performs routine building maintenance tasks for City Hall, Opera House, Civic Center, Police Department and Public Utilities Administration building.
- Change light bulbs, interior and exterior as needed.
- Maintain exterior property focusing on the Downtown Square area.
- Oversees daily trash removal, bathroom cleaning, entranceway cleaning, cigarette receptacles, cleaning floors, cleaning windows etc.
- Cleaning / disinfecting community surfaces.
- Change all filters for HVAC as required in all buildings.
- Repair maintain/monitor all equipment.
- Paint, remodel, and refurbish areas as needed.
- Assists with City sponsored events.
- Reports maintenance issues to City Manager or Assistant City Manager.
- Must be able to work flexible hours.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- High school education or equivalent.
- At least 5 years' experience in facilities maintenance.
- Basic understanding of electrical, plumbing, and carpentry.
- Ability to work with limited supervision.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to push/lift 75 pounds.
- Ability to climb ladders.
- Bending at waist, sitting, standing, climbing, walking, crouching as job requires.
- Ability to work around paint, cleaning fluids, solvents, batteries and lubricants safely.
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Human Resources Coordinator

The City of Abbeville is currently accepting applications for a Human Resources Coordinator.

Duties of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Assists with the administration of City-wide human resources; ensures adherence to policies, procedures and benefits. Coordinates safety policies, procedures and training.
- Ensures compliance with all local, state and federal personnel laws and ordinances; interprets and applies FLSA, FLMA, OSHA, ADA, etc. guidelines; coordinates and conducts training regarding personnel ordinances, drug and alcohol policies and sexual harassment prevention; coordinates the City's drug and alcohol testing program.
- Administers new employee orientation and termination of employees ensuring compliance with local, state and federal standards. Processes new employee, terminated employee and retiree forms with PEBA.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Associates or bachelor's degree with 1-3 years of human resources experience; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge, and abilities
- Must have the ability to manage and resolve complex personnel matters
- Must maintain confidentiality
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively
- Valid South Carolina driver's license with a good driving record
- Must pass through a background investigation, pre-employment drug screen and physical examination

How to Apply: Submit a City of Abbeville application with references to Human Resources, PO Box 40, Abbeville, SC 29620. Applications are also available online at www.abbevillecitysc.com or at City Hall located in the Opera House.

Deadline to apply: Until position is filled.

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Community Development Director

The City of Abbeville is currently accepting applications for a Community Development Director.

Duties of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Facilitates City special events such as the Spring Festival, Hogs & Hens as well as other associated events for the City.
- Directs the operation of the Opera House Venue to include scheduling performances, working with volunteers, and technical Staff.
- Oversees the operation of the Opera House's Lighting and Sound Systems.
- Aids in maintaining communication with local organizations and the public to promote City events.
- Promotion of the City of Abbeville to attract visitors and potential residents through community development.
- Interfaces with local business, merchant groups and pursues business recruitment.
- Operates the Opera House social media page.
- Reports to City Manager and Assistant City Manager.
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree with major work in planning, fine arts, mass communication or public administration; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required skills, knowledge, and abilities.
- Must have the ability to maintain annual schedules for events as well as supervising the operation of events.
- Must maintain confidentiality.
- Ability to communicate clearly and effectively with the public and fellow staff members.
- Valid South Carolina driver's license with a good driving record.
- Must pass a thorough background investigation, pre-employment drug screen and physical examination.

How to apply: Submit a City of Abbeville application with references to Human Resources, PO Box 40, Abbeville, SC 29620. Applications are also available online at www.abbevillecitysc.com or at City Hall located in the Opera House.

Deadline to apply: Until filled

Salary Range: 35,000 - 40,000 depending on experience

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Dixie JV girls have perfect hoops season

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School girls junior varsity basketball team recently finished its season undefeated, under the guidance of coach T. Carter.

"The Dixie JV Girls basketball team finished the season undefeated with a record of 8-0," said Carter last week.

"The team members were Dakota Todd, LaNya Dotson, Allie Simpson, Hannah Carter, Josey Johnson,

Anthinay Husdon, Danielle Chadwick, and J'Niyah Powell. The girls had a great season and are looking forward to next year."

"This was the first time Dixie has had a JV girls team in quite a few years. The girls are mainly 7th and 8th graders with one 9th grader. "The girls worked very hard and grew as a team as the season went."

The team "played very aggressive defense that led to many fast break baskets,"

said Carter, adding that they also rebounded well.

"Team's success can be attributed to the hard work and team concept," he said.

The team "had five different girls lead us in scoring at different times during the year," said Carter.

The team's success has not gone unnoticed.

"This is a historic accomplishment for our program," said Dixie principal Paul Prescott.



Dixie High School senior Parker Santee (center, seated) is trying out for the North Greenville football program as a preferred walk on. He made it all official recently with a signing ceremony in the Dixie media center, where he was joined by his parents Bob and Wendi Santee (seated) and Dixie football coach and athletic director Vic Lollis (standing). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

AHS beats Crescent in boys hoops action

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville High School was victorious in boys basketball action Saturday night in Abbeville, defeating Crescent in Region battle, 63-58, according to AHS head varsity boys basketball coach Doug Belcher.

Saturday night's win provided immense satisfaction for Belcher. "I was pleased with the effort," he said.

"We led throughout the game," he went on to say, adding that AHS was led by J. Tinch, with 20 points.

"It was a total team effort. We continued to pressure the ball throughout the game, which led to transition

baskets. We out-rebounded them, by a margin of 3-1."

Saturday night's victory avenged a loss to Crescent earlier in the second by two points--the first regular season game for the Panthers, on Dec. 21, Belcher continued.

The victory led AHS to play Crescent Monday night for a special game to determine a playoff berth.

The game was played at Liberty High School, a neutral site, and the Panthers prevailed 53-36.

"We came out on top," said Belcher Tuesday. "The kids played hard. We played great defense last night."

J. Tinch led the way for the Panthers, with 20 points for the night.

Senior Kionte Garner hit three three pointers. "For the last three games he has lighting it up from outside," the coach said.

The senior ended up with 11 points for the night. "We led the way pretty much the whole game."

The victory came with a very special dividend for the Panthers.

"We placed second in the Region (behind Christ Church)" he said. AHS will be traveling to York Prep this coming Monday for a first-round playoff game.

Dixie's wrestling team has excellent year

By Henry E. Green

Dixie High School lost 63 to 12 on Saturday in the first round of the state wrestling playoffs to Chesnee.

However, it was a strong showing, despite the loss, for a program in its first year.

Dixie's wrestling program is guided by Coach Anthony Martin, who used to coach wrestling at AHS, and who was the coach when the Panthers won the state championship in wrestling back in 2009.

Dixie's season this year started back in December, and the Hornets finished with a record of 10-5, the coach said.

It was a season filled with highlights.

"We won our Region," said Martin.

Davis Smalley was 17-1 in individual matches for the Hornets. Chris Blackwood of the Hornets had a record of 11-3, the coach said.

"We finished ninth overall in 1A-2A competition," he

said.

Eleven of the 14 Dixie starters are set to return next year.

Martin, who is also an assistant football coach, characterized this first year as "awesome", and looks forward to good things this coming year.

He gave a special "thank you" to Cy Clendaniel, the principal at Cherokee Trail Elementary, "for allowing us to use his gym".

Fleet split series with Lander

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

The Erskine College softball team (3-1) split a pair of games with Lander University (1-1) 8-1 and 14-2 at Doug Spears Field on Friday afternoon.

The last time the two squads met in Greenwood during the 2017-18 season, the Fleet swept the Bearcats outscoring them seven to two over two contests. With the split, Erskine has won eight of the last 10 against Lander although the Bearcats lead the all-time series 80-39.

GAME 1: The Fleet scored two runs in both the first and second innings. To start, both Kelci Brown and Shi Cain drew walks and were driven in by a Kyndall Chandler double. In the second, back to back doubles gave the Fleet a quick 4-0 lead. This time, Brown collected a

two-base hit which brought in Faith Belue who reached base via a fielder's choice. Then on the next at-bat, Brown was driven in by Sydney McInnis who traded places on second base. For the middle three innings neither team scored, but the offense picked back up in the sixth. After a walk, hit-by-pitch and single loaded the bases, the Fleet nearly left the bases full when Shi Cain popped up to make the second out. However, after a Parker Birch two-run single and a Chandler single four runs crossed home and the Fleet held an 8-0 lead heading into the bottom of the sixth. The Bearcats scored their only run of the opener off an error.

GAME 2: The Bearcats' bats responded from the game one defeat scoring three runs in the first and six in the second. Delaney Guerreo's grand slam in the second inning put Lander in

control and the game out of reach for the Fleet. Erskine received its only offense of the night when Sydney McInnis connected for a two-run home run in the top of the third.

GAME 1: Hannah Houge (2-0) once again went the distance and once again collected 12 strikeouts. This time out, Houge allowed only two hits and the only run allowed was unearned.

GAME 2: Sydney McInnis went 1-for-2 as she was responsible for both runs in the loss.

The Fleet have only two games currently on the schedule for next week when they host Augusta University (2-4) on Wednesday. First pitch is set for 1:00 PM against the Jaguars, a team the Fleet swept 1-0 and 4-0 during the 2018-19 season.

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Dixie student-athlete chooses North Greenville

By Henry E. Green

Dixie High School senior Parker Santee is trying out with North Greenville University as a preferred walk on in football Wednesday afternoon in a ceremony at the Dixie High School media center.

Santee claimed All Region

honors during his days of playing football with the Hornets.

"He was a big leader for us," said Dixie head football coach and athletic director Vic Lollis, noting that the young man played a number of positions, from tight end to center.

Lollis went on to describe him as a "valuable asset to our program. You can't do without a player like that."

Why North Greenville?

"It has a great Christian mindset," replied Parker, who wants to go into broadcasting.

Lady Flashes hoping for at-large playoff bid

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls Charter varsity girls basketball team experience the thrill of victory and tasted defeated as well, in contests with Region foes.

The Lady Flashes defeated Whitmire 62-48 this past Tuesday, Feb. 9, at Whitmire, said Joseph Cade, head coach for the Lady Flashes.

Jasmine Cade led the way for the Lady Flashes with 33 points, followed by Autumn Thomas with 15 points.

"We were up 37-13 at half-time," said Cade. "We had a lot of fast breaks and steals. "The next two nights got

harder," he said.

Calhoun Falls on Wednesday, Feb. 10 lost to Dixie in Calhoun Falls 36-30.

"They were ahead of us pretty much the whole ball game," he said of the Lady Hornets. "At one time they were up by 19, and we cut it to four points with 36 seconds in the game."

However, that was as close as the Lady Flashes got.

Autumn Thomas led the way for Calhoun Falls Charter with 14 points, followed by Jasmine Cade with nine.

Calhoun Falls Charter ended the week with a visit to Southside Christian and lost 52-33.

"They out-manned us," he said, noting that Southside's Hannah Fuller had six three pointers, Cade continued.

Raynais Williams led the Lady Flashes with 14 points, followed by Jasmine Cade, with 10.

"Our record is 10-7 overall, and 8-3 in the Region," he said. "We are in third place in the Region. "

The Lady Flashes are hoping to get an at large bid to the playoffs.

Calhoun Falls Charter has one game remaining--that was with High Point Academy, slated for last night, Cade continued.

Fleet split neutral site games with Covenant

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

The Erskine College baseball team (2-4) split a pair of games with Covenant College (1-3) 8-6 and 16-4 at the Lakepoint Sports Complex in Emerson, Georgia on Friday evening.

Erskine and Covenant had never played before today's doubleheader.

GAME 1: The Fleet struck first when Livan Reinoso hit a solo home run (his third of the season) to put the Fleet on the scoreboard in the top of the third. The Scots responded with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth to take the lead. The Fleet had two touch home in both the fifth and the sixth innings. In the fifth, Xander Vizcarrando brought in Livan Reinoso with an RBI single to center field and then Drew Yniesta brought in Dayan Reinoso with an RBI double to right

field. The Fleet lead would not last long, however, as the Scots collected four runs in the bottom of the sixth to push ahead 6-5. Livan Reinoso led off the ninth with another solo home run (4) to tie it at 6-6. The Fleet would get the go ahead run as close as 90 feet away before they recorded their third out in the ninth. With two outs in the bottom of the ninth Brooks DuBose hit a walk-off home run to give the Scots a hard earned 8-6 victory.

GAME 2: Dalton Boyd's single in the second inning got the Fleet offense rolling. The Fleet opened the game up in the fourth with a five-run inning highlighted by a pair of singles from Livan Reinoso and Armando Becerra. Erskine added four runs in the fifth inning and five more in the sixth to take a 16-2 lead into the seventh inning. The Scots scored twice in the seventh as the

Fleet picked up their second win of the season.

GAME 1: In addition to his two solo home runs, Livan Reinoso (5-for-5) also had a pair of singles and a double to finish perfect from the plate.

GAME 2: Chase Hadwin (2-0) picked up his second win of the season, tossing four innings of two run ball. Hadwin collected seven strikeouts while allowing just two hits.

The Fleet open up Conference Carolinas play next weekend when they travel to Barton College (0-2) for a four-game series with the Bulldogs.

First pitch on Friday, February 19 is set for 11:00 AM. Barton leads the all-time series with Erskine 38-30 although Erskine has won five of the last six contests.

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Erskine Athletics announces Fan Policy for Outdoor Sports

Submitted by
Erskine Athletics Department

The Erskine College athletics department has announced its fan policies for home sporting events through the month of February.

For all indoor sports (basketball, volleyball, and acrobatics & tumbling), the policy remains the same as previously announced.

For all outdoor sports played in, fan attendance will be limited to designated, socially distanced areas. Those who are in attendance will be restricted from coming in close contact with all student-athletes and playing surfaces. All seating within every venue will be closed to the public. Masking is required for all fans in attendance.

See below for details for each venue's availability:

GRIER FIELD (Baseball)

Standing/sitting room available on the hill down the right field line.

Social distancing is required

Standing room available on the parking lot behind the hill.

Can view from your cars.

Seating area behind home

plate and all sidewalks at the complex are closed off to the public.

HUGGINS FIELD (Soccer, Lacrosse)

Bleacher access is prohibited

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No fans will be allowed in the area between the two dugouts, around the press box or behind homeplate.

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Fans will not be allowed to view from the sidewalk.

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Fans will be limited to a designated fan area to be announced at a later time.

The decision to limit capacity at outdoor venues was developed with the safety of Erskine student-athletes, coaches, and athletic staff in mind and will be re-evaluated at the end of January.

Attendance policies for all road contests against Conference Carolinas (Conf. Carolinas Policy Page) and non-conference opponents will be at the discretion of the host institution and fans are encouraged to check with the host institution for any restrictions on attendance.

All Flying Fleet basketball home games will be streamed on the Fleet Sports Network as part of the Conference Carolinas Digital Network. Events can be viewed using streaming devices such as Roku, AppleTV and Amazon Fire.

To view the full spring schedule, click here.

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Erskine sports

EC loses to Emmanuel in mens basketball

The Erskine College men's basketball team (1-3, 1-3 CC) dropped a home meeting with Emmanuel College (8-4, 6-1 CC) 89-55 on Tuesday night in Belk Arena.

Erskine runner honored

Just days after securing a Conference Carolinas individual title and being named conference Runner of the Year, sophomore Lizzie Naval caught national attention on Wednesday as she was named the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association's (USTFCCA) Athlete of the Week.

Naval, the top finisher in last week's Conference Carolinas Championships secured her spot as Runner of the Year in the conference

by finishing nearly 15 seconds faster than any of her competition.

"It's well earned," head coach Dylan Anderson said. "After the insanity of 2020 and all the ups and downs that it brought, not only for her but for the team. For her to win this award in a very different season is something we are proud of. She certainly deserves the national spotlight."

Naval finished fourth in last season's Conference Carolinas Championships a finish in which she earned Freshman of the Year honors.

Erskine loses to Lander in baseball

The Erskine College baseball team (0-1) surrendered six runs in the ninth and fell 12-10 to Lander University

(1-0) in its season-opener at Dolny Stadium on Thursday.

Erskine baseball The Erskine College baseball team (1-3) finished up its opening weekend with a 13-0 loss to Lander University (2-0) at Dolny Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

EC mens basketball

The Erskine men's basketball team lost 68-59 to the University of Mt. Olive at Belk Arena Saturday night.

EC womens basketball

The Erskine women's basketball team was defeated by the University of Mt. Olive 54-33 at Belk Arena on Saturday.

The preceding information was supplied by the Erskine sports information department.

Fleet see halftime lead slip away at Barton

Submitted by
Erskine Athletics Department

The Erskine College men's basketball team (2-8, 2-8 CC) fell 92-83 to Barton College (4-5, 4-5 CC) in Wilson Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon.

With the Fleet loss today, the Bulldogs extend their advantage in the all-time series to 40-14. Erskine has not won in Wilson, N.C. since the 2013-14 season when Erskine's Roderick Perkins had a game-high 26 points in an 87-72 win.

In the first half, the Fleet built as much as a 10 point

lead when a pair of made free throws by Jalen Canada with 1:58 to play put them ahead 37-27. Erskine took a seven-point lead into the break led by 12 points from Justin Morton on 5-of-8 shooting from the field. In the second half, the Bulldogs outscored the Fleet by 16 points in the second half to claim the 92-83 win.

In a team-high 30 minutes, Justin Morton led the way for the Fleet, finishing with 18 points. Morton, a freshman, also added four steals and a pair of assists.

Erskine shot 30-76 (39.5%) and was 9-22 (40.9%) from 3-point range. The Fleet

amassed 14 points from the free-throw line, 14-19 (73.7%). Barton once again collected 48 rebounds and had more assists (20) than the Fleet (9).

The Fleet begin their three-game week with a road meeting at North Greenville (5-4, 5-4 CC) on Tuesday night.

Tip-off with the Crusaders is set for 7:00 PM. Erskine leads the all-time series 13-11 since the 2007-08 season, though NGU has won the previous two meetings.

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Erskine Men's Volleyball/North Greenville sweeps Fleet 3-0

Submitted by
Erskine Athletics Department

The Erskine Men's Volleyball team (3-2, 0-1 CC) was defeated by North Greenville University (3-1, 1-1 CC) in three sets on Friday night by a score of 19-25, 20-25, 17-25.

North Greenville now leads the all-time series 7-4 and the Crusaders have won four straight meetings. Erskine's last win over North Greenville was a five-set victory in January 2019.

Set 1: The Fleet and Crusaders went back and forth through the early and middle stages of the opening set before a Jon Fuller kill gave the Fleet a 14-13 lead. But, the Crusaders answered by taking the next six points to take a five-point lead which caused Erskine to take a timeout. The Fleet got the ensuing point on a Justin

Rendon kill, but the Crusaders won the following four points to cruise to a 25-19 victory in Set 1.

Set 2: North Greenville started the second set on a 5-0 run fueled by a pair of aces from Sergio Carrillo. Erskine clawed back in the middle stages of the set after an Edgerrin Austin kill and an NGU attack error got the Fleet within a point at 16-15, but the Crusaders had a late 5-1 run and closed out Set 2 with a 25-20 victory.

Set 3: The beginning of Set 3 was a back-and-forth affair capped by another Austin kill to trim Erskine's deficit to 5-4. But, North Greenville won five of the next six points to take a 10-5 lead. The Fleet kept it close into the middle stages as a Crusaders attack error made it a 14-11 game, but North Greenville went on a 7-0 run and was well on their way to a 25-17 victory in Set

3 and a sweep of the Fleet. Edgerrin Austin had a team-high 10 kills and seven digs for the Fleet in their conference opener.

Erskine hit just .026 (23 K / 21 E / 76 TA) in the loss, but the Fleet did tally four service aces, including a pair from Justin Rendon.

Erskine is back in action at home tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 p.m. against former Conference Carolinas foe, Limestone University (2-4, 0-1 Independent). The Saints lead the all-time series 10-7 and have won five straight as well as six of the last seven meetings between the teams. Erskine's last win in the series came in Gaffney back in February 2018. The teams met twice last year with Limestone picking up 3-0 sweeps in both matches.

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO. 2020-CP-01-00280

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., Plaintiff vs. Taria Stokes a/k/a Taria D. Stokes a/k/a Taria Dianne Stokes, Midland Funding, LLC, and Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S)

TARIA STOKES A/K/A TARIA D. STOKES A/K/A TARIA DIANNE STOKES: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above action, a copy which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned at their offices, 2838 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205, within thirty (30) days after service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and, if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you

for relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County on December 30, 2020.

NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you have a right to be considered for Foreclosure Intervention.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been commenced and is now pending or is about to be commenced in the Circuit Court upon the complaint of the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant for the purpose of foreclosing a certain mortgage of real estate heretofore given by Taria Stokes to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. bearing date of June 9, 2010 and recorded July 12, 2010 in Mortgage Book 18L at page 665 in the Register of Mesne Conveyances/ Register of Deeds/Clerk of Court for Abbeville County,

in the original principal sum of Eighty Six Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Three and 00/100 Dollars (\$86,673.00), and that the premises effected by said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof are situated in the County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, and is described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying and being situate in the State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville, and being shown and designated as Tract "A" on SC Highway 184 on plat prepared by Wallace & Associates dated April 29,

2010 entitled "Boundary Survey for James D. Stokes and Mattie Stokes" and recorded in Plat Book 69 at page 33 in the Abbeville County Clerk of Court Office. Reference is hereby made to said plat for a more complete and accurate description of said property. TMS No. 009-00-00-075 (LOT) 000-99-07-830 (MH) Property Address: 9204 Highway 184 E, Donalds, SC 29638
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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. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371PC) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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(5) The name of the applicant and the address of the business to be licensed.
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