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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.”

## Rainy day nourishment Second Harvest holds another food distribution

By Henry E. Green

The Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina held another food distribution Thursday in the parking lot of the old Bi-Lo on Highway 72 on the western outskirts of Abbeville.

Local law enforcement provided traffic control on a chilly, rainy day, and the National Guard helped out with the “drive through” distribution.

“We provided meal boxes, fresh produce and meat to 625 families/1,800 people today,” said Donal Dickens, regional branch coordinator with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina. “We distributed almost 30,000 pounds of food. It lasted about 90 minutes which is about how long our distribu-

tions last when I have the SC National Guard helping me. We try to move food pretty quick so we can feed as many people as we can in a short period of time.”

Dickens said he is “not sure when we will be back in Abbeville County. We are going to try to make the rounds in some of our other counties in the Upstate that are also fighting the battle of food insecurity before making another trip down to Greenwood/Abbeville counties. As far as the Upstate counties go, Abbeville has the highest rates. The childhood poverty rate right now is around 32%. There are other counties in the state with higher numbers, but less than a handful.”

Second Harvest had a food

distribution several weeks ago in the same place—the parking lot of the old Bi-Lo store.

The Abbeville County School District, working with an organization called Save the Children, also had a food distribution recently at the old Bi-Lo parking lot, and AHS and Dixie students helped out, as well as School District personnel.

Food insecurity has come to the forefront in the midst of the economic uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

Second Harvest serves a total of 24 counties, including 14 counties in North Carolina and 10 in South Carolina, including Abbeville, according to the organization’s Website.



The Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina held another food distribution Thursday in the parking lot of the old Bi-Lo on Highway 72 on the western outskirts of Abbeville. National Guardsmen helped out. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## City planning to have Spring Festival

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville is planning to have the Spring Festival this year, after the City cancelled last year’s festival because of COVID-19 concerns, according to Mike Clary, the City’s Community Development Director.

“We certainly felt like Hogs and Hens was successful back in October, and we haven’t decided what COVID safety measures will be in place, since the event is still a few months out,” said Clary.

“But we will continue to evaluate the COVID situation as we move closer to the festival.”

The number of positive COVID cases appears to be on a downward trend throughout much of the state and much of the country, Clary noted.

“While the city is having events with COVID safety protocols, we certainly still encourage people to take COVID seriously, to wear their masks, and to use their best discretion as to whether they should attend

these events, especially if they have underlying health conditions,” Clary said.

The Abbeville Spring Festival is scheduled this year for April 29 through May 1.

Presented by the City, the festival offers a blend of live music and other entertainment, crafts, amusement rides, and food.

The Hogs and Hens festival, featuring barbecue and live bands, was presented by the City in downtown Abbeville in October, with a number of COVID safety protocols in place.



Chris Wilkie of Abbeville recently presented a fundraiser with a culinary climax at Main Street Coffee for the Caroline Project, which focuses on the promotion of mental health and on suicide awareness. Attending the dinner were (from left, standing) Justo Chalaire, Krissi Raines, Monique Bell, Chris Wilkie, Lucia Bishop, John Andrew Bishop and (seated) Thurmond Bishop. (Photo courtesy of Chris Wilkie)

## Trustees approve bonuses for employees

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County School District personnel will get bonuses, according to action taken by the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees in a special meeting Thursday night.

The board voted unanimously to give each full and part time employee, a \$1,000 bonus for their work during the pandemic.

The motion, made by vice chairman Tim Rhodes, was as follows:

“In acknowledgment and appreciation of the extra duties and responsibilities that our teachers, administrators and support staff have performed this school year in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, I

move that the Board direct the Administration to issue a special payroll check in the gross amount of \$1,000 to each full-and part-time employee, including long-term substitutes.”

The School District has about 450 employees, and the bonuses would total about \$450,000.

Employees should see their bonuses by the end of March, according to Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary.

School board chairman Brad Evans said Monday that he is hoping for the District to be able to cover the bonuses through federal funds which were allocated for certain things due to the

pandemic.

If that turns out not to be the case, the school district will take money from its general fund.

Evans is proud of the way all the District personnel have gone above and beyond their responsibilities during their pandemic, to keep the District open, functioning and safe.

“Our maintenance people disinfect those schools twice a week, and will do it more if needed,” he said, noting just one example. “Every school is done twice a week.”

Evans said the federal funds to which he referred are called SC CARES ES-SER funds.

## 55-year-olds now qualify Vaccine eligibility opens

By Henry E. Green

Governor Henry McMaster and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control announced yesterday that South Carolina will move to Phase 1b of the COVID-19 vaccination plan, according to First Steps of South Carolina.

Beginning March 8, appointments to get the COVID-19 vaccine can be made by people in the following groups:

- Anyone aged 55 and up
- People at increased risk

for severe COVID-19 disease. That includes people ages 16 through 64 with high risk medical conditions such as cancer, chronic kidney disease, or diabetes, just to name a few.

• Frontline workers with increased occupational risk. Frontline workers must be in person at their place of work, and must perform a job that puts them at increased risk of exposure.

These include school staff and day care workers, grocery store workers, law enforcement officers, just to

name a few. • Individuals at increased risk in settings where people are living and working in close contact.

These would include workers and residents in homeless shelters, and state and local correctional facility staff with direct inmate contact, just to name a few examples.

For more information, one may call DHEC’s COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line at 1-866-365-8110.

## Special City Council election set for Tuesday

By Henry E. Green

There will be a special Abbeville City Council election on Tuesday, March 9 to fill the City Council seat vacated by Trey Edwards when he became Mayor of Abbeville last year, according to Abbeville County voter registration and elections director Kim London.

Three individuals will be vying for the District Three seat. Candidates include Sandi Hood, Dee Henderson and John Sutherland.

City Council elections are nonpartisan.

Edwards had been serving on City Council, where he represented City Council District Three, before he ran for Mayor last fall.

The March 9 election will be to fill Edwards’s unexpired term on City Council.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on March 9, and voters in District Three will cast their ballots at the Abbeville County Administration Complex on West

Greenwood Street in Abbeville, London said.

Edwards had two years remaining on his term, the voter registration and elections director went on to say.

Voters in District Three may vote absentee at the voter registration office through March 8 at 5 p.m., she said.

For more information, one may call the Abbeville County voter registration and elections office at 366-2400, extension 53.

# County Council holds budget workshop

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Council held a budget workshop Monday night in preparation for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Abbeville County Director David Garner provided a presentation on the budget preparations, and he noted that it is still a work in progress.

"This is a fluid document," he said.

The proposed 2021-2022 budget is slated to have a first reading in March.

The projected revenues for the coming fiscal year, which begins on July 1 of this year, come to \$10.2 million.

This number is expected to stay the same, with the possible exception of revenue which could be gained from grants for which Abbeville County has applied.

Garner noted that last year County departments, because of COVID, spent

comparatively little of their training and travel allowances, and so this year most of that money that would have gone into training and travel has instead been placed in the nondepartmental fund.

There has been an increase in the property and liability insurance costs for the County and an increase in workers compensation-related costs as well.

The expenditures are projected to be \$10.1 million, in what Garner emphasized is still a first draft of the budget.

Garner also noted:

- The budget work so far has included only the general fund, and the County is still working on special funds, such as the one for rural fire.

- There exist some capital needs which Abbeville County Council might discuss, including needed Courthouse renovations.

- Several departments have

made specific requests for raises.

County Council member Rick Campbell noted Tuesday that first reading on the budget is slated for the County Council meeting on Monday, April 12, and then two more readings are expected before the budget is passed.

"We're still in the preliminaries," Campbell said. "We're still looking at numbers."

Council went into an executive session of about an hour and a half to discuss personnel and contractual matters related to the budget, but took no resulting action upon returning to open session.

Garner said after the meeting that it is still too early to tell whether there will be a tax increase.

"We don't know at this particular where we stand," said Campbell Tuesday. "It's just too early."



The Abbeville County Historical Society is hoping to restore the Creswell cabin. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Society seeks to restore Creswell cabin

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Historical Society is trying to find a way to restore the Creswell Cabin behind the Abbeville County Museum, said Andrew Hartsfield, Historical Society president.

More than 200 years old, the cabin was moved to its present location in the early 1970s.

According to the Historical Society president, the cabin was originally located near Long Cane Creek.

It has fallen into "grave decay," said Hartsfield, who

said the back left corner of the cabin has collapsed, and the roof is also one third collapsed.

The Society has looked into the possibility of getting a grant to restore the cabin with the help of the City of Abbeville.

"Unfortunately we were told it is not eligible for grant assistance because it is included as a noncontributing property in the Abbeville Historic District.

The noncontributing status results from its having been moved to its current location

in the 1970s. Relocated properties are, generally, not eligible for the National Register. Therefore this property does not qualify."

The cabin is located on grounds belonging to Abbeville County, Hartsfield said.

If you would like to help with the restoration of the Creswell Cabin by making a donation, volunteering or donating supplies and materials please e-mail: [Andrew@abbeville-countyhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:Andrew@abbeville-countyhistoricalsociety.org) or call 864-366-8193.

## Food equals love

### Delicious dinner highlights fundraiser for Caroline Project

By Henry E. Green

Good deeds are alive and well in Abbeville.

Chris Wilkie of Abbeville recently presented a fundraiser with a culinary climax at Main Street Coffee for the Caroline Project, which focuses on the promotion of mental health and on suicide awareness.

It is named for Caroline Bishop, a young woman who took her own life several years ago.

Wilkie cooked a dinner, held on Monday, Feb. 22, at Main Street Coffee, that provided the high point of the fundraiser.

"I did a Chicken Alfredo," he said. "I made homemade noodles and everything. I did the dinner for six people."

Wilkie first collected donations for the Caroline Project,

and used part of the money to provide for the dinner.

"Monique Bell, the victim's advocate for the Sheriff's Department, and I collected donations," he said.

At the dinner at Main Street Coffee, he presented Lucia Bishop, president of Caroline project, with a check for \$450. Attending the dinner were Lucia and Thurmond Bishop, and their son John Andrew, as well as Krissi Raines, Monique Bell, and Justo Chalaire.

Chris had a simple rationale for his fundraiser.

"I just wanted to give back to a group in the community that's helping people," he said.

Giving back for him translated into a sumptuous dinner.

"It was actually a four course meal," Chris remembered.

The investigator with the Eighth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office made two kinds of deviled eggs and a Caesar salad in addition to the Chicken Alfredo.

He got a little help from his friends.

"Marsha Petersheim who works at Main Street made a tiramisu cheese cake for me," he said. "Sam Richey and Randy Curtis at Deason's Florist donated a flower arrangement which I gave to Lucia (Caroline's mother) that evening."

He extended a special thanks to Akasha Paul of Abbeville. "She helped me in preparing and serving the dinner," he said.

Chris was philosophical about the experience. "I feel things in my heart," he said. "I just feel like giving back."

## a Word from "THE WORD"

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### God's Call



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**Hebrews 11:8 "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going."**

Author Dennis Covington recalls that on long summer evenings when he and his buddies had been out fishing or playing ball, each boy's mother would call him home in a different way. Most mothers would lean out the back door and yell for her child. "Frankie! Danny! Stanley! Come home!" Some mothers had big cow bells outside the back door, and they would ring the cow bell to call a child home. But Dennis' dad was always the one to call him home. And Mr. Covington didn't just stand on the porch and yell for Dennis. He wandered down to the lake and softly called, "Dennis." And father and son would walk home together. As Covington writes, "He always came to the place I was before he called my name."

I can't help but think that is how God called Abraham to follow Him. God doesn't yell or holler at us—rather He speaks in that still small voice deep within us that resonates with our very soul. I would like to share three things about God's call to Abraham.

First of all it was a divine call. It was none other than God Himself who called

Abraham to follow Him. Think about how special that is—the all mighty and sovereign God who created the universe called Abraham to follow Him. Genesis 12:1 records that when God called Abraham He said "to a land that I will show you..." God did not share with Abraham where that land was, just that He would show it to him. That would mean that Abraham would have to remain close to God in order for God to direct his path.

Listen, we do not have to know all the details of the journey God calls us to, we just have to have the faith to stay close to Him and follow His leadership. If God is calling you to follow Him, the wise thing to do is obey that call like Abraham did.

Secondly, it was a difficult call. God called Abraham from the familiar to the unfamiliar. Again, Genesis 12:1 tells us, "Get out of your country, from your family, and from your father's house..." God called Abraham to a foreign land, a land with a different culture. It is difficult to leave one's homeland. Abraham responded in faith to God's call. Maybe God has placed

a difficult call on your life. The wise thing to do would be to do what Abraham did—respond in faith and follow God.

Thirdly, it was a demanding call. God demanded Abraham to leave his home and follow Him. Abraham may have had different plans for his life, but God's call took precedence over his own personal plans. Whatever Abraham's plans were for his life, God's plans were far better.

In Genesis 12:2-3 God told him what His plans were for Abraham: "I will make you a great nation; I will bless you, and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Folks, that includes you and me. There is no way that Abraham's plans for his life could match those of God. God has a purpose for every life He creates—the greatest satisfaction comes from following God's plan in faith. God's call on your life may seem difficult but if you have faith to follow His call you will be blessed.

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# Let it breathe

## Future phase of Trinity restoration will include stucco replacement

By Henry E. Green

Work continues on Trinity Episcopal Church, and the next phase, after the work to stabilize the steeple, will concentrate on replacing the church's exterior stucco, according to Mike Bedenbaugh, president and CEO of Preservation South Carolina.

Preservation South Carolina is working with the Friends of Trinity and the Episcopal Church's Diocese of Upper South Carolina to restore the church.

Bedenbaugh emphasized that the stucco work will be contingent on the raising of the money necessary to perform the work, and it will not be cheap.

The phase will cost about one million dollars, and will include getting rid of the Portland cement which was placed on the church in the 1970s, and replacing it with "traditional lime based mortar."

Portland cement, in effect, suffocates the church building, which was completed on the eve of the Civil War. "It does not allow the building to breathe," Bedenbaugh said.

"It locks in the vapor which should be going in and out of the building."

The lime-based mortar, which will be serving as a replacement, meanwhile, will be painted the original color of the church when the church opened.

It will be slightly darker than the stucco on the church now.

"Darker and richer," said Bedenbaugh. "It's really a beautiful color."

All the while, the fundraising effort continues.

"Our active fundraising is ongoing," he said, welcoming people to visit [www.restoretrinity.org](http://www.restoretrinity.org).

In addition to the exterior stucco, the church's windows have to be worked

on, the organ needs to be repaired, and some electrical work needs to be done. "We have utilized \$1.2 million," he said of the fundraising so far.

About \$800,000 has been raised so far, and an anonymous donor contributed \$400,000. Fundraising for the stucco phase has not yet begun, he said.

Preservation South Carolina joined the restoration effort in 2018, and is currently leasing the Trinity Episcopal Church building from the diocese.

The restoration process has brought with it improved safety concerning the building's stability, and its congregation is now worshipping inside the structure.

Highlighted by its Gothic revival architecture, the church is admired for its beauty, and is the subject of countless photographs.



Scaffolding could be seen around the Trinity Episcopal Church in Abbeville, as restoration continues. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Artist Jesse Nance to have exhibit in March

By Henry E. Green

Jesse Nance will be having an exhibition at the Welcome Center in Abbeville during the month of March, according to the recent Abbeville Artist Guild newsletter.

Nance is a local artist who is also the president of the Abbeville Artist Guild.

The exhibit, which will run March 1 through March 31, will help kick off a busy year for the Guild, a nonprofit organization which seeks to promote the arts here in Abbeville County.

That will include the first

Guild workshop of the year—a "paint with tissue paper" workshop with Alice Lewis on March 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Abbeville Civic Center in Abbeville, according to the Guild newsletter.

The cost is \$35 for non-AAG members, and is free for AAG members who have paid their 2021 dues.

"We will not have our High School Art Show in 2021 due to COVID," according to a Guild newsletter.

The organization is planning a week-long summer art camp for kids, as well as a community photo contest,

entitled "My Best Photo Ever" in the summer.

Other events planned by the Guild will include a Paintnic in the Park in September, and a student art display during the Hogs and Hens Festival in October.

Nance will teach a paper fruit workshop in the fall, and there will be a "scavenger hunt of art work" planned for Sept. 18.

"We will help the City of Abbeville with the Spring Festival and the Hogs and Hens arts and crafts judging," according to the Guild newsletter.

# Chamber planning Mother-Son event

By Henry E. Green

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce is planning a Mother Son event this month, said Chamber interim executive director Julie Wilson Wednesday.

The Mother Son Game Day will be presented by the Chamber on Saturday, March 20, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Chestnut Street Park in Abbeville, Wilson said.

The event, designed as a good way for mothers to bond with their elementary and middle school ages sons,

will feature an egg toss, a sack race, corn hole, dodge ball, and badminton.

"There will also be a food truck at the event," she said.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for a mother son pair, and \$5 for each additional son, and they are on sale at the Chamber, Wilson continued.

This event is designed to be a sort of companion to the Daddy Daughter Dance, which is scheduled for April 24, at the Livery Stable from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tickets for the Daddy Daughter Dance are \$25

per couple, and \$10 for each additional daughter.

In addition, the Chamber is planning "Paint Nights With Tommy" at the Welcome Center.

"The first one will be on March 8, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We'll be doing a painting of the Trinity Church," she said.

Those planning to attend Paint Night will be asked to register for the event on the Chamber Facebook Page.

Tickets for Paint Night are \$25, Wilson continued.

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Scaffolding could be seen around the Trinity Episcopal Church in Abbeville, as restoration continues. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Merchants Association planning Beer Walk

By Henry E. Green

The Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association is planning a Beer Walk for March 13 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in downtown Abbeville, according to Association president Jennifer Creswell. Tickets may be purchased through the Association's Facebook page as well as at Breezy Quarters and As We Grow Boutique, Creswell said. Participants will begin the Walk at the Chamber of Commerce, where they will

be given maps and punch cards, she said. "They'll also have their ID checked," she said. The map will show the various stops on the Walk, and this year there are a minimum of 15 stops. At each stop, participants will be given a small amount of beer. This year, "It's going to be a mix of imports and craft beers," Creswell continued. "They will definitely have one or two Irish beers," she said, and other imported

beers will be available as well. The Association has had the Beer Walk every spring for at least five years, she said. Last year it was a big success, with approximately 150 people participating, Creswell continued. The Association recently had a Chocolate Walk, in conjunction with Valentine's Day, and it was, she said, successful despite rainy weather.

## New vaccine third weapon against virus

By Henry E. Green

Though the coronavirus numbers in Abbeville County continue to rise, there is good news on the pandemic front. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is coming on the scene, providing a third weapon on the war on the virus which has killed half a million Americans. According to DHEC data from Monday, March 1, Abbeville County had 1,919 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19, and 29 COVID-related deaths. Among Abbeville's neighboring counties, McCormick had 735 cases and 17 deaths, while Laurens had 5,811 cases and 141 deaths, DHEC reported. Greenwood had 6,708 cases and 142 deaths, while Anderson had 18,425 cases

and 424 deaths. The total number of positive cases in South Carolina came to 444,991 as of March 1, with 7,592 coronavirus-related deaths. The number of cases in Abbeville County continues to climb steadily. On Sunday, Feb. 21, Abbeville County had 1881 confirmed positive cases, and 28 coronavirus-related deaths. Meanwhile, South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster is lifting COVID-19 restrictions in the Palmetto State on mass gatherings and alcohol sales. Nationwide, there has been a decline in the number of coronavirus cases and deaths, although the CDC indicates that the decline has stalled in recent weeks.

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# Silver screen

## Three decades have passed since 'Sleeping' touched Abbeville

By Henry E. Green

Has it been more than 30 years since *Sleeping with the Enemy* was made in Abbeville?

Don't look now, but the answer may be very much in the affirmative.

Yes, three decades have passed since Julia Roberts and the gang descended on Abbeville.

Mind you, this film about a woman who fakes her own death to escape an abusive husband was not made entirely in Abbeville, but enough of the movie-making was done here to leave lasting memories.

Among those memories was a parade scene in the downtown portion of what Abbeville was transformed into in the film—a town in Iowa, where Julia Roberts' character had fled.

So it was that during the filming of the parade scene the South Carolina state flag outside the Abbeville County Courthouse was replaced by the state flag

of Iowa.

Abbevilian Shelley Reid has vivid memories of the movie makers.

"They used the old Reid Motor Company building (now Abbeville Body Works), as a sound stage for the bathroom scene," he said.

"I had a lot of the stage walls and platforms they used for the sound stage version of the inside of Julia Roberts' house as they came with a building we purchased. I donated them to the Abbeville Museum. I don't think they are still there. Keifer Sutherland would come into the Rough House to play pool. At the time, he was dating Julia Roberts. He was very nice and personable. Patrick Bergin would come in for coffee and read the paper.

"They used the building next door to the Rough House as the bus station. The day of the big festival scene on the square, it was very hot! I was inside the

Rough House working in cool air conditioning. I really felt bad for all the extras who had to be outside for hours on end in the blazing sun. Those are the highlights of what I remember."

The character Julia Roberts played, meanwhile, lived on what we know as Magazine Street. Patrick Bergin played her husband, and Kevin Anderson her love interest.

It was all filmed in the spring of 1990, and in addition to Abbeville, filming was done in Wilmington, N.C. and in Spartanburg.

Julia Roberts, according to reports, was only 22 when the film was made, and she became the youngest actress to earn a seven-figure fee for a single performance.

The movie, which according to Wikipedia was released on Feb. 8, 1991, received less than stellar reviews—it has a 20 percent rating from *Rotten Tomatoes*—but was a box office success.

# Society aims to move Harper's Ferry building

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Historical Society is working hard to take care of the Harper's Ferry Cable Building, located behind the Abbeville County Law Enforcement Center, according to Historical Society president Andrew Hartsfield.

"It was moved many years ago from Lowndesville after the Savannah River was flooded to make Lake Russell," Hartsfield said in a recent Historical Society newsletter. "It was first moved to the Abbeville

County Museum, then later to the Law Enforcement Center in the late 80s.

Over time vegetation grew up and covered the building, but the County cleared out the vegetation, and the Society plans to move the building to a spot behind the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House and place it next to the "Harpers Ferry bell."

The building will have to be completely restored with a new floor, a new roof, and new framing.

2020 marked the 100th anniversary of the Harper's

Ferry tragedy that took the lives of 10 young people.

Harper's Ferry crossed the Savannah River near Lowndesville, and on April 4, 1920, a cable on the river broke, and 10 young people who were crossing the river at Harper's Ferry perished.

The bodies of nine of those young people were recovered and are buried under a single headstone at Providence Presbyterian Church, and the body of the 10th was never found.

# District's Junior Scholars recognized

By Henry E. Green

Six very, very bright young people were recognized at the Feb. 23 school board meeting.

They are this year's Junior Scholars of the Abbeville County School District, including three students from Dixie High School—Drew Biggerstaff, Daniel Moore, and Ansley Prescott—and three from Wright Middle School—Zane Fisher, Emma Horne, and Aubrey Lewis.

They are all students who have been named

Junior Scholars by virtue of their scores on the PSAT/NMSQT.

According to the South Carolina Department of Education, the South Carolina Junior Scholars program was developed by the Department of Education during the 1985/1986 school year "to identify eighth grade students with exceptional academic talent and to develop strategies for inclusion into special programs."

Students are identified in

the eighth grade. They include students who scored 550 or higher on the Evidence Based Reading and Writing section of the PSAT/NMSQT, or 530 or higher on the math portion of the test.

The young people were recognized during the Gold Star Highlights segment of the school board meeting, a segment designated as a time of highlighting outstanding achievement by District students and personnel.



The City of Abbeville municipal court has set up an after hours drop box outside the front door of the City's Police/Fire Complex on South Main. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Municipal court now has drop box

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville municipal court has set up an afterhours drop box outside the front door of the City's Police/Fire Complex, according to Bonnie Scroggs, the City's clerk of court.

This drop box is designed to be a repository for court fees and fines, Scroggs said Thursday.

The building has been

largely closed to the public during the past year due to COVID, and the drop box will add an element of convenience for people wanting to pay their court fines, according to Scroggs.

This gives them another payment option," she said, noting that people may also pay their fines on-line at [www.abbevillecitysc.com](http://www.abbevillecitysc.com)

for things such as traffic violations, criminal violations. The drop box, which was installed last week, will be monitored by electronic surveillance.

No cash payments may be placed in the drop box.

Envelopes will be provided in a small slot on the front of the drop box, Scroggs continued.

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# 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.surveymonkey.com/r/6ZHQ9FSL>.

## Growers workshop scheduled

There will be a Growers 102 online free workshop on growing plants and vegetables on March 12, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

The event is being sponsored by Clemson Extension, Freshwater Coast Community Foundation, WCTEL, and SBDC.

## Vision committee meeting slated

The Abbeville Area Medical Center Vision Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 at 4 p.m.

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Deshawn Morgan receiving the PTC Staff Excellence Award (Photo contributed).

# No task too small for PTC Staff Excellence Award Winner

Submitted by  
Kristine Hartvigsen

Legendary football great Roger Staubach once aptly noted: "There are no traffic jams along the extra mile." If that is so, then Piedmont Technical College (PTC) Financial Aid Counselor Deshawn Morgan is the king of the road indeed. The 42-year-old, two-time PTC alumnus, who has worked in financial aid at the college for more than a decade, recently was honored by his work peers with the 2020 Staff Excellence Award.

"Deshawn is always willing to assist a student, even if that means giving up part of his lunch break or going home late," Financial Aid Director Missy Perry wrote in her nomination of Morgan for the award. "If he is in the middle of working on a task and a student needs to ask him a question, that student gets his full attention."

Morgan can personally relate to the students he counsels. He holds two degrees from PTC, one in building construction technology (1999) and the other in general business (2005). He worked in construction for a couple of years before returning to school after the company he was working for went out of business. Associate Dean of Students David Rosenbaum remembers Morgan well from when he was a student.

Rosenbaum was impressed by Morgan's positive attitude and consistent delivery of excellent customer service when the then-student worked on campus.

"Deshawn has always been one of my 'go-to' coworkers whenever questions arise, and he never hesitates to lend a helping hand," she wrote in her letter. "His warm personality and kindness to students and staff are a much-needed and appreciated asset in the Enrollment Center. As one of the first points of contact with students, Deshawn is exactly the type

of person our students need." If Morgan could have one job-related wish granted, it might be to reduce the processing time for students' FAFSA applications. Waiting truly is the hardest part, because timing can be critical for those wanting to begin classes on a certain date at the start of a term.

"Sometimes that can be very challenging," he said. "There can be drops for non-payment. I have to help them come up with a payment plan until their funding comes through."

Morgan says he gets along with everybody in the Financial Aid Department and appreciates the camaraderie they share. "I think it's a pretty dependable team. Anything we may need, we have each other's back." Perry admires that Morgan enthusiastically seizes any professional development opportunity that comes his way. His conscientiousness led him to earn a National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) credential in Direct Loans.

"Deshawn is always offering advice and ideas of making things run more smoothly within the office," she said. "He is a product of PTC. He is a graduate and has recognized how his PTC education assisted with transforming his life, and he strives every day to make sure that each student and employee he encounters has the same positive experience."

In his free time, Morgan likes to be outdoors, fishing or hitting the links. He played competitive golf as a junior at Greenwood High School. Now as an adult, he feels almost like a parent when he witnesses the successes of students he has assisted.

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# City's 'Jammin' in the Alley' series to resume

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville will resume its 'Jammin' in the Alley series beside the Belmont Inn on Saturday, March 13, at 3 p.m., according to Mike Clary, City of Abbeville Community Development Director.

The band is to be announced.

The remainder of the dates in the series will be on Thursday evenings in the Belmont Alley, beginning on Thursday, April 1, at 7 p.m., with the band Mojo on Max, based in the Upstate.

The band's music includes a repertoire of blues, funk,

folk, soul, rock and roll, jazz, country--"anything with that special Mojo magic that gets you moving"--said Clary, quoting the band's Website.

The series will last April through October, and there is no admission charge.

"There will be seating available on the veranda (of the Belmont)," Clary said, adding that people are also welcome to bring their own chairs.

"We introduced the series in July of 2020," and last year's series extended to October of last year.

If there is a mild rain on the night of the concert, the per-

formance could be moved to the veranda itself, and if the rain is too heavy, then the concert may be forced to be cancelled.

The rationale is to bring people to downtown Abbeville, where they can enjoy live music, and shop at local businesses.

Through events like this, the City is hoping to create a "vibrant downtown atmosphere," attracting both locals and visitors to shop at local businesses, and eat at local restaurants, Clary continued.

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And the Moravian Peter Boler asked him, "On what ground?"

This was Wesley's response, "That I have used my best endeavors to serve God." And Peter Boler simply shook his head.

Here was a man, Wesley, who had studied theology, who was an ordained clergyman, and he was like Nicodemus. He was, as Charles Wesley himself would later write, "Fast bound in sin and nature's night."

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# Bell used for river ferry

**By Henry E. Green**

On the grounds of the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House, the headquarters of the Abbeville County Historical Society, there is a bell which stands as a reminder of a tragedy which occurred more than 100 years ago.

"The Lowndesville Harpers Ferry bell is over 100 years old," said the Society's Bill Rogers recently. "The bell was used to alert people in Lowndesville that the ferry was leaving or arriving and the same was true on the Georgia side of the Savannah River.

Historian Lester Ferguson had it in his basement and his son Tom Ferguson gave

it to the Society about 10 years ago and paid for the marker and the pad and brickwork on which it is mounted. It is in the backyard at the Society."

The Lowndesville Harpers Ferry was the only means to get to Georgia from this area and was used until the Carolina-Georgia Memorial Bridge over the Savannah was built, Rogers went on to say.

"That bridge was dedicated Nov. 11th, 1927," said Rogers. "My grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. John Frank Rogers of Rogers Crossing and their children went. Everyone got new clothes and a picnic lunch was held at the

bridge. Thousands of people attended and governors from both states attended too. There was a large impressive ceremony from the photos. For rural South Carolina, it was a most progressive moment. The bridge was architecturally beautiful as well as being utilitarian."

The bridge is now under the waters of Lake Russell, said Rogers.

"I remembered crossing it many times in my youth to visit Great Aunt Julia Rogers McWhirter in Elberton and the bridge was so very narrow that it was scary to meet an oncoming vehicle."

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# De la Howe planning livestock show

**By Henry E. Green**

South Carolina Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe is planning to present a livestock show on Saturday, March 6.

"This is a livestock show we are calling Ag Fest," said school president Tim Keown. "We have animals coming here from all over SC and Georgia."

The Livestock Show and Youth Field Trial will include a swine show beginning at 10 a.m., and a rabbit/pocket pet show beginning at 10 a.m. as well, while the beef show will begin at 2 p.m.

The youth field trial will begin at 8 a.m. Ten dollar lunch plates will be available

from the John de la Howe cafeteria, and other items will be sold by JDLH clubs/organizations.

There is free admission, and masks will be required, and social distancing enforced.

"Some of the animals are cared for here (at the school)," said Keown. "But this is a contest for kids to show the best animals. So the kids are from all over - we are just a host site. It's a huge event for those involved in the livestock industry. We will have beef heifers, pigs, and rabbits."

Located at 192 Gettys Road, McCormick, the school is a "public residen-

tial high school focused on providing a unique and challenging agricultural education program," according to a school news release.

Situated on 1,310 acres of forest and farmland, the school offers students hands on training in the fields of agribusiness, forestry, equipment operation, land management and food science.

The livestock show is not the only event which will be keeping the school busy this weekend.

"We are also hosting the SC Miss FFA Pageant at the Abbeville Opera House this Friday night!" said Keown.

# House week in review

**Rep. Craig A. Gagnon, District 11--SC House of Representatives February 25, 2021**

A big item on the calendar this week was a bill to amend the Governor's Executive Powers during a State of Emergency, such as we have experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill provides a legislative check to the Governor's powers. After 30 days the power to extend, modify, or discontinue the order falls into the hands of the legislature. After 30 days, the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate may call the legislature back. Or, 10 of our 46 county legislative delegations can petition to bring the General Assembly back in to take action. At any rate, this bill allows for greater accountability to the wishes of South Carolina's citizens. Debate was heard this week and I voted in favor of the bill on Thursday. The bill passed by a vote of 109-3 on second reading.

In the following actions, I voted in the affirmative. Approved and sent to the Senate H. 3610. This bill would provide revised accountability measures available to the state Superintendent of Education for public schools and public school districts, with provisions for assistance and intervention.

Approved and sent to the Senate H. 3696. This proposed legislation would add additional circuit and family court judges. This bill seeks to add a circuit court judge in the ninth, fourteenth, and fifteenth circuits. It also would add a family court judge in the first and sixteenth circuits.

The House approved and sent to the Senate H. 3549, a bill that authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to offer a hunting or fishing license in the form of a durable hard card. This hard card license is made of plastic or similar material in order for it to be more durable than the paper version.

This is optional and those persons who select this option are subject to a six-dollar fee of which the issuing vendor may retain one dollar. In addition, the bill allows a person hunting or fishing to show their license, permit or stamp by use of a mobile electronic device.

The House gave third reading to, then sent to the Senate, H. 3262, a bill regarding mandatory candidacy filing fees and optional certification fees. This proposed legislation would require all candidates in this state to pay a filing fee, whether or not their party holds a primary election. A certification fee of one hundred dollars could also be collected from these candidates, in addition to the filing fee.

Also receiving a third reading and then sent to the Senate was H. 3263, a bill expanding the state board of canvassers executive committee authority. This bill would designate the state executive committee as the authority to hear protests and contests by county officers, and less than county officers.

Approved H. 3264 and sent it to the Senate. This proposed legislation would waive required newspaper published notices before county conventions are held. It would eliminate any requirement that county committees publish certain notices regarding county conventions in newspapers having general circulation in that county.

The Senate is also receiving H. 3567 after the House gave it third reading. This bill would cover qualified residential treatment programs. After adding a clear definition of what constitutes a "qualified residential treatment program" as well as clarifying other terms, this proposal would require assessment, case planning, and judicial review for children placed in qualified residential treatment programs.

Approved and sent to the Senate H. 3548, a bill that

eliminates the prohibition on possessing game fish devices while possessing or using nongame devices. The change allows someone to have an authorized game fish device, such as a rod and reel, while using authorized nongame devices, such as set hooks, trotlines, eel pots and traps.

Approved and sent to the Senate H. 3684, a bill that adopts the federal regulations for the management of cobia into state law. For many years, cobia have been managed by the federal government and now the federal government will allow states to manage. This transfer does not change anything currently under the law.

Approved and sent to the Senate H. 3539, a bill that deals with transportation of feral hogs. In order to address a growing concern for farmers, this bill would require transported hogs on public roads or waterways to have proof of identification from a state veterinarian. Live hogs transported without identification are presumed to have been taken from the wild.

Approved S. 160 enrolled it for ratification. The bill requires the Midlands Technical College Enterprise Campus Authority to file certain documents with the Fiscal Accountability Authority regarding the sale of surplus property. The exemption provided only applies to the sale of the college enterprise authority property when the sale price is not less than market value and the transfer of title is by quitclaim deed.

As always, it an honor to serve our community in the State House. If you need any assistance or have any problems with State Government, or if you have any ideas for me or my colleagues, please don't hesitate to contact me at home at (864) 366-4112 or in Columbia at (803) 212-6934 or by email at craiggagnon@schouse.gov.

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Answers on back page

**STATEPOINT CROSSWORD**  
**THEME: HEAD TO TOE**

**ACROSS**

1. \*A or O, to blood
5. Catch a wink
8. "Don't know what to say" sound
11. Eon, alt. sp.
12. Severe blow
13. \*Blood \_\_\_\_, type of blood test
15. Eastern \_\_\_\_, 1947-1991
16. \*Respiratory rattling
17. Enormous ones
18. \*Annual exam
20. Largest city of Norway
21. Like a romantic movie?
22. \*Anatomical pouch
23. Work over with fists (2 words)
26. Levee next to water mill
30. Not cooked
31. What a terrorist wants to spread
34. Continental currency
35. Wide open
37. Charged particle
38. Colorado resort
39. Hipbones
40. Recede, as in tide (2 words)
42. Laos resident
43. Stinging shrub, pl.
45. Handrail's main supports
47. Caribou kin
48. Relating to a lobe
50. Saint's topper
52. \*L in ACL
55. Bad-tempered
56. Affirm with confidence
57. Stain on Santa
59. Work the dough
60. Tiger Woods' pegs
61. Ruptured
62. "\_\_\_\_ my party, and I'll cry if I want too..."
63. Store posting, abbr.
64. \*Largest organ

**DOWN**

1. Can opener
2. Crowd's judgement
3. Tubby little cubby
4. Enclose within a cyst
5. W.E.B Du Bois's org.
6. Assuage
7. Spa treatment
8. 2016 western "\_\_\_\_ or High Water"
9. Type of shark
10. Not Miss or Ms
12. Influenza
13. Sandbar
14. \*Cardiac, smooth or skeletal ones
19. Quickly fry
22. Knightly title
23. \*Cerebellum location
24. Two under on one hole
25. Look forward to
26. \*Kissing disease?
27. Having two parts
28. Beatles: "He's \_\_\_\_ nowhere man" (2 words)
29. Plural of #26 Down
32. \*12 pairs of these
33. Rip off
36. \*a.k.a. kneecap
38. Mr. T's team
40. Comic book cry
41. Unlocks the gate
44. Andrew Webber's middle name
46. Forcefully grabs
48. \*Blood filter
49. S-shaped moldings
50. "The \_\_\_\_ for Red October"
51. Greek god of war
52. Strip of wood
53. Breakfast spot?
54. Spelling or Kelly
55. Biathlon equipment
58. One less than jack

# Notice of Election

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE**

Notice is hereby given that a non-partisan municipal special election for the town of Calhoun Falls will be held at Precincts fixed by law on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. Those seats to be voted on is one (1) unexpired town council seat.

Any person wishing to register to vote in these elections must do so no later than Friday, March 5, 2021 in person, March 7 on-line, All mailed voter registration application must be post marked no later than March 8. Voters must reside within the Town of Calhoun Falls boundaries in order to qualify to vote in this election.

Beginning February 24, 2021 at 12:00 NOON Candidacy can be placed at the Abbeville County Registration & Elections office. Deadline for filing Candidacy is NOON, March 5, 2021. This is a non-partisan election. No party affiliation shall be placed on the ballot.

The polls shall be open from 7:00am until 7:00pm at the polling places designated below.

Voters who are blind, handicapped or unable to read or write are entitled to assistance in casting their ballots. The voter must notify the poll manager if assistance is needed.

Registered electors who cannot vote in person on Election Day may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. For additional information concerning absentee voting call 366-2400 ext 53. The Abbeville County Board of Registration and Elections or visit scvotes.org.

At 2:00 pm on Election Day the County Election Commission may begin processing the absentee ballot precinct in the office at the Abbeville County Complex at 903 West Greenwood Street, Abbeville SC, 29620.

On Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 11:00 am, the Abbeville County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of provisional ballots from the April 6th election. This hearing will be held at the Abbeville County Complex at 903 West Greenwood Street, Abbeville SC 29620.

The following precincts and polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.:

	Precincts	Polling Place Location
07	Calhoun Falls	Calhoun Falls Civic Center, 401 N Washington St., Calhoun Falls, SC

## US House of Representatives

# Duncan Responds to House Passage of H.R. 1319

Submitted by  
Congressman  
**Jeff Duncan**

Congressman Jeff Duncan (SC-03) issued the following statement after voting no on H.R. 1319, the Democrats' \$1.9 trillion "COVID relief" bill:

"House Democrats passed H.R. 1319, their \$1.9 trillion "COVID relief" bill, without any Republican support. Let's be clear – this is not a "COVID relief and rescue" plan as Speaker Pelosi has tried to promote it. The very text of the bill proves that it is a payoff for progressives – period. Only 9% of the funding in this bill would go toward combating the pandemic, while the rest would go toward the Democrats' radical pet projects that are completely unrelated to COVID-19. For example, there is \$100 million for an underground tunnel in Silicon Valley right outside of Speaker Pelosi's district, \$1.5 million for maintenance of a New York bridge, \$350 billion for bailing out blue states that have poorly managed their budgets, \$86 billion for union pension bailouts, \$200 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the bill includes taxpayer funding for

abortion on demand.

"Tell me how this is fair to the American people. The individuals and families who are desperate to get back to work, get their children back to in-person learning, get back to a sense of normalcy – tell me how this helps them get there? It doesn't. The Democrats could not even commit to ensuring the education funding in this bill would be tied to reopening schools as soon as possible, yet they threw \$1,400 a week for fifteen weeks to federal employees whose children are remote learning. They are failing our children and it's a disgrace.

"The Democratic Party truly never lets a crisis go to waste. For almost a year now, they have used the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to pass their radical policy priorities through Congress, and the situation we've been dealing with these last few weeks is no different. The budget reconciliation process is a partisan way to conduct business, yet the Democrats chose to pursue it to pass COVID-19 relief legislation – an issue that should be overwhelmingly bipartisan.

"Further, there is over \$1 trillion in unspent COVID-19

relief funds remaining from previous bipartisan COVID-19 relief packages that we passed under the leadership of President Trump. As a nation over \$27 trillion in debt, you would think Congress would have either reprogrammed that funding as needed or returned it to the Treasury Department. Unfortunately, with a Democrat majority in control, neither of those options were pursued. They instead chose to draft a \$1.9 trillion bill, the most expensive in history, under the guise of "COVID-19 relief," cram it full of their radical priorities, and hope they get away with it.

"I know the American people see through the Democrats' charade. The American people understand the desperate need for Congress to focus on policies that support the health of our nation, America's Main Street businesses, and getting our kids back to school. H.R. 1319 is an outrageous bill that will not help us achieve our goals. This legislation will have detrimental effects on our country for years to come, and the Democratic Party will have to pay the price for that."

## US Senate

# Scott, Rubio Reintroduce Bill to Expand Tax-Free Medical Savings Accounts to Cover Out-Of-Pocket Cost

**Senator Tim Scott**

U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-S.C.) and Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) reintroduced the Health Savings Act to simplify and expand health savings accounts (HSAs) and flexible spending accounts (FSAs), which provide Americans opportunities to save for medical costs through tax-deductible contributions. The bill was first introduced by Senator Rubio in February of 2017.

"As we continue to fight this pandemic, it has never been more crucial to give every American the flexibility and quality care that serves their individual health needs," said Senator Scott.

"The last year has reminded us of the importance of empowering families to save and plan for future medical expenses. By giving those with health savings accounts more control over their own medical expenses, we can dramat-

ically improve affordability and access to care for 22 million Americans."

"Health savings accounts empower families and individuals to have more financial control in their health care choices," said Senator Rubio. "I am proud to reintroduce this common-sense, pro-family legislation alongside Senator Scott to make managing the cost of health care more feasible for Americans."

## *SC Statehouse Reports 2021-The Senate--Senator Mike Gambrell*

# Legislative summary

**Senator Mike Gambrell  
Legislative Summary  
February 26, 2021**

This week at the State House the Senate successfully concluded the debate on the bond bill for infrastructure improvements in and associated with the Port of Charleston.

Part of that debate had included the stalled project of a port in Jasper County. The State has now given their ownership of the property there to Jasper County. This means Jasper County owns 50% and the Georgia Port Authority owns the other 50% of the property to be

developed into the port. Jasper County will work with the Georgia Port Authority, the Corps of Engineers, and the private sector to fund the \$5 billion development.

The Senate also passed S.16, a bill requiring high school students to complete a course in personal finance prior to graduation. The coursework will be developed and be implemented starting with the ninth-grade students entering high school in the 2022-2023 school year.

We also passed the South Carolina Covid-19 Liability Immunity Act, S.147. These bills have all gone to the House of Representatives

for their consideration.

To get answers to vaccine related questions and help finding contact information you need to make an appointment, please call DHEC's Vaccine information Line at 1-866-365-8110.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I can be reached at my district address, Post Office Box 194, Honea Path, S. C. 29654, 864-844-3614; or at my legislative office in Columbia, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, S.C. 29202, 803-212-6032, or through my email address: MikeGambrell@scsenate.gov.

## US House of Representatives

# Duncan highlights the importance of Nuclear Energy in Committee Hearing

Submitted by  
Congressman  
**Jeff Duncan**

Congressman Jeff Duncan (SC-03) issued the following statement regarding the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Energy Subcommittee hearing on pathways to a clean energy future:

"The Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing today focused on moving our nation toward clean energy sources to lower our carbon emissions. I took the opportunity to stress the importance of pursuing an all-of-the-above energy approach and spoke to how nuclear power is a critical part of the solution. Nuclear energy provides a carbon-free, 24/7 baseload power supply. Further, the industry alone creates hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs and is a solid source of local revenue

for many states.

"South Carolina is a leader in the nuclear industry, as Duke Energy's Oconee Nuclear Station in my district is one of the largest nuclear plants in the United States. The Oconee nuclear plant produces more than 2,500 megawatts of carbon-free, reliable energy and has a land use of just 2 square miles. While I fully support renewable energy sources, it's important to understand their drawbacks. For instance, if Duke Energy's Oconee Nuclear Station was replaced with solar power, it would require 107 square miles of land to make that a reality – which is nearly four times the size of the City of Greenville. To replace with wind power, it would require over 854 square miles of land – which is larger than Anderson County.

"The current electric grid

instability Texas is experiencing right now has hopefully been an eye-opener to my fellow policy makers in understanding that we need a diverse portfolio of energy resources to power the grid. Additionally, if we are serious about moving toward more clean energy sources and lowering our nation's carbon emissions, we need to move forward on an all-of-the-above approach and accept that nuclear power plays a critical role in that. We must also ensure that market realities, generation capabilities, and the impacts to our national security are the drivers of our energy policy.

The bottom line is there is not one single form of energy that is the one-all-be-all. Moving forward, we need to ensure that we have reliable baseload power generation to back up intermittent renewables."

## US House of Representatives

# Duncan statement on SC General Assembly Fetal Heartbeat Bill

Submitted by  
Congressman  
**Jeff Duncan**

Congressman Jeff Duncan (SC-03) issued the following statement regarding the South Carolina General Assembly's vote to pass the South Carolina Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act:

"I am so thankful and proud of the South Caro-

lina General Assembly for stepping up and passing the fetal heartbeat bill today.

Protecting the unborn is one of the most important issues of our time. This legislation will literally save lives by banning abortions in South Carolina once a fetal heartbeat is detected.

While the passage of this bill marks a critical milestone in the fight to protect the fundamental right to life,

there is still much work to be done on both the state and federal levels.

As my former colleagues in the General Assembly continue this important fight in Columbia, I will continue to support their efforts in the courts and champion other pro-life policies in Washington.

What a great day for South Carolina and for the unborn."

# Commentary

## Letter to the Editor

A somewhat controversial figure that perhaps not everyone may be familiar with was a man named Ron Wyatt. Ron was from Nashville, TN, worked as a nurse anesthetist and was a true God fearing man. Ron prayed to the Father asking how he might be able to show people that the Bible really is true. What followed in his life was an amazing odyssey of discoveries in the 1970's and 1980's. There are some who claim Ron was a fraud but after having listened to many hours of Ron's testimonies, watching documentaries about his work, and having visited the Wyatt Archaeological Museum in Cornersville, TN, I can say that there is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that Ron Wyatt and his work is as genuine as it gets. He was used by YaHuWaH (God) in a powerful way to authenticate some of the most well known accounts in the Bible. Ron passed in 1999 and was the real Indiana Jones.

Ron's discoveries include: 1) The discovery of the location of the real Mt. Sinai in Saudi Arabia, which to this day is still black on top due to the Almighty descending upon it in fire as described in Exodus 19:18. 2) The discovery of the site of the Red Sea crossing, having located the remains of chariot wheels on the sea floor matching the time period they were in use in Egypt. 3) The place where Noah's Ark came to rest after the Flood on the mountains of Ararat in modern day Turkey, Genesis 8:4. 4) The ashen remains of Sodom and Gomorrah along with sulfur samples prevalent at the site, Genesis 19:24. The sulfur samples analyzed were almost pure sulfur, a concentration of which is not found in

nature. 5) The discovery of the Ark of the Covenant beneath the site of the crucifixion of Yahushua (Jesus) in Jerusalem, where it remains to this day. Skeptics will say, how could one man discover all these things when no else had? Ron was the administrator of the Father's work and did not, and could not, have made these discoveries on his own accord. Ron was the chosen vessel to make known the truth of these Biblical accounts to the world.

These discoveries, in my opinion, constitute the most important work done by any one person in the 20th century, and the most important of all is the discovery of the Ark of the Covenant on January 6th, 1982. A three year excavation was involved which eventually led to this discovery. This is not something anyone can just go see though. Six men from Israeli Antiquities decided to go look for the Ark on their own accord, in the place where Ron had excavated. They never returned. No one else dared go in and Ron had to be enlisted to remove their dead bodies because it was understood that he had been divinely appointed to approach the Ark, and to find it in the first place.

On a follow-up visit to the Ark, Ron encountered what he thought were four men standing next to it. They were messengers (angels) and had a message for Ron to share with the world. They lifted the mercy seat and removed the tables of stone (the ten commandments). The message was, and is, that when the mark of the beast law is enforced, it will require people to break one of the Almighty's commandments. Ron has stated that if you keep the ten commandments, you will receive the seal of God, and that whoever abides by the

law requiring people to break one of the ten commandments will receive the mark of the beast. Also, that no one has received the mark of the beast yet. This is backed up by Scripture in Deuteronomy 6:6-8 and Deuteronomy 11:18 where it states that those who keep His laws, statutes, and commandments are marked as frontlets between their eyes (the forehead) and that it is a sign on their hand. This is YaHuWaH's seal, in the forehead and on the hand, just as the mark of the beast in Revelation 13:16 is in or upon the forehead, and in or upon the right hand. We are marked, or sealed, by our beliefs and our actions. Also, Revelation 14:12 characterizes the group who does not receive the mark of the beast: those who guard the commandments of YaHuWaH, AND have the belief/faith of Yahushua (Jesus).

The Sabbath commandment is the fourth commandment. The true 7th day Biblical Sabbath is, and will always be, Friday sundown to Saturday sundown. The original Sabbath was changed to Sunday by Roman emperor Constantine in the fourth century. The observance of Sunday as the Sabbath was instituted by Rome; not by Messiah, and not by our Creator. This is a matter to consider. For more information on why I use the Names YaHuWaH for the Father and Yahushua for Messiah, please watch the following teachings: 1) Restoring the Creator's Name: Ha'Shem Revealed 2) What is His Son's Name? Both are on the Youtube channel: Messenger Of The Name

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

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## Letter Policy

The Press and Banner welcomes "Letters to the Editor." Though no maximum length is set, letters should be as short as possible and to the point. Whenever possible, letters will be published as written; the editor, however, reserves the right to edit as necessary.

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Letters addressed to papers other than this newspaper will not normally be published.

**SC Statehouse Reports 2021-The Senate--Senator Billy Garrett**

# Legislative summary

**Senator Billy Garrett  
Legislative Summary  
February 26, 2021**

Given Third Reading, Passed the Senate

S.16 – Personal Finance: A bill to require the completion of a certain basic personal finance coursework for high school graduation instead of existing economics coursework requirements and develop corresponding standards.

S.36 – Blue Catfish: A bill relating to the catch limits and length limits in Lake Marion, Lake Moultrie, the upper reach of Santee River, and the Congaree and Wateree Rivers. It is unlawful to take more than twenty-five blue catfish a day in Lake Marion, Lake Moultrie, and the upper reach of Santee River; and more than two blue catfish greater than thirty-two inches in length in one day.

S.147 – COVID-19 Liability Immunity Act: A bill to provide liability protections for a limited time period for healthcare providers and businesses that follow public health guidance in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The immunity from liability will not apply if a claimant proves by clear and convincing evidence that the covered entity or individual caused injury or damage by reckless, willful or intentional misconduct or by failing to make any attempt to adhere to public health guidance.

S.203 – Removal of School District Trustees: A bill to provide district trustees guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetency, absenteeism, conflicts of interest, misconduct, or persistent neglect of duty in office or incapacity shall be subject to removal by the Governor.

S.378 – Police Dogs and Horses: A bill to increase the penalties for injury or death caused to police dogs and horses. A person who willfully and maliciously taunts, torments, teases, beats, strikes or administers a chemical to a law enforcement dog or horse must be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than six months or both. A person who willfully or maliciously tortures, mutilates, injures, disables, poisons or kills a law enforcement dog or horse must be fined not less than two thousand dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than ten years or both; must pay restitution to the agency to cover the full cost of the animal; and may be required to complete up to five hundred hours of community service with an animal-related organization or foundation.

S.421 – Extended Unemployment Security Benefits Lookback: A bill to reduce the lookback period, relating to extended unemployment security benefits when federally funded, from three years to two years when determining whether there is an 'on' indicator for the state.

S.427 – Renal Dialysis Facilities: A bill to provide that a

renal drug manufacturer or its agent may deliver a legend dialystate drug or device to a patient of a renal dialysis facility if certain criteria are met: if the dialystate drugs or device are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration; the drugs or devices are lawfully held by a manufacturer that is properly registered; they are in the original sealed and labeled packaging from the facility; they are only delivered upon receipt of a physician's order; and they are delivered directly to a patient with end-stage renal disease or his designee.

S.431 – Regional Tertiary Level Development Evaluation Centers: A bill to update the names of those authorized for activity related to the regional tertiary level development evaluation centers, to insert Prisma Health - University of South Carolina Medical Group, and Prisma Health - University Medical Group.

S.468 – Extended Benefit Periods: A joint resolution to provide that in a determination of whether the State is in an extended benefit period from Nov 1, 2020 - December 1, 2021, the stipulation that no extended benefit may begin before the fourteenth week following the end of a prior extended benefit period, shall not apply.

S.491 – Economic Development Bonds: A bill to issue up to \$550,000,000 in economic development bonds to defray the cost of intermodal container transfer infrastructure, waterborne cargo infrastructure for the Port of Charleston. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority shall affect the bonds and provide a schedule reflecting the aggregate principal and interest of all obligation bonds, a schedule of the proposed bonds issued, and a schedule reflecting compliance with the limitation on maximum annual debt service, and additional provisions.

S.497 – Boating Safety and Educational Program: A bill to require to Department of National Resources to issue a boating safety certificate upon the competition of certain requirements, relating to the equipment and operation of watercraft to provide that it is unlawful for a person to operate certain watercraft on the waters of the State without having possession of a SC boating safety certificate, and other provisions.

This Week In Committee Education Committee:

S.38 – REACH Act: A bill to add to current law requirement that all high schools and institutions of higher learning give instruction in the essentials of the U.S. Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Federalist Papers for one year. The bill adds the instruction of the Emancipation Proclamation, removes the loyalty oath requirement and testing requirement, and adds that public high school students must successfully pass a course of instruction that includes the documents. Higher education is to give three semester credit

hours in a course during the matriculation of undergraduate students and would apply to incoming freshman undergraduates entering 2021-2022 academic year. Additionally, the bill requires the Commission on Higher Education to ensure each public institution is in compliance with the provisions and report annually to the House Ways and Means, House Education, Senate Finance and Senate Education committees.

S.376 – State Institution of Higher Education Efficiency Act: A bill to raise the currently exemption levels for PIP projects from one million to five million dollars for research universities and 2.5 million for all others.

Banking and Insurance Committee:

S.105 – Magistrate Liens: A bill to delete the limit on liens that a magistrate can enforce. In place of the fixed amount of \$100, the bill sets the cap to standard magistrate maximums in 22-3-10.

S.467 – Bank and Credit Union Modernization: A bill to reduce regulatory burden on banking and credit union. The bill streamlines the process of establishing a new bank, updates out-of-date terms, and removes barriers that prevent banks that are chartered in other states from moving to South Carolina.

H.3585 – Department of Insurance Procedures: A bill to clarify procedures for the Department of Insurance. The bill establishes procedures that an insurer must follow before it can terminate a line of coverage for the purpose of withdrawing from the market. At least one year in advance of a withdrawal, the insurer must notify the director of its reasons for the action and its plans for an orderly unwinding of business. Additionally, the bill permits the director to email orders relating to examination to insurers and establishes a deadline for bondsmen to furnish their financial reports, and other provisions.

H.3586 – Fraud Division: A bill to establish the Insurance Fraud Division at the Department of Insurance and transfer the primary responsibility for prosecuting fraud from the Attorney General's Office to the new division. The Department will coordinate its efforts with SLED and the Attorney General, and establishes funding for the division.

H.3587 – Reduction In Coverage: A bill to make technical cleanups to the property insurers bill passed in a previous session.

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# Obituaries

## Scott

Jewell Hilley Scott, 94, of Calhoun Falls, wife of the late Henry Lee Scott, died Sunday, February 28, 2021 at her home. She was born in Calhoun Falls to the late Nathan Michael and Grace Varner Hilley.

A 1944 graduate of Calhoun Falls High School, Mrs. Scott was formerly employed with the Calhoun Falls Post Office and Calhoun Falls Mill. She worshipped at Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by eight brothers, Cleo, Thomas, Rob, Roy, Weaver, David,

**Jewell Hilley Scott**

James and Auby Gene Hilley; and two sisters, Berda Mae Wheelless and Mary Emma Fowler.

Mrs. Scott is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and wide circle of

extended family and friends.

Graveside services will be held 2:00PM, Thursday, March 4, 2021 in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens with Rev. Jim Howard and Mr. Matthew Hilley officiating. Those wishing to pay their respects may visit Harris Funeral Home, Calhoun Falls Chapel, Tuesday, March 2, 2021 or Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 9:00AM - 4:00 PM.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com).

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Calhoun Falls Chapel is assisting the Scott family.

## Hipsher

Mary Powell Hipsher, 84, of Abbeville, wife of Robert 'Bob' Hipsher, died Monday, March 1, 2021 at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood. She was born in Cuthbert, GA to the late William and Louise McClinton Powell.

Mrs. Hipsher retired from IBM after 15 years of dedicated service. She was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church and will be fondly remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Hipsher was preceded in death by a brother, Jim Powell.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years, Bob; her children, Scott Colston (Rebecca S.) of Good, VA,

**Mary Powell Hipsher**

Mark Colston (Jeannie) of Stanley, NC, Bob Hipsher, II and Kathy Best (Jim), of Apex, NC; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

The family will receive friends 10:00AM - 11:00AM, Thursday, March 4, 2021

at Harris Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 11:00AM in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Brian Arant officiating. A private burial will be held in MJ 'Dolly' Cooper Veterans Cemetery.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorials, in memory of Mrs. Hipsher, are sent to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com).

Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Hipsher family.

## Sanderson

Roger Allen Sanderson, 53, resident of 76 Proud Hope Lane husband of Sharon Sanderson passed away Feb. 14, 2021 at his home.

Born in Moline, IL. He was the son of Lenora Stanphill Sanderson and the late Alton Sanderson.

Roger was a retired Sargent First Class in the United States Army with 24 years of service. He received his BA Degree in Management, and his Masters Degree in Education during his 24 year career in the Army. He was an avid football fan, and he loved his Alabama Crimson

Tide "ROLL TIDE" and his beloved Chicago Bears. He loved animals as shown by his 6 wonderful dogs. He attended Lighthouse Baptist Church.

Survivors include: His beloved wife Sharon Page Sanderson of the home; his mother Lenora Stanphill Sanderson; a brother Richard Sanderson of Hackleburg, AL; two sisters Wendy Hamilton of Hackleburg, AL, and Deb Sues of West Allis, Wisconsin; a daughter and a son; and his 6 wonderful dogs.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday March 5, 2021 at 10:30 AM in Dolly

Cooper Veterans Cemetery in Anderson, SC with Wade Page officiating with Full Military Honors.

Memorials in memory of Roger may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32256 or to The Greenwood Humane Society, 2820 Airport Rd., Greenwood, SC 29649.

Online condolences may be made to the Sanderson family by visiting [www.chandlerjacksonfh.com](http://www.chandlerjacksonfh.com)

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

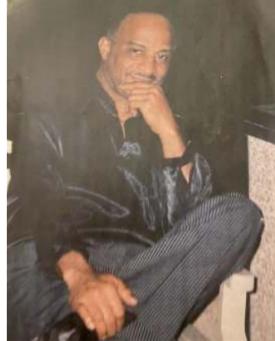
## Young

**Celebration of Life:** Darrell M. Young, "Peanut"; Sunset: Feb. 26, 2021 – Sunrise: Aug. 27, 1945.

On Friday morning, Feb. 26, 2021, the Angel of Mercy called our beloved brother home to be with the Lord. Darrell Young, aka "Peanut," was the son of the late Johnnie Young and Sarah Jones Young.

Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, Johnnie and Sarah Young, a brother James Leonard Young, sisters Johnnie Mae Young and Drucella Y. Hill.

To cherish his memory, he leaves behind his wife Shirley Young (of over 30 years) of the home in Buffalo, NY; his children, Darrell Dean of NJ, Brittany Young and Dorale Young of Buffalo, NY; Reginald, Gregory and Celeste Garland; several grand-children; three siblings, Dorothy (Walter) Henigan of Buffalo, NY, Janie (David) Brownlee, of Abbeville, SC and Teresa (Gregory) Lewis, of Atlanta, GA.

**Darrell M. Young  
1945-2021**

A poem selected by Darrell's Sister "Janie"

*Until We Meet Again*

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile. If only I could have you back for just a little while. Then we could sit and talk again, just like we used to do. You always meant so very much and always will, too.

The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain, but you're forever in my heart until we meet again.

He also leaves behind a sister-in-law, Diane, of Sa-

vannah, GA; brother-in-law Luther Hill of Calhoun Falls, SC, and four brother-in-laws of Buffalo, NY.

Others who will mourn his passing include a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives; and cousin/close friend James Jones of Atlanta, GA.

Darrell Young was a native of South Carolina. He was an Alumni of Mims High School in McCormick, SC. He relocated to Buffalo, NY after high school. He retired from the Ford Motor Company after 30 years.

He was a bright light for his family. He lived a beautiful life. We will miss our beloved "Peanut" so much! Rest well. He will always hold a special place in the Young and Jones Family.

Services for Darrell Young will be Friday, March 5th 2021 at 12 p.m. at Pickets TL Mortuary in Buffalo, NY. His burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery, 1411 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY.

# Obituaries

## Hall

Chris Hall, 69, of Abbeville, died Wednesday, February 17, 2021, at the Hospice House in Greenwood. He was born in Abbeville to the late James Bruce Hall, Jr. and Doris Sternberg Hall.

A 1970 graduate of Abbeville High School, Chris attended the University of South Carolina and graduated from the University of Hamburg, Germany. He was formerly employed as a nuclear engineer. Chris enjoyed reading and caring for his cats, especially his

beloved companion, Brandy. He worshiped at Trinity Episcopal Church.

In addition to his parents, Chris was preceded in death by a brother, James Bruce Hall, III.

He is survived by his brother, Mark Hall and his wife, Mary Alice of Abbeville and two sisters, Trudy Crittendon and her husband, Jim of Anderson and Judy Metzler and her husband, Russ of Indianapolis, IN.

All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the fam-

ily respectfully requests memorial contributions in memory of Chris be sent to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com).

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

# Sports

## Girls soccer

# Dixie returns good nucleus from last year

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School girls soccer team hopes to build on a good nucleus of players coming back from last year, according to Dixie varsity girls coach Jason Burton.

"The 2021 Lady Hornets soccer team is fielding 20 players this year," he said. We graduated four starters from last year and of the 20 this year 14 are returners and two are being brought up from the JV, leaving four first time players.

"This group's strengths will be that many are returning and have a general under-

standing of the game and the style that we play--plus their soccer skills have grown over the past seasons that I've worked with them," said. Burton, who is also a social studies teacher at Dixie.

"I'm looking for more goals being scored this year with some talented and fast players up front as well as our defense playing more disciplined in the back and understanding the game situation and positioning better. Hopefully, our mid-field will be stronger this year due to some key players who understand the game

in those positions."

The Lady Hornets return a veteran goalkeeper, Savannah Southerland, in whom Burton has considerable confidence.

"And it's just a matter of playing the games and seeing how the pieces fall," he said.

The varsity girls soccer team will open its season this week. Earlier this week, the Lady Hornets were slated to play Belton Honea Path and Crescent, and are slated to host Abbeville tomorrow--Thursday, March 4--at 5:30 p.m.

# Erskine Football Fleet down Barton in first game in 70 years

Submitted by Erskine Athletic Department

The Erskine College football team (1-0) began its 2021 season with a 30-28 road victory at Barton College (0-1) on Saturday afternoon in the Fleet's first game in 70 years.

Erskine's first football game in its first game in seven decades got off to a less than convincing start as the hosts, Barton, scored on their first play from scrimmage to take a 7-0 lead inside the first 30 seconds of the game. The Bulldogs then recovered what was an accidental onside on the ensuing kickoff. But the Fleet forced a three-and-out and the Erskine offense got the ball for the first time. Led by QB Craig Pender, the Fleet moved the ball into Barton territory, but the drive stalled, and Erskine was forced to punt. A good punt from Bennett Caldwell pinned Barton inside their own five, and the Fleet capitalized as Brandon Lane tackled the Bulldogs QB in the endzone for an Erskine safety. On the following drive, Pender found Javian Bellamy for a 15-yard touchdown to give the Fleet their first lead, 9-7.

Both defenses stood tall in the opening stages of the second quarter until Barton finally broke through with a touchdown to retake the lead at 14-9 with 5:45 remaining in the half. Erskine had a pair of drives to answer back, but the Bulldogs took a five-point lead into the halftime break.

The Fleet opened the second half with a 10 play drive but were turned away on a 4th down attempt in the Barton redzone as the Bulldogs maintained their five-point lead. The Erskine defense forced another three-and-out on the ensuing possession to give the Fleet the ball right back. This time, Erskine cashed in the opportunity as a Pender three-yard touchdown to Dylan Shiflett gave the Fleet a 16-14 lead with a 8:46 to go in the quarter. That was all the scoring in the third quarter.

But the Fleet were driving to begin the final 15 minutes of their season opener. Rashad Luckey converted a crucial fourth and two and capped off the drive with a three-yard score to extend the Erskine lead to 23-14 with 12:28 to go. But, Barton responded almost immediately with a two-play drive ending in a

touchdown to get the Bulldogs back within two. On the following possession, Erskine had a fourth and 13 on the Barton 26-yard line and elected to go for it. Pender found Senika McKie for a touchdown as the Fleet answered back to go up 30-21 with 8:47 remaining. Both teams exchanged scoreless drives and Barton took over down by nine with 2:27 to go in the game. The Bulldogs went 52 yards and scored a touchdown in less than a minute to make it a 30-28 game. With just 1:28 to go and no timeouts, Barton elected to go for an onside kick, but the Fleet's X'Avier Allen recovered it to seal a 30-28 win in Erskine's first game in 70 years.

Hear from Head Coach Shap Boyd after the Fleet's historic victory:

<https://twitter.com/FleetFB/status/1365803460172476419>

The Fleet's historic 2021 season continues with a road game against Edward Waters College (0-1) next Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Follow the Flying Fleet all season long to get schedule updates, scores, highlights, photo galleries, game notes and more at [www.erskinesports.com](http://www.erskinesports.com).

# Erskine Fleet fall in four sets against Mount Olive

Submitted by Erskine Athletic Department

The Erskine College women's volleyball team (0-3, 0-2 CC) lost to the University of Mount Olive (1-1, 1-1 CC) 25-19, 10-25, 23-25, 18-25 in Belk Arena on Monday afternoon.

Erskine still leads the all-time series 8-5, but the Trojans have now won five straight against the Fleet in the series.

A pair of early aces from Lainie Loving was part of a 5-0 run for Erskine to give them an early 7-2 lead. Kills on back-to-back points from Makenzie Kinne and Reilly Bartlett gave the Fleet a 9-3 lead. But, the Trojans responded with a run to tie the set at 12. Maddie Wilson tallied a kill and Katy Torgerson followed with an ace as the Fleet regained the lead at 16-13. Mount Olive again answered back to level the set at 18, but

Erskine won seven of the final eight points, led by a pair of kills from Wilson to take the opening set 25-19.

After a slow start, the Trojans came roaring out of the gates, opening the second set with a 16-3 run and took a commanding lead. Mount Olive never looked back as they leveled the match at one apiece with a 25-10 win in Set 2. Four different Fleet players tallied a kill in the set. A crucial third set was back-and-forth for much of the way as neither team took a lead bigger than two points until the Trojans won three of four points to take an 18-15 lead. But, Erskine bounced back as a Kaile Tuisamatatele kill capped an 8-2 Fleet run that gave Erskine a 23-21 lead. But, the visiting Trojans won each of the final four points to escape Set 3 with a 25-23 victory.

Mount Olive won the first three points of the fourth set, but Erskine responded as

a Torgerson ace tied things at four. But, Mount Olive followed with a 6-1 run to take a five-point lead and kept Erskine at arms length for much of the remainder of the fourth set. The Fleet got within three following a Torgerson kill to make it 20-17, but the Trojans sealed the set by winning five of the last six points to win Set 4 by a score of 25-18 and clinch a four-set win over the Fleet.

Reilly Bartlett totaled a team-high 22 assists and 9 digs for the Fleet. Bartlett also had six kills for Erskine in the loss.

Erskine hit .141 (39 K / 21 E / 128 TA) in the match, but Mount Olive was dominant with five blocks to Erskine's one.

**WHAT'S NEXT?** The Fleet have their first road match of the 2021 season as they travel to Southern Wesleyan (0-1, 0-1 CC) on Friday at 5:00 p.m.

# AYA spring sports slated for April start

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Youth Athletics spring sports season is expected to begin this year somewhere in mid-April, according to Nick Van Horn, City of Abbeville Recreation Director.

AYA is a nonprofit organization which works with the City to provide recreational opportunities for young peo-

ple in the greater Abbeville community.

Spring sports will include softball, baseball, and T-ball, and home games will be played at the Pete Smith Complex and the Dixie Youth complex.

Fifteen teams are expected to participate in spring sports, taking in roughly 200 young people, guided by

about 45 volunteer coaches.

"We're excited to have spring sports season this year, since we were unable to have it last year (because of COVID)," he said.

"We are going to be requesting that all spectators to wear masks, and practice social distancing," Van Horn said.

# AHS baseball team has solid team nucleus

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville High School 2021 baseball season is beginning, and AHS head baseball coach Nick Milford remembers how the coronavirus cut short a promising season, as COVID 19 stopped South Carolina high school athletics cold.

"Last year we were 3-0 throughout the regular season before the pandemic stopped everything," he said.

Milford has reason to be optimistic about the 2021 edition of the Panthers, however.

"Even though we graduated four seniors last year, we will return a solid group

of players from last year's team," he said. "Our returners include a group of five seniors who have played a lot of innings on the varsity level. Tyler Overholt and Thomas Beauford will eat up a lot of quality innings on the mound for us. Taylor Scott will also play an important role on the mound as well as holding things down at third base. Evan Sellars will continue to take care of business behind the dish and Cody Thompson will be a big contributor for us in the outfield.

The 2021 Panthers will still have challenges.

"Even though we have some key pieces in place,

there are still some holes to fill as we progress throughout the season. This year we will be playing a new conference schedule due to the realignment of regions, I expect a lot of competitive teams from week to week.

Newcomers to the Region include Christ Church, Crescent, Greenville Tech Charter, Liberty, and Ninety Six, Milford indicated.

"We will again be participating in the Peach Ridge Invitational pre-season Tournament held at Strom Thurmond High School. We will open play Friday March 5 against Strom Thurmond at 7:00."

# Will Dixie win another state title in soccer?

By Henry E. Green

Last year's Dixie High School varsity boys soccer season was cut short due to the coronavirus pandemic.

This year, Dixie varsity boys soccer coach Brian Gamble is hoping for a return to something resembling a normal season.

"On a shortened season our record was 3 and 4," he said.

There are 12 players returning from last season, and seven seniors, four of whom were starters, were lost to graduation.

"We have seven newcomers, with six coming up from the junior varsity, and one transfer," he said.

"We have quite a few re-tuning players and seven

seniors on this year's team," said Gamble. "We also hope a few younger players off the JV team can help fill the void by some of our graduating seniors."

The coach was asked to assess his team's strengths. "Many of our kids have good fundamental soccer skills and many have played soccer in the off-season," he replied. "Our coaches that help us from Erskine do an outstanding job in training our boys and getting them ready for the season."

The Hornets travel to Clinton tonight--Wednesday, March 3--for a 7 p.m. game, and then host Palmetto this coming Friday, with the jayvees in action at 5:30 p.m. for each of those games.

"Looking on down the road we are excited to be going back to Tennessee to play in the Smokey Mountain Cup on March 18, 19, and 20," he said.

"Last year's tournament got canceled, which was the first time we didn't get to go in some time," Gamble continued.

The Hornets hope to contend for another state championship but this will be a challenge, with the addition of Southside Christian in the 1-A classification, according to the coach.

"They will be the team to beat and they have a distinct advantage in any sport that they field a team in," Gamble said.

## Getting Married?

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# ‘Another hat’ Doug Belcher is a basketball coach, pastor, and school bus supervisor

**By Henry E. Green**

Doug Belcher is a man of many talents.

Not only is he the varsity boys basketball coach at Abbeville High School, but he also is the assistant athletic director at AHS.

He is a school bus supervisor as well.

“I do all the training for the School District (of the school bus drivers),” he said.

Loading and unloading of the students, railroad track crossing--these are just a few of the things.

He assesses them on things like left and right turns, and how to traverse intersections.

Every two years he evaluates the bus drivers with

their behind the wheel skills and a physical fitness test.

He supervises 15 school bus drivers and 14 school bus monitors in Abbeville.

Belcher and Tina Walls, Brian Milford and Milton Scott were recognized at the Feb. 23 school board meeting for their work as school bus supervisors in the Abbeville County School District.

On top of all his other duties, Belcher is a minister. “That’s another hat,” he said, laughing.

Belcher is the pastor of St. Mary African Methodist Episcopal Church on Mars Bridge Road in Mt. Carmel, S.C.

“This is my third year

there,” he said.

**So you want to drive a school bus**

Dr. Skip Hopkins, the director of student services with the Abbeville County School District, said that the District has about 25 school bus drivers, and some coaches fill in sometimes when needed.

People who want to be bus drivers must undergo a period of training with two components--classroom instruction and behind the wheel training, before taking a test at the DMV.

He welcomed anyone interested in becoming a school bus driver to call him at the School District office at 366-5427.

# Dixie aims to contend for Region softball title

**By Henry E. Green**

The Dixie High School Lady Hornets are hoping to contend for another Region title, Dixie High School softball coach Ben Snipes said last week.

“I am looking forward to the upcoming season,” said Snipes.

“After missing last season, due to the pandemic, the girls are excited to be back on the field. We have started out with three very productive weeks of practice and are looking forward to our first game.

“We have a talented group

of returning players from last year and are hoping to compete for a region title.”

Returning players include senior Makinsie Ware, juniors Wes Bensel, Alana Mitchell, and Savannah Brock an Newcomer to Dixie - Gillian Hughes, and sophomores Ashton Crocker, Haleigh Hill, Meagan Hill, Mati Cox, Cadence Lawter, Addie Smith and Mari Beth Jacks

“We lost two seniors to graduation,” said Snipes, referring to Alex Taylor and Tallie Clamp.

“The teams to beat in our

region will be Whitmire, Ware Shoals, Southside Christian and Calhoun Falls Charter,” he added.

Asked to assess the team strengths for this year, he replied, “The strength of our team this year will definitely be our team defense.”

The Lady Hornets open up play on March 5 in the Greenwood Christian Pre season Tournament.

Dixie’s first regular season game is slated for March 15 at home versus Westside, with the JV team playing at 5:30 p.m. and varsity to follow.

# Erskine Football names Patrick Davenport as Public Address Announcer

**Submitted by  
Erskine Athletic  
Department**

In 24 days, the Erskine College football team takes the gridiron for its first home game in over 70 years and the gameday experience for the four spring games just got a little more exciting as Patrick Davenport was named the Fleet’s public address announced by director of athletics, Mark Peeler on Wednesday.

For fans who are unable to attend any of the games this spring, you will be able to watch the live stream on [www.erskinesports.com](http://www.erskinesports.com) or listen along with Benji Greeson and Bobby Hamby who will have

every snap of the spring season live on WZLA (92.9 FM).

Meet Greeson and Hamby.

MEET PATRICK No stranger to the Erskine community, Patrick E. Davenport graduated from Erskine College with a Bachelor’s of Science in Physical Education in 1990.

After serving as an assistant coach for the Erskine women’s basketball team from 2018 to 2020, it didn’t take long for Davenport to keep himself involved in Erskine athletics.

While a student at Erskine, Davenport played basketball, golf, and club football. He also served as the Charter President of Club Football in 1987.

Davenport recently served as an assistant football coach and as head coach of both boys and girls basketball teams at nearby Dixie High School from 2008 to 2017.

Davenport is a member of the alumni board for Erskine College, and is the Chairman of the Board of Zoning and Appeals for Abbeville County.

Davenport has been a Federal Contractor for the USPS since 2012, and has worked as a high school sports announcer for W. C. Tel Sports for the previous three years.

Davenport resides in Due West, and is a proud father of three daughters: Lauren, Carlie, and Haley.

# Erskines Women’s Basketball loses to Emmanuel College

**Submitted by  
Erskine Athletics  
Department**

The Erskine College women’s basketball team (0-12, 0-11 CC) fell to Emmanuel College (9-3, 7-3 CC) 70-52 in Belk Arena on Monday evening.

The Lions swept the seasons series with the Fleet, defeating Erskine 89-54 in Franklin Springs on January 19.

In the opening frame the Lions led by as many as 10 points, but a Megan Jones

3-pointer cut into the lead with 1:33 to play. After the first 10 minutes, the Fleet faced an eight-point deficit. Erskine won the second quarter by a point and trailed 38-31 at halftime. The Emmanuel offense reached 70 points for the eighth time this season on their way to a 70-52 victory.

Anzya Cook enjoyed a balanced night with 13 points on 5-of-8 shooting from the floor. Cook added three rebounds, three assists and a pair of steals.

Erskine shot 16-57 (28.1%)

from the field and was 8-25 (32%) from 3-point range. The Lions pulled down 11 more rebounds than the Fleet 40-29. Erskine was 12-14 (85.7%) from the free throw line.

The Fleet take on North Greenville University (7-4, 7-4 CC) tomorrow evening. Tip-off against the Crusaders is set for 5 PM.

North Greenville defeated Erskine 61-51 in Belk Arena earlier this season.

Visit the Official Home of Erskine Athletics at [www.erskinesports.com](http://www.erskinesports.com)

# CF Charter golf team just getting started

**By Henry E. Green**

The Calhoun Falls Charter golf team is up and running, according to Calhoun Falls Charter athletic director and golf coach David Campbell.

The team members include Quade Lindler, Ty Turman, Camden Durant, Jaxon Powell, and Fred Lewis, the coach said.

The school had a team several years ago, and one of the team members placed 16th in the state--Quade Lindler--Campbell continued.

Lindler is a sophomore this year. The school did not field a team last year because of the coronavirus pandemic, he said.

“Nobody did,” he said, noting that to his knowledge there were no complete spring sports seasons in the Palmetto State last year.

Campbell is hoping things will be different this year.

In two weeks, he Flashes will play their first match--with the opponent to be announced.

Campbell is hoping his team will play five matches, with the home matches being played at High Meadows Country Club.

The team to beat in the Region is probably Southside Christian, a school he deeply respects because of its winning tradition in sports, the coach continued.

“Our state qualifier from three years ago, Quade Lindler, can hopefully compete as an individual again on that level,” he said.

# Legals

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### 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 Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, South Carolina 29211 Telephone (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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# Classifieds & Legals

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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, and the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any uncertainty as to the claim.

Estate: Evelyn Bannister Ford  
Date of Death: 01/17/2021  
Case Number: 2021ES0100043  
Personal Representative: Gail F. Madden  
Address: PO Box 295 Hodges, SC 29653  
Attorney, if applicable: James Graham Padgett, III, Esquire  
Address: 414 Monument Street, Suite C, Greenwood, SC 29646  
2/17;3tc

Estate: Charles Ray Todd  
Date of Death: 12/22/2020  
Case Number: 2021ES0100040  
Personal Representative: Sybil Nannette Kay Todd  
Address: 391 Otto Lollis Road/PO Box 251 Honea Path, SC 29654  
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Estate: Grace Link Davis  
Date of Death: 1/10/2021  
Case Number: 2021ES0100047  
Personal Representative: Ruth Price Hill  
Address: 1043 David Rd. Abbeville, SC 29620  
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Estate: Richard Reginald O’Neal  
Date of Death: 1/14/2021  
Case Number: 2021ES0100048  
Personal Representative: Cynthia A. O’Neal  
Address: 61 River Trace Lane, Honea Path, SC 29654  
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Estate: Gabriel Christan Smith  
Date of Death: 1/30/2021  
Case Number: 2021ES0100049  
Personal Representative: Melinda Goldman  
Address: 201 Bellecrest Greenwood, SC 29649  
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Estate: Malena Gay Gilstrap  
Date of Death: 11/07/2020  
Case Number: 2021ES0100052  
Personal Representative: Ruby Marie Patterson  
Address: 6 Smith St. Ware Shoals, SC 29692  
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Estate: William Calvin Haynes  
Date of Death: 01/28/2021  
Case Number: 2021ES0100055  
Personal Representative: Linda Charlene Hayes  
Address: 95 Central Shiloh Rd. Abbeville, SC 29620  
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Estate: John Anderson Freely  
Date of Death: 01/17/2021  
Case Number: 2021ES0100054  
Personal Representative: Annie Freely  
Address: 473 Freely Rd. Donalds, SC 29638  
2/24;3tc

Estate: Johnny Eugene Chiles  
Date of Death: 01/08/2021  
Case Number: 2021ES0100058  
Personal Representative: Deborah Chiles  
Address: 112 Hamby Court, Abbeville, SC 29620  
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Estate: Thomas Nickles Stone  
Date of Death: 11/18/2020  
Case Number: 2021ES0100059  
Personal Representative: Cathy S. Elledge  
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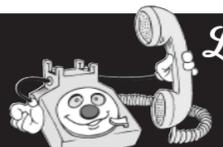
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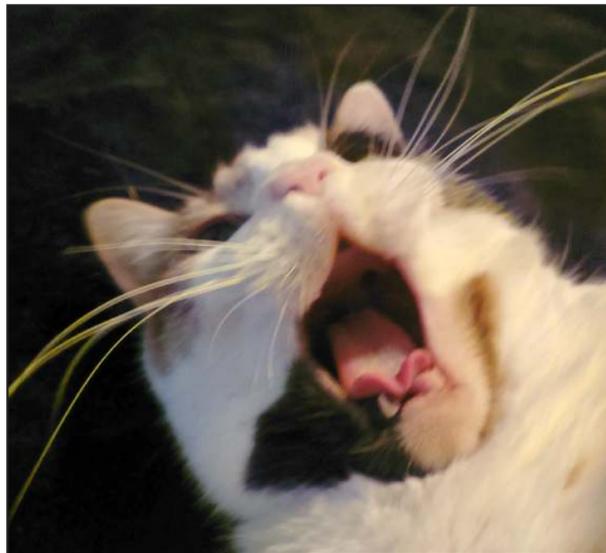


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## 'Miracle Cat' downplays radon threat



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