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## County Council tables bond ordinance

By Henry E. Green

To borrow—or not to borrow.

That was the question when Abbeville County Council met Monday night, hearing concerns about borrowing \$2 million when nearly \$5 million in federal money is reportedly on its way.

After vigorous discussion, Council tabled second reading on the bond issuance, designed to help enhance the County's public safety capabilities. Council member James McCord voted in opposition to the tabling.

The federal money is part of a stimulus package approved in March, and while the County knows that the money is on its way, County officials do not know at this point exactly how it can be spent.

During the discussion, Council member Charles Goodwin wondered if the County Council could wait until it could find out what guidelines existed on the federal money before acting to pass the bond issuance, which would be used to meet a number of public safety needs, including equipment for County firefighters.

County Director David Garner indicated that he has been working hard to contact legislators with Washington connections, such as Congressman Jeff Duncan, to get more of a grasp on guidelines for the federal money.

Garner said he would like for the bond issuance to be in play before millage for the coming fiscal year is set.

Council passed a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Herron Trucking of Iva for the hauling of stone products to be used by the Abbeville County Public Works Department for FY 21-22.

In addition Monday night, Council had first reading on Ordinance No. 9 with respect to Industrial Commercial and Municipal Haulers of waste brought to the Abbeville County Landfill.

All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman and a vote is necessary.

Council had a public hearing and second reading on Ordinance 2021-05 to authorize the County to charge and collect a uniform service charge for the improvement of fire protection services provided in Abbeville County.

Council member Charles Goodwin voted in opposition.

Also Monday night, Council had a public hearing and second reading on a County budget ordinance for 2021-03, but with one amendment.

That amendment was suggested by Council member Drew Simpson, who wanted to remove from the budget the position of public safety director.

Council member James McCord and Council chairman Billy Norris voted against the amendment, but voted to pass the budget as amended.

During his County Director's report, County Director

David Garner discussed the recent tornado which touched down in Abbeville County.

“We were very fortunate,” said Garner. The tornado, while it damaged a number of buildings, did not produce any reported injuries or fatalities.

Council agreed to have a 50 percent landfill fee reduction through the month of May for people taking storm debris to the landfill.

“It is something they didn't cause,” said County Council chairman Billy Norris about the debris.

During the public hearings on the ordinance on the bonds and the service charge fee, Mack Beaty and Hal Prince expressed reservations.

Beaty indicated that he would like to see Council display more transparency and more discussion, and more dissemination to the public about plans.

Prince wondered if the bond issuance was necessary, given the federal money slated to come in. He also said that some months ago Council had set aside millage for capital expenses, so that borrowing money would not be needed.

Simpson said Tuesday that he made the motion for the amendment to remove the public safety director post, a new position, because it would have added another salaried position, which he did not think the County needed.

He said he is more concerned about retaining the employees that the County already has.



Kerri Hall of Abbeville sent this photograph showing damage from the May 3 tornado to her family's property off Stevenson Road on the outskirts of Abbeville. The twister damaged a number of buildings but caused no reported injuries or fatalities. (Photo courtesy of Kerri Hall)

## Storm confirmed to be tornado

By Henry E. Green

The storm that produced downed trees and power outages but no injuries last week in Abbeville County was confirmed to be a tornado, according to reports.

“The reports I've seen confirmed an EF 2 tornado that stretched almost 30 miles,” said Abbeville County Director David Garner.

The National Weather Service investigated the storm, which struck Abbeville County on the afternoon

of Monday, May 3, and caused damage but did not produce any reported injuries or fatalities. There was heavy rain and in places there was hail as well.

The storm left many people without power, and numerous downed trees. On Stevenson Road, on the eastern outskirts of Abbeville, one could see trees snapped in two like so many twigs, and in rural areas of the County there were a

number of damaged homes. Abbeville County is no stranger to twisters. A 1973 tornado left several people dead, while a 2009 twister caused considerable damage in places such as McGowan Avenue in Abbeville, and the old Calhoun Falls Road, although no fatalities were reported.

A 2019 storm also tore through the eastern outskirts of Abbeville, causing damage but no fatalities.

## Calhoun Falls to have Springtime in Falls

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls will have its annual Springtime in the Falls festival and town-wide yard sale this weekend—May 14-15, according to Rebecca McCaslan, executive director of the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce, which presents the event.

The festivities were cancelled last year due to COVID, but this year the festival, like the Abbeville Spring Festival, is having a revival.

Activities will start off on the evening of Friday, May 14, with a street dance, with the band Eloveation performing, on Cox Avenue in downtown Calhoun Falls from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The presentation of the Calhoun Falls Personality of the Year award will be made at 7 p.m. Friday night. The next day there will be the annual town-wide yard sale, with booths and tables set up all along Savannah Street.

“There will be food vendors throughout the town,” said McCaslan.

The yard sale will begin “at sunrise,” the Chamber executive director said.

“People are out and about at sunrise,” she laughed.

There will be a second street dance Saturday night, with DJ Palmetto, also on Cox Avenue, beginning at 7 p.m., according to McCaslan.

“It is all free,” she said.

## DHEC holds vaccine clinic during Festival

By Henry E. Green

DHEC had a vaccination clinic during the Abbeville Spring Festival, and administered 13 shots of the first dose of Moderna vaccine against COVID-19, according to K'Leasha Liles, Upstate public information officer with SC DHEC.

No appointments needed to be made to get the vaccine during the clinic, which was held Friday and Saturday of the

Festival, which was held April 29 through May 1. “All vaccinations were free,” said Liles.

The clinic, set up on Trinity Street in downtown Abbeville, was supervised by Patrick Brown of DHEC.

In addition to administering the vaccine, DHEC personnel handed out information about the shots.

DHEC had two tables set up in downtown Abbeville during a portion

of the Festival.

For the event, the primary goal was to provide information and answer questions about the vaccine.

There was also an effort to provide information on “Stop the Bleed”—essentially on how to use a tourniquet, according to Joanne Hobbick, coordinator of the Public Health Reserve Corps and Upstate community health workers.



The Abbeville County Museum is housed in a building which used to be a jail, and which dates from the 19th century. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Abbeville County Historical Society is working to help restore the Creswell Cabin, located next to the Abbeville County Museum in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Cabin may be on way to being restored

**By Henry E. Green**

The Creswell Cabin may be on its way to being restored, according to Abbeville County Historical Society president Andrew Hartsfield.

A crew from General Construction cleared away overgrown vegetation and debris from the site, which is located next door to the Museum, he said.

The work was done Thursday at the request of the Abbeville County Historical Society, which is working to

restore the cabin, which is in "almost deplorable shape." "The roof has caved in and the front left corner has collapsed," said Hartsfield.

The Museum, the Creswell Cabin and the McPhail Cabin are all on the property owned by Abbeville County, he continued.

Now that all the debris has been cleared, the cabin has to be stabilized, and then the Society will make the determination as to whether the cabin needs to be disassembled and then taken

to another location and repaired, or whether it can be repaired on site.

"It was an original settlers cabin constructed in 1837," Hartsfield said. The cabin was originally located near Troy, near Long Cane Creek, and then moved to its current location near the Museum.

The Society is exploring various options as to how to fund the cabin's restoration, Hartsfield continued.

## Abundant treasures Abbeville County Museum includes numerous reminders of history

**By Henry E. Green**

So much history--all in one place.

The Abbeville County Museum has an abundance of Abbeville County items, representing various periods of the County's history, and Historical Society volunteer Jenny Kelly is working hard to organize the items in the building and provide a general clean-up.

Kelly took a Press and Banner reporter on a tour of the building, which dates from the 19th century.

The Museum contains, for example, photographs from the middle school trips to Washington, D.C. Every year, in a tradition going back at least to the 1960s,

middle school students from the Abbeville community would go every year on a field trip to the nation's capital.

Many of the trips were organized by Sallie McMillan, a social studies teacher, before her death several years ago.

Students and teachers would pose in front of the U.S. Capitol building for a group photo. Every year the group, composed of different students, would have the same pose for the picture.

Then, there is a huge tapestry which used to grace the Cold Spring community center and is now in the Museum.

"It was donated by Mr. Joe

McCurry," she said.

The Cold Spring community center evolved from what used to be the Cold Spring school.

There are old printing-related items from The Press and Banner, and a wooden cash register drawer from the old Cooperative Grocery on Court Square.

The Museum is housed in a building which used to be the Abbeville County jail, and Kelly displayed a set of bars from the days when the old building was a place of detention.

The Historical Society is in the process of setting up hours for visitors to the Museum.



This ride on Abbeville's Court Square helped spread delight during this year's Abbeville Spring Festival in downtown Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville County Historical Society volunteer Jenny Kelly is working hard to organize the items in the building and provide a general clean-up for the Abbeville County Museum. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Farmers markets to begin at close of May

**By Henry E. Green**

Farmers market season is slated to begin later this month, offering Abbeville County residents the joys of fresh produce.

The Calhoun Falls Farmers Market will begin on May 27, and will be held in Calhoun Falls on Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., according to Wilder Ferreira, who has said he will be managing the Calhoun Falls market.

Ferreira is a Clemson Extension educator who is also the director of the Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development, which has been established through the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation, whose aims include enhancing the entrepreneurial spirit here in Abbeville County.

The Abbeville Farmers Market will begin on May 28, and will be held on Fridays from 7 a.m. to

noon at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville.

The Clemson Extension educator, who is also the director of the Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development, recently provided a report on some of the things with which he has been involved.

The City of Abbeville manages its farmers market, Ferreira has said.

Both markets are expected to end around the end of September, Ferreira said.

**Vouchers available for seniors**

Vouchers are available for senior citizens wanting to get fresh produce at the markets.

Local senior citizens applying for farmers market vouchers may contact the United Way Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through June 1, according to Abbeville Senior Center site manager

Rhonda Arnold.

United Way may be reached at 229-4103.

The Abbeville Senior Center, also known as the Center Street Cafe, will assist with the online applications on Tuesday only by phone, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Senior Center may be reached at 366-9666, or 366-9667.

The Abbeville County library will be helping seniors apply, too! The library will take calls to do the applications over the phone and can help seniors use their computers too.

The library can be reached at 459-4009.

Arnold also suggested a website which would provide more information:

<https://dss.sc.gov/assistance-programs/food-and-nutrition-programs/senior-farmers-market/>

  
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# A building birth?

## Rotary speaker discusses plans for Abbeville County Training School

**By Henry E. Green**  
 Call it reincarnation. An old building on Branch Street in Abbeville will find new life if everything falls into place, a speaker told Abbeville Rotarians Thursday.

Kathy Bethune, who resides in Wilson, N.C. and has spent a career in preservation and grant writing, is working with developer Tonya Haddock to bring an old school building on Branch Street into a fresh reality as an apartment complex for senior citizens.

The developers are pursuing a HUD grant to help make it all happen, and if everything goes as planned, construction could begin in the first quarter of 2022, with doors to open in the fall of 2023.

The building itself is a repository of history, as it used to be the Abbeville County Training School, an African American school in the days before integration. The building is a Rosenwald School, one of a number of several thousand schools built in the South for

African-American children through a project by Julius Rosenwald in the early 20th century.

Rosenwald, who worked with Sears Roebuck, teamed with community leaders like Booker T. Washington to build what came to be known as Rosenwald schools.

The building on Branch Street was one of five Rosenwald schools built in Abbeville County.

"It's the only one standing now," said Bethune.

Fisk University in Tennessee has a database of Rosenwald schools, which were all built according to the same plan.

Of more than 5,000 schools, only about 10 percent are left.

The Abbeville County Training School had seven teachers, and was built of brick, which was very unusual. "It was a really well designed program," she said.

Developers hope to make it into an apartment complex for people aged 62 and older. There will also be income

restrictions for people living there.

A nonprofit group based in Indiana is expected to run the complex, which will include 40 apartments and an auditorium.

Bethune is hoping to get the building added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The developers are working to enlist the aid of a number of community groups in enhancing the project.

The hope is to build a farmers market at the complex, and to work with groups as Abbeville Area Medical Center to provide activities such as health screenings, and the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation.

"We want it to be a community gathering place," she said.

The hope also is that these groups will help provide vital connections between the seniors and the Abbeville Community.

"Isolation is something we're trying to completely avoid," she said.



Kathy Bethune, who resides in Wilson, N.C. and has spent a career in preservation and grant writing, is working with developer Tonya Haddock to bring an old school building on Branch Street into a fresh reality as an apartment complex for senior citizens. Bethune is shown here speaking to Abbeville Rotarians recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Keturah Stoltzfus of Due West won a crafters award at the Abbeville Spring Festival recently, claiming the Best in Show Item honors. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Swingin' Medallions closed the Abbeville Spring Festival with a show on the evening of Saturday, May 1. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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# District has capital improvement plan

**By Henry E. Green**  
(The following is the first in a series.)

Abbeville County School District is making progress on its Capital Improvement Plan, which includes a number of projects designed to strengthen the District's facilities.

Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary recently supplied a copy of the plan, which is broken up into three phases.

Those projects in Phase 1 that are complete include the following:

- Two 20 passenger buses at AHS and Dixie
- Energy capture areas installed at Cherokee Trail Elementary, Diamond Hill Elementary, Long Cane Primary, and Wright Middle.

- Washer/dryer for AHS and DHS
- Painting the interior of the athletic field house at Abbeville High

- HVAC emergency replacement at Diamond Hill Elementary
- Roof at Westwood
- HVAC at Wright Middle
- Playground at Cherokee Trail

- Sound system at AHS football field

In the "bid stage" is the construction of a new press box, concessions, restrooms, ticket booths at AHS and DHS.

Ready for installation are awnings at Long Cane Primary and Wright Middle. Phase Two includes the following:

- Weight/locker rooms at Dixie High

- Office/energy capture/awnings at Westwood and John C. Calhoun

Both of the above are in the design phase.

In the planning stages are the following:

- Raising the football bleachers at AHS and DHS
- Mulch at the visitors side of the AHS football field
- Mulch at Westwood

Phase Three will include the following:

- Academic wings at AHS and Dixie
- Regulation gyms at AHS and DHS.
- Cafeteria expansion/upgrades at AHS and DHS
- Demo academic wings at AHS and Dixie
- New firefighting/PLTW/offices at ACCC
- Renovate locker rooms at AHS and Dixie



Shirley Simpson of Stevenson Road, Abbeville, celebrated a birthday recently, and her coworkers at The Press and Banner gave her a party, complete with a chocolate cake and a heartfelt rendition of "Happy Birthday." (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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# City making video

**By Henry E. Green**  
A film crew was in Abbeville Monday.

Were they shooting a movie?

Was it the sequel to "Sleeping with the Enemy"?

No, it was something a little different.

"That was actually our local videographer David Bliss who was working on a tourism video for the city," said Austin Walker, Community Development Director for the City. "They filmed short clips in several spots to highlight all that Abbeville has to offer – the Opera House, Main Street Coffee, Trinity Street, just to name a few."

The video, which also included filming at the Bel-

mont Inn, will be used to shine a light on Abbeville.

"It will be used on social media, it could be used for TV commercials," said Mike Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer for the City.

The video will now be edited, and within six to eight weeks, the City expects to have a finished product.

"We sort of did a similar video back in 2018," said Clary, who said that the City felt it was time for a more up-to-date version, and for a slightly different direction than the original video.

He thanked the Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership, the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, and the Downtown Abbeville Mer-

chants Association.

"The primary audience for the video" is for people living outside Abbeville to entice them to come and visit the City, but also to share what the City has to offer local residents as well.

It would say, "You can have a fun day in Abbeville" to residents and non-residents alike.

"Lots of local businesses were the setting," said Mary Elizabeth Land of Abbeville, who participated in the video.

"We hope that it will do a lot to promote the small businesses of Abbeville, as well as the Abbeville Opera House, and the great vibe of our small town."

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# WZLA moving to new home on 28 Bypass

By Henry E. Green

Arenowned Abbeville radio personality and businessman is taking charge of an Abbeville building which used to house unemployment assistance services.

Benji Greeson says that Greeson Media Group, LLC, which he owns and operates, has purchased the old unemployment office on Highway 28 By-Pass.

Greeson said he plans to move WZLA to that location over the next month.

"The new building has sat vacant since 2014 and clean up is in progress," he said. Greeson, who bought WZLA radio station in July of 2020, is expanding the business, and he said the 5,000 square foot size of the building on Highway 28 Bypass fits the needs for the move.

Greeson Media Group, also known as GMG, will still be operating WZLA, where live shows will still take place, such as The Southern Fried Morning Show, The Country Shindig with the Silver Fox, and Sunday Morning Gospel with Lyjuandia Wilson, and

many others.

GMG, with the new building, will also have a podcast production studio, video production, and a web marketing office.

"To be clear, we are not changing formats or the music, or the sports side of things with WZLA" he said. "The move is solely to have much more room, to offer more services under the umbrella of GMG."

Greeson was asked from whom he purchased the old unemployment office.

"The State of South Carolina owned the property," he said by email. "They built it in 1993 to be the unemployment office. And it was used in that capacity until 2014 when it closed. It's sat vacant since then. The clean up is because it has sat for so long--spider webs, landscaping, etc."

"The podcasting production will be a service we offer," he said. "Podcasting is a huge market right now, and we will be able to rent our studio for those wishing to produce a professional podcast. Our equipment and technology will offer the

ability for you to record and then simulcast your podcast to every possible platform available for podcasts. It'll be the first of it's kind that I know of, in the area.

"Video production will lean on the sports side of things at first. We'll offer live or recorded coaches shows, games, interviews that can be placed on social media platforms, or shopped to television markets. And web marketing is just that. We'll be able to place a business or industries brand in a way, online, that will reach people that it may not have reached."

Greeson grew up in Abbeville and graduated from AHS in 1998. He has been married to his wife Tara for 11 years, and they have two daughters -- Maci, 10, and Campbell, 8.

Greeson is a member of Abbeville City Council, where he represents City Council District Seven.

He co-authored, along with T. Allen Winn, a book called *It's All About the 'A'*, about 100 years of Abbeville High School football going back to 1917.



Recently, Abbeville County 4-Her, Samantha Mountford, challenged her classmates at Diamond Hill Elementary to take part in a community-wide clean-up to celebrate Earth Day on April 22. Samantha is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Diamond Hill Elementary and a member of the Community Service 4-H Club. Due to COVID19, their 4-H programs have not been able to meet in-person, so she came up with a way to host a contact-less community service project. Diamond Hill students cleaned up their community and brought over 30 bags of roadside litter! Samantha even had prizes for students who participated, and one lucky student won a Chick fil a gift card!

Abbeville County 4-H program coordinated with the Abbeville DOT for bags and vests that were given to students who registered to participate during the week of Earth Day. A special thanks to 4-H member Lilly McDonald, Amy Smith, DHE Guidance Counselor, and DHE staff who supported this community service effort. (Photo Credit: Amy Smith)

## PTC & Self Regional Partner to Offer Vaccination Clinic May 13

Submitted by Kristine Hartvigsen

Piedmont Technical College and Self Regional Healthcare are partnering to host a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the Medford Family Event Center in Greenwood. The event is open to PTC faculty, staff and students as well as the general public. The clinic will deliver the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine on **Thursday, May 13, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.** It will resume to deliver the second dose three weeks later, on **Thursday, June 3, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.**

Every individual who re-

ceives the vaccine on May 13 will receive a \$5 Chick-fil-a gift card.

"This clinic would not be possible without continuing support and commitment from Self Regional Healthcare," said Dr. Hope E. Rivers, president of PTC. "Together, our institutions are doing their part to promote public health and offering an opportunity for members of our community to receive the vaccine. We so look forward to the day when COVID-19 is merely a concern of the past."

"We are grateful to be partnering with Piedmont Technical College for this important outreach event.

Our organizations share the vision of getting past this pandemic, and widespread vaccination is the way to do that," said Jim Pfeiffer, president and CEO, Self Regional Healthcare. "We encourage everyone who is available to come get vaccinated and do their part to defeat COVID-19."

Those seeking vaccination at the clinic are asked to bring a photo ID, insurance card if they have it (though insurance is not required to receive the vaccine).

Both appointments and walk-ins are welcome at the clinic. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 864-725-3555.



The Wheels of Time Car Show is always a big favorite at the Abbeville Spring Festival, and this year was no exception. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Beginning Wednesday, March 31, 2021, all South Carolinians 16 and older qualify for vaccination.

At Self Regional Healthcare there are currently three methods of scheduling a vaccination appointment:

1

The SRH online form, found here:

<https://www.selfregional.org/covid-vaccine-request-form/>

Or

2

the SRH COVID-19 Hotline, (864) 725-3555, open M-F, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Or

3

MyChart users may direct schedule their vaccination appointment at [mychart.selfregional.org](https://mychart.selfregional.org).

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# Matthew Hughes AHS valedictorian

By Henry E. Green

Matthew Hughes, the Abbeville High School valedictorian, likes math and science.

Matthew grew up in Abbeville and went to Long Cane Primary and Westwood Elementary and Wright Middle before Abbeville High School.

"I've been in mainly academic activities," he said of his time at AHS.

At Abbeville High, he is a member of the Beta Club, and the National Social

Studies Honor Society.

At the Career Center, he is in the National Technical Honor Society.

"I plan to go to Clemson University," he said of his post-high school plans. "I've already been accepted."

"I'm still somewhat unsure about my major," he said. "I am interested in computer science and engineering," he said. "I have been able to explore both at the Abbeville Career Center through Project Lead the Way but I still haven't been able to

come to a decision."

"During my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends," said Matthew, a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

"Most of all I wanted to say that I am honored to represent Abbeville and Abbeville High School as Valedictorian.

*AHS graduation will be held on Saturday, May 29, at 10 a.m. at Lander.*



Matthew Hughes is this year's Abbeville High School valedictorian. (Contributed photo)

# Dixie valedictorian wants to be nurse

By Henry E. Green

Makinsie Ware is the Dixie High School valedictorian.

A Donalds resident, she grew up in the Donalds area, attending Cherokee Trail Elementary, and then Dixie. Ware has a wealth of extracurricular activities.

"I play softball, and I ran cross country," she said. "I'm the FFA president and the vice president for the National Honor Society and

Beta Club. I used to play volleyball and I used to be in the FBLA, and I work at Ace Hardware."

The catcher for the Lady Hornet varsity softball team, she is one of the team's leading hitters.

"When I wasn't catching, I was the designated hitter," she said.

Her favorite subject at Dixie?

"I would have to go with

biology," she said.

And what does she like to do in her free time?

"I like to fish," she said.

Plans after high school? "I'm going to Lander to be a nursing major," she said.

Makinsie would like to be a nurse. "I want to work in the emergency room," she said.

*Dixie High School graduation is slated for Friday, May 28 at 6 p.m. at the Galloway Center at Erskine College.*



Makinsie Ware is this year's Dixie High School valedictorian. (Contributed photo)

# Dixon is CF Charter's 2021 valedictorian

By Henry E. Green

This year's valedictorian for Calhoun Falls Charter is Gracee Dixon, said Lori Lindler, Calhoun Falls Charter Assistant Principal Wednesday.

Gracee grew up in Calhoun Falls and attended John C. Calhoun Elementary and then Calhoun Falls Charter.

At Calhoun Falls Charter, she has been active in the FFA, for which she is currently serving as chapter president.

She has especially enjoyed the public speaking contests presented by the FFA.

She is also a member of the Beta Club and serves as varsity cheer-leading captain.

In addition to her extracurricular activities, she has a job.

"I'm a clerk at Calhoun Falls State Park," she said. In her job she helps people make reservations, and she handles inventory.

After high school she plans to study elementary education at Lander University, on her way to becoming an elementary school teacher.

Her favorite subject in high school?

"Algebra," she answered.

*Calhoun Falls Charter graduation is on Friday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Fulmer Stadium on the campus of Calhoun Falls Charter, a school spokesperson has said.*

This year's valedictorian for Calhoun Falls Charter is Gracee Dixon. (Contributed photo)



# Ribbon cutting set for Hester's Bottoms

By Henry E. Green

Some property in McCormick County is going to be restored and known as Hester's Bottoms, thanks to the work of a group of Abbevillians, and a ribbon cutting is set for May 15.

The property, formerly known as Mt. Carmel Campground, was closed for over six years, said Lindsey Jones, who with partners Keith and Melanie Stewart is developing the property, located at 2926 Fort Charlotte Rd, Mt. Carmel, SC.

The Army Corps of Engineers released an ad for interested investors back in the fall of 2020, Jones said. "I met with them for the

first time in November and I submitted a proposal in January and then presented to their board in February," Jones said.

"I, along with my partners Keith and Melanie Stewart, was awarded a 25 year lease in March," Jones said. "We have been working diligently to restore the property which will now be known as Hester's Bottoms Campground."

It currently has 44 campsites, three bath houses, a beach area, playground, boat ramp and dock.

"We are adding a general store and plan to host monthly events," she said.

"Our ribbon cutting event is

on May 15 from 1-6 p.m. We have a band from Nashville, food trucks and events for the kids and encourage everyone to bring a chair and come celebrate with us."

The band from Nashville is called Blue Honey, she noted in a telephone interview recently.

The monthly events being planned will include an end of summer luau, as well as a Halloween festival, and fishing tournaments, said Jones.

She and Keith and Melanie Stewart all live in Abbeville. Jones is looking forward to the new venture.

"It's exciting," she said.

# Program Readies High School Students for Several College Health Care Degree Programs

Submitted by  
Kristine Hartvigsen

Ask your average high school junior what Health Care Quick Start is, and they might imagine it is some brand of virus-free, fast internet. Good guess, but no. For those who might be inclined toward a career somewhere along the health care spectrum, HCQS is a lifeline of another sort. It's a program that Piedmont Technical College (PTC) offers for dual enrollment students interested in getting common health care program feeder courses under their belt before actually attending college.

"The Health Care Quick Start option was introduced two years ago and is designed for high school juniors who are leaning toward a health care field of study in college," PTC Health Care Dean Tara Gonce explained. "It's a way to cover some core courses that prepare them for entry into a health care degree program of their choice by the time they graduate from high school."

When the cohort started, an evening orientation was held for students and their parents. The event included a Health Care Program Fair with displays and faculty contacts available to answer questions about the various choices available in health care degrees and certifications offered at PTC.

Members of the first cohort of the program are preparing to graduate this spring.

"Some students have not decided exactly which health care profession they will choose," Gonce said. "They think they have to make a decision immediately while they are in their junior year, but they really don't. The layout of the courses in this program allows the student time and flexibility in that decision-making process. That is the beauty of it."

Full disclosure, one of the seven set to finish the program this spring happens to be Gonce's daughter, Madalyn Harris. After graduation, Harris plans to enroll in PTC's Cardiovascular Technology Program.

"The Health Care Quick Start Program is the perfect major for dual enrollment students who want to get their prerequisites out of the way and be program-ready," Harris said. "I chose this major so I can apply for the CVT Program as soon as I graduate from high school." Ideally, Harris hopes to see herself one day working at Self Regional Healthcare while pursuing bachelor's and master's degrees in health care administration.

From the perspective as a mother rather than as health care dean, Gonce has proudly watched her daughter study obsessively and steadfastly focus on completing the program.

"Madalyn is an exceptional teenager because she has been so goal-oriented. She has had this goal set for a while now. It feels like home to her. That is what we want all our students to

feel," Gonce said. "This whole cohort, to me, is exceptional. They have stayed on course. That is a lot for a high school student. These courses are not easy. ... I am proud of the way they have been taking this seriously."

PTC Dual Enrollment Director Tameika Wideman noted that, thanks to the application of a patchwork of grants and scholarships that include Lottery Tuition Assistance, SC WINS, and local promise programs, most dual enrollment students attend PTC tuition-free. "That makes the program an incomparable value," she said.

Wideman said the Dual Enrollment Health Care Quick Start Program enables students interested in health care professions to begin their college experience in advance, receive college credit, and develop good study skills early on.

Gonce says she certainly hopes that students who complete the program enroll at PTC, but even if they choose a different path, the program is intended to help them advance in any college environment.

"Our goal is to pull them into our program," she said. "But it's also to get them the credits they need towards a health care degree wherever they go."

For more information about Health Care Quick Start, go to [www.ptc.edu/academics/dual-enrollment/career-quick-start](http://www.ptc.edu/academics/dual-enrollment/career-quick-start).

# Erskine has in-person commencement program

By Henry E. Green

Erskine held commencement exercises Saturday, and the speaker was Rev. Neil C. Stewart, pastor of Christ Covenant Church of Greensboro, NC, according

to published reports.

Introducing the speaker was Rachel Bishop of Greenwood, the graduating senior with the highest grade point average.

In addition to the com-

mencement address, student awards were announced.

It was the first in-person graduation for EC since 2019, published reports state.

# This year's festival gets favorable review

**By Henry E. Green**  
This year's Abbeville Spring Festival received high marks from the special events coordinator of the City of Abbeville, which presented the gathering. "It was very successful! Initial estimates range from 13,000 to 15,000 visitors over the course of the 3 days compared to 10,000 to 12,000 in years past," said Emily Bledsoe.

"The combination of beautiful weather and people wanting to get out and enjoy themselves after last year's canceled event resulted in those higher numbers. "Of course, there's always room for improvement, and we certainly welcome feedback, but we were all very pleased with the outcome and it seems the community echoes that sentiment. Several vendors and local

merchants informed us of "record breaking numbers" on par with much larger festivals. More concise numbers will be in the complete festival impact report in the coming weeks."

This year's festival was held April 29 through May 1. Last year's festival was canceled due to COVID concerns.

## Emergency Broadband Benefit

**Submitted by Virginia Smith, Marketing Representative**

May 12, 2021 - As a local provider of Internet services, West Carolina Tel will be participating in the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program. This is a national FCC program to help households struggling to pay for Internet service during the pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, and virtual classrooms. The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount per household.

Eligibility for the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program:

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

\*Qualifies for the Lifeline program;

\*Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price

school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision, or did so in the 2019-2020 school year;

\*Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;

\*Experienced a substantial loss of income since February 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers; or

\*Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating providers' existing low-income or COVID-19 program.

Where to sign up for the benefit:

The program has been authorized by the FCC to begin on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Please visit [wctel.com/ebbp](http://wctel.com/ebbp) to apply. You can also apply by mail by calling 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center  
P.O. Box 7081  
London, KY 40742

Or you can bring your completed mail-in application in

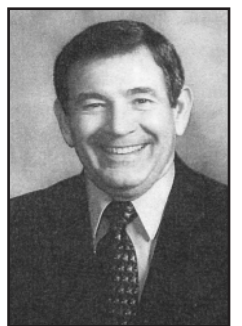
a sealed labeled envelope to any WCTEL office to be mailed.

West Carolina Tel Internet subscriber eligibility may depend on service location.

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## a Word from "THE WORD"



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Rev. Dr. John Keith

### Wisdom

**James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."**

What is the difference between knowledge and wisdom?

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad. This passage in James shares with us where wisdom comes from—it comes from God. Man may gain knowledge on his own, but he will never gain wisdom unless God gives it to him.

This passage gives an invitation for us to ask for wisdom. It is the desire of God to give us wisdom, but we must ask for it. Notice that this invitation is all inclusive; God gives to all who ask for it.

The word of God promises that God gives liberally, not grudgingly, not just a little but liberally, abundantly.

The only limit is our desire. The only limit is our lack of asking for wisdom.

This passage also is an inspiration—it inspires me to ask God for wisdom. It inspires me to come to God and ask for the wisdom to handle any situation that I face. I can come to God with a request for wisdom to handle any situation with confidence that He will answer me.

God gives without reproach. You will never come to God and ask for wisdom to handle a situation and hear Him reproach you and condemn you for asking for it. He promises that He will never unbraid your request for wisdom.

We can come to God with our request for wisdom with

the expectation that He will grant us the wisdom we need—He promises to give it to us.

This passage also reveals that if I lack wisdom, it is not God's fault—it is mine because I did not ask Him for it. God has promised to provide the wisdom we need for any situation in life that we face—we should not be shy in asking Him for it.

God always keeps His promises and we can trust Him to keep this promise as well. When faced with a decision, or a dilemma, boldly come to God and ask for His wisdom on what to do—He promises to deliver the wisdom on what to do.

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# Is pace of COVID slowing within county?

**By Henry E. Green**

Is the pace of COVID slowing here in Abbeville County?

A total of 2,089 positive COVID cases have been reported in Abbeville County, according to DHEC data from Monday, May 10.

The county has experienced 34 COVID related deaths, DHEC reported.

In neighboring counties, Anderson County has had a total of 19,905 cases and 473 deaths, while Greenwood had 7,476 cases and 156 deaths.

Laurens County had 6,504 cases and 152 deaths, and McCormick had 792 cases and 19 deaths.

The state as a whole has reported 486,090 cases and 8,448 deaths.

The number of new cases may be slowing here in Abbeville County. According to reports published Saturday, Abbeville County had a total of 2,088 COVID cases and 34 COVID related deaths.

The number of cases as of May 1 in the county stood at 2,076, and the number of deaths stood at 34.

Meanwhile, in terms of health events, AAMC was represented at the recent Abbeville Spring Festival.

"We had information about our hospital system as well as giveaways," said AAMC Marketing Director Meg

Davis.

"We also were offering festival-goers the opportunity to sign up to have the vaccine. Health Related Home Care was offering blood pressure checks. AAMC and Health Related Home Care were co-sponsors of the event."

Nationwide, the number of COVID cases appears to be on the wane, although there remain hot spots, such as in the Pacific Northwest.

A total of 39.2 percent of the population here in Abbeville County has received at least one shot, according to published reports.



Members of the Abbeville Lions Club sold brooms during the Abbeville Spring Festival recently, continuing a long-standing Lions fundraising tradition. Here Lions Mike Allen (left) and Rick Pressly (right) are showing how it's done. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Community calendar

## GLEAMNS to hold public meeting

GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission will hold a public meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, at the Abbeville GLEAMNS Head Start Center at 706 Carolina Circle in Abbeville.

The purpose will be to elect a representative from Abbeville County to serve on the GLEAMNS Board of Commissioners.

The person elected should be from the low-income population of Abbeville County or a representative of the same.

Measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus will be required during the election process.

These measures include hand sanitizing, temperature checks, face coverings while inside the facility and physical distancing of six feet or more.

For more information one may call Shunna V. Jeter of GLEAMNS at 864-229-8801.

## planned

A Zoom workshop, How to Write a Business Plan, will be presented at noon on May 19 by Clemson Extension, Freshwater Coast Community Foundation, Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce, WCTEL and SBDC.

For more information, one may call Wilder Ferreira at 642-8758.

## Library board to meet

The board of trustee of the Abbeville County Library System will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, May 18, at 4 p.m. at the main branch of the library at 1407 North Main Street, Abbeville.

## Watkins Community Center planning event

The Watkins Community Center in Honea Path is planning to sponsor its summer theatre camp this year using Covid guidelines. There will be no dinner theatre production. Instead, each camper will receive a free, professionally recorded CD of the

final performance.

The production will be "Alice in Wonderland." The camp will be held July 12-15 for children ages 6-17. The registration fee is \$45.00. Registration will be done with Kelly at the Honea Path Town Hall during regular business hours. The Watkins Community Center and the Honea Path Town Hall are located at 204 South Main Street.

Call 864-940-5460 if you have questions.

## Fundraiser planned

Rev. Bobby Bryant will have a fund raiser for Renew Outreach Ministries Thursday through Saturday noon to 6 p.m. at 429 East Savannah Street in Calhoun Falls. For more information, one may call 864-417-1997.

## Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sang a tender song  
Or came to pay a call;  
Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or just sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers,  
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Perhaps you sent of spoke kind words,  
As any friend could say;  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
But just thought of us that day.  
Perhaps you prepared some tasty dish  
Or maybe furnished a car;  
Perhaps you rendered a service unseen,  
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**THE SPIDER**

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was editor of a small Missouri paper. One day he received a letter from a subscriber, stating that he had found a spider in his paper, and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck. Twain replied: "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door, and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever afterward."

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Students of history know that socialist experiments end in a hot mess. Unfortunately, many top-ranking federal officials appear not to be students of history, because they want to push America further and further toward socialist policies.

### THE PATTERN

Leftists want to use the power of the state to create a utopian society by giving people what they seem to want: stuff.

- Universal health care coverage
- Free college for everyone
- Drastically increased minimum wage nationwide

These are just a few examples. The more goodies the federal government gives, the fuller the campaign coffers. The fuller the campaign coffers, the easier it is for Washington politicians to keep their jobs.

How can these policies be implemented by our federal government? The Constitution only gives it specific, enumerated powers, which do NOT include any of the above, nor many of D.C.'s other pet policies.

The problem is past interpretations of certain clauses of the Constitution that were wrong, and yet became precedent for allowing federal overreach today. For instance, the General Welfare Clause is applied today to allow Congress to tax and spend for any idea it thinks is good for our "welfare." The Commerce Clause is applied today to allow Congress to regulate every single object that is associated with commerce, even within a single state, including forcing Americans to engage in commerce by buying health insurance.

Today we face the alarming reality that these same precedents--and others--may be harnessed to achieve more and more radical socialist goals that are inconsistent with fundamental American principles.

### WHAT CAN WE DO?

Courts rarely reverse landmark precedents, and even if they wanted to, it would take decades. But the state legislatures can correct our nation's course by using their constitutional power under Article V to propose amendments that will limit the scope and power of Washington.

We are not urging particular policy proposals. This issue is not partisan. We are simply saying that states (and their citizens) should have the power to decide, not Washington, D.C. Limited federal government is the essence of the federal system that was designed to allow a wide diversity of governing ideas in a large and diverse country. We must take the power from the federal government and return it to the people.

We, the people, urge you, our state legislators, to pass the COS Resolution this session, applying for a limited Article V Convention to propose amendments that:

- Impose fiscal restraint on Washington,
- Limit federal power and jurisdiction, and
- Set term limits for federal officials.

Article V allows the states to call a convention to amend "this Constitution," not throw out the Constitution and start over. The threat of socialism has never been more real. It's time to stand and fight for our constitutional Republic, using the tools the Constitution provides.

### CAN WE COUNT ON YOU?



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This is a view from the Ferris wheel on Abbeville's Court Square during the Abbeville Spring Festival, held recently in downtown Abbeville. Somewhere down there... someone was eating a funnel cake. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Abbeville Artist Guild plans photo contest

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Abbeville Artist Guild is having a photo contest called "My Best Photo Ever."

The contest will feature three categories--Nature, Vacation and Pets. There will be cash awards for the top entries. Best in Show will carry with it a \$150 prize, along with a trophy.

First place in each category includes a \$100 prize with an 11 inch by 14 inch photo.

Second place in each category include a \$75 cash award with an eight inch by 10 inch framed photo.

Third place in each category carries with it a \$50 cash award with a five inch by seven

inch photo. Honorable mention in each category carries with it a \$25 prize.

Entries may be submitted starting June 1, with a deadline of July 15.

Entries may be submitted to [aag2021photo@gmail.com](mailto:aag2021photo@gmail.com)

Those submitting photos are asked to include their names and contact information along with their entries.

Only family photos will be accepted, and entries are limited to Abbeville County residents only.

All entries will be used and displayed by the Abbeville Artist Guild, and no copyrighted entries will be accepted.

The Abbeville Artist Guild is a nonprofit

organization which promotes the arts here in Abbeville County.

The photo contest is just one of a number of projects in which the Guild will be involved this summer.

There will be a paper making workshop with Cecily Ferguson on May 22, and a workshop later this year on making paper fruit with Jesse Nance.

The Guild will supply a craft for children on June 19 for the upcoming Juneteenth celebration, and will present a summer art camp for kids the week of June 7.

More details about all of these activities will be provided later.

# Eric McCall elected to the WCTEL Board of Director

Submitted by Virginia Smith, Marketing Representative

selected Eric McCall to fill the position. McCall lives in the Antreville-Lowndesville area with his wife, Eden, and their two children, Jackson and Olivia.

The McCalls are members of Asaville Baptist Church where Eric serves as the moderator and a Sunday School teacher. McCall is the owner of Bar E Enterprises Inc, specializing in Agricultural Construction.

He also manages Eco Systems LLC which is primarily involved with habitat management work for the USDA, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

McCall currently serves on the Abbeville Soil Conservation District Board of Directors and is a member of the Abbeville Cattleman's Association as well as the Pendleton Farmer's Society.

# Stan Keaton retires from WCTEL Board after 19 Years of Service

Submitted by Virginia Smith, Marketing Representative

Keaton served as Board Vice President and Chair of the Audit Committee while he was on the Board. He was adamant in his stance for our community to receive only the best services from WCTEL, ensuring that WCTEL is prosperous and the community is able to flourish with the best telecommunications services available nationwide.

Keaton has been elected to the status of WCTEL Board Member Emeritus. WCTEL honored Keaton's time on the Board

with a ceremony at their Abbeville office including all staff, board members, and Keaton's closest family and friends.

Stan Keaton retired from the WCTEL Board after 19 years of service. WCTEL was so fortunate to have a leader like Mr. Keaton, who served with honor and integrity. CEO, Jeff Wilson, says, "he was such an integral part of our company's success for many years and we wish him all the best in his retirement".



This ride on West Pickens in Abbeville helped spread the joy of the Abbeville Spring Festival, held April 29-May 1. The festival was blessed with fine weather and good attendance. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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

# Legislative summary

**Senator Mike Gambrell  
Legislative Summary  
May 7, 2021**

The Senate debated H.3094 this week, the "Open Carry with Training" legislation. The bill had two sub-committee meetings with public testimony last week. Feelings are strong on both sides of this issue, and the debate on the floor of the Senate gave those who support this and those who don't time to provide their insights and facts, and to present amendments they felt would enhance the bill. After close to 20 hours of debate in the full Senate, the bill was given 3rd reading on Thursday, and was sent back to the House of Representatives. If they approve changes the Senate made, they could send the bill to the Governor as early as next week for

his signature. If they don't agree with all of the Senate changes, the bill would be sent to a Conference Committee, composed of three Senators and 3 Representatives, who would try to come to a compromise on this bill.

On Saturday, I presented a Senate Resolution to the Greenwood Salvation Army, recognizing their 100th anniversary. The Salvation Army of Greenwood serves Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick and Saluda Counties. Their work has always focused on nourishing the spirits and the bodies of those they serve. The Salvation Army founder, General William Booth, once observed "You cannot warm the hearts of people with God's love if they have an empty stomach and cold feet. In 2020, the Greenwood Salvation

Army served 9,480 individuals, provided 1,925 boxes of food, almost 2,000 emergency meals, and provided clothing to 8,409 citizens. We are very fortunate to have the organization working so diligently for so long in our area.

Developments and information on the COVID vaccine can be found at the DHEC COVID-19 site, which is updated daily. <https://sdcdec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine>.

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: [Mike-Gambrell@scsenate.gov](mailto:Mike-Gambrell@scsenate.gov).

**SC Statehouse Reports 2021-The House of Representatives**

# House week in review

**Rep. Craig A. Gagnon,  
District 11--SC House of  
Representatives  
April 17 2021**

There was a lot of debate at the State House last week. As we near the end of the regular session, many bills are emerging from Committees and being placed on the House calendar to beat the clock.

A "Sine Die" resolution, which permits adjournment to be extended and session to continue after Thursday, May 13th, was passed by the House.

In other action, I voted in the affirmative for each of the following House actions:

Concurred in Senate amendments to H. 3017 and enrolled it for ratification. This bill provides that two-year institutions of higher learning and technical colleges be among institutions of higher learning whose students may be eligible for Palmetto Fellows Scholarships.

Approved H. 3006. This bill would prohibit public schools or districts from using debt collection agencies to collect or attempt to collect outstanding debts on student school lunch or breakfast accounts.

Passed S. 241. This bill relates to the definition of "covered individual" for the purposes of tuition rates for military personnel and their dependents.

The Senate concurred in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 38 and has ordered the bill enrolled for ratification. This bill enacts the Reinforcing College Education on America's Constitutional Heritage Act (or, the REACH Act). It requires that each public institution of higher learning instruct all undergraduates in American history, American government or other equivalent course.

Gave third reading to H. 3623. This bill allows inmates in jail for no parole offenses to become eligible for early release, discharge, or community supervision after serving sixty five percent of certain drug offense sentences. It contains much more stringent penalties for

possession, sale, distribution, or trafficking of fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances.

Gave third reading and sent to the Senate H. 3927. This bill stipulates that criminal charges, with penalties not exceeding three years, could be transferred from general sessions court under this bill. Current law limits transfers for charges with one year or less in potential jail time.

Gave third reading to H. 3939. This bill makes first responders, defined in the amendment as law enforcement officers and firefighters, employed by the state could be considered for compensation for stress, mental injury, or mental illness, etc. after being involved in significant traumatic experiences within the scope and course of their employment.

Approved S. 623 and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation revises provisions governing automobile insurance premium rate increases in order to afford insurers greater flexibility and provide better alignment between South Carolina's laws and the regulatory practices of other states.

Returned S. 510, a bill addressing motor vehicle manufacturers and dealers, to the Senate with amendments. The legislation makes comprehensive revisions to the laws governing the operation of manufacturers and dealers of motor vehicles and the contractual arrangements that exist between them.

Concurred in amendments to H. 3805 concerning special license plates and it was enrolled for ratification.

Concurred in Senate amendments to H. 3689 correcting problems in Act 40 of 2017, the "Road Funding Bill".

Passed and enrolled for ratification S. 685 that provides for the compensation of intercollegiate athletes by a third-party for the use of an athlete's name, image, or likeness (NIL).

Passed and enrolled for ratification S. 667 that provides options and parameters to

adjust or relocate outdoor advertising signs.

Approved H.3730. This bill deals with Railroad "other on-track equipment". It includes restrictions and fines on railroad companies for parked, desultory, dilatory, dawdling and loitering locomotives and trains.

Approved S.607 and enrolled it for ratification. This bill relates to the removal of charter school district board members for cause or due to incapacity.

Passed H.3591. This bill would improve the means for evaluating educator preparation programs to train new teachers

Amended and ordered to third reading H.3592. This bill regards the statewide assessment program to promote student learning and student performance.

Amended and gave second reading to S.201 concerning underperforming schools.

Approved S. 467 and enrolled it for ratification. The legislation makes comprehensive revisions regarding the organization and operation of banks and other financial institutions.

Concurred in Senate amendments to H. 4064, a bill clarifying a tax exemption for manufacturing property, and enrolled the legislation for ratification.

Returned S. 304 to the Senate with amendments. The legislation deals with electric vehicle charging stations.

Approved and sent the Senate H. 4149, a bill establishing whistleblower protections for public utility employees.

As always, it an honor to serve our community in the State House. If you need any assistance or have any problems with any State agency, 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 [craigagagnon@shouse.gov](mailto:craigagagnon@shouse.gov).

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17. "The Addams Family" manservant
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38. Church song
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40. Military marksman
42. Fake tooth
43. Devoid of liquid
45. Jet setters' vessels
47. Address abbreviation
48. Sports stadium
50. Japan's highest mountain
52. \*Capital that hosts Nobel Prizes
56. Sophia \_\_\_\_, Italian actress
57. Genesis twin
58. Curved molding
59. Tequila source
60. Non-permanent office worker
61. Like dental surgery
62. \*Capital on a fjord
63. Possesses
64. Big top

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1. Unit of pressure named after Torricelli
2. Post sun-bathing relief
3. Wallace & Gromit modeling material
4. Desire
5. Aussie gas station
6. Desert wanderer's hope
7. Alexander Alexandrovich \_\_\_\_, Russian poet
8. \*Also the capital of European Union
9. James \_\_\_ Jones
10. Paddy grain
11. To the \_\_\_ degree
13. Like voice after a pep rally
14. "A Fish Called Wanda" actor Kevin
19. Judea, alt. sp.
22. Mama sheep
23. \*Bulgarian capital and actress Vergara's given name
24. Long-necked bird
25. Rocky ridge
26. Pas
27. Hunt illegally
28. Audience's approval
29. Frolics
32. "Atlas Shrugged" author Ayn
33. Cassius Clay
36. \*Balkan capital and 1984 Olympics location
38. Practical joke
40. Canine command
41. Eyeball washing vessel
44. Offer two cents
46. Collusion
48. Away from harbor (2 words)
49. Drifts
50. \*London was famous for these pea soup particulars
51. Russian mountain chain
52. Comedian Rogan
53. Shrek, e.g.
54. Not fatty
55. Patty \_\_\_
56. \_\_\_ Tzu

# Obituaries

## Kimsey

Dennis S. Kimsey, age 65, of Van Buren, AR, passed away Tuesday, May 4, 2021, in his home. He worked for Jordan Piping and Mechanical in Mulberry.

He is preceded in death by his father Julius Kimsey; daughter Amanda McCall; and son James (J.D.) Kimsey.

He is survived by three daughters: Rebecca Maness (B.J.) of Anderson, SC; Jessica Scott (Brandon) of Abbeville, SC; Sarah Wickham (Mark)



**Dennis S. Kimsey**  
of Pendleton, SC; mother

Etruelia Wiles Kimsey of Abbeville, SC; sister Donna Hozey of Abbeville, SC; nine grandchildren; three great grandchildren; cousin Louis Jordan (Bonita) of Van Buren, AR; and his caretaker Maria Velasco.

Cremation and arrangements under the direction of Ocker Funeral Home in Van Buren, AR; No service will be held at this time.

Online tributes: [www.ock-erfuneralhome.com](http://www.ock-erfuneralhome.com)

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# Letters

**Letter to the Editor**

The writer of the letter about funding an "anti-bat cannon initiative" for Abbeville's "paltry air defenses" in last week's Press & Banner certainly has no bats in his/her belfry!

A delightful letter and not on "leathery, obsidian wings." Hiram Shandy's letter was right on about the bat squadrons, even though "anti-bat cannons" might be a fusillade. (So might a property tax hike of 19.2%.) We laughed out loud and

kept rereading Hiram's letter. The writer should be a regular in the Press & Banner. A good Hiram (Walker?)-(Irish?) Shandy letter every week would be delightful, especially during these days.  
**Susan Jordan**

# Letters

**Letter to the Editor**

Many people would find this very surprising, but Soma abuse is actually very common and being prescribed by tons of pain management clinics. Be cautious of the effects this medication could have on you or someone else.

Soma is a muscle relaxant that acts as a sedative of the central nervous system, putting it in the drug class of a tranquilizer. It has been known to be mixed with other

narcotics to form different kinds of "cocktails" which can be deadly. A person abusing Soma also builds a tolerance and dependence for the drug. In a study of 20 Soma users, 13 of them admitted to using more than prescribed. People are known to take it and drive which is very dangerous because it causes slow movements, confusion, disorientation in time and space, slurred speech, and a groggy, dazed expression. If someone stops taking Soma they will go through

withdrawals like any other drug which include anxiety, tremors, seizures, hallucinations, and insomnia. It should be tapered down and never stopped cold turkey. Seek medical help when trying to get off of this medication and get to a drug treatment center ASAP.

To learn more about soma, go to <https://www.narconon-suncoast.org/drug-abuse/soma-effects.html>

Written by: **Shauna Krout from Narconon**

# Sports & Recreation

## Softball

# Dixie Lady Hornets capture Region title

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Dixie High School softball team has won the Region championship, thanks to a victory over Ware Shoals Monday night, according to Dixie head softball coach Ben Snipes. "We defeated Ware Shoals 12-2 to win the region," Snipes said after the game. "We finished the regular season 15-5, 11-1 in the region."

It was, for the Dixie Lady Hornets, their eighth consecutive Region championship, according to the coach. The winning pitcher against Ware Shoals was Gillian Hughes, who recorded eight strike outs. "We were led offensively by Wes Bensel, Ashton Crocker, Reagan Stoll and Haley Hill, who all had two base hits," Snipes continued. The Lady Hornets will host

Lewisville at 7 p.m. Friday night at Dixie in the first round of the playoffs, said Snipes.

The coach back in February had expressed about this year's team.

"We have a talented group of returning players from last year and are hoping to compete for a region title," he said.



The Calhoun Falls Charter track teams turned in a fine performance at the recent Region track meet. (Photo courtesy of Kalan Rogers)

# AHS softball team in post-season mix

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Abbeville High School varsity softball team is in the post-season mix, according to an Abbeville High School athletic source.

The Lady Panthers defeated Blacksburg, 10-0 in post-season action Monday night.

Last night AHS was slated

to host Batesburg-Leesville in another post season game.

A victory for the Lady Panthers means that AHS will face Crescent at Crescent in the first round of the playoffs Friday night, in a double elimination format, the source continued.

AHS came in third in their

Region, and so the Panthers had to engage in at large play to earn a spot in the playoffs this year.

The format is different this year due to COVID, the source continued.

AHS defeated Batesburg twice during the regular season, the source continued.



The Dixie High School junior varsity fishing team was among the top finishers in a recent Department of Natural Resources tournament. Team members (from left) Kendon Kelley Reed Cox, Ace Morris and Drake Bensel. (Photo courtesy of Jennifer Beasley)

# CF Charter headed for Upper State track meet

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Calhoun Falls Charter boys and girls track teams are bound for the Upper State track meet to be held on May 15 at Lower Richland High School in Columbia, according to Calhoun Falls Charter principal and boys track coach Kalan Rogers.

The Blue Flash boys won runner up honors in Region 1-A, and the girls won fourth place, and the Calhoun Falls Charter track team won some prestigious individual Region 1-A track honors.

Rogers won Region I-A Boys Track Coach of the Year honors. Meanwhile,

two CF Charter students won top Region track honors, with Marquice Turman named the Region I-A Boys Track Athlete of the Year, and the Region I-A Girls Track Athlete of the Year going to Alexis Sanders.

The boys finished behind Southside Christian, and the girls behind Southside Christian, McCormick and Dixie, according to information supplied by the CF Charter principal.

Rogers is an alumnus of Calhoun Falls Charter, where he graduated in 2012. During his time at the school, he ran track, winning All Region and All State

honors in the 800 meter run.

This year's track athletes at Calhoun Falls Charter featured an abundance of talent, he indicated.

Last year's Upper State meet was cancelled due to COVID, but the Blue Flashes went the previous year, when they finished eighth in the year.

The top four teams at the Upper State meet will go on to the state meet, which will be held on Saturday, May 22, at 9 a.m. at Lower Richland, and the 1-A and 2-A state meets will be combined, Rogers said.

# Multiplication

*Due to COVID, there will be three AHS athletic banquets this year*

**By Henry E. Green**  
Instead of one Abbeville High School athletic banquet this year, there are expected to be three.

"Due to Covid capacity limitations, we are dividing up the banquets based on teams," said AHS school secretary Stephanie Carwile.

Thus, there will be three banquets instead of one.

The May 17 gathering will take all the football teams, all the cheerleading teams, and the JV and the varsity boys basketball teams.

The banquet on May 18 will include girls basketball, all the softball teams, all the baseball teams, and all the volleyball teams.

The final banquet will be held on May 19, and will include both track teams,

both cross country teams, both soccer teams, and the golf, wrestling and tennis teams.

All of the banquets, which are for the athletes and their guests, will be held at Erskine at 6 p.m., and the doors will open at 5:30 p.m.

The gatherings will feature the recognition of outstanding players from the various teams.



Members of the AHS softball team which won the state championship in 2011 were recognized at a recent AHS softball game, celebrating the 10th anniversary of the title game. Players and coaches posed for a picture: Front, kneeling (from L-R): Allie Thomasson, Brooke Thomasson, Amber Hall Back, standing (From L-R): Nikki Freeman, Kristin Johnson, Carrie Slemp, Taylor Morris, Coach Gary Best, Coach Lee Collins, Abby Tucker, Lisa Sanders, Head Coach Tim Collins, Coach Greg Horne. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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# AHS playoff bound

The AHS baseball team is bound for the playoffs.

"We will travel to Legion Collegiate for the first game of the playoffs this Saturday," said AHS head coach Nick Milford. "A game time has not yet been determined."

The Abbeville High School varsity baseball team defeated Saluda 10-0 Monday night in what was the final home game of the season for the Panthers.

The Panthers are slated to close out the regular season tonight when they travel to Saluda for the second half of a home-and-home series, according to reports.

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# Erskine Men's Golf, Dominguez wins NCAA South/Southeast Regional

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

Alberto Dominguez of the Erskine College men's golf team won the individual portion of the 2021 NCAA Division II South/Southeast Regional at Streamsong Resort with an even performance (72) on the final day as he held on for a two-stroke victory. Dominguez was one of the six individuals competing in a 16-team tournament that was won by Lee University. Dominguez was seven-under par for the tournament overall.

NCAA Division II South-east Regional

The 54-hole event, hosted by Streamsong Resort in Bowling Green, Florida is a three-day tournament.

The course played to a par of 72.

The field consists of six qualified teams and six individuals from the South and Southeast regions.

CONFERENCE CAROLINA PERFORMANCES: The University of Mount Olive finished in 15th as a team. Olle Ryberg was just four shots off the lead going into the final round but shot a 10-over par (82) as the Trojans settled for a 15th place finish in the regional tournament.

North Greenville had two individuals competing as

Austin Duncan (2-over) and Evans Lewis (6-over) finished second and fifth among the six individuals.

## THE FIELD

Lee University had two golfers with an under-par performance on the final day and finishing extremely strong with a 285-round on Day 2 and a 286-round on Saturday after a poor first round to win the tournament, finishing 16-over par.

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# Dixie on hunt for state soccer glory

By Henry E. Green  
Is Dixie High School on its way to winning another state championship in soccer?

The Hornets at press time were slated to play Southside Christian for the Upper State championship last night.

"We are 12-9 currently," said Hornet head coach Brian Gamble Monday.

In the first round Dixie defeated Lewisville in Due West 6-0, he said.

"Last Friday we traveled to Ridge Spring Monetta and beat them 4-0," he said.

"Tomorrow we travel to Southside Christian for a 7 pm Upper State

championship game." If the Hornets win, they will play Friday at Irmo High School at 1 p.m. for the state championship, said Gamble.

This would be Dixie's second state title in 1-A soccer.

"It will be tough to beat Southside Christian," he said. "Because they have beaten us twice already this season (once by a three goal margin, and once by a four goal margin)."

But that was a month and a half ago, and we feel like we've improved considerably since then.

"We felt like we had a

good enough team to make it to the Upper State," he said.

"We're a fairly young team, and we definitely experienced growing pains along the way.

"Half of our losses were by a one goal margin. We had three players who made the 1-A all state soccer team--senior Alessio Giammarino, sophomore Andrew Nickles, and sophomore Marshall Dunn.

(Full coverage of the Upper State game, will be provided next week. The Press and Banner went to press Tuesday in preparation for the Wednesday edition.)

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# Invitation for Bids



The City of Abbeville, SC, is soliciting from qualified companies sealed proposals for vehicle maintenance for the City of Abbeville's vehicles listed in this RFP.

The work covered by this specification consists of furnishing all material, labor, and equipment necessary in performing all operations necessary in connection with repair and maintenance of City vehicles.

The proposal shall be for a three-year contract with a one-year renewal option.

A listing of current vehicle types used by the City of Abbeville are attached as part of Exhibit A, and the executed contract will contain language to provide for the addition and/or deletion of vehicles used by the City for the duration of the contract period.

Bid process details may be obtained from the City's website, [www.abbevillecitysc.com](http://www.abbevillecitysc.com), or by emailing the City Manager at [bstone@abbevillecitysc.com](mailto:bstone@abbevillecitysc.com).

Bids will be accepted by MAIL ONLY until 2:00 PM, June 4, 2021, in the City Manager's Office, Opera House, 100 Court Square, PO Box 40, Abbeville SC 29620, at which time they will be opened. No electronic bids will be accepted.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids will be awarded on the basis of the lowest and/or best bid. All bidders must be bonded and insured.

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## Public Hearing Notice

**JUNE 14, 2021**  
**ABBEVILLE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX**  
**903 W. GREENWOOD ST.**  
**6:30 PM**

There will be a public hearing June 14, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex at 903 W. Greenwood St. to discuss the following:

- Ordinance (2021-07) to amend Ordinance No. 91-6 (Codified in the Code of Ordinances of Abbeville County, South Carolina as Chapter 12, Article IV) with respect to Industrial, Commercial and Municipal Haulers of waste brought to the Abbeville County Landfill and other matters related thereto.

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Personal Representative: Cheryl Deloach Kelly  
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Attorney, if applicable: Hannah K. Metts, Esq.  
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Estate: Richard Lyons  
Date of Death: 02/27/2021  
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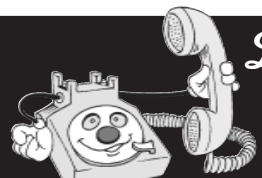
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