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Helping hands

United Way provides number of services to Abbeville community

By Henry E. Green
Help is hope. That's the message you can find on brochures of United Way, and that was the message put forth by two speakers at the Abbeville Rotary Club on Nov. 12--Hannah Gantt and Marisel Losa. Gantt and Losa work with United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties, for which Gantt is the director of resource development, and Losa is the president and CEO. United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties operates a number of programs designed to make life just a little better for people in the Lakelands communities. Among those programs, said Gantt, is the Medical Closet, a program by which used medical equipment is redistributed to those in

need. Another is VIDA, a free tax service, and there's 211, a simple way to discover what services are available in the community. Dial 211 to find places for services such as that of child care. "It's the biggest gift you could give to somebody," said Gantt. "We have the Stuff the Bus program," she added. This is a program in which school supplies are collected for children in need. Marisel Losa, meanwhile, noted that United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties works closely with the Abbeville Area Medical Center. In fact, AAMC's Amanda Morgan is on the board of United Way of Abbeville and Greenwood Counties. United Way also works closely with United Christian Ministries of Abbeville

County. United Way of Abbeville and Greenwood Counties is looking for a place in Abbeville to establish a physical presence, said Losa, noting that people in Abbeville probably would prefer not to have to drive over to Greenwood for in-person United Way contact. Losa said that plans are almost finalized for the new location. The executive director provided some numbers providing a profile on United Way's involvement in Abbeville County. United Way works with 14 partner agencies which serve the Abbeville County community. United Way gave \$5,000 to the Abbeville Promise, and in 2019, completed 240 free tax returns for the Abbeville County community, said Losa.

Susan Jackson was making friends at an event Saturday at the Abbeville County Animal Shelter to promote the adoption of dogs and cats. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Hannah Gantt, the director of resource development with the United Way of Greenwood and Abbeville Counties, spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about the services United Way provides. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Accommodations tax funding approved

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County Council approved recently a slate of accommodations tax money allocations for organizations promoting tourism. Abbeville County receives accommodations tax funds for promoting tourism in Abbeville County, and a request for appropriations was published in local media. Nine applications were received, and the Accommodations Tax Committee met and considered the applications, and made recommendations to County Council as to how the money should be spent. At the October Council meeting, Council tabled the committee's recommendations, sending them back to the committee for revisions. At the November Council meeting, Council approved

the revised list of recommendations, with Council chairperson Kristi Smith voting in opposition. The revised list of allocations to various organizations, as approved by Council, is as follows: Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce--\$23,500 Abbeville County Historical Society--\$15,000 Burt Stark Mansion/Historic Preservation Commission--\$12,500 Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce--\$10,000 City of Abbeville Special Events Program--\$20,000 Due West Robotics--\$10,000 Friends of Lake Secession, formerly Lake Secession Rocky River Property Owners Association--\$3,000 Thomson-Lakeview Cemetery--\$3,625

Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce executive director Janice Corriveau spoke about how she expects the Chamber to spend most of its accommodations tax allocation. "Most of the money goes for the operation of the Welcome Center," she said. "We man the Welcome Center Monday through Friday," and on Saturday there is a blend of volunteer and paid staff service. City of Abbeville community development director Mike Clary explained the accommodations tax process. "The County received accommodations dollars from the state and then distributes it out to organizations throughout the County to use for tourism purposes," he said.

City planning Christmas tree lighting for Thursday

By Henry E. Green
There will be a Christmas tree lighting on Thursday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. on Abbeville's Court Square, according to Mike Clary, the City's community development director. Presented by the City of Abbeville, the lighting will help usher in the holiday season for the Abbeville community. The program will include music and dancing by an Abbeville-based group, according to Clary.

"Dance Dynasty will be performing a dance routine," he said. "The Mayor will address the community and officially light the tree," he said. Masks are required for all those in attendance at the Christmas tree lighting. The tree is "built" every year at the north end of the Square on a metal framework by a City crew, and is taken down after Christmas. "We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the festivities, and after the

lighting, stop by one of our amazing local restaurants for a bite to eat." The City will be having its Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. "Masks are required for all attendees and participants (at the parade)," he said. After the parade the City plans to have carriage rides from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and tickets for that will be on sale soon. The carriage rides will take participants through downtown Abbeville.



Eight-year-old Isaiah Mitchum was checking out the adorable animals Saturday at the Abbeville County Animal Shelter, where "adoptable" animals were highlighted. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Brothers and sisters

American Legion Post 2 holds special program for Veterans Day

At the Veterans Day program presented recently by American Legion Post 2, the oldest and youngest veteran present were recognized. Winning honors for being the youngest veteran present was Melissa Jackson (left) and she was congratulated by Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



By Henry E. Green

Tell your story! That was the message from Dr. Carol Scales, president of the area chapter of MOAA (Military Officers Association of America), to an audience of veterans at the Abbeville Veterans Memorial Building on Wednesday, Nov. 11.

She challenged her audience to pass on their military memories to their loved ones.

Her own memories reflected both the lighter side of life and the more sobering side as well.

During her nursing career, she and her fellow nurses saw some of the earliest casualties of the Vietnam War. They were mostly pilots--young men with parents and wives, young men who were frightened because they did not know what was coming next.

However, there was laughter as well. One group of people she worked with put the largest cockroach from the night before under the coffee pot for those coming in to prepare for the day.

All those memories come

together for Veterans Day.

"Today is the day we honor current veterans," she said.

Some were drafted, some volunteered, but all were caught up in the "common mission that bonded us all."

Scales served many years in the Navy, and served also as the dean of the school of nursing at Lander.

Scales was the keynote speaker for a Veterans Day program, helping highlight a holiday which evolved from Armistice Day, which marked the end of hostilities in World War I.

Scales called on her listeners to tell the stories of their military service to their loved ones, and to stay in touch with those with whom they had served.

"Like Nike says, just do it!" she said.

The program also featured the tradition of recognizing the oldest veteran present, and the youngest as well.

Recognized as the oldest veteran present was 88-year-old John Morton of Abbeville, and honored as the youngest was 32-year-old Melissa Jackson of Abbeville. Both served in

the Marines.

Wednesday's program was presented by American Legion Post 2, and Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield served as master of ceremonies.

Veterans of the various eras were recognized, and the spouses of veterans were honored as well, with Barbara Jackson of the Legion Auxiliary reading the Lord's Prayer for military spouses.

"My mom raised three boys while my dad was in Vietnam," said Greenfield, asking military spouses to stand and be recognized.

Jim Andrighetti played "Taps" at the program's conclusion, and Wallace McClinton gave the benediction.

Veterans have forged enduring bonds through military service, bonds which produce friendships, and a vet is liable to find friends, brothers and sisters with whom he has served, wherever he goes, Greenfield said.

"It's a wonderful life to be a vet," he noted.



American Legion Post 2 presented recently a Veterans Day program, among whose highlights was a recognition of the oldest and youngest veterans present. The oldest veteran honors went to 88-year-old John Morton (left), recognized by Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



American Legion Post 2 presented recently a Veterans Day program, and veterans of the various eras were presented with lapel pins by Dr. Carol Scales of the Military Officers Association of America and Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Mayor's race Edwards wins in Abbeville runoff

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville will be getting a new mayor -- Trey Edwards.

Voters in the City of Abbeville went to the polls yesterday for a runoff in the Mayor's race between incumbent Delano Freeman and challenger Trey Edwards, and Edwards was victorious.

Edwards won by 402 votes to 328 for Freeman, said Abbeville County voter registration and elections director Kim London.

Voter turnout was 21.95 percent -- high for a runoff. "We had 345 absentees," said London.

In Abbeville One, Edwards had 136 votes, and Freeman 109.

In Abbeville Two, Edwards had 145, and Freeman 113.

In Abbeville Three, Edwards had 94 votes, and Freeman 81.

In Abbeville Four, Edwards had 27, and Freeman 25.

All the voting was done at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex in Abbeville.

"I want to thank everyone who came out and supported us," said Edwards. "It's Abbeville, it's not just me."

Edwards currently serves on Abbeville City Council, having been elected to Council in 2018.

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

He has a fiancé, Jennifer Swearingen, of Abbeville.

"I could not have done it

without her," he said.

"It's an honor," he said of being elected. "I've listened to the citizens of Abbeville, and that's how I want to move forward."

Edwards is expected to be sworn in at the December council meeting.

"Hats off to Mr. Edwards, and everybody else who was in the race," said Freeman, adding that he wishes the best for Edwards and the rest of City Council.

"As for me, it's on to the next chapter. I'll be enrolling in grad school and continuing with my military career."

The Mayor's race had originally featured four candidates. In addition to Edwards and Freeman, Eric Delgado and Josh Baughman were in the race, which was nonpartisan.

Number of jobs on way to Calhoun Falls

By Henry E. Green

Jobs are coming to Calhoun Falls, according to Stephen Taylor, Economic Development Director for Abbeville County.

Action Pro Enterprises, LLC is purchasing a tract of land from Abbeville County, Taylor said Tuesday.

The tract is located in

Calhoun Falls, and there are plans to construct a facility of between 3,500 and 4,500 square feet, a facility which will be used to manufacture plastic products such as portable desks.

Approximately five jobs are expected to be created on the property, which takes in approximately 25 acres,

within the town limits.

Another tract of County-owned land is being purchased by a Myrtle Beach based firm, with plans of developing a commercial or retail business.

The tract takes in approximately 2.7 acres, Taylor continued.

Plans for county's water study progressing

By Henry E. Green

Plans for the County-wide water study are moving along.

Abbeville County government has received a proposal from a firm interested in conducting a county wide water and wastewater study, said Abbeville County Director David Garner.

"It's from an engineering firm that we have worked with before," he said Thursday.

The County has been having informal discussions with firms with regard to conducting the study and their experiences with similar counties.

This is the first formal pro-

posal that we have had with any group," he said.

The name of the firm was not disclosed at this time. Garner wants to discuss it with the Abbeville County utility commission, the commission that was formed to consist of all the water and wastewater providers in Abbeville County, that serves as a steering group for County Council.

If the commission finds the proposal favorable, the proposal will move on to County Council for approval.

This could come before Council as soon as December, and the study could begin within two weeks to a month

after Council's approval, Garner continued.

The study would take three to six months to complete, and would provide a look at the County's water resources, how those resources are being used, and if they could best be used in the future, given the projected growth of certain areas and areas of high population density.

The study could take in a number of factors, from the use of water for fire protection, to water for residential use, and sewer and wastewater capacity for economic development purposes.

Veterans outreach group targets suicide problem

By Henry E. Green

A task force to combat the suicide problem among veterans has been established.

American Legion Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield mentioned the group at a Veterans Day program recently.

"We call it the veterans outreach team," said Greenfield.

The task force is being coordinated through American Legion Post 2, which has purchased a telephone.

The task force is all volunteer, and includes 25 veterans.

"They will man the telephone in case there are any calls from law enforcement, or any vet in need," he said. "From 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. they man the phone, and after hours just leave a message."

The telephone number is 378-1642. "We've had

it going on now for over a month," he said.

Many of the volunteers on the task force went through mental health first responder training, through a program with Krissi Raines of Abbeville.

The volunteers on the task force are all veterans. The Number One goal is to find out what the caller needs.

Veterans have varied concerns. The volunteer may put him or her in touch with an organization called Vets Helping Vets, a support group whose members get together and talk about issues relating to military service.

There is no charge to call in, or to use Vets Calling Vets.

One aspect of the program is that "the call in" is not the end. The volunteer can, if need be, meet person to person with the vet to dis-

cuss his needs.

The main aim is to prevent suicide among veterans.

There are almost 20 suicides a day among veterans nationally, noted Greenfield, noting that in many rural areas, veterans do not always have the most complete access to mental health services.

"The dynamics of war have changed over the past 50 years," he said, noting that younger veterans have faced conflicts that were more fluid than conflicts such as World War II.

Conflicts such as that in Afghanistan tend to provide an ongoing combat experience, as opposed to World War II, where there might be lapses in combat encounters of several weeks.

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District board of trustees elects new officers

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees met Tuesday evening, electing new officers, and welcoming a newcomer.

Newly elected member Joe Bryson and newly-reelected members David Brooks, Buster Taylor, and Keith Dunn were administered the board oath of office by District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary.

The board also elected new officers -- Brad Evans as chairman, Tim Rhodes as vice chairman and Keith Dunn as secretary.

The Superintendent's report included updates on maintenance, finances, technology, and curriculum, and the

schools' report to the community, and a Title IV plan, and a discussion of the Capital Improvement Plan.

The board has already approved a capital improvement plan for District facilities, and Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary led a discussion of various items included in the plan -- from the high school press boxes to security entrances at the various schools.

In addition, the board looked at a Title IV plan which has been approved by the state.

Title IV is a federal program which aims to improve student academic achievement.

The District's plan includes an enhancement of academics outside the regular school

day, through supplemental instruction for students who need it.

This instruction would be implemented beginning next semester, and would include all schools in the District except the Career Center.

The plan, funded through a Title IV allocation of approximately \$77,500, is to provide instruction in English and math two days a week outside the regular school day, and transportation would be provided.

"We're going to try to close the gap," said Dr. Skip Hopkins, the District's director of student services, before the meeting.



Veterans Day honors all of those men and women who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive. Dixie High School's FFA honored local veterans by serving them a Chik-Fil-A biscuit and a drink on Veterans Day. Pictured above are the FFA officers for Dixie High School. (Photo contributed)

Greenwood man sentenced to 50 years in Abbeville murders

A Greenwood man was sentenced to 50 years in prison after pleading guilty Friday morning to charges stemming from a 2019 triple homicide in Abbeville County.

Elijah Ty Rez Head, 20, pleaded guilty to three counts of murder, one count of attempted murder, and one count of possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime during a plea proceeding Friday morning at the Greenwood County Courthouse. Circuit Judge Donald Hocker sentenced Head to 50 years in prison on each of the three murder charges, 25 years in prison on the attempted murder charge, and five year in prison on the weapon charge with all charges to run concurrently. State

law requires a sentence for murder to be served day-for-day, meaning Head will not be eligible for parole. With his trial scheduled for February 2021, Head elected to change his plea to guilty and throw himself on the mercy of the court. According to a recent news release from the 8th Circuit Solicitor David Stumbo's office.

In July 2019, Head went to an apartment in Abbeville under the guise of purchasing or trading guns with two of the three victims, 25-year-old Johntavier Moss and 26-year-old Steven Tinch. The state alleged that Head went there with the premeditated intent to rob the two men. At some point, an altercation occurred and Head pulled out a gun, fatally shooting Tinch and

62-year-old Shirley Jones, the grandmother of Tinch and Moss. Head shot Moss at least once as well during this first encounter. Head left the apartment and fled with two females from Greenwood in a white vehicle. Head returned about four minutes later and, while Moss was on a frantic call with Abbeville County 911, Head fatally shot Moss five times and shot another 24-year-old man who had entered the apartment to assist the victims.

That man survived his six gunshot wounds and was able to identify Head for investigators. Head was apprehended by investigators the next evening hiding out at a motel on Highway 221 in Greenwood.

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Tuesday, November 17th

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Nicole Quinn (left) and Tommy Mitchum (right) provided live music at the Abbeville County Animal Shelter on Saturday, Nov. 14, during an event to promote pet adoption. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Animal shelter event promotes adoption

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County animal shelter had an adopt a pet day Saturday, complete with live music and hot dogs, and lots and lots of adorable dogs and cats looking for a home.

The event was organized by the Abbeville County animal shelter, to promote adoptable dogs and cats, according to Barbara Freese, secretary of the Greater Abbeville Humane Society. The shelter, which is located on Old Calhoun Falls, had live music Saturday, with Nicole Quinn and Tommy Mitchum, and you

could get a hot dog with all the fixings, along with chips and a drink--all provided by the Rough House.

Gene Judd of the Due West Lions made benches which will be placed at the dog run beside the shelter.

Judd, who is the son-in-law of the late Dr. Bob Clark, lives in Donalds.

"We had three adoptions that day--one large dog and two kittens," said Shelter director Jessica Bridges Tuesday.

"We also got about \$314 in donations, and made a lot of new connections in the community.

"We're going to try to do a lot more of these events periodically. A lot of people still don't know we're here."

The shelter is operated by Abbeville County, and houses stray dogs from throughout the county.

Currently the shelter has about 26 stray dogs. It has a staff. "We have two full-time people, and four part-time positions," she said.

The shelter also has about 10 regular volunteers. "Mostly they walk dogs for us," she said. "Some of them help clean kennels."

Other volunteers do dishes and laundry, said Bridges.

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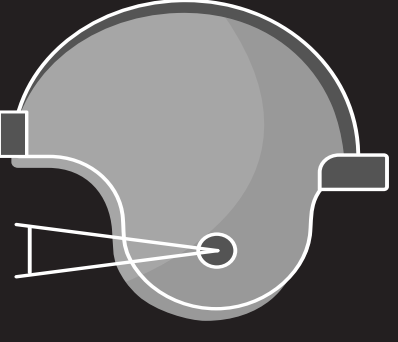
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'Reset the knee'

Pastor Deborah Chiles helping organize Elijah Call, a prayer event

By Henry E. Green

Pastor Deborah Chiles of Kingdom Life Training Center in Abbeville is helping plan and organize a prayer event named the Elijah Call on Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. at Real Life Ministries on Highway 72/221 East in Greenwood.

The pastor of Real Life Ministries, R.C. Davenport, will be hosting the call, which will be a mens call to prayer.

We're asking pastors to invite the men in their congregations," she said.

"It's a call to 100 men," she said "That's our target--100 men."

Thus, it is being called "Return of the Hundred."

There was a call on Sept. 9, 2018, for 100 men to come together in prayer in the spirit of Elijah, and there is now a call for the return of the 100 men to come back to the front lines in prayer, she explained.

"We're calling men to come back and reset the knee," she said.

Chiles explained that earlier this year George Floyd in Minneapolis died when a police officer placed his knee on his neck, leading to Floyd's death.

The aim of the conference is to reset the knee to its spiritual significance, which is positive because it is associated with a place where fathers and grandfathers hold their children to receive blessings.

Chiles points to Genesis Chapter 50, verse 23, as a Scripture reference.

"We'll have different speakers from different states," she said.

The speaking will be done in person as well as through Facebook Live. Pastor Chris Thomas of Greenwood, Pastor Sam Hart of Ohio, Pastor Barry Spates of North Carolina, Bishop Randy Borders of Shelby, North Carolina, and Bob Perry of Tennessee are all expected to be featured, either in person or through

Zoom.

The event, which is all completely free, is designed to "bring men back to the altar."

Elijah, she explained, was a man of prayer, and men can learn from his example.

In today's church, much of the burden of prayer has fallen to women, and part of the mission of the event is to bring men back into the fold.

Unity will be a theme of the gathering, as will forgiveness, and justice.

Covid guidelines will be enforced at the gathering, including social distancing, and masks will be worn.

Chiles has much experience with the series of prayer events of which the Greenwood gathering will be the latest.

"I'm actually the founder," (of the prayer series) she said.

For more information, one may e-mail dorianross26@gmail.com



Pastor Deborah Chiles recently talked about the upcoming Elijah Call prayer event in Greenwood. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Holiday season in Due West to be shaken up

By Henry E. Green

The holiday season will be looking a little different in Due West this year, thanks to the coronavirus, according to Due West Mayor Jeannie Knight.

"They are not able to do the Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year due to the virus and, of course, the DHEC guidelines," Knight said.

"We are working on a Christmas Yard Decoration contest in Due West, but will not have the Christmas Parade.

"Instead, we are planning a 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' drive-around with

Santa and Mrs. Claus on the fire truck. They can greet families in neighborhoods and still be socially distanced."

The community Thanksgiving dinner has been held at the Erskine dining hall for years, and it has typically drawn hundreds of people for a holiday feast.

The coronavirus pandemic, meanwhile, has necessitated the need for social distancing.

The parade has typically been held for years on the first weekend of December.

"The Decorated Yards contest will end when the winners are announced on

the Town Facebook site on December 19th," said Knight. "The drive through with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the firetruck will be on December 18th; we don't have the exact times set yet.

"We are having the Market in the Park again on Saturday, November 21st from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors are asked to sign up by calling Town Hall, 379-2385. Town shirts are being sold as well as Christmas crafts. We are hoping for some baked goods and perhaps a food truck.

"It's a busy time, all outside with social distancing!"

That darn virus!

Pandemic forces cancellation of seasonal community dinners

By Henry E. Green

Blame it on the virus.

The community dinners which have been held at Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville for Thanksgiving and Christmas have been cancelled--another casualty of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's been more than 25 years that we've done it," said Jane Agan, one of approximately 50 people who volunteered to make it all happen.

There was a community

Thanksgiving dinner in Main Street's Greene Center, and another one at Christmas time.

The food was donated by Haven of Rest Ministries in Anderson. "We had turkey and all the trimmings," said Agan.

The Christmas dinner featured ham. The desserts for both meals were donated by the Abbeville community, and included everything from cakes to pies to cookies.

And it was all free, and all

were welcome. There was also considerable choice--you could eat in or take out.

"And we delivered to people who couldn't come in," Agan said.

This year, of course, everything is different. Organizers agreed that social distancing would be next to impossible, and most of the volunteers were all in the high risk range.

"We hope to resume having the dinners next year," she said. "This is just a postponement."

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- 1) Ordinance (2020-17) to amend the Abbeville County Official Zoning Map for an approximate 8.09 acre parcel of land located between Highway 72 East and Mill Road North at the Greenwood County Line, Abbeville, SC 29620, and identified as a portion of tax map number 112-00-00-026, and further delineated as "Tract A" on a plat filed in plat book 149, page 6 with the Greenwood County Clerk of Court, from a zoning district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to one of General Commercial (GC).

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Friday was World Kindness Day, and (from left) Krissi Raines, Justo Chalaire, Keah Bateman of Greenwood and Amanda Gingerich of Iva could be found in downtown Abbeville displaying acts of kindness, such as passing out M&Ms and gift cards. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

4-H Poultry to be Auctioned

Submitted by
Jenny Mountford

Looking for backyard chickens? Look no further and make plans to visit ONLINE the South Carolina 4-H pullet sale that will accept online bids from November 12 through November 23 (8 am).

All 4-H Poultry Auction information and Auctioned Lots can be found at: <https://sites.google.com/view/sc4hpoultryauction/home>

The breeds of chickens offered this year are Golden Comet, Amberlink, and Barred Plymouth Rock. Each breed is known to be a great layer and was hatched in May 2020. Birds will be auctioned in groups of 3 or 5. Auction buyers need to

register on the home page of the 4-H Poultry Auction website and be prepared to pay online if they are awarded a bid at the close on November 23rd. Buyers need to provide their own cages/ crates for birds and plan to travel to meet 4-H staff. After the close of the auction, the 4-H Poultry Committee will contact each winning bidder to communicate payment, travel, and transaction of birds between November 23 and December 11.

This 4-H project began in May 2020 and offered youths the opportunity to learn valuable lessons in the care and maintaining of the flock in a fun and engaging project at home. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most in-person youth poultry events were postponed;

however, youths have had the opportunity to submit video presentations that they will submit for judging. Raising baby chicks from day one to egg-laying age can be a rewarding experience for our 4-H youths across South Carolina. The 4-H Poultry Projects are offered to youths between the ages of five to eighteen. Each county Clemson Extension office and 4-H Program will have registration information. The next 4-H Pullet Chain will be open for registration January-February 2021 through county Extension/4-H offices. For more information, contact Jenny Mountford, Abbeville County 4-H Agent at grier@clemson.edu, or your local county Clemson Extension office.

Sharing the love Four friends spread joy, and M&Ms, in Abbeville on World Kindness Day

By Henry E. Green

Kindness is contagious. That was the message Krissi Raines of Abbeville and friends were spreading in downtown Abbeville Friday, which happened to be World Kindness Day.

Krissi and friends were passing out bags of M&Ms and gift cards and stress-relief items such as molding clay to pleasantly surprised individuals.

The chocolate lovers among them were especially happy, as one recipient of Fudge Brownie M&Ms can attest.

It all helped prove a point spelled out on top of the bag of M&Ms.

"When you look at all of the benefits, it's easy to see

that a life-style of intentional kindness is good for you and your mental health.

"For example, did you know that being kind also makes you feel happy? When we do something nice for someone else, it causes us to feel joy. Also, kindness has been found to stimulate the production of serotonin, a chemic in our bodies that helps us to balance our moods and feel happy."

You could find Krissi and her friends Justo Chalaire and Keah Bateman of Greenwood and Amanda Gingerich of Iva traversing the streets of downtown Abbeville on a picture-perfect day replete with sunshine and warm temperatures. They had been pressing

that kindness button in Greenwood as well as Abbeville.

"We just decided to do it all week," said Krissi.

World Kindness Day provided the perfect finale to a project which Raines said is in its first year and is being funded by a Mental Health First Aid training grant.

Raines is a mental health professional who has been an instructor in mental health first aid, and in September she helped organize a suicide prevention program on Abbeville's Court Square.

Friday she and her friends could be found sharing the love--and M&Ms.

Letters

Letter to the Editor

To all my friends and citizens of Abbeville:

Thank you for the last four years of allowing me to serve you as your City of Abbeville Councilman. It has been a great ride. I am honored to have met so many great citizens and to be able to assist you when in need. All decisions that I have made had you in mind and what I believe was right to improve this great city. I, along with you, have seen great strides by the other council members and myself. I pray that the new members of council will continue to work for the people and choose the right path to progress.

My time of council allowed me to complete the basic and advanced courses of

the Municipal Associations training courses as well as some advanced courses. I hold the honor of being the only council member to have NEVER missed a city council meet of any type and only two county council meetings. We should expect the new council to continue this tradition to better inform themselves in the working of their city and their counter parts of the county.

I chose to continue working, or, let's call it volunteering, to be your voice of the community by taking an active role as a speaker for you. I will keep you in the loop and will still answer your questions on the workings of the city. Of course, the only way I can accomplish this task is through the media pages. If a problem comes up or if an employee

needs to be recognized, please contact your council person or the staff at the City of Abbeville. If you cannot reach someone, please contact me. I have always had my phone number posted and hope the other council members will do the same. The City of Abbeville has a special section of the City Council on their web site. Check it out.

In closing, I remember a quote from President John F. Kennedy during a speech he made back in the 1960s. "Ask not what the country can do for you, but what you can do for the country."

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Outgoing Abbeville County Coroner Ronnie Ashley recently reflected on his years as Coroner. Here he is beside the autopsy table at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Ashley looks back fondly on years as Coroner

By Henry E. Green

The Coroner, Ronnie Ashley will tell you, speaks for the deceased.

He should know--before losing to Republican Dr. Mark Dorn in the general election of Nov. 3, he served as Abbeville County Coroner for more than two decades.

Born in Abbeville in 1949, he graduated from Dixie in 1968, and then went into the National Guard, where he served six years and seven months, and then worked at Bigelow Sanford in Calhoun Falls for 10 and a half years.

He worked at what was then Pirelli Cable for 10 and a half years before opening Ashley Medical Transport in 1991.

"I was the director," guiding the company for 25 years

before he retired.

He became Coroner in 1991.

"Now this is it," he said, noting that Dorn will take over in January 2021.

Ashley lives in the Level Land community. He and his wife Vicki have a daughter, Rhonda, and son, Jason, and four grandchildren--Payton, Addison, Jady and Lainey.

Ronnie, who attends Little River Baptist, supervises a staff of four, and the Coroner's headquarters is located at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex.

"We are an accredited autopsy facility," he said. Autopsies are done when the cause of death is in death.

All homicides, any death that is suspicious, and all suicides qualify for autop-

sies.

Dr. Kyle Shaw performs autopsies for Abbeville and a number of other Upstate counties, under contracts with those counties.

Ashley looks back with fondness on his years as Coroner.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed it," he said. "The Coroner's job requires someone with special passion and respect for the families. The Coroner speaks for the deceased. That's his job."

"I hope Mr. Dorn works closely with law enforcement and the families of the deceased. The Abbeville County Coroner's Office has grown greatly since I took over, and I hope it stays that way."

Dollars with a purpose

Organizations have plans on how to spend accommodations tax funds

By Henry E. Green

The Press and Banner spoke with representatives of some of the agencies receiving accommodations tax monies for 2020-21.

How will these agencies and programs be using those funds allotted to them?

The City of Abbeville special events program will be given \$20,000, according to information supplied by the Abbeville County Council office.

"The funds will be used to help with the operation of the City's Special Event Program; namely, the Spring Festival, Hogs and Hens Festival, as well as Opera House Events," said Mike Clary, the City's community development director.

"It is our hope to continue to grow these events and the economic impact of tourism on Abbeville County. We have some data to support that these efforts are in fact working. Just prior to COVID-19, South Carolina Parks, Recreation, and Tourism reported the third

highest ever State Accommodations Revenue for FY 2019-2020 in our area.

The thought process as far as the extended economic impact around accommodations revenue is that more Accommodations Collections equal more Visitors Staying Overnight in Abbeville, which equal A Larger Economic Impact on local businesses from Tourism and Visitors.

"Put simply, the longer visitors stay, the greater their economic impact on local business. At a minimum, these numbers certainly offer something to build upon as we move into 2021."

Meanwhile, the Abbeville County Historical Society president, Andrew Hartsfield, said, "Part of the money that we will get will go to the (Abbeville County) Museum."

Specifically, it will go toward maintenance of the Museum, which is located at the corner of Poplar and Henry M. Turner streets.

The Historical Society is helping to care for the

building, which is owned by Abbeville County.

Another portion of the \$15,000 allocation will go to the care and maintenance of the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House, the Society's headquarters.

Also, part of the funding will go to the development of a walking tour which the Society will be presenting. "It probably will not launch until the first of the year," he said.

This will be a walking tour with a difference, as it will be a "downloadable," electronic self guided walking tour, with information to be downloaded on your phone.

"I think this walking tour is going to be a great thing to promote Abbeville," he said.

Some of the remaining money will go to the future expansion of the railroad museum on the grounds of the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House, he said.

The railroad museum will be open every Saturday starting Nov. 14 and will run through Dec. 19th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.



This Abbeville 12U team, composed of 11 and 12-year-olds, was victorious in its game with the Anderson G'Dawgs during the 54th annual Abbeville Rotary Bowl, held in conjunction with the Abbeville Youth Athletics homecoming. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Happy Thanksgiving!



Megan Vaughn & Benjamin Glace wed November 7, 2020

Megan Nicole Vaughn and Benjamin Walter Glace were united in marriage on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville, South Carolina at 3:00 in the afternoon. The ceremony was officiated by the Pastors Randy Taylor and Brian Arant.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Rob) William Vaughn, Jr. of Liberty, South Carolina. The granddaughter of Mrs. Kathy Lee of Seneca, South Carolina and Mr. James Lee of Salem, South Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Robert William Vaughn, Sr. of Iva, South Carolina, and Ms. Gail Bell of Easley, South Carolina.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Robert (Bob) Glace, Jr. The grandson of Mrs. William Robert Glace, Sr., Mrs. Judy Cameron, and Mrs. Eliza Coleman all of Abbeville, and the late William Robert Glace, Sr., the late Helen Kelly Cameron, the late Bill Cameron, and the late Barbara Cameron.

Megan is a graduate of Easley High School and Southern Wesleyan University with a BS in Biology. She recently earned her Masters Degree in Special Education from Clemson University. She is employed as a teacher at Liberty Elementary School. Ben is a graduate of Abbeville High School and Clemson University with a BS in Electrical Engineering. He is employed by Jacobs Engineering in Mauldin as a Controls Engineer.

The matrons of honor were Reagen Fields of Starr and Abby Wauer of Easley, both friends of the bride. The bridesmaids were Jordan Glace of Abbeville, sister-in-law of the groom; Anne Marie New, cousin of the groom of Abbeville; Julia Anderson of Easley; Tracy Coker of Central; and Cassidy Johnson of Easley, friends of the bride. The flower girls were Bexlyn Lorelei Glace, the couple's niece and Marley Mac New of Abbeville, the couple's cousin. The flower girls arrived by wagon pulled by Cassidy Johnson.

The bride wore a beautiful lace, off the shoulder ivory bridal gown with a flowing train and full length sleeves. The waist was accented with pearls and beading. Her fingertip veil was accented with a pearl



Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Walter Glace

comb. Her bouquet was tied with lace from her mother's wedding dress. Her something borrowed was a pearl bracelet that belongs to the mother of the groom. The bride carried a beautiful bouquet of ivory, blush and wine balsa wood flowers. The rose, peonies, and anemones were accented with dusty miller, lamb's ear, silver dollar eucalyptus, and German statice.

The bridesmaids wore dusty blue full length gowns and carried bouquets that complimented the brides. The flower girls wore tulle ivory dresses with full length sleeves. The girls were pulled in a handmade wagon decorated with antique lace.

The groom and groomsmen wore navy suits with wine colored ties, superhero tie clips, and matching socks. The groom sported spiderman accents. The boutonnières were made with balsa wood ivory roses and dusty miller stems.

The Best men were William Robert Glace, Jr. of Abbeville, father of the groom, and Tristen Fields of Iva, college roommate

of the groom. Groomsmen included Bill Glace and Bryan Glace of Abbeville, brothers of the groom; Travis New of Abbeville, cousin of the groom; Bradley Coker of Central, friend of the groom; and Matthew Vaughn of Liberty, brother of the bride. Ushers were Henry Varn, William Whitmire, and Stephen Hedden, friends of the groom.

The church was decorated with an arrangement of fresh flowers. During the ceremony, the couple exchanged traditional vows and also shared letters they wrote to one another. The couple received the sacrament of communion along with family and friends. As a promise to keep Christ in the center of their marriage, the couple symbolized their unity by creating a cord of three strands based on Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. Soloists Katilin Messick and Brittany Bickel, friends of the bride, were accompanied by pianist Zach Wheeler.

The reception was held at the Livery Stable on Trinity Street in Abbeville. The bride and groom celebrated

with guests and shared a meal by Shealy's Barbecue followed by a traditional wedding cake baked by Zee Saunders. Additional desserts were specially made by friends and family of the bride and groom using family recipes. Apple butter made by the bride's mother was the wedding favor. This helped send the couple off to their "Apple-y" Ever After. The couple rode away in a 1984 Jeep Scrambler.

The couple was honored at several pre-wedding events. Abby Wauer and Reagen Fields hosted a shower for family and friends in Central at Alive Wesleyan Church, home church of the bride. A family shower was held at the Greene Center hosted by the groom's aunts. The Nurture Committee of Main Street United Methodist Church hosted a church shower. The bride was honored at a bridal brunch at The Talk of the Town. The couple was celebrated at a Rehearsal Dinner at the Greene Center.

The couple will reside in Pickens, South Carolina after a trip to Disney World and Universal Studios.

Gardening gifts that provide years of enjoyment

Submitted by
Melinda Myers

The popularity of gardening is at an all-time high and people are discovering its many benefits. Some want to grow safe and nutritious food, others are boosting the beauty of their landscape, and many are turning to gardening to relieve stress. With the holidays right around the corner, it's the perfect opportunity to support new and experienced gardeners with a thoughtful garden-related gift.

Help small space gardeners expand their growing space and reduce maintenance with self-watering elevated cedar planters. Elevated gardens add garden space to a balcony, deck or patio while raising the garden bed to a comfortable and easily accessible height. The self-watering system makes gardening easy with proper, less frequent watering to ensure success.

Do the same for indoor plant enthusiasts with stylish terrariums, plant stands, and lighting features. Terrariums are still popular, creating a decorative means for providing the moisture and humidity tropical plants need. Copper and rot resistant mango wood terrariums (gardeners.com) add a new and decorative twist to this traditional growing system.

Plant stands allow your favorite indoor gardener to maximize any available space. Shelves filled with greenery help improve indoor air quality, reduce stress, and can elevate one's mood. New modern metal plant stand designs add a modern vibe to the indoor garden display.

When space is at a premium, give the gift of vertical gardening accessories. Birdcage planters provide a unique way to display

tropical or seasonal flowers. Lower them to tabletop level to use as a centerpiece or decorative element in seasonal indoor displays.

Don't overlook the cooks in your life that may be intrigued by moving their garden indoors. Keep them stocked with fresh herbs and vegetables. Increase their growing space and needed light with a gift of energy efficient LED grow lights in an attractive stand like the Oslo customizable LED Grow Lights. For those with very limited space, consider an organic kitchen caddy planter kit. A windowsill or counter-top herb garden is a great way for anyone to add garden-fresh flavor to winter meals.

Make gardening a fun and accessible experience with the help of a deep seat kneeler that when flipped over, converts. Or add storage and mobility with a Deluxe Tractor Scoot with Bucket Basket. The handle allows you to easily take your tools and garden scoot with you to every corner of your landscape.

And don't forget the stocking stuffers. Who doesn't need extra plant tags, ties and gloves? Consider replacing the stocking with a colorful Tubtrug. These flexible lightweight tubs are perfect for harvesting garden produce, collecting weeds or transporting anything from one space to another.

The gift of gardening provides lifelong benefits. Supporting family and friends with useful tools and equipment can increase their gardening enjoyment and success. And don't forget to add a few of your favorite garden related items to your gift list.

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Guild plans workshop

The Abbeville Artist Guild is sponsoring a painting workshop taught by Jeffery Callahan on Saturday, November 21, 2020 or Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Abbeville Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$25 for AAG members and \$35 for non-members. The cost includes all the materials needed, but those planning to attend are asked to bring

their favorite paint brushes and to bring their own lunches. Space is limited to 10 people for each day and the deadline to register is November 15. To sign up, email the guild at abbeyvilleartistguild@gmail.com or call 864-366-5881 and leave a message.

This project is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts and Abbeville County Accommodations Tax.

Donalds Christmas parade planned

The Donalds Christmas parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m.

on Main Street in Donalds. DHEC guidelines will be in place. For more information, one may call Michael Marshall at 864-407-6446. One may check the Donalds Fire Department Facebook page for any updates.

UCMAC announces holiday schedule for Abbeville food pantry
United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County has announced the holiday schedule for its Abbeville food pantry:

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Newly-reelected Abbeville City Council member Faye Thomas (with raised hand) was sworn in by City Judge William "Bill" McNeil (right) to a new term of office on City Council recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Newly-reelected Abbeville City Council members Benji Greeson (left) and J.J. Jackson (right) were sworn in to new terms of office on City Council by City Judge William "Bill" McNeil (right) at the Nov. 10 City Council meeting. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Coronavirus numbers rise, vaccine anticipated

By Henry E. Green

The number of coronavirus cases in Abbeville County continues to spiral in an unwelcome direction -- up!

According to figures provided by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Abbeville County had, as of the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 16, a total of 750 positive cases of the coronavirus, and 15 coronavirus-related deaths.

Among Abbeville's neighboring counties, Anderson County had 6,670 cases, and 197 deaths.

Greenwood County had 2,657 cases, and 70 deaths, and Laurens County had 2,178 positive cases and 65 deaths, while McCormick had 284 positive cases and six deaths.

In the state as a whole, there were 185,390 cases, and 3,873 deaths.

The number of cases nationwide appears to be surging, and much concern has been voiced about the risks of having large gatherings at Thanksgiving.

Those large gatherings could turn into "super-spreader" events, many fear.

On a more positive note, the news of a COVID vaccine that could be very effective is highly anticipated.

The Moderna vaccine is 94.5 percent effective against the coronavirus, and the Pfizer vaccine more than 90 percent effective against the disease, CNN reported.

Meg Davis, the marketing/foundation/volunteer services director with Abbeville Area Medical Center, was asked when the hospital could be expected to receive COVID vaccine.

Davis, in turn, quoted Amanda Morgan, AAMC Community Health Specialist, as saying:

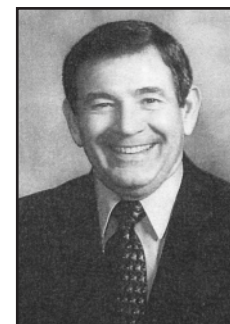
"Abbeville Area Medical Center has taken all of the necessary steps in the application process in order to receive COVID-19 vaccines once they become available. We have not been told of a date for when to expect the vaccines. Our organization has remained diligent about

getting communication out to our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. So, as we learn of the availability and time frame of the vaccines, we will educate our community."

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Rev. Dr. John Keith

Encouragement



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Hebrews 3:13 "But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

William Arthur Ward made this profound statement: "Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you."

There is a lot of truth in that quote. The times in which we are living are discouraging to say the least.

Hebrews 3:13 gives us three insights into encouragement.

The first one is that it is our duty to encourage one another. Notice how this verse commands us to encourage one another - it begins with the conjunction "but." That word "but" draws our attention back to the preceding verse. Look at verse 12, "Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

Oh, how easy it is to become discouraged because of the evil all around us. What we need to do is to encourage one another to stand fast in our devotion to the living God.

This is especially necessary because of the cynical world in which we live. Rather than criticize, we should encourage. Rather than becoming cynical, we should remain optimistic because we serve the Living God and we know He is sovereign. God is in control, even when it looks like things are out

of control.

Rest assured, nothing slips up on God. He is not wringing His hands up in heaven wondering what He is going to do. Rest assured he is working behind the scenes for our good even if we cannot see it. We can encourage one another with that thought.

Second, this is a daily duty. We are presented with opportunities every-day to encourage one another. But, notice that the verse says, "exhort one another daily while it is called today."

To me, that says that the opportunities have an expiration date on them. The opportunities we have today, we may not have tomorrow. My motto is - take every opportunity to encourage someone because you may not see them again. The opportunity to encourage someone is open to every person. No one is exempt from the opportunity. Not only that, but encouragement does not cost you anything but the time it takes to give it.

There is no age limit on encouragement. A person of any age: young, old, middle-aged, etc. Anyone can be an encourager.

I know nothing more encouraging than the gospel of Jesus Christ. The gospel is good news. The good news is that Jesus saves. The good news is that Jesus forgives sin. The good news is that Jesus bridged the gap

between a holy God and a sinful man. The good news of Jesus will always be good news. Jesus will never lose His power to save us.

Third, encouragement delivers us from the deceitfulness of sin. Sin is deceitful. Sin promises fun and excitement but it only pays off in misery and death. You never know what a word of encouragement can do to a person who has stumbled because of sin. The word of encouragement you give them may be just the impetus to spur them to get right with God.

What you may consider a chance remark might be used by God as an arrow of conviction that leads to repentance. When you see a brother or sister who has succumbed to some sin rather than point your finger and condemn, share an encouragement to them. It just might lead them to repentance.

One thing I have observed: our God is an encouraging God. He encourages us to repent when we sin and return to Him. If we do, He promises us the sure mercies of David. God encourages us to come to Him with our problems and cares. 1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon him; for he cares for you." In Matthew 11:28, Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

What a wonderful Savior!

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Obituaries

Hendricks

Ann Elliott Kester Hendricks, 71, of Due West, SC died Friday, November 13, 2020 at The Renaissance in Due West. She was born in Columbia, April 20, 1949, to the late Virgil Carl Kester and Frances Carolyn Henderson Kester.



Ann Elliott Kester Hendricks

Ms. Hendricks graduated from Dreher High School in Columbia in 1967 and Clemson University in 1971 with a degree in Recreation and Parks Administration. After her employment with the state of North Carolina at the Black Mountain Center, she obtained her license in real estate. Ms. Hendricks later retired from the state of Tennessee in the Department of Human Services.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Daniel Lesesne Hendricks.

Ms. Hendricks leaves behind a daughter, Elizabeth Lake H. Clark and son-in-law, Christopher McKee

four nephews; a niece; and a paternal aunt, Mary Kester Elliott, of Aiken.

The family will receive friends 1:00PM – 2:15PM, Wednesday, November 25, 2020 in Grace United Methodist Church. A service to celebrate Ms. Hendrick's life will follow at 2:30PM in the church sanctuary with Rev. Jason Wilson officiating.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Ms. Hendricks, may be sent to Grace United Methodist Church, 145 Grace Dr., Abbeville, SC 29620; Agape Care of SC, 110 Dillon Dr., Spartanburg, SC 29307; or to The Renaissance, 5 Frank Pressly Dr., Due West, SC 29639.

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

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

Clark; three grandsons, Elliott McKee Clark, Isaac Ashmore Clark and Daniel Alexander Clark, all of Abbeville; a brother, Carl Henderson Kester (Susan) of Jesup, GA; and two sisters, Janis Kester Stevenson (Alan) of Palm Harbor, FL and Karen Kester Areheart Ives (Scott) of Williamsburg, VA. She is also survived by



Members of Dixie's FFA honor one of their very own veterans, Ms. Smoot. Ms. Smoot is a veteran who served in the Navy. (Photo contributed)

Obituaries

Copeland

James Eugene "Gene" Copeland, 94, resident of 217 Noble Drive husband of Rosemary Hodges Copeland passed away peacefully at his home Wednesday Nov. 11, 2020.

Born Oct. 20, 1926 he was a son of the late Guy Hunter Copeland and Margaret Stewart Copeland.

Gene was a 1948 graduate of Presbyterian College with a Bachelors Degree in Education. He received his Masters Degree in English and Psychology from the University of South Carolina. He continued his education taking classes at Furman University. He served as Principal at Sharon School as well as Langley Milliken School. Gene proudly served his country in the US Navy during WWII. Gene Co-Founded the Special Ed program at Sharon school and founded the Adult education program at Abbeville High School. He was a member of Abbeville Presbyterian Church and former Elder.

He taught the Men's Bible Class and especially loved teaching the Young People's Class. Gene was a mason and member of The Clinton Lodge #3 AFM. He was an avid bird hunter and enjoyed gardening and working in his yard. He was active in his community having coached a number of different baseball teams. The family would like to extend a THANK YOU to Dr. Keith Scott and the staff of Agape Hospice of South Carolina for their compassionate care.

Survivors include: his beloved wife of 70 years Rosemary Hodges Copeland of the home; a son Johnny Copeland of Abbeville, SC; a sister Esse Ericksen of Abbeville, SC; grandchildren John Rhett Copeland and Missy Williams (Bruce) both of Abbeville, SC; great-grandchildren Seth and Brice Williams and Alayna and Emma Kate Copeland.

He was preceded in death by a daughter Marcia Lynn

Copeland. Funeral services were conducted Saturday Nov. 14, 2020 at 3:00 PM in Abbeville Presbyterian Church with Rev. Jim Rowell and Chaplain Kevin Garrison officiating. The burial followed in Long Cane Cemetery. Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic face mask will be required. The family received friends Saturday afternoon from 2:00 until 3:00 PM at the church in the Telford Parlor. The family is at the home 217 Noble Drive, Abbeville, SC.

Memorials in memory of Gene may be made to Abbeville Presbyterian Church, 301 N. Main St. Abbeville, SC 29620 or to Agape Hospice of South Carolina, 326 Montague Ave. Greenwood, SC 29649.

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

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Smackdown!

AHS Express just keeps on rolling, with win over Batesburg-Leesville



Abbeville linebacker Logan Busbee (32) pulls down a Batesburg-Leesville ball carrier during the Panthers' 56-0 victory last Friday night at Hite Stadium in the 1st Round found of the Class AA Playoffs. Photo by Shawn M. Knox.

James Hughes wins this week's football contest

By Henry E. Green

James Hughes of Calhoun Falls is the winner of this week's Press and Banner college football contest, according to Press and Banner contest editor Lamar West. "James Hughes of Calhoun Fall missed only one game selection," West said. "He will take home the \$50 prize once again. As did most entries, James thought Penn State would prevail over Nebraska but the "Corn Huskers" defeated the "Nifty Lions." FYI, there were 10 entries missing only two picks and two games were either postponed or canceled.

"Keep those entries coming, there are just a few weeks left to win the \$50."

Hughes presided over a week in which the University of South Carolina left its defense at home and proceeded to lose to Ole Miss in Oxford, Mississippi. The final score sounded more like something you would find at the end of a basketball game. It was USC's third straight loss, and Muschamp paid the price.

After the game, USC gave him his walking papers, and named Mike Bobo interim coach.

The departure of Muschamp was not entirely unexpected. Rumors had been circulating that his time at USC would be short.

Carolina fans had dared to hope for good things earlier

this season, after the Gamecocks had risen up to defeat highly-ranked Auburn.

Alas, USC went on to lose to LSU, TexasA&M and then Ole Miss, and in all three games the Carolina defense seemingly went on vacation.

The offense performed better, with flashes of brilliance from the running game, but, in terms of the quarterback's position, too many Carolina passes wound up in the hands of the opposing team.

We were haunted by the "pick six" USC quarterback Collin Hill threw in the Tennessee game, an error which, in terms of the score, turned out to be the difference in the game.

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville crushed Batesburg-Leesville 56-0 Friday night at Hite Stadium in the first round of the state playoffs.

Abbeville improved to 8-0 with the victory, and the Panthers will host Chesnee this coming Friday at Hite Stadium at 7:30 p.m. in the second round of the playoffs.

(Friday night's game was a case of Panthers versus Panthers, with the visiting Panthers from Batesburg-Leesville taking on the hometown Panthers in a claw-fest. You just knew the Panthers were going to win!)

True to form, AHS scored early and often Friday night. Tyrell Haddon opened up the flood gates for Abbeville in the first quarter, with a 38 yard run.

The first quarter also was highlighted by a little defensive razzle dazzle, with Cruz Temple returning an interception 35 yards for a touchdown. The second quarter featured more of the same, with AHS mounting an aerial attack as well, as Antonio Harrison caught a 34 yard touchdown pass from Thomas Beauford.

Navi Marshall made an excellent contribution to the Abbeville cause in the second quarter when he

returned a punt 64 yards for a touchdown, and scored another touchdown on a 35 yard run.

In the third quarter, it was Haddon again, finding the end zone on a 58 yard run, and fellow A-Town Panther J'Marion Burton scored on a 32-yard run.

In the fourth quarter, Abbeville's Darren Calhoun closed out the scoring for his team by way of a one yard run.

During much of the second half, AHS substituted considerably, and there was a running clock.

Haddon led the way for Abbeville with 95 yards on three carries, followed by Burton's 71 yards on five carries.

AHS was not without miscues. Early in the game the AHS Panthers were called for roughing the kicker on a B-L punt, giving B-L an automatic first down near mid-field.

The visitors could not capitalize, however, and AHS ended up taking over on downs.

Later in the first half, AHS seemed poised to score a touchdown when the home team fumbled at the B-L five, with the visitors recovering.

Again, the visitors could not capitalize, and B-L had to punt, giving the ball to Abbeville at the AHS 27. From there it took the home

team only two plays to find the end zone, with Haddon providing his first score of the night, and AHS led 7-0 with 4:17 in the first quarter.

This set off a scoring parade that was interrupted by halftime, with AHS leading 35-0.

The Abbeville defense performed well, too, with the hometown Panthers enjoying the role of unwelcome visitors to the B-L backfield.

For example, in the first quarter, Abbeville's Luke Evans sacked the B-L quarterback on a third and nine, leading to a Batesburg-Leesville punt, which set up the touchdown pass play from Beauford to Harrison.

In the third quarter, Zay Rayford intercepted a B-L pass, setting up the Panthers for Burton's touchdown run.

AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles was pleased following the game. "I could not be prouder of the effort," he said.

He noted that the Panthers did make some miscues in the first quarter, but they settled down in the second quarter and took care of business.

He noted also that B-L was not at full strength, as they had some players out due to injuries.



Abbeville running back Navi Marshall (21) reaches the ball over the goal line for a touchdown during the Panthers' 56-0 victory over Batesburg-Leesville last Friday night at Hite Stadium in the 1st Round found of the Class AA Playoffs. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

AHS Panthers to face Chesnee in playoffs

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville High School will host Chesnee this coming Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Hite Stadium in the second round of the state playoffs in varsity football.

AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles expressed considerable respect for the Eagles.

"They're really big, fast and strong," said Nickles Monday. "They're a double

wing team. They do it as well as anybody in the nation."

The Eagles excel in other aspects of the game as well, Nickles said.

"The defense is rock solid," he said. "The kicking game is solid."

The kicking game is so formidable that most of the Eagle kickoffs end up in the end zone.

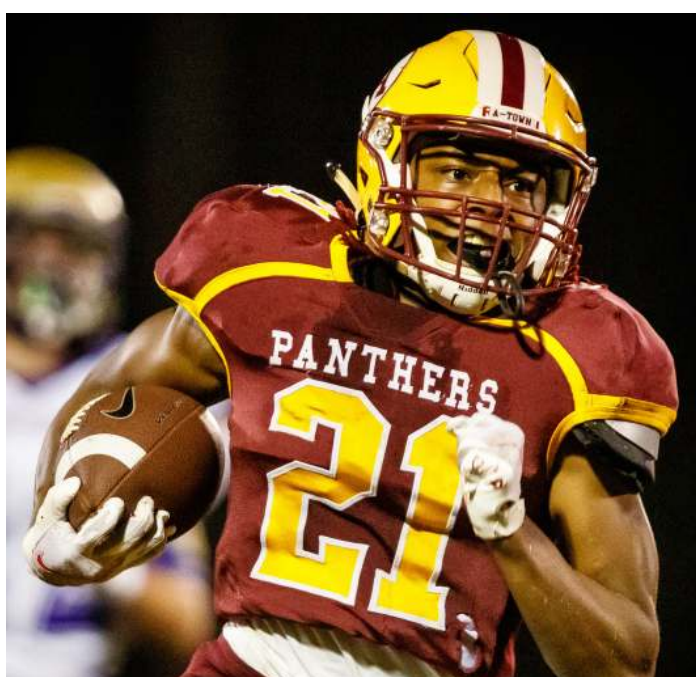
The Eagles, who won their Region, are guided by

Clay Lewis, whom Nickles described as a "legendary coach out of North Carolina."

A victory over Chesnee would propel the Panthers into the Upper State championship game, according to the Panther coach, but Nickles was reluctant to speculate as to who Abbeville's opponent would be, preferring to take one game at a time.



Abbeville running back Martico Jackson (35) hurdles over a Batesburg-Leesville defender during the Panthers' 56-0 victory in the 1st Round found of the Class AA Playoffs last Friday night at Hite Stadium. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)



Abbeville running back Navi Marshall (21) burns through the Batesburg-Leesville defense on his way to a touchdown during the Panthers' 56-0 victory last Friday night at Hite Stadium in the 1st Round Playoffs. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

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The Abbeville defense stops a late Batesburg-Leesville drive to preserve yet another shutout as the Panthers cruised to a 56-0 victory in the 1st Round round of the Class AA Playoffs. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

Beauford, Overholt have AHS signing ceremonies

By Henry E. Green
Two Abbeville High School student-athletes had signing ceremonies Monday at the AHS auditorium, with both planning to play baseball at the college level.

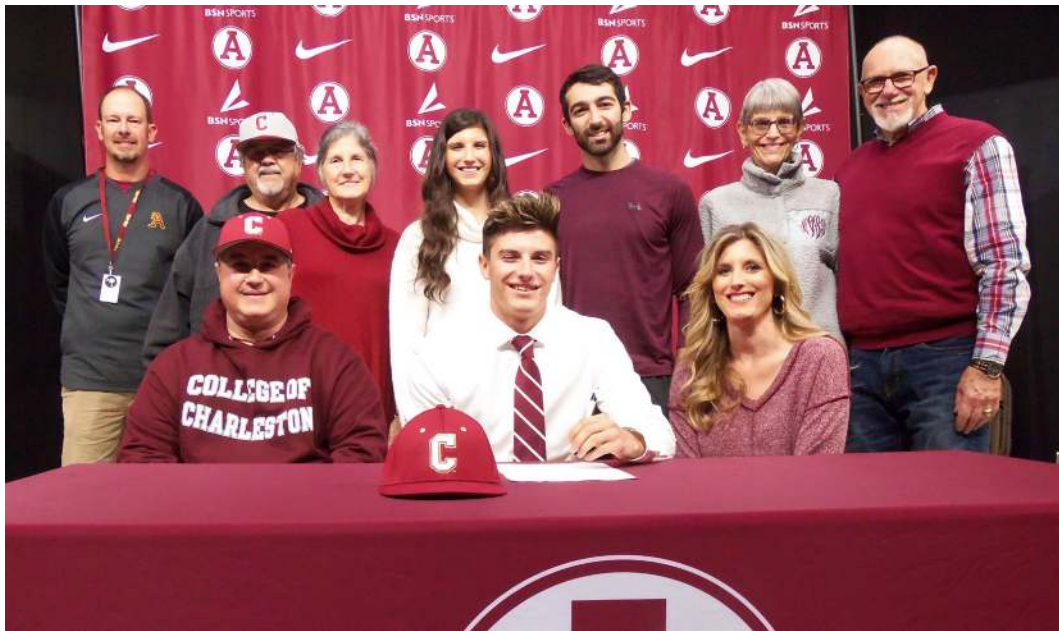
Tyler Overholt is headed to the College of Charleston, and Thomas Beauford to Anderson University.

Both are seniors, and both are expected to be major components of the AHS Panther baseball team this coming spring, according to AHS head baseball coach Nick Milford. Both are expected to be pitchers at their respective colleges.

Milford noted that the 2020 baseball season was cut

short due to the pandemic, but both players were All Region during their sophomore years, and both have been four year starters for the Panthers.

"They're going to be our top two pitchers," Milford said of the upcoming AHS baseball season.



AHS student athlete Tyler Overholt (center, seated) has signed to play baseball at the College of Charleston. He made it all official with a signing at the AHS auditorium Monday. Gathered for the signing were (from left, seated) Anthony Overholt, father; Tyler Overholt, Amber Overholt, mother; (standing, from left) AHS head baseball coach Nick Milford, Kenny Overholt, grandfather; Sharon Overholt, grandmother; Savannah Holliday, sister; Austin Holliday, brother-in-law; Nina Winger, grandmother, and Stephen Winger, grandfather. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



AHS student athlete Thomas Beauford (center, seated) has signed to play baseball at Anderson University, and he made it all official with a signing at AHS recently. Gathered for the occasion were (seated, from left) Will Beauford, father; Thomas Beauford; Gina Beauford, mother; (standing, from left) AHS head baseball coach Nick Milford; Lorene Lawton, grandmother; Wallace Lawton, grandfather; Molly Beauford, sister; Tammy Cobb, aunt; Braxton Cobb, cousin, and Tony Cobb, uncle. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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