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“Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it.”

Drama at the hotel

Young lady stuck in Belmont Inn elevator rescued by fire fighters

By Henry E. Green

Stuck in an elevator? It's something we probably think about with a measure of amusement.

Until it happens. Abbeville was hit by a massive power outage last week, an outage which lasted much of the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 2.

The outage began about 1:20 p.m. and lasted slightly more than four hours, and affected most, if not all, of the city.

And the outage produced some stories. Maggi Palmer, an employee of the Belmont Inn in Abbeville, was stuck in an elevator at the historic hotel when the power went out.

“I ended up between the first and second floor,” she said.

While in the elevator, she immediately texted Belmont owners Jim Petty and Susan Botts Petty to inform them of her predicament, and she also put her voice to good use.

“I yelled for help,” she said. Someone on the first

floor heard her appeals for assistance, said Palmer. The City of Abbeville Fire and Rescue literally came to her rescue, and opened the elevator doors, and Palmer was at last free.

“I was in there for about 30 minutes,” she said of her forced habitation on the elevator.

Palmer was in the process of cleaning up when the power outage hit. She was coming down to the first floor to see if anything needed to be cleaned.

It was the first time she had ever been stuck in an elevator.

“The lights flickered,” she said. Then the elevator went down a little more, and stopped altogether, and the lights went out.

“The only light I had was on my phone, and there was a little light in the elevator,” she said.

She sat down on the floor of the elevator, so that if it fell, she would not be hurt.

She could have fallen two stories down, because it would have fallen straight

down to the basement.

“It was pretty shocking,” she said. “But I just tried to stay calm the whole time, and I tried not to move the elevator much.”

Her fellow employees kept her company from the first floor while they waited for rescue.

It took Fire and Rescue about 15 minutes to get her out, and the fire fighters tried to keep her calm while getting her out.

“I was really relieved when I finally got out of the elevator,” she said.

She is immensely grateful to her rescuers. According to Karen Nicholson, executive assistant with the City of Abbeville fire and zoning department, those who responded included fire chief Neal Dickenson, Chandler White, William Whitmire, Brandon Henderson and Taylor Scott.

The rescue at the Belmont was not their first elevator operation. “It was something they had done in the past,” said Nicholson.



Abbeville City Fire and Rescue performed an elevator rescue at The Belmont Inn in Abbeville during the massive power outage afflicting the city on Feb. 2. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Belmont Inn employee Maggi Palmer found herself stuck in a Belmont Inn elevator during the Feb. 2 power outage in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Lights out!

City of Abbeville hit by truly massive power outage last week

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville was hit by a massive power outage last week, with the lights going out beginning shortly after midday on Tuesday, Feb. 2.

The outage began about 1:20 p.m. that day and lasted for approximately four hours, affecting, according to reports, most or all of the city of Abbeville.

“The outage was caused

due to insulation failing in some of the electrical components at the Vienna Street Substation,” said Mike Clary, Community Development Director with the City of Abbeville. “This could have been caused by any number of things so the origin is unclear.”

The power outage resulted in a tweaking of the AHS athletic schedule.

“Due to the power outage, our game tonight will not be played at the high school. It will be played at Dixie High school,” was the message sent out by Maggie Jameson, AHS athletic director, on the afternoon of Feb. 2.

City of Abbeville Police were sent to some of the City's busiest intersections to direct traffic since the traffic lights were not working.

And the process of learning continued in the Abbeville County School District despite the lack of electricity.

“Classes continued to carry on,” said one District source.



Austin McCurry, Ray Bowie and Jeremy Creswell of #1 Painting could be found sprucing up the front of Deason's on Abbeville's Court Square recently.

AAMC holds vaccination clinic

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville Area Medical Center held a vaccination clinic Wednesday through Friday of last week at the old Fred's store location in the Abbeville Shopping Center on the Highway 28 Bypass in Abbeville.

The location, which used to house a Fred's store, was filled with people as of Thursday, with AAMC personnel administering a vaccine to help curb the spread of the dreaded coronavirus.

“We administered a total of 1,170 vaccines, with approximately 105 of those being second doses in three days,” said Meg Davis, Director

of Marketing, Foundation and Volunteer Services with the Abbeville Area Medical Center.

Davis was asked when there would be another vaccination clinic at the “old Fred's” location.

“We do not have a public vaccination clinic scheduled at Fred's at this time,” she replied. “We are, however, continuing to accept appointment requests for the Vaccination Clinic located behind the Healthcare Center by email at the web address aahcvax@AbbevilleAreaMC.com or by calling 864-366-1647.

“We did receive some vaccine from DHEC and

some directly from Pfizer,” she added.

Since Abbeville Area Medical Center already has a vaccination clinic behind the Healthcare Center, why did AAMC choose to use the Abbeville Shopping Center (Fred's), Davis was asked.

“We had to administer a very large volume of vaccine in a short period of time. The Vaccination Clinic location behind the Healthcare Center is not large enough to handle the number of people we needed to vaccinate. The vaccine is only good for five days at refrigerated temperatures.”

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School board makes 'one cent' request

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees has sent a letter to the Abbeville and Abbeville County Legislative Delegations to consider a possible sales tax to fund school capital projects, as well as to provide property tax relief.

"The Abbeville County School Board of Trustees unanimously asks that you take the necessary steps to allow Abbeville County residents the opportunity to consider a local option sales tax (LOST) in the

general election in November of 2021," according to a letter dated Jan. 22 and sent by the board.

"We understand that under the current Education Capital Improvement Sales and Use Tax Act (Section 410470), Abbeville County does not currently meet the requirements for a LOST. Therefore, we are asking for special legislation allowing for a 1 cent LOST where 75% of the proceeds will cover capital projects needed by ACSD and 25% allotted to the county for

the expressed purpose of lowering property taxes. "Our superintendent, Dr. Mason Gary is willing to meet with you, answer questions, and serve as our liaison to advance this request."

"The letter was mailed this week to the Abbeville/Anderson delegations," said Dr. Gary Friday.

"They will meet to determine a path forward and they are the ones who will determine if special legislation is set forward for the local option sales tax.



Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina held a food distribution last week at the old Bi-Lo shopping center. "We distributed food to 600 families/1,700 individuals in about 90 minutes!" said Donal Dickens of Second Harvest. National Guard members helped out in the distribution, as shown here. (Photo courtesy of Donal Dickens and Second Harvest)

Feeding the hungry Second Harvest holds food distribution in city of Abbeville

By Henry E. Green
Approximately 600 boxes of food were distributed Friday during a free food distribution held in Abbeville and presented by Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina, according to reports.

The distribution, in which members of the National Guard assisted, was held in the parking lot of the former Bi-Lo store on Highway 72 on the western

outskirts of Abbeville. According to Donal Dickens of Second Harvest, Abbeville is part of the organization's coverage area.

The food bank held a similar food distribution last spring in Abbeville, and the food was distributed in the parking lot of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex/Department of Social Services.

Second Harvest serves

24 counties, including 14 in North Carolina and 10 in South Carolina, including Abbeville, according to the organization's Website.

The food bank operates a branch in Anderson, which also serves Abbeville County.

In 2019-2020, the food bank distributed more than 70 million pounds of food and household items throughout its 24-county region, the Website indicates.



The city of Abbeville suffered a massive power outage on Tuesday, Feb. 2, and Amanda Smith (left) and Lamar T. West (right) worked on getting a generator working. "We've got a paper to get out!" was the watchword. West is the Banner Corporation president, and Smith works in graphic arts design, creating ads on the computer. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Vaccination threshold lowered to '65 plus'

By Henry E. Green

The number of South Carolina residents eligible for the coronavirus vaccine is expanding.

South Carolina residents 65 and older can now schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments regardless of health status or preexisting conditions, according to WYFF-TV.

Meanwhile, the coronavirus numbers continue to rise in Abbeville County.

As of Monday, Feb. 8 at 12:55 p.m., Abbeville County had 1,758 confirmed positive cases of coronavirus, and 24 confirmed coronavirus-related deaths, according to DHEC.

Among Abbeville's neighboring counties, Anderson County had 16,996 coronavirus cases, and 376 confirmed coronavirus-related deaths.

Greenwood County had 6,214 cases, and 130 deaths, while Laurens County had 5,459 cases and 125 deaths, and McCormick County 672 cases and 15 deaths, according to DHEC.

In the state as a whole, there were 414,573 coronavirus confirmed positive cases and 6,881 coronavirus-related deaths, DHEC continued.

The month of January has seen a steady rise in the number of positive cases here in Abbeville County.

The number of confirmed positive cases has risen from 1,171 on Jan. 8 to 1,342 on Jan. 20, to 1,531 on Jan. 25.

The number of coronavirus-related deaths has risen from 21 on Jan. 8 to 22 on Jan. 25, to 24 on Monday, Feb. 8, according to published reports.

On the national scene, there has been fear that Super Bowl parties will spawn another coronavirus surge.

Then there is the factor of the variants. Across the nation, there has been a dip in COVID infections, but experts say the nation is in the "eye of the hurricane" because of the threat of the coronavirus variants.

Nearly 700 cases of COVID-19 variants have been reported in the United States so far, and the majority are of the U.K. variant, spotted in at least 33 states, according to WYFF.



Abbeville Area Medical Center presented a vaccination clinic last week at the location of the old Fred's store on Highway 28 Bypass on the western outskirts of Abbeville. Here, AAMC's personnel Sherry Kolb (left) and Kay Jones are helping prepare the vaccine for administration. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

County Council

County fire service in spotlight

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County rural fire service was in the spotlight when Abbeville County Council met Monday night, with a presentation by rural firefighters about an "app" that they say could help improve telecommunications among rural firefighters.

There was a presentation by Lowndesville Fire Chief Andrew Holley and Assistant Fire Chief Travis Ashley to inform Council on phone app Tango Tango.

The app is already being used by the Lowndesville fire department, which began using it roughly a month, Holley said Tuesday.

"We were trying to find a better source for secondary communication," he said. "This does not take the place of our primary radio form."

This is simply a supplement. Holley said about 75 percent of the approximately 20 firefighters in the Lowndesville fire department are using this.

The department is paying for the app. "We paid \$3,400 to start this system," he said. "It's worked exceptionally well. I strongly recommend this for the county (for the county fire departments)."

The rural fire service was also in the spotlight when Council approved a proclamation recognizing and honoring Ms. Janet Headrick for her dedicated years of service to the residents of Abbeville County.

Headrick served as an administrative assistant at the Abbeville County fire headquarters for a number of years.

Following the presentation Monday night, County Council chairman Billy Norris said that the County would look into the possibilities of using the app.

In other news Monday

night:

There was a public hearing on Ordinance 2021-01 to change the name of Starlight Ridge Drive to Tranquil Star Ridge Drive in Abbeville County, but nobody signed up to speak.

Later, Council passed second reading on the ordinance.

Council tabled a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual agreement with Alliance Consulting Engineers for professional services related to the development of a County wide Water and Limited Wastewater Infrastructure Evaluation and planning study.

Council also had first reading on two ordinances:

--Ordinance 2021-03 to approve a contract for the sale of approximately 25.46 acres located off Highway 72 in Calhoun Falls, and to authorize the County Director to execute a contract, a deed of conveyance and other documents.

--Ordinance 2021-04 to create a special tax assessment for certain eligible rehabilitated "historic properties."

All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary, according to County policy.

Also passed was a resolution to adopt the Abbeville County Grocery Store Investment Incentive Policy.

In addition, Council named Buddy Agan to the Upper Savannah Council of Governments Board of Directors, Earline Boggero to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Donny Ray to the Planning Commission, and Sue Hannah to the Library Board.

Council also went into executive session, but took no resulting action upon returning to open session.

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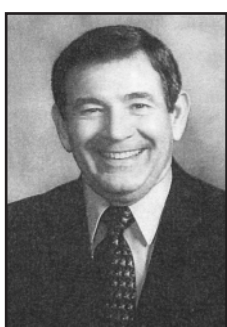
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Strength

Psalm 29:11 "The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace."

A little girl and her mother were working in their garden, preparing the ground for planting. The child was trying to move a rock from the flower bed. She tugged and heaved but it wouldn't move. Finally exhausted, she said, "I can't do it." Looking on, her mother said, "but you haven't used all your strength." The little girl bent down again and pulled with all her might, but still with no success. She looked at her mother in sheer frustration. Smiling, her mother repeated, "But you still haven't used all your strength... you haven't asked me to help you." The mother wanted her daughter to know she had a greater source of strength that she was not using.

Psalm 29:11 reveals to us that the Lord is our source of strength. Notice how this verse tells us that the Lord's strength is a gift—He will give it to us. This reveals to us that the source of strength is outside of ourselves. The little girl needed an outside source of strength to move the rock—it was too much for her puny strength. The same is true in our lives—we face many problems and issues that are way too heavy for us. We try with all of our might to deal with them but we cannot deal

with them successfully on our own.

The Lord's strength must be asked for. The little girl was struggling on her own and her mother had to remind her that all she had to do was ask for help. The mother stood ready and willing to help the child, but she had not asked for it.

That is an apt description of many Christians—we struggle and struggle and in frustration we look up to God and say, "Lord, I can't do it."

The truth of the matter is, God never expected us to do it on our own in the first place. Too many people have the mistaken idea that God expects them to live the Christian life on their own—to do the best that they can. If that were true, why did God give us the Holy Spirit?

In John 14, Jesus is preparing His disciples for His departure. In verse 16 Jesus says: "and I will pray to the Father, and He will give you another Helper that He may abide with you forever."

The word "another" means "another like Myself." Again, in verse 26 of that same chapter, Jesus says: "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring

to your remembrance all things I have said to you."

Weary saint of God, struggling and striving to face the difficulties of this life in your own strength, just stop and ask the Holy Spirit of God for His strength.

The Lord's strength will result in the blessing of peace. The strength of the Lord results in peace for God's children. When you realize that you are not on your own, that God will give you His peace to meet the demands of Christian living, the result of that is peace.

The reason for that peace is that you rely on God and not yourself. No matter what the situation is, you can rely on God's strength to carry you through. We can rest in the knowledge that our God will work in our behalf.

I have heard so many times the comment, "God won't put on you more than you can bear," but sometimes God does put on us more than we can bear so that we can come to the realization that the strength we need is outside of ourselves and rests with God.

When that realization comes, that is when we call on the Lord to help us—and He does.

That is when the blessing of peace comes, when we rely on God and not ourselves.

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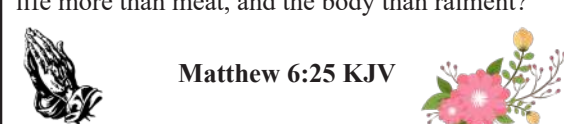
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Obituaries

Carwile

Sue McCarter Carwile, 89, of the Antreville Community, wife of the late Hugh Wesley Carwile, died Thursday, February 4, 2021 at the Abbeville Area Medical Center. She was born in Abbeville County to the late Eugene and Gypsy Branyon McCarter.

Mrs. Carwile retired from the Clemson University Extension Service. She was a faithful member of Little River Baptist Church since 1957 where she served on various committees, sang in the choir, and was the former director of the home-bound ministry. Mrs. Carwile, an exceptional cook and baker, often shared treats with her many friends and relatives. She loved her family deeply and time spent together was always cherished. One of her favorite things to do was to gather

around the piano and listen to her children and grandchildren sing hymns. Mrs. Carwile made family meals special by having everyone join hands, pray and asking one of her grandchildren to read scripture.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Joyce McCarter.

Mrs. Carwile is survived by her children, Jan Harrison (Bubba), Patti Campbell (Terry), Joyce Culbreth (Kent), and Ken Carwile (Stephanie); grandchildren, Zac Campbell (Ashlee), Jeff Campbell (Brooke), Wesley Carwile (fiancée, Hailea), and Kensley Carwile; great-grandchildren, Harper Campbell, Grayson Campbell, and Mary Kate Campbell; nephews, John Clinkscales (Sherry) and Jack Clinkscales (Dana);

and five great-nephews.

Funeral services were at 2:00PM, Sunday, February 7, 2021 in the Harris Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Garrett Hart officiating. Burial followed in Little River Baptist Church Cemetery. The family greeted friends following the graveside service.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Carwile, may be sent to Little River Baptist Church, 2847 Keowee Rd., Honea Path, SC 29654.

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

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

Newell

Beth Hall Newell, 88, of Abbeville, wife of the late James M. 'Jimmy' Newell, died Monday, February 8, 2021 at White Oak Manor in Newberry. She was born in Abbeville County to the late Carl and Mary Virginia Simpson Hall.

Mrs. Newell attended Antreville High School. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed preparing delightful meals. Mrs. Newell held her family, especially her grandchildren, close to her heart. She was a member of Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Newell was preceded in death by two sisters, Carleen Campbell and Laurita Wilson.

She is survived by two daughters, Marilyn Barrett (Ben) of Rock Hill and Donna Newell Horne of Greenwood; five grandchildren, Brad Barrett (JoAnne), Chris Barrett, Jacob Horne (Taylor), Samantha Smith and Zach Horne; and three great-grandchildren, Daniel Barrett, Allison Barrett and Emory Cook.

A service to celebrate Mrs. Newell's life will be

held at 11:00AM, Saturday, February 13, 2021 in Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church with Rev. Wayne Wicker officiating.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Newell, may be sent to Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church, 194 Highway 20, Abbeville, SC 29620

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

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

Obituaries

Perry

Steven Lindsey Perry passed away Wednesday Jan. 27, 2021 at Linley Park Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Anderson, SC. He was the beloved son of the late Claude Perry and Dora Wells Perry. Stevie was born Dec. 7, 1955 in Abbeville, SC and grew up in the Sharon Community.

Survivors include: a brother Billy Perry; a sister Claudette Duffy (Robert); nieces Debbie Duffy, Kristina Burnett (Jack) and their children Sophie and Ben; nephews Eddie Perry, Philip Perry and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by a brother David Perry

and nephew John David Perry.

For the past twelve years Stevie has lived at Linley Park Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Anderson, SC. Before he moved to Linley Park he lived at Rocky River Residential Care in Belton, SC. Stevie has been on dialysis for the last 21 years, and for all he has had to endure, he never ever complained. He was always so brave and so trusting and touched many lives with his sweet and gentle nature. Stevie will be missed by all those who loved him and there were many.

His family wishes to extend

their heartfelt thanks, love and gratitude to everyone who has taken care of him over the past 21 years.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, I learned to endure to the end." 2 Timothy 4:7

A graveside service was conducted Friday Feb. 5, 2021 at 2:00 PM in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens Abbeville, SC and was conducted by Rev. Marion Argo

Memorials in memory of Stevie may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made to the Perry family by visiting www.chandler-jacksonfh.com.

Ware

Dr. Lowry Price Ware, 92, died at Wesley Commons (Greenwood) on February 8, 2021. Born September 17, 1928, he was the 3rd child of five born to the late Charlie B. Ware and the late Ruby Price Ware. Surviving is a brother, Gene R. (Shirley) Ware of Due West. Also surviving are nine nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers; Charlie B. Ware, Jr, Allen E. Ware and a sister, Mabel Ware Baggett. He was a life-long resident of Due West.

He was a life-long member of the Due West ARP Church where he taught Sunday School for decades, served as a Deacon, served as an Elder for 29 years, and was Clerk of Session for a number of terms. He loyally supported many congregational activities for over five decades.

Lowry was a precocious child and an omnivorous reader with a remarkable memory for everything he read. He attended the public schools of Due West, graduated from Due West High School and entered Erskine College. He majored in history, graduated in 1949 and entered the graduate school of history at the University of South

Carolina. He earned MA and PhD degrees submitting a dissertation on William E. Dodd's academic career (he was a scholar and US diplomat). Lowry was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the most prestigious academic distinction in the United States and for many years an officer in the Phi Beta Kappa regional society.

Lowry returned to Erskine as a member of the history department in 1954 and served as a professor until his retirement in 1987. He was a popular teacher, especially for those students destined for graduate academic degrees, medical schools and law schools. He continued to write and edit books well into his eighties. He co-authored *The Second Century: A History of the Associated Reformed Presbyterians, 1882-1982*, and wrote *Old Abbeville: Scenes of the Past of a town Where Old Time Things are not Forgotten, A Place Called Due West: The Home of Erskine College, Chapters in the History of Abbeville County, the "Banner County" of South Carolina, and The Daniel Legacy: The Transforming Power of Philanthropy*. Most of the thirty books he produced are edited works of diaries, cen-

sus records and a myriad of other topics providing historians and genealogists with incomparable resources.

A special thank you to Jim Gettys, Jenny Kelly, and Lynn Veach for their ongoing efforts to visit Lowry several times each week.

A memorial service will be held Friday Feb. 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM in the Due West ARP Church with the Revs. Calvin Draffin and Scott Moore officiating.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic mask are required and social distancing will be observed.

There will be a private family burial. The Ware family will receive friends following the service on Friday in the front of the church sanctuary.

Memorials in memory of Lowry may be made to Due West ARP Church, PO Box 137, Due West, SC 29639 or to Hospice of the Piedmont, 408 West Alexander Ave. Greenwood, SC 29646.

Online condolences may be made to the Ware family by visiting www.chandler-jacksonfh.com

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

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Tollison

Luther Wair 'Doc' Tollison, Jr., 65, of Iva, died Friday, January 29, 2021 at the Hospice House in Greenwood. He was born in Tampa, FL to the late Luther Wair Tollison, Sr. and Helen Smith Tollison.

Mr. Tollison enjoyed assembling model cars. He was a very giving man and known for his good heart. Mr. Tollison was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by

four brothers and one sister.

Mr. Tollison is survived by his brother, Billy Tollison and his wife, Maria, of Iva and two sisters, Clara Parson and her husband, Bobby, of Abbeville and Helen Convey of Anderson.

Graveside services were 11:00AM Tuesday, February 2, 2021 in the Williamston City Cemetery with Rev. Scotty Willoughby officiating.

Memorial contributions,

in memory of Mr. Tollison, may be sent to the Susan G. Koman Foundation, 531 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601.

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

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Tollison family. **1tnc**

Koonts

Cortlandt "Corky" Morper Koonts, 93, wife of the late J. Calvin "Cal" Koonts, died peacefully Feb. 4, 2021, at Carolina Pines Hospital in Hartsville, SC. She was the first born child of the late Milton C. Morper, Sr. and Annie Louise Walton Morper of Archer, FL. She was preceded in death by her brother, Milton C. Harper, Jr., and her sister, Charlotte Morper Hollingworth. Corky, born March 7, 1927, graduated from Archer High School. She later graduated from Florida State University where she received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees. Following graduation she moved to Due West, SC where she met her husband, Cal Koonts, of 52 years. Corky was a member of the faculty at Erskine College and Lander

College, where she taught both piano and organ.

Corky had a deep faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. She became a member of the Due West Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and served as church organist to many different churches in the Due West area. Corky was an active member of the Women's Ministries of the Due West A.R.P. Church. She assisted and directed many church music conferences at the Bonclarken A.R.P. Church Retreat and Brevard Music Center in North Carolina.

Corky is survived by her son, Carlisle Woodson Koonts and his wife, Linda, of Hartsville, SC and her daughter, Camille Stein and her husband, John Stein, of Medford, NJ; she has seven grandchildren; Taylor

Koonts, Cameron Koonts, JeNe' New, Christopher Stein, Eric Stein, Caroline Stein, and Will Stein.

A 3:30 Graveside funeral service was conducted at the Due West A.R.P. Church Cemetery on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, officiated by the Rev. Calvin Draffin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in memory of Corky may be made to the Music Department of Erskine College, 2 Washington Street, Due West, SC 29639, or to the Due West A.R.P. Church, PO box 397, Due West, SC 29639.

Online condolences may be made to the Koonts family by visiting www.chandler-jacksonfh.com

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

Council honors citizens of notable achievement

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council met Tuesday night, highlighting the meeting with proclamations honoring outstanding citizens.

Mayor Trey Edwards honored with a proclamation Kingston Marshall, Jahmear Hardy and D'Nari Marshall for their acts of heroism.

The proclamation honored them for the bravery they displayed when they were attacked by a "loose" dog in Abbeville recently.

Edwards also presented Mary Lou Edens with a proclamation honoring Mary Lou Edens for her service with the Tracy Jackson program of GIFT.

He also presented Council member James Jackson for his dedicated community service through the Community Outreach Center.

Council also listened to a presentation by developer Tonya Haddock, who announced plans for the historic preservation and rehabilitation of the former Abbeville County Training School building.

Haddock would like to transform the building, located on Branch Street, into an apartment complex for people aged 62 and older.

In other news Tuesday night, Council passed first reading on an ordinance to adopt the Bailey Bill, concerning a special tax assessment for rehabilitated historic property.

Localities have the option to adopt this piece of state law. For properties in the historic district or on the National Register, it will freeze the assessed value of the property for 10 years, if certain conditions are met.

These include eligible rehabilitation of the property worth at least 50% of the building's current assessed value, the City reported.

The aim is to provide an incentive for investment into historic properties.

Council also passed first reading on an ordinance amending the meeting time for regular City Council meetings.

Currently, regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., and Council agreed to change the format to the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Council member Chris Crawford voted in opposition.

The final agreement came following a lengthy discussion and amended motions.

Council also approved a park renovation project, laying out work on City parks over the next few weeks.

This project includes materials such as benches and basketball posts for Chestnut Street and Wilson Hill, Hodge Street, First Street and Adams Drive parks, at a total cost of \$25,000.

Council was informed of a spring cleanup day -- March

20 -- in the Abbeville community.

Council approved an electric distribution development agreement in connection with the planned housing complex called The Refinery.

The Refinery seeks to increase the aesthetic appeal of this area by relocating existing power lines in the area of development, and will invest a total of \$30,000 for the project, with the City agreeing to pay \$47,000 for its portion of the project, the City reported.

Funding for the project will be paid from the City's Enterprise Fund.

Tuesday night, Council gave its approval to City Manager Blake Stone to sign an agreement with Refinery to relocate distribution lines in the Refinery area.

Council tabled a proposal concerning public utilities lawn-care management to see if the City could more efficiently do it with its own personnel.

Also approved was a slate of candidates approval for Abbeville Community Performing Arts Foundation.

Council went into executive session to discuss the position of public utility in "adversarial" situations involving assertions against the City of a claim, and also discussed negotiations incident to proposed contractual matter, and settlement of legal claims.

WCTEL Encourages Students to apply for James L. Bass Legal Scholarship

Submitted by
Lauren Gaydos

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) today announced the James L. Bass Legal Scholarship, a new scholarship for students with an interest in rural communities entering their first year of law school. FRS is the philanthropic arm of NTCA--The Rural Broadband Association, of which WCTEL is a member.

With an active law career that spanned more than 70 years, James Bass helped secure funds for rural telephone systems to bring modern telephone service to rural areas. He was pivotal in the creation of NTCA, where he served as one of

the organization's earliest presidents. Bass continued his leadership with service for more than 50 years as legal counsel.

Recognizing Bass's impact to the industry and his passion for the legal profession, the NTCA Board of Directors established a scholarship for students with an interest in rural communities to attend law school. The first James L. Bass Legal Scholarship will be awarded in spring 2021 and will be at least \$5,000.

"Jim was not only a founding member of NTCA, he was a guiding light for our association through much of his lifetime," said Shirley Bloomfield, chief executive officer of NTCA. "He spent

his last years in service to the association as our general counsel where he helped guide our national board through growth and transformation. How fitting it is to honor him with a law school scholarship recognizing not only his passion for rural America but for the legal profession as well. My sincere thanks to all the NTCA members who so generously donated in Jim's memory."

The deadline to be considered for the spring 2021 James L. Bass Scholarship is April 16, 2021. Application materials and more information about the scholarship can be found at <https://www.frs.org/programs/james-l-bass-legal-scholarship>.

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



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Griffin & Hall wed October 24th



Mr. & Mrs. Jordan Wiles Hall

Miss Amber Dawn Griffin of Abbeville, SC and Mr. Jordan Wiles Hall of Donalds, SC were married Saturday, October 24, 2020, at 5:30 o'clock in the evening.

Reverend Jason Wilson officiated the ceremony, which was held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Abbeville, SC.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John and Melody Griffin of Abbeville. She was given in marriage by her parents.

She is the maternal granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry and Linda Suddeth and the late Bobby Joe Stewart. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Reggie and Dot Griffin.

Born in Abbeville, SC, the bride is a 2013 graduate of Abbeville High School and holds a B.S. in Early Childhood from Lander University. She is employed with Long Cane Primary.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne and Becky Hall, of Donalds, SC. He is the maternal grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Betty Wiles. He is the paternal grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. James and Helen Hall.

The groom was born in Greenwood and is a 2011

graduate of Dixie High School. He holds a B.S. in Physical Education from Lander University. He is currently employed as a P.E. Teacher at Diamond Hill.

The Maid of Honor was Ms. Lauren Branyon, both friend and Phi Mu sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Ms. Anna Reynolds, friend and Phi Mu sister; Ms. Ashley Fuller, friend and Phi Mu sister; Ms. Autumn Wood, cousin of the bride; Ms. Micalyn Burdette, cousin of the bride and Mrs. Brantly Griffin, sister-in-law.

Junior bridesmaids were Ms. Harper Stone, special friend of the bride; Miss Mary Ashley Williams, special friend of the bride and Miss Tegan Stone, niece of the groom.

Special thanks are given to Lisa Lumpkin, family friend, for her wonderful job on the flowers and to Angie Burdette, cousin, for her spectacular decorative artistry at the Livery Stables.

The bride's dress can only be described as breathtaking, with a long flowing shoulder cape. She also wore a bejeweled headpiece and her mother's blue sapphire and diamond ring for her "old, borrowed and blue." She carried a bouquet of blush pink roses and elegant

greenery.

The Best Man was Mr. Wayne Hall of Donalds, father of the groom.

Groomsmen were Mr. John Michael Hall, brother of the groom; Mr. Brandon Norman; Mr. Chandler Thompson; Mr. Jake Hutchens and Mr. Wesley Carwile, all friends of the groom.

The ring bearer was River Stone, nephew of the groom.

The bride had a Christmas in July shower given by Samantha Sutton and Susan Hilley, coworkers of the groom.

She had a bridal shower hosted by Becky Hall, mother of the groom; Julie Stone, sister of the groom and Michelle Hall, sister-in-law of the groom.

Autumn Wood and Meri Stewart, both cousins of the bride, and Melanie Stewart, the bride's aunt, hosted another bridal shower.

Lauren Branyon, maid of honor, and her mother, Missy Price, hosted a bridal shower.

The Kindergarten team at LCP and Amy Johnson, chair of the Sunshine Club, hosted a bridal shower.

The wedding took place at historic Trinity Episcopal Church at sunset. Various

shades of greenery along with white ribbon and tulle provided an elegant and classic look as golden light shone through the beautiful, centuries old stained-glass windows while the high school sweethearts said their vows.

Following the ceremony, the newlyweds signed their marriage license in the church's beautiful prayer garden surrounded by family.

At the Livery Stable, the wedding party danced their way into the reception decorated with classic white pillars, lanterns and various vintage pieces. The tables were adorned with white linen along with runners of greenery down the middle and pillar candles. Elegant ivory and rose gold table wear completed the look.

After walking down Trinity Street under a rain of sparklers and cheers, the couple drove away in the groom's 1965 Ford Mustang.

It was the wedding of their dreams and they thank the Lord everyday for each other and their life as husband and wife.

Following a wedding trip to Boston and Salem, Massachusetts, the couple will reside in Abbeville.

Crossing the Bridge

A church finds a home at the Office Building

By Henry E. Green

The County Office Building on the Highway 28 ByPass, on the outskirts of Abbeville, is owned by Abbeville County, which has been trying for a number of years to sell it.

The building used to house a number of agencies, including Clemson Extension.

Extension has now moved out to the Abbeville County Agricultural Building.

Now, the County Office Building is home only to USDA offices and -- a church.

Yes, a church.

The Bridge Church rents the bottom floor of the building, and the USDA has office space upstairs, a County source said.

To learn more about the church, we spoke to Matthew Brown, a pastor at the Bridge Church. Brown sent us this email about how the church began:

"My wife (Jessica) and I are the Senior Pastors at Bridge Church. As a pastor, I strive to truly minister to people and build relationships. We want people to know they are not just a member but are part of our

family. Our church is part of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church and our local conference is Spirit Life Ministries. My wife and I planted the church in 2018. We began meeting in the civic center and then moved to the old dance studio on Highland Terrace.

That building was sold last year in March. When the building was sold, we began looking for a new home and began discussions with the county. Our first Sunday there was May 19th. We began with a small core group and have grown to averaging around 35 each Sunday.

"The church was birthed out of a vision God gave us. That vision was to create a church where everyone felt welcome and loved no matter what. Through this vision, God has created a community of believers who strive to show God's love to everyone who walks through our doors."

The Bridge Church has Sunday services, and Sunday morning services are live-streamed each week from the church's Facebook page, Brown said.



The Abbeville County Library is home to the Native American and Western art collection of Dr. Samuel R. Poliakov. Library system director Mary Elizabeth Land recently described the collection and its history. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Library boasts lovely Western art collection

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Library System is home to a very important art collection, a collection which is not only a thing of beauty in itself, but part of the legacy of a distinguished Abbevillian.

The Native American and Western art collection of Dr. Samuel R. Poliakov was assembled in the 1980s during his extensive travel throughout the American Southwest, according to information from the Library.

Poliakov wanted his significant collection of Southwestern American art to belong to "the city and county of his birth," and so bequeathed his collection to the Abbeville County Library along with a financial bequest, according to the Library. "Authentic and built with

an extensive knowledge of the Southwest peoples, each piece in the collection serves as a window into Native American art."

Poliakov, a University of South Carolina and MUSC graduate, served in the Korean War, and then moved to Atlanta where he became Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Piedmont Hospital, and clinical professor in that field at Emory University Medical School. He passed away in 1989, the Library reported.

The Poliakov Collection is just one of the attractions of the Abbeville County Library, attractions which to a certain extent have been modified by the pandemic.

"Since we are unable to hold in-person programming, the library staff is

providing virtual programming during the COVID pandemic," said Library Director Mary Elizabeth Land. "Virtual programs become available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 11:00."

The Library System has three branches--a main branch in Abbeville, along with branches in Calhoun Falls and Donalds.

The Abbeville County Library System has, of course, taken steps to address the threat of COVID.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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There will be a public hearing March 8, 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:

1) Ordinance (2021-04) to create a special tax assessment for certain eligible rehabilitated historic properties and other matters related thereto.

The public is cordially invited to attend.



This crane, shown hard at work on the Trinity Episcopal Church steeple in Abbeville, drew many a curious look. The steeple work is part of the church's restoration process. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Crane works wonders on Trinity steeple

By Henry E. Green
Work continued on the Trinity Episcopal Church steeple last week. A crane lifted the Trinity Episcopal Church steeple off its temporary cribbing and placed it in its new position, on the new timbers which have replaced the old rotted timbers, according to Mike Bedenbaugh, president and CEO of Preservation South Carolina. "This action is what we've been planning and organizing and fund raising for the past three years," he said. After the crane leaves and the steeple is secured, then scaffolding will be erected so that the exterior of the steeple can be restored for

the length of its 125 foot height. The work with the crane had originally been scheduled for January 27, but was delayed until last week. In other news, Trinity has opted to cancel its annual pancake supper. "The planning was underway, but as the infections rate of the Covid virus was rapidly on the increase in Abbeville and surrounding counties, it was decided that it would not be prudent to attempt a pancake supper this year," according to the church newsletter, The Abbeville Anglican. Meanwhile, on a more positive note, a number of people are visiting the laby-

rinth locating on the church grounds. "One local youth pastor brought some of his young people to see the labyrinth and gave them an excellent lecture on the history and meaning of labyrinths and how they are supposed to work," according to the newsletter. Trinity, one of Abbeville's iconic churches, is undergoing a process of restoration.

The church building dates from the mid-19th century. The cornerstone was laid on June 27, 1859, and the church was consecrated on Nov. 4, 1860, according to reports.

Committee approves various road projects

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County Transportation Committee met Monday night before the County Council meeting, approving a number of transportation-related projects. The Committee approved a request from Abbeville County Public Works for \$250,000 for Abbeville County's Roads and Bridges Department for material to be used on the County Road System--materials including stone, asphalt, calcium chloride, culvert pipe, bridge construction material, signs.

It's for continued maintenance, for use as needed," said Abbeville County Director of Public Works Daniel Shaw Tuesday. Also approved was a request from Abbeville County Public Works to request \$80,000 for necessary improvements to the Abbeville County Fire Department Headquarters access road. "It's gravel right now," Shaw said Tuesday. "We're converting the existing into heavy duty asphalt." In addition, Council approved a request from the City of Abbeville for \$100,000 for the demolition

and replacement of sidewalks on Chestnut Street. "The majority of the sidewalk is in disrepair," Shaw said Tuesday. With the addition of the apartment complex now under construction on Chestnut Street, foot traffic is expected to increase. "This project is expected to be a safe measure for that," Shaw said Tuesday. The Committee, whose members are the same as those on Abbeville County Council, allocates C funds, which are generated from a state fuel tax, and distributed to the various counties.

Absentee voting period has begun

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County voter registration office yesterday began allowing absentee voting for the special City Council election planned for Tuesday, March 9, said Kim London, Abbeville County voter registration and elections director. People who want to vote

absentee may come by the voter registration office on the second floor of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex, and vote there. "If they have any disability, we'll be happy to bring the voting machine to them," she said.

Those wishing to vote absentee may also request an absentee ballot by mail, and to do this they may call the voter registration office at 366-2400, extension 53, London said. The absentee voting period will last until Monday, March 8, at 5 p.m., she said.



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The press box at Abbeville High School was recently demolished, and there are plans to build a new one. (Staff courtesy of Benji Greeson)

Old and new Old press boxes, concession buildings at Dixie, AHS demolished

By Henry E. Green
The press boxes and concession stands/restrooms at Dixie and Abbeville high schools have all been demolished, with new construction coming up, according to Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary. The demolition occurred in the past two weeks, setting the stage for the erection of new facilities. "We're getting the plans

finalized now," he said. These plans for design of the new buildings have to be approved by the state's Office of School Facilities, and once that approval takes place, then the project will be open for bids, and a bid awarded, and construction can begin, Dr. Gary continued. The plan is for the new buildings to be completed by August, in time for football season.

The new buildings are designed to replace aging facilities, the Superintendent continued. "We had very cramped quarters," he said of the old AHS press box. "We didn't have enough room." The Dixie press box was in "desperate need of a renovation as well." "It's exciting to see some of our dilapidated buildings torn down," and new construction going up, he said.

AHS boys win, girls lose against Liberty

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville High School had Senior Night in basketball Friday night, with the Panther boys cruising to an easy win, and the girls losing to the Liberty Red Devils. During halftime of the girls game, the seniors players and cheerleaders, joined by their families, were recognized. These included cheerleaders Ambria Gilliard and Yalana Boozer, and Lady Panthers Hakeria Patterson, Jalisa Paul, and Shauntavia Starks. The same format was followed at halftime of the boys game, with Kivionte Garner, Mykal Tinch, Jonathan Jackson, and Martico Jackson. The AHS girls were led by Talissa Cannady, with 10 points, in the 66-50 loss to Liberty. DeMia Johnson added nine, and Jaylin Howland had seven points in the tough loss to a good Liberty team. Liberty led 42-23 at the half, and 55-30 at the end of the third quarter. In the boys game, Liberty

led 10-6 at the end of the first quarter, but AHS used a sticky defense, and excellent rebounding in the second quarter to claim a 30-24 halftime lead. In the second half, AHS took command of the game and never looked back. The Panthers' tenacious defense turned into steal after steal--steals which more often than not turned into points--and AHS was helped by timely three point shooting as well. Abbeville led 58-32 at the end of the third quarter, and marched to an eventual 81-47 victory. Jeremiah Lomax led the Panthers with 13 points. The Panthers improved to 4-3 in the Region, said AHS boys basketball coach Doug Belcher. The Panthers played back to back nights, losing Thursday at Christ Church, 67-52, but bounced back to claim the victory on Friday night. This coming Friday, the Panthers are scheduled to visit Region foe Ninety Six, and finish up the Region play Saturday night by

hosting Crescent. Friday night's action will include the junior varsity boys and varsity boys action, beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday will include only the varsity boys, with the game to start at 6 p.m. Meanwhile, the Lady Panthers are now 6-3 in the Region and 8-4 overall, according to Lady Panther head coach Julius Crawford. "We did not play up to our capacity as a team," he said. "Liberty exposed some defensive weaknesses that we will improve upon." "This season has been an improvement. We're second in the Region. The coaching staff is very proud of the improvement in the season so far. We're seeing a lot of improvement out of our younger players. We are seeing great leadership and team effort from our veteran players. We're looking forward to working hard and finishing the season strong." The playoffs start on Feb. 20, he said. Crawford is confident that his team will be in those playoffs.

CF Charter girls defeat Southside

By Henry E. Green
The Calhoun Falls Charter girls basketball team picked up an important victory last week--defeating Southside Christian, 46-42, in Calhoun Falls Friday night, according to Calhoun Falls Charter girls basketball coach Joseph Cade. Southside Christian, a Region foe, was ranked in the Top 20 in the state, said Cade.

Jasmine Cade had 17 points to lead the Lady Flashes. "We were down by nine at the half," said Cade. The Lady Flashes rallied mostly in the fourth quarter. In the third quarter, they were still down by seven. "We had a couple of three pointers," and a number of steals as well, to pull ahead. "We didn't take the lead until late in the fourth quar-

ter," he said. The Lady Flashes improved to 7-1 in the Region, and 9-5 overall. They were slated to play at Whitmire last night, and on Wednesday they will host Dixie, and play at Southside Christian on Friday night. "We're tied with High Point Academy," for the top spot in the Region. "Both of us have one loss."



The Abbeville High School varsity boys basketball team (in white) defeated Liberty Friday night in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Abbeville High School varsity girls basketball team (in white) lost to Liberty Friday night in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Friday night was Senior Night for Abbeville High School basketball. Senior basketball players and their families were recognized at halftime of the games with Liberty. Here are the senior boys, including Kivionte Garner, Mykal Tinch, Jonathan Jackson and Martico Jackson, and families. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

COVID cancels out AHS alumni game

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville High School alumni baseball game will not be held this year due to the threat of COVID, according to AHS head baseball coach Nick Milford. The alumni baseball game has been an annual tradition at AHS for many years, bringing together current AHS players with players

from the past at Powell Park in Abbeville. A fund-raiser for the AHS baseball program, the alumni game is typically held in February before the start of the regular AHS baseball season. This year's baseball season is very much "on go", however. On March 5, the AHS

Panther baseball team will participate in the Peach Ridge Invitational Preseason Tournament at Strom Thurmond, Milford said, noting that the Panthers will play Strom Thurmond on March 5 at 7:30 p.m. More information on the AHS season will be provided in coming weeks.



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Four sign at AHS for National Signing Day

By Henry E. Green
Wednesday was National Signing Day, and four Abbeville High School student-athletes, all stars of the AHS Panther football team, made known their commitments to play football at the college level.

They included linebacker Luke Evans, headed to Coastal Carolina, offensive lineman Davis Sutherland, headed to The Citadel, defensive lineman Demetrious Harris, headed to South Carolina State, and running back Martico Jackson,

headed to Georgia Knights Prep Academy.

Evans had 69 tackles and one fumble return for a touchdown in 2020, while Sutherland was a Shrine Bowl selection.

AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles praised the contributions of the four AHS players.

"He did a really good job of anchoring our defense this year," he said of Harris.

Jackson, meanwhile, was part of a stable of immensely talented AHS running backs, and he rushed for

more than 900 yards, Nickles said.

They were all part of an Abbeville High School team which won the state championship in December, with a victory in Columbia over Marion High School.

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees recognized the team at the school board meeting last month, and Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary presented Nickles with a certificate of appreciation.

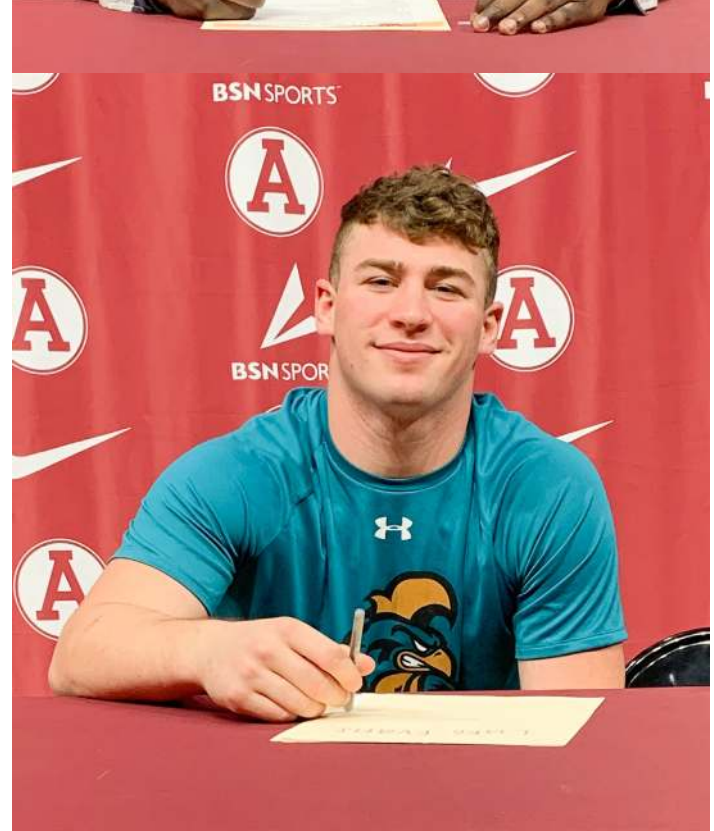
Abbeville High School senior Davis Sutherland signed Wednesday to join the Citadel's football program. (Contributed photo)



Abbeville High School's Martico Jackson signed Wednesday to join the Georgia Knights Prep Academy, helping to take his football skills to the next level. (Contributed photo)



Abbeville High School's Demetrious Harris signed Wednesday with South Carolina State's football program. (Contributed photo)



Abbeville's Luke Evans signed Wednesday to join the football program at Coastal Carolina. (AHS photo)

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The Brady Bunch

This year's Super Bowl featured a halftime show--and some football

By Henry E. Green
How about that Tom Brady! Yes, those who were rooting for Tampa Bay to win the Super Bowl probably included a large contingent of those who wanted Brady to win.

The man might be a senior citizen in the world of professional football, but he might just be the greatest quarterback who ever tossed a pigskin.

Without a doubt, there were many who were shocked that Kansas City lost, and by such

a wide margin -- 31 to 9 is by any measure a smack-down.

For Brady, it represented his seventh Super Bowl ring. The 43-year-old University of Michigan alum spent the first 20 seasons of his professional career with the New England Patriots, according to Wikipedia.

This year's Super Bowl represented some football milestones, certainly, but is it possible that some people watch the Super Bowl just for the halftime show?

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ger that such people do indeed exist, and if they do, they probably were not disappointed in what they saw.

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By Henry E. Green
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The Chocolate Walk will take participants on a Walk with a number of stops, and each stop will offer a most excellent chocolate goodie. On the day of the event, a person planning to take the Walk will go to the Chamber and get a punch card, as well as a map and a bag to carry their goodies. The Chocolate Walk is typically held in February, close to Valentine's Day. "Last year was a sell-out, and we do expect it to be a sell-out again this year,"

she said, recommending that people planning to take the Walk buy their tickets ahead of time. "We do suggest that they bring a mask," she said, adding that those planning to participate may want to bring bottles of water as well. "All of that chocolate will make you thirsty," she said. The Association's next event will be a beer walk on March 13. "We'll have tickets available for that soon," she said.

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