



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

Abbeville County School District Receives \$38,000,000! ‘Dream come true’

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County School District will be receiving \$38 million from the state of South Carolina for upgrades to its facilities, it was announced at Tuesday night's school board meeting.

State Superintendent Molly Spearman, accompanied by members of the Abbeville County Legislative Delegation, announced the good news on a visit to Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees meeting Tuesday night.

The money must be spent on buildings, also known as capital improvements.

The expectation is that the Abbeville County School District will use the money to build new wings at Abbeville and Dixie high schools.

There may be money for an upgrade to the Abbeville County Career Center.

Saluda County schools had received a similar gift from the state earlier this year, and there were many who wondered why Abbeville County schools could not be the beneficiary of such largesse from the state.

An evening of glad tidings!

Spearman explained Tuesday night that the state looked at the needs of the various school districts in the state, and how school districts in rural areas are sometimes hard pressed to raise money

to meet such needs through taxation.

As Spearman noted, it can place an extreme burden on the community.

The state compiled a ranking of the 25 poorest districts, and coordinated a facilities assessment to find out specifically what the needs of those areas were.

From this process, Clarendon, Lee, and Hampton, in addition to Saluda, were targeted for gifts of state money.

So what can you do with \$38 million?

Spearman said that with this money new wings at Abbeville High School and Dixie High School could be built, and upgrades at the Career Center as well.

“This was a dream come true,” said Spearman.

The Abbeville County Legislative Delegation members were also pleased.

“I raised two daughters here in Abbeville,” said State Rep. Craig Gagnon, who praised Abbeville as a great community in which to live.

As for the \$38 million appropriation, he characterized it as a “great start.”

State Sen. Billy Garrett praised Spearman for her leadership. “She cares about our kids,” he said.

State Rep. Jay West emphasized his ties to Abbeville County, noting that he went to Erskine, as did other members of his family, and served in the college's ad-

ministration, and he served on the Abbeville County development board as well. His wife taught at Cherokee Trail Elementary.

“I'm really happy for all of you,” he said.

“This is game-changing money,” said State Sen. Mike Gambrell.

The school board members also expressed happiness.

“God bless you for what you've done,” said trustee Marvin Peoples.

Spearman, taking questions, noted that Abbeville County School District is the first district to be funded, through the program for construction other than for an entire school.

The State Superintendent added that the state is hoping that the School District can contribute financially to the project as well.

“We are asking you to put a little skin” in the project, she said.

The trustees are slated to have a special called meeting this coming Monday at 5 p.m. to discuss further plans generated from the appropriation, and Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary indicated that the board will confer with firms it has worked with before.

In other news, the board approved a \$2,000 bonus for Dr. Gary, approved local board approved courses, and textbook adoptions.



The Abbeville County Museum is being painted. The new color is a deep reddish-pink, reminding one observer of raspberry sherbet. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Operation Impact presents scholarship

By Henry E. Green

Operation Impact recently presented a scholarship to AnnaGrace Wideman, a 2022 Dixie High School graduate who is now enrolled at Clemson.

The scholarship is a one time \$1000 financial award, according to Albert Woods, chairman of the scholarship committee for Operation Impact.

At Dixie, AnnaGrace was

on the varsity girls soccer team, and served as president of the Interact Club as well as vice president of the National Honor Society, and secretary of the Beta Club.

At Clemson, “political science is my major,” she said.

“I hope to continue on to law school. If that doesn't work I'm going to go into local government.”

As an attorney, she would like to defend the interests

of young people.

“I would like to be a juvenile defense attorney,” she said.

Presenting the scholarship to AnnaGrace Friday afternoon were Woods and Operation Impact treasurer Johnny Goodwin.

Operation Impact is a community service organization which has about 20 members and which was established in the early 1990s.



Operation Impact recently presented a scholarship to Dixie High School graduate AnnaGrace Wideman (center). Making the presentation recently were Operation Impact scholarship chairman Albert Woods (left) and treasurer Johnny Goodwin (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Town of CF to buy vehicles for police

By Henry E. Green

The Town of Calhoun Falls will purchase two motor vehicles for the Calhoun Falls Police Department, Calhoun Falls Town Council agreed Thursday night in a special meeting.

Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland read aloud a statement at the beginning of the meeting, explaining the need for the vehicles--two 2022 F-150 Police Responder trucks.

One of them will come with blue lights and sirens, and the other will come with blue lights, sirens and a new inside car camera and a radar.

The trucks will be used for investigation purposes as well as for animal control, the statement continued.

“The Police Department intends on getting a portable dog kennel that will go on the trucks for any animal control calls. Sometimes Animal Control is unable to respond right away. This will allow us to hold the

animal until they are able to respond.”

The Police Department has not had a new vehicle since 2011, the statement continued. Calhoun Falls Police Chief Terry Richey said Monday that the statement was provided by the Police Department.

Town Council member Christine Long expressed concerns about plans for the purchase.

“Where is this money coming from?” she asked.

The Mayor explained that the vehicles could be paid for with ARPA funds.

Those funds are part of a package of money allocated by Congress to local governments nationwide to help with pandemic-related relief.

A number of fire fighters were in the audience, and the feeling was expressed that the fire department was in need of equipment as well.

“Why can't we have one of each?” said Long.

Holland replied that he is not

overlooking the fire department.

“Are we overlooking the fire department?” he said. “Absolutely NOT! We will get us a fire truck.”

Council member Johnny Gilchrist made the motion to purchase the vehicles, and Council member Howard Harmon provided a second, and the motion passed.

Long voted in opposition.

Calhoun Falls fire chief Darrell Manning said Friday that the Calhoun Falls fire department has two trucks that have aging concerns.

“They're well over 45 years old,” said Manning. “They've got a little age on them.”

The vehicles are “in fair condition considering their age,” he said.

It is difficult to find parts for such old equipment, and if the vehicles break down they could be in a particularly precarious situation, Manning indicated.

AHS putting in place ID regulation

By Henry E. Green

Will Abbeville High School be making any changes concerning regulations at home football games, in the wake of the Greenwood Jamboree melee on August 12?

AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson explained that at least one security features is being put in place at AHS in the wake of the Greenwood Jamboree?

“We are keeping most things the same--“clear bag”--however, we are changing that--now all students and guests under 18 must be with a parent unless they have a high school ID, or can prove their age using a drivers license (15 or older),” she said.

“We do not allow any bags in to home events. We will allow in small wallets, but they have to fit a certain size

(4.5" x 6.5") otherwise it has to be clear. Lawn chair bags and diaper bags must also be clear or not brought in.”

The security feature is being implemented in the wake of a melee which erupted during the third segment of the Greenwood Jamboree on August 12, spilling over onto the football field and forcing the event to be called off.



Can we call it “banner busting?” All we know is that the Abbeville High School Panther football team broke through the banner just before the beginning of the AHS-McCormick football game Friday night. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Music in motion

Dixie High School marching band coming off very successful year

By Henry E. Green

Is there anything that says “Kodak moment” like a high school marching band?

Dixie High School band director Tyler Black, who has found a home at the high school in northern Abbeville County, may be in a position to know.

“This is my third year at Dixie High School,” he said Friday.

It is actually his third year of teaching altogether--the graduate of Anderson University obtained his degree and then went straight into teaching at Dixie.

This year there is also a Dixie assistant band director--Katie Ritchie--Black said.

Success has found its way to the Dixie band program, with the Hornet marching band qualifying for the state competition last year at

Batesburg-Leesville.

The Hornets won an Outstanding Performance Award--one of only two 1-A bands to win the award. The other was Ware Shoals.

Black pays tribute to his students when he is asked the reason for his success--their drive and their effort to be better have made their mark.

“I have a good support system with the parents and the community as well,” he said.

About \$2,500 was raised from car washes held to raise funds for the band.

There are about 33 students in the marching band, and in the entire Dixie band program there are about 80 young people.

The marching band performs at half time during Dixie home games, and the Hornets are also slated to participate in band com-

petitions at Belton Honea Path, Easley, Powdersville, and Pendleton, where Dixie will be competing with other 1-A bands.

“Our show this year is ‘Toreador’” he said, noting that the band show has a “bullfighter” theme, and is loosely based on the old French opera “Carmen.”

The Hornet marching band also expects to perform during the Due West, Donalds and Lowndesville parades, and there will be a band concert on Dec. 8 at Memorial Hall on the Erskine campus.

Band camp is held the last two weeks of July, and the kids learn how to march and play at the same time--no small feat!

“It’s a different mind set that you have to have,” he said.

‘Together we can’

Calhoun Falls Town Council looks at everything from Wi-Fi to fire hydrants

By Henry E. Green

“Together we can. Together we will.”

That is the motto of Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland, and he elaborated on it Monday night during the regular monthly meeting of Calhoun Falls Town Council.

Holland, speaking during the segment of the meeting reserved for the mayor’s report, noted that he is not immune to making mistakes as mayor, but he will learn from them.

Some good things are on the horizon for the Savannah River valley community, including plans for a playground.

He praised the work of the town’s public safety division--police, fire fighters, utilities--and he said his administration is putting forth a major effort to make life better for the town.

“We’re trying,” he said. “Rome was not built overnight.”

Instead of complaining about things that had not been done, he called on citizens to tune in to the things that have been accomplished.

“We’re working to change this town,” he said.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Charlie Tillman spoke, indicating that a matter which he had brought up before Town Council last month had not been resolved.

He had complained about what he perceived as possibly unfair treatment from the Calhoun Falls police.

In other matters, West Carolina is working on getting Internet/Wi Fi service established at the Ellison Center and the Community Building, Holland said. Both buildings are Town facilities.

He also said that an advertisement is being placed in local media--the Town is accepting sealed bids for its residential and business solid waste collection

contract.

Mayor Holland also said that lights along the road to the Blue Hole recreation area will be replaced, to help people navigate the road better.

He also indicated that a number of fire hydrants are slated to be replaced.

Departmental reports were also given.

Meanwhile, Council member Christine Long expressed concerns with regard to the Town’s financial records.

Long distributed Monday night at the Council meeting a note addressed to the Town’s clerk/treasure, mayor and council members, in which she requested “a copy of the town’s bank statements, including all debit and credit cards from January 1” to the present--August 22, 2022.

Council member Wane Postell was absent from the meeting.

Community calendar

Glovers plans homecoming

Glover’s A.M.E. Church, Hwy 81 S. Calhoun Falls, SC, Annual Homecoming on Sunday, August 21 at 10:45 a.m. One-night revival follows on Wed., August 24, 2022 at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Adam China of Flat Rock AMEC as the guest revivalist.

Everyone’s invited to come for a HIGH time in the Lord! Masks are asked to be worn in the sanctuary.

Nora’s Girls

Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville has a womens Bible study group, Nora’s Girls, which meets most Wednesdays at the Greene Center at 10 a.m. It is open to women in the community. On Sept. 7, a 13-week study of the Book of Daniel by Beth Moore will begin. For more information, one may contact Jenny Jackson at ste.jackson@yahoo.com.

Hospital board to meet
The Abbeville Area Med-

ical Center Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30 at the Abbeville Area Medical center at noon.

Workshop planned

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Kevin Allen is the new recreation director for the City of Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Kevin Allen new City recreation director

By Henry E. Green
Kevin Allen is the new City of Abbeville recreation director. Allen took over in his new post at the close of July. Previous director Nick Van Horn left Abbeville to take a maintenance position in Greenville city government, said Allen, who said he had been serving as assistant director under Van Horn. “I’m a resident of Abbeville,” he said. “I’ve been living here all my life.” A 1993 graduate of Abbeville High School, he served on the Abbeville Youth Athletics board for four years

under former City recreation director Brad Cuttill, and he served as an AYA coach in various sports. He started working with the City in 2018. “I came in as the grounds maintenance supervisor under Brad Cuttill,” he said. “I am very passionate about our young people.” He wants to see them succeed not only in athletics but in school as well, and indeed, in all of life—he wants them to be successful adults. As recreation director, he helps oversee City parks and Court Square, since part of his job involves maintenance, and on the sports side, he works with the Abbeville Youth Athletics board. AYA is a nonprofit organization which works with the City to provide recreational opportunities for young people in the Abbeville County community. With the assistance of the AYA, Allen and his staff order uniforms and supervise recreational events. “I want to see the (AYA) program get back to its full potential,” he said. “I just want to see our program get better.”

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City of Abbeville

November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021

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J.P. Mosley was one of the main organizers of the Holistic Expo held at the Livery Stable in Abbeville recently. Here he is introducing speaker Carol Rondeau at the Expo. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



At the Holistic Expo held at the Livery Stable in Abbeville recently, Cynthia Jefferies of Trinity Episcopal Church had a display about Trinity's labyrinth. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Holistic Expo was held in Abbeville recently at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Three in one

Holistic Expo held at Livery Stable in Abbeville Saturday afternoon

By Henry E. Green

Mind.
Body.
Spirit.

Those three things together were very much a part of Abbeville's very first Holistic Expo, held Saturday at the Livery Stable.

Holistic is defined as "characterized by treatment of the whole person," and the event there were agencies and vendors designed to help you with your mental, spiritual and physical well being.

Appropriately you had on hand at the Livery Stable representatives of Trinity Episcopal Church, the Abbeville County Library, and

the alcohol and drug abuse commission Cornerstone, just to name a few.

There were speakers as well. Carol Rondeau of Cedar Ridge Farm talked about the power of natural medicine, drawing on her battle with throat cancer a number of years ago, a battle which helped strengthen her belief in the power of natural medicine.

Today she and her husband Ed have an herb farm on the outskirts of Abbeville. She is 64, and he is 70, and they are both retired.

"It's been a great journey," she said.

Cynthia Jefferies of Trinity Episcopal Church was

available to talk about the church's labyrinth, designed to help with meditation and reflection.

The event was presented by Abbeville Massage Company and Dreamcatcher Properties, and J.P. Mosley of Abbeville Massage said Saturday that the aim of the gathering was twofold--to introduce people to a holistic vision of health, and to show them that holistic-related services are available right here in Abbeville.

Mosley, who spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about plans for the Expo, said that he hopes to make it an annual event.

School District needs more bus drivers

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District needs bus drivers.

"As of today the Abbeville County School District Student Transportation Department is seven bus drivers short," said District Transportation Director Doug Belcher in a memo to Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary in an August 10 memo.

"We have two prospective drivers scheduled for training. Abbeville bus lot is four drivers short, Calhoun Falls is one driver short, and Dixie is two drivers short."

"They do have to have a

CDL and required training to drive a bus," Dr. Gary said of prospective bus drivers.

Belcher provided Department of Education that outlined the steps needed to become a school bus driver:

- Fill out an application with the local school district
- Complete a classroom training program
- Show physical fitness through a medical examination.
- If required, make passing scores on written examinations at the Department of Motor Vehicles to get a commercial learner's permit.
- Pass required sub-

stance use tests before beginning any behind the wheel training.

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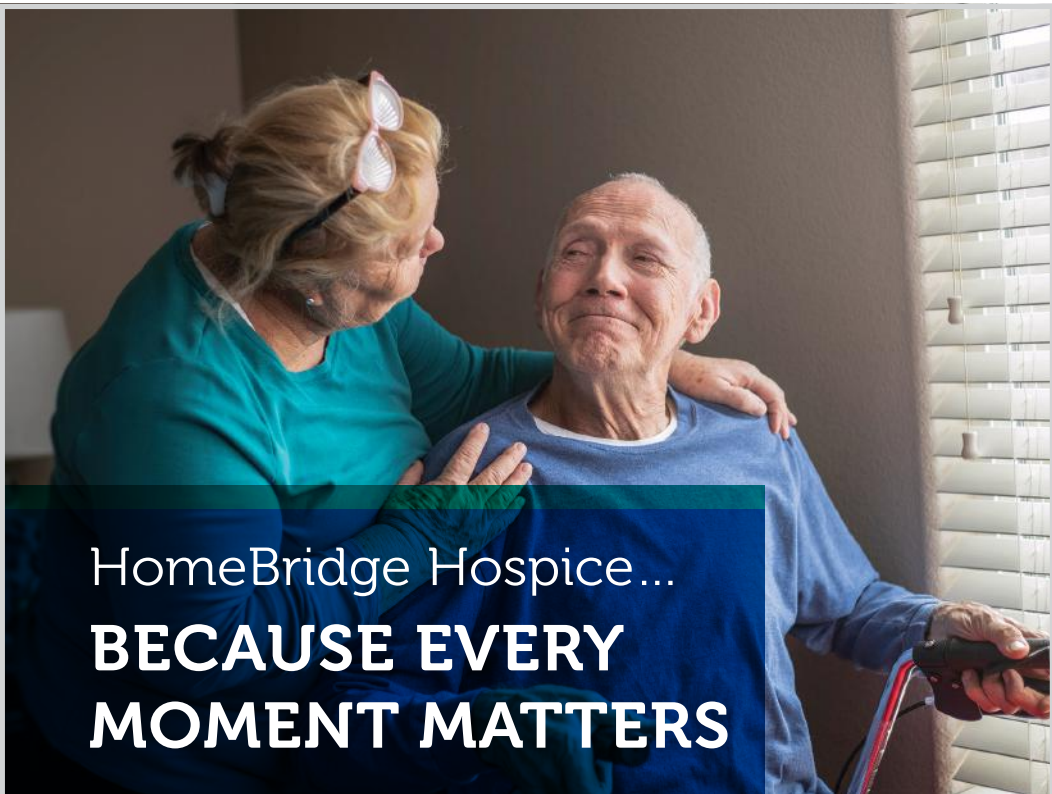


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Book Event Season Is Upon Us

By Tom Poland

She asked, and I told her. "What's the writing life like?"

"It's a sentence to solitary confinement. You work in isolation for long periods, and that's a good, peaceful day most days."

However, the day comes when the introvert gives way to the extrovert. As the holidays approach, book events hit the calendar. In the past three days I've held an event and added three to the calendar. That makes thirty events so far in 2022. Four are on my 2023 calendar and one on my 2024 calendar. I like book signings, book talks, and festivals that invite groups of writers to meet people and sign books. It's festive and you meet some wonderful people. It's rare that a distasteful person attends a book event.

I write of these things because people often ask me, "What's a day like for a writer?" I sometimes reply, "Everyday is a Monday and every night is a Saturday. No days off." I tell a lie in a way because book events make for welcome days off. Sure, you may have a drive to make, but it's almost always worth it.

When you give a talk it helps to do it well. Your name gets passed along. I gave a talk to the Beech Island Agricultural Club (one of America's older societies) and an Augusta attorney in the audience passed my name along to a lady up in Richmond.

Thus in 2024, I'll speak to the Tuckahoe Women's Club in Richmond, Virginia, a club

of about 5,000 women. Four hundred to 500 are expected for my talk. "You'll be in fine company," she said. "Previous speakers have been Dr. Ben Carson, Nicholas Sparks, and General Norman Schwarzkopf." It will be a seersucker suit, bow tie type of event.

As I write this column here



Tom Poland signs *SC Country Roads* for Ralph Scurry at River Island Club House, Evans, Georgia.

comes an email from an organization in Greenwood, South Carolina, inviting me to speak this October to the Star Fort Daughters of the American Revolution. This flurry of book event stands in sharp contrast to 2020 when my events dropped to just eight and most were online "Zoom" events, which I detest. I hope never to Zoom again. My zooming days have zoomed away I pray.

Who invites you to speak? I get that question as well. I'll list a few... Civic groups like Kiwanis and Rotary, museums, colleges, libraries,

private organizations such as book clubs, garden clubs, historical societies, Huguenot Societies, the DAR, Sons of Confederate Veterans camps, who are patriotic, history-loving people, Daughters of the American Colonists, and organizations supporting nature and conservation such as the Aiken Land Conservancy.

I have just one rule when I give a talk, "Nothing boring," and I support my talks with 25 or so photographs of the back roads, Carolina bays, abandoned stores, forgotten cemeteries, and such. It makes for a vicarious journey from the comfort of a chair or banquet table.

In our age of eBooks, digital this, that, and the other, and online events, it's comforting to know people still enjoy hearing an author discuss a real book—one you can hold in your hands, one where you catch the fragrance of paper and ink. I like to give people the story behind the book for often it's more memorable than the book itself. And something else proves memorable: the wonderful people you meet through book events. More than a few become great friends.

One final thought. A day alone spent writing is generally a good day. At my fingertips lies mankind's crowning achievement: language.

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Obituaries

Petty

Julia Smith Petty (New) passed peacefully in her sleep on August 18, 2022, at the age of 89.

Her professional career included Flexible Technologies of Abbeville, Sonoco Products of Hartsville, and Dedicated Delivery Service in Abbeville. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church at the time of her death. She was constantly referred to as sweet, it was said by many that she was the sweetest person they had ever met, welcoming everyone into her home.

Julia was preceded in death by two children, Russell Albert New "Rusty" and Julie Ann New "Jules." She was also preceded in death by her parents, Edith S. Smith and Samuel D. Smith; and seven siblings, Sam, Harold, John, Margaret, Fleeda, Martin, and Pete.

She is survived by her sister,



Julia Smith New Petty

Pat; her children, Thomas Allen New, Jr. (Kassandra), Alicia N Arnold (Fred), Edith I New (Ren'ee), and Kenneth D New (Danette); grandchildren, Trey New, Brandon New, Gallagher New, Galleana New, Galahad New, Haley Arnold Wightman, Drew Arnold, Jacob New, Dusty New, Doug New, Jen'e New; step-grandchildren, Nicole Matthews, Natalie Parker, Neely Hill, Ryan Wilson, and Matthew Wilson;

17 great-grandchildren; and literally hundreds of nieces and nephews.

There will be two services. Her entombment will be in Hartsville on Friday, August 26 at 3:00 p.m. at Westview Memorial Park Cemetery, 2223 Kelleytown Road, Hartsville, SC 29550. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, August 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 145 Grace Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace UMC, 145 Grace Dr. Abbeville, SC 29620, or to a charity of one's choice.

The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home and Crematory are caring for the family in Hartsville and Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services are assisting the family in Abbeville.

Obituaries

Smith

Pete J. Smith, 79, of Rock Hill, formerly of Abbeville, husband of Connie Norman Smith, died Wednesday, August 17, 2022, in Rock Hill. He was born in Abbeville to the late Sam Smith and Edith Steele Smith.

Mr. Smith, a 1961 graduate of Abbeville High School, retired from CSX (former Seaboard Coastline) Railroad with 45 years of dedicated service. He attended Brigham Young University where he played Division 1 football.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Steven; grandson, Dustin; siblings, Sam Jr., Har-



Pete J. Smith

old, John, Martin, Margaret, Fleeda, and Julia.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Connie; children, Casey (Tena), David, Matt

(Novella), Jacob, and Amanda (Justin); sister, Patsy; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family received friends 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Monday, August 22, 2022, at Grace United Methodist Church. A service to celebrate Mr. Smith's life began at 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary with Rev. Eldredge Kelley officiating.

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 Smith family.

McCurry

Rosemary Demaree McCurry, age 101, died peacefully in her home at Wesley Commons, Greenwood, South Carolina on Sunday, August 21, 2022, surrounded by her two sons and their wives.

Born on a farm in Franklin, Indiana, Rosemary lived a long and good life. She was a member and relative of founding families of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church and surrounding historic Hopewell community. Her mother died when she was just 5 years old. Her father's sister, Mary "Aunt Mamie" Demaree, came to live with them and helped raise Rosemary and her younger sister Judy.

A 1938 graduate of Alva Neal High School in Franklin, Indiana, she attended Hanover College, graduating in 1942 with a BA degree. Her father passed away in 1941 while she was in college. She taught social studies and English and was the school librarian at Union Township High School in Valparaiso, Indiana 1943-1947. Rosemary then pursued a BSc degree in library service from Columbia University in New York City and graduated in 1948.

Shortly after, she took a position with the Armed Services Civilian Corps at Camp Stoneman in Pittsburg, California working in the library where she met Joe McCurry. They were married in 1953. Joe's career with the US Department of Public Health began in San Diego, followed by a posting in Charleston, South Carolina where sons



Rosemary Demaree McCurry

Michael and David were born in 1954 and 1957 respectively.

Their life together took the family to Pittsburg, PA, Lansing, MI, Deerfield, IL, and then to Redwood City, CA. After retirement from his career with the US Public Health Service and CDC, Joe and Rosemary moved back to Joe's hometown of Abbeville, SC where they resided from 1992 until Joe's passing in 2012. In Abbeville, Rosemary was an active and much-loved member of Abbeville Presbyterian Church and volunteered as a docent at the Burt-Stark Mansion and Abbeville Library where she used her training and skills in librarianship. Rosemary moved to Wesley Commons continuous living community immediately after Joe's passing in 2012.

Preceding her in death was her mother, Marjorie Jean Henderson (1926), her father, Henry Demaree (1941), her beloved husband, William Jo-

seph "Joe" McCurry of Abbeville, South Carolina (2012), and her sister Julia "Judy" Helen Demaree Lueders of St. George, Utah (2011).

Rosemary is survived by her sons, Michael Demaree McCurry and wife Debra Jones McCurry of Kensington, Maryland, and David Scott McCurry and wife Bonnie Blythe Mullinix of Greenville, South Carolina. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Scott, Schalon (Ashley), Will (Amanda), Marjorie, Kevin (Tiffany), and Chris, and nephews, Joel (Christy) of Kayenta, Utah, and Kurt (Yvette) of Neauphle, France.

The family will receive friends 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Saturday, August 27, 2022, in the Abbeville Presbyterian Church. Funeral services will begin at 11:30 AM in the church sanctuary. There will be a private burial in Melrose Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions, in memory of Rosemary, be sent to the Abbeville Presbyterian Church, 301 North Main Street, Abbeville, SC 29620, or the Abbeville County Public Library, 1407 North Main Street, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

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White

John White, 75, of Abbeville, husband of Linda Winn Harris, died Monday, August 22, 2022, at his home. Arrangements are being handled by Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville.

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Psalm 100:2 “Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.”

If you have ever eaten at a Chick-fil-A, you have heard the expression from the employees, “It’s my pleasure.” The company has trained its employees to respond to their customers with that phrase. Think about that for a moment.

Have you ever stopped to think about the joy of serving the Lord? Psalm 100:2 expresses that very thought. Have you ever considered what a privilege it is to serve the everlasting, all mighty God who created the universe?

Just think about that and marvel that God wants you to serve Him. That God desires us to serve Him gives us purpose. There would be nothing worse than getting up in the morning with no purpose. God made us with the

wonderful capacity to fellowship with Him. That in itself is a marvelous thing, but to serve Him gives us purpose. When we serve the Lord with gladness it gives us pleasure. There is no greater joy than serving the Lord. When a man looks back on his life, the greatest moments of joy will be the times he served the Lord.

We should serve the Lord with passion. What are you passionate about? When we are passionate about something, we do it with all of our might. Mark 12:30, “And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.” That spells passion. When we are pas-

sionate about something, we don’t let anything stop us from doing it. When we are passionate about something we do it with all of our might—that is how we are to serve the Lord.

When we serve the Lord with gladness it gives us joy. When we serve the Lord with gladness it energizes us. When we serve the Lord with gladness it puts a spring in our step and a song on our lips. When we serve the Lord with gladness it is attractive—people notice it and it draws them to us and we can share our faith with them.

The next time the Lord asks you to do something for Him, why not respond, “It’s my pleasure.”

Light my fire Doors tribute band to perform at Opera House in late August

By Henry E. Green

Reed Barrickman has been a Doors fan since he was 12 years old.

Maybe that’s why he is today the lead singer and manager for a Doors tribute band, the Dirty Doors, who will perform at the Opera House on August 27 at 7:30 p.m.

The band includes Barrickman on vocals, Matt Boehnlein on guitar, Geoff Lewis on keyboards, and Eric Sanders on drums.

They are all paying tribute to a band which put its own dark, moody spin on the Sixties. The original Doors were led by Jim Morrison, who provided a mix of brilliance and brooding sexuality.

No stranger to brushes with the law, Morrison was also, interestingly, a poet.

This complex character was joined by drummer John Densmore, keyboard player Ray Manzarek, and guitarist Robbie Krieger.

Based in Los Angeles, the Doors burst upon the national scene in a big way with “Light My Fire” in the summer of 1967. Hits like “People Are Strange,” “Love

Me Two Times,” and “Hello, I Love You” followed.

Their eponymous first album set the tone, with the Doors pushing the envelope on such songs as “The End,” which appears to be at least partially based on the story of Oedipus, from Greek mythology.

Morrison died in 1971, but the musical legacy of the Doors lives on to this day through tribute bands like the Dirty Doors.

“The Doors created some of the most unique, memorable, and timeless music of their era,” Barrickman said. “For years I thought it would be fun to start a tribute band but never did anything about it. At some point I started seeing more and more videos on social media of other Doors tribute bands. Some were good, but many were pretty bad. I knew I could put together something that was as good or better than all of them.”

Interest in the music of the Doors spans the generations, according to Barrickman.

“Interest in the band is definitely still high,” he said. “I

would honestly say interest has mostly grown over the years. We get a lot of repeat fans at our shows; and, of course, new people discover us and come see us all the time. We especially love to see the wide age range of fans who come to our shows. We see it all, from teenagers to people who are old enough to have seen real Doors back in the 1960s.”

Barrickman provided a small preview of the upcoming show at the Opera House.

“We will be playing all The Doors’ hits and favorite songs,” he said. “We strive to sound as much like The Doors as possible. We stay away from wigs, cheesy costumes, and over-the-top stage antics. The Doors weren’t cheesy and neither are The Dirty Doors. But don’t worry—we always deliver a fun and exciting show. And I honestly believe we come closer to the original energy and passion of The Doors more than any other tribute.”

Resume clinic planned for September

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County’s unemployment rate is slightly higher than the state average, according to the latest figures.

Statewide, the unemployment rate was 3.2 percent, but the Abbeville County rate was 4.3 percent, according to Ann Skinner, Workforce Development Director for Upper Savannah Council of Governments.

Skinner quoted figures from June, which she indicated were the most recent figures.

The percentage translates into 406 people without a job here in Abbeville County, but comparatively few may be drawing unemployment checks.

This number may include people who may for whatever reason not have a job. This includes recent graduates, or people who may have retired during the pandemic.

Skinner added that there are advantages and disadvantages to a low unemployment rate. If unemployment is very, very low, that means

that employers are at risk of not being able to find the employees they need.

A resume clinic is planned for September at the SC Works office at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex, said Skinner.

Those planning to attend the clinic, which is being presented by SC Works, are encouraged to bring their old resumes, which can highlight their skills and their potential.

More information about the resume clinic will be available in coming weeks.

Three digits 988 will route callers to National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

By Henry E. Green

There is a new number to call for people experiencing a mental health crisis.

“988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline), and is now active across the United States,” according to 988lifeline.org. “When people call, text, or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

“The previous Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will always re-

main available to people in emotional distress or suicidal crisis,” according to 988lifeline.org.

Modeled after 911, the new three-digit 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is designed to be a memorable and quick number that connects people who are suicidal or in any other mental health crisis to a trained mental health professional,” according to a National Public Radio website.

Here in Abbeville County, suicide prevention has been a primary focus of mental health groups. A number of events with suicide prevention as a theme have been presented in the past several years.

At the 2022 Spring Festival, proceeds from a doughnut-eating contest went to suicide prevention efforts.

“Donut give up,” was the theme of the contest.

Krissi Raines of the Bow and Arrow Center of Hope Abbeville had this to say:

“I am excited for the new 988 number. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has been working on this for many years. There is such a need for services and the shortened number makes it less difficult to remember in a crisis. I encourage everyone to text or call the number to see how it works before referring people. This will help you understand how it works when you refer someone struggling to the line.

You can call or text it and explain you are an interested community member who wants to understand how it works.”

McCall, Edmunds file for Conservation seats

By Henry E. Green

There will be two Abbeville Soil and Water Conservation District candidates in the general election, including Barry N. Edmunds and J. Eric McCall, according to Abbeville County voter registration director Randy Curtis.

“They’re running unopposed” he said Thursday. Two seats on the Soil and Water Commission will be open, and Edmunds and McCall, who are both incumbents, are seeking them.

Write-ins will be allowed in the Soil and Water Con-

servation District elections, which are nonpartisan.

Soil and Water Conservation District commissioners serve four-year terms on the commission, which oversees the Soil and Water Conservation District.

The District, meanwhile, is an entity which seeks to educate people about wise stewardship of natural resources.

The commission members include Edmunds, McCall, chairman Fred Raines, treasurer Susie New, and commissioner Sam Giliam, according to Melody

Coursey, Conservation District clerk and coordinator.

There are also four associate commissioners, including Mark Sumner, Nancy McCannon, Dale Wilson, and Mike Fleming.

The Commission meets on the second Wednesday of every month.

Among its activities are a poster contest and a photo contest for Abbeville County youth, to highlight awareness of the wisdom of conserving soil and water resources.

The general election is slated for Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Get roasted! Freshwater Coast Community Foundation considering seafood event

By Henry E. Green

The Freshwater Coast Community Foundation is looking to bring back the Oyster Roast and Country Boil that for years was a mainstay of the spring in Abbeville.

For years, the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce presented the event as a Chamber fund-raiser on the grounds of the Burt Stark Mansion in Abbeville.

Typically held in March, the Oyster Roast would feature a live band, as well as plenty of oysters and

Lowcountry boil.

Tables would be set up where people would shuck their own oysters. Barbecue would be available for people who did not want to partake of the seafood.

Those planning to attend were encouraged to bring their lawn chairs and relax on the grounds of the old mansion.

Then came the pandemic. Like so many other happy things, the Oyster Roast that had been scheduled for March, 2020, was cancelled.

Now in the hands of the

Freshwater Coast Community Foundation, the Oyster Roast might be making a comeback.

The Freshwater Coast board met Thursday morning, and board chairman Brad Evans said Thursday afternoon that plans are still very much a work in progress, but the grounds of the Burt Stark House are the first choice for a venue, and the plan is to have the event at some time during the month of March of 2023.

Further details are expected to be provided in the future.

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Abbeville’s Boy Scout Troop 62 attended summer camp at Camp Old Indian with the attending scouts completing and earning 60 Scouting awards. The summer of 2022 was the 36th year that Troop 62 has attended summer camp. The scouts and scouters wish to thank everyone who supported the troop during this outstanding event. The Troop will be holding its annual court of honor this September where the scouts will be recognized for their amazing accomplishments. (Photo contributed)

WCTEL Annual Meeting Centers on Community Impact, Growth, and Fast Fiber

Submitted by
Virginia Smith

ABBEVILLE, SC | August 15, 2022 – WCTEL maybe 70 years old, but age is not slowing the cooperative down. Quite the opposite, in fact.

Growth. Roots. Humility. Mission. Cause. Those tenets were underscored at the broadband cooperative’s 70th Annual Meeting of the Membership on August 15 at the Abbeville Civic Center.

More than 130 members and guests attended the meeting, where employees of WCTEL paid homage to their roots as they wore t-shirts featuring the original West Carolina Rural Telephone logo.

This year three board seats were up for election. Results were as follows:

Mike Thomas – Area 2: Iva; Lee Logan – Area 4: Due West; Dr. Darren Lewis – Area 7: Abbeville

“With this meeting, we celebrate 70 years of serving Abbeville and McCormick Counties, along with Starr and Iva,” said Wes McCallister, WCTEL board chairman, representing Area 8 – North McCormick. “YOU brought us to this point. We would not be standing here without your support. As I look across our communities, there is no doubt we are rural. Yet, even the most rural of us all still have access to high-speed fiber internet. Others in metropolitan areas cannot always say the same. We

will continue to invest in you and your communities. After all, you are our family. Our beginning, our present and our future.”

Both McAllister and WCTEL CEO Jeff Wilson addressed growth and what it means for the WCTEL family.

“Years ago, had WCTEL not pursued outside growth opportunities, there is no doubt our prices for service would have risen dramatically,” McAllister said. “But that simply is not an option. Through WCFIBER and Upcountry Fiber, we are investing in our future by creating more revenue streams to not only control our prices but to ensure that our co-op communities are shielded from adverse impacts such as reduced revenue and declining populations.

That is why, as a board, we have made pivotal decisions to move our cooperative forward. To make investments so we – YOU – can reap benefits.”

WCTEL CEO Jeff Wilson said the cooperative fully transitioned to fiber on July 27, when the remaining customers transitioned from copper to fiber.

“Today, a robust and expansive fiber optic network blankets our original areas and extends to Greenwood County, the city of Newberry, parts of Columbia County, Ga., and now, we’ve begun the extensive process of connecting the Upstate,” Wilson said.

He updated the memberships on grant funds

awarded by the State of South Carolina through the CARES Act:

•Round I - \$2,740,376 - WCFIBER

•Round II - \$321,715 - WCFIBER; \$825,000 - Upcountry Country Fiber

•Last Mile Grant Program - \$379,654 - WCFIBER

Both McAllister and Wilson updated the membership on community impact activities, including the dedication of two Veterans Telemedicine Centers in Abbeville and Greenwood, the Fresh Water Coast Foundation-supported Abbeville Promise Program and multiple community partnerships and sponsorships.

“And that’s what it comes down to Making an impact for the betterment of all,” Wilson said. “I am so proud and honored to be the CEO of a cooperative who understands that. I commend our staff, our board, and all of you for collectively serving our communities, and understanding why we’re here: To serve, to connect, and to make each other’s walks on this earth just a little easier.”

McAllister added, “Today, we stand 70 years old and stronger than ever. And yet, we will never lose sight of our roots. And THAT’S why you’ll see our employees here wearing vintage T-shirts showing our original logo. We’ll never forget where we came from. We celebrate it and we honor it.”

Chromebooks provide technological blessing

By Henry E. Green

A technological blessing, chromebooks are being distributed among students in the Abbeville County School District, for the young people to use throughout the school year.

Abbeville High School media specialist Donnis Sleister said Thursday a teacher will load daily assignments and tests onto a computer program called Google Classroom, and then disseminated through chromebooks.

Sleister said that about 460 have been distributed among the 478 students at AHS.

Some of the students, she

said, do not need them because they are enrolled in dual enrollment programs with Piedmont Technical College, and make use of PTC online services.

In other cases, the parents of some students with varying disabilities choose not to allow their children to have them.

High school students may keep the chromebooks over the summer if the students are in good standing with the administration, and high school students may also take them home. Students in lower grades have access to them, but the instruments stay in the classroom.

A number of the chrome-

books used in lower grades have a “touch” capability, whereby students can touch the chromebook screen to use the instrument rather than having to use a keyboard.

The Abbeville County School District was one of the last districts in the area to get chromebooks, according to Sleister.

“Greenwood’s had them for the last four or five years,” she said.

Initially, AHS had “rolling carts” of chromebooks for classes to share.

“This is our third year of assigning them to the students,” she said.

National Night Out program set for CF

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls Town Police Department, along with the Town’s victims advocacy program, will be presenting on Thursday, August 25, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in downtown Calhoun Falls a National Night Out program called “Kids, Cops and Community,” said Zara Hudson, Town of Calhoun Falls Victim Advocate.

The event will feature hot

dogs, chips and drinks for kids, and there will also be a dunking booth, as well as face painting, “corn hole with Cops,” and music, and a performance by an area dance team.

Various agencies will be represented, including DSS, Abbeville County Sheriff’s Office, SAFE HOME, and Glover’s AME missionary department.

Savannah Grill, a restau-

ranton Cox Avenue, is sponsoring the dunking booth.

The event is free to the public, said Hudson, who noted that it is in keeping with the effort to build a safer community.

For more information, one may call Hudson at 828-2091.

In case of rain, the event will move to the Calhoun Falls Civic Center.

Abbeville Artist Guild celebrating 20th anniversary

Submitted by
Jane Agan

In celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Abbeville Artist Guild we are displaying in the Welcome Center a project that was started in 2009.

The Artist Guild sponsored a Mosaic project for 4 years. This was a collaboration of 12 local artist’s impression of different scenes in Abbeville (Trinity Church, the Livery Stable, the cycle shop on South Main and a bridge in rural Abbeville County). For 2 years a 4 by 3 foot photo was taken of the subject and then cut up into 12 pieces. Twelve local artists took a piece and created an original artwork. The 12 pieces were re-assembled into a mosaic

and copies were made for sale. The original artwork was sold at auction. The other 2 years 12 local artists painted the same location and posters were made with all 12 pictures.

The Artist Guild has been a part of the local community for 20 years. We have provided art events such as Art on the Square; Art’oberfest; Evening of Art; Picture This! A Day in Abbeville; Community Photo Contest and workshops. Most recently we have help with the Spring Festival, Hogs and Hen and Juneteenth. We sponsored a Hide and Seek Art day.

We support the school’s art programs and encourage children to express themselves in positive ways through art. We highlight the youth’s artwork at art shows

and provide cash awards. These art shows give the youth an outlet to express their artistic abilities.

We seek to enrich our community and promote growth through education and active participation in the arts and exhibition of all forms of art.

The Artist Guild has taken on the responsibility of keeping a display in the Abbeville Welcome Center so that visitors will have an exhibit to view.

The Artist Guild looks forward to continuing to promote the arts and providing a cultural art opportunity for residents of Abbeville County and the surrounding area. expand into other products in order to continue to stimulate more growth.”

Fisher Barns named to Inc. 5000 List of Fastest-Growing Privately Held US Companies

Submitted by
Marvin Fisher
Co-Owner of Fisher Barns

Blue Mountain Hay, a shed builder headquartered in Abbeville, South Carolina, has been named to Inc. Magazine’s 2022 Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing privately-owned companies in the United States. The company was ranked #4230 on the list with a three-year revenue growth rate of 109% for the period from 2018-2021.

Founded in 2003, Fisher Barns has seen expanded growth in the recent years. In addition to simple sheds and storage buildings, their product lines have grown to include prefabricated garages, cabin shells, horse barns, dog kennels, outdoor kitchens, children’s playhouses, lawn furniture, and more.

Marvin Fisher, co-owner of Fisher Barns, summarized

the company’s growth by saying, “The growth we experienced as a company was greater than expected. Going into the year, we had very modest projections; however, we far exceeded those projections.”

Marvin credits the company’s growth to 3 main factors: product availability, competitive pricing, and an energized local economy. Fisher Barns focused on their products that were the most profitable. From there, the production team worked to simplify work processes and become more efficient. By focusing on fewer types of products and becoming more streamlined in their workflow, Fisher Barns was able to produce a larger volume of products. Plus, interested shoppers are able to request a quote for a building on their website, which now includes 3D Shed and 3D Horse Barn designer tools that allow shoppers to create and

save customized building designs. The company also lists all in-stock buildings on their website, enabling website visitors to see the specific buildings available at every sales location.

A wide network of physical sales locations has also allowed more customers to see buildings for themselves and enjoy the in-person buying experience. Fisher Barns has sales locations throughout South Carolina, including in Abbeville, Anderson, and Greenwood.

We also have several dealer locations in South Carolina including the towns of Hodges, Greenville, and Liberty, South Carolina.

Looking to the future, Fisher commented, “We hope to maintain the efficiency and profitability we have currently, and at the same time look for ways to expand into other products in order to continue to stimulate more growth.”

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AHS Panthers defeat McCormick, 40-3

By Henry E. Green

AHS quarterback Zay Rayford tossed three touchdown passes, as Abbeville High School defeated McCormick High School 40-3 in varsity football action Friday night in McCormick. It was the season opener for Abbeville, which improved to 1-0 with the victory over the 1-A, non-Region opponent. AHS took command through the air and on the ground in the game. The Panthers will now face 3-A powerhouse Powdersville, which will visit Abbeville this coming Friday

night in a match-up slated for 7:30 p.m.

AHS drew first blood Friday night with a four yard run by quarterback Zay Rayford with 6:34 left in the first period. The score came at the end of an eight-play, 61 yard drive.

Rayford connected with Altavious Patterson on a 70 yard touchdown pass play in the second quarter.

Other AHS scores came on a 20 yard touchdown pass from Rayford to Jay Hill, a 28 yard run by Jha'Louis Haddon, and a 21 yard touchdown pass from Ray-

ford to Haddon.

McCormick's only points came in the first half, on a 28 yard field goal.

Friday night's game was delayed at least 20 minutes due to an injury to a McCormick player in the third quarter.

The game was delayed at least half an hour, and an ambulance was called. When play resumed, there was a running clock for the remainder of the game.

AHS finished with 341 yards of total offense, according to published reports.



The Abbeville High School Panthers (in white jerseys) defeated McCormick 40-3 Friday night in McCormick. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Season's greetings Coaches Jamie Nickles, Vic Lollis talk about Abbeville, Dixie football

By Henry E. Green

Dixie High School football coach Vic Lollis and Abbeville High School coach Jamie Nickles were the guest speakers at a recent meeting of the Abbeville Rotary Club, taking a long, hard look at their upcoming seasons.

The coaches' presentations were in keeping with a long running Abbeville Rotary Club tradition. Every year the coaches at Abbeville, Dixie and Calhoun Falls come to Rotary to preview their seasons.

This year, Calhoun Falls Charter coach Zak Theus was not able to attend, but Lollis and Nickles covered topics ranging from injuries to key players to the justice of private schools, with their ability to recruit, playing in the same league as public schools without that ability.

Nickles noted that the chemistry of this year's team is not quite at the level he would like--he would like more cohesion among the players of the different classes--sophomores, seniors and the like.

The Panthers were scheduled to open their season with a trip to McCormick this past Friday night. The Chiefs, according to Nickles, have "speed everywhere."

Nickles predicted that

"we're going to struggle" in the early part of the season, with some formidable opponents, such as Powdersville..

The coaching staff has seen some changes. Coach "B.B." Belton is now the assistant coach, while Coach Tony Temple has left the staff to coach at Strom Thurmond, while the staff has welcomed newcomer Gill Cade. Former Panther running back "Qua Qua" Gilchrist works at Prysmian and also helps out with the AHS football team, and Rex Pelfrey is also a coaching staff mainstay. Tim Collins coaches the jayvees.

The team has seen some changes as well. Antonio Harrison, one of last year's leading Panther rushers, partially tore his ACL playing basketball in March, and figures to be out for much of the season.

However, the backfield has some capable individuals in the form of quarterback Zay Rayford and running backs such as Jamal Marshall.

People like J. Tinch, Kendall Barr and Addison Nickles are also expected to contribute.

Asked about the infamous brawl that ended the August 12 Greenwood Jamboree, he noted that the Panthers had already played their

segment in the Jamboree before the brawl started, and indeed were on the bus when they found out about the melee.

Lollis said that his team is slated to play a remarkably tough schedule, with the likes of Saint Joseph's and Christ Church.

The coach noted with wry humor that his troops have T-shirts bearing the message, "Home grown--not recruited."

The message was a sly dig at private schools which can recruit from a much, much wider area than public schools, and a number of public school coaches and fans have complained that this is simply not fair.

Lollis noted that his team has played in two scrimmages so far, and so far the Hornets have looked good.

The members of the team all seem to get along and to be good friends.

The Dixie stadium has been renovated, and he invited the public to come and take a look at it.

"The numbers are really good," he said, noting that the Hornets having 48 youngsters on varsity and 36 on junior varsity.

McCormick, he said, is the team to beat in Dixie's Region.



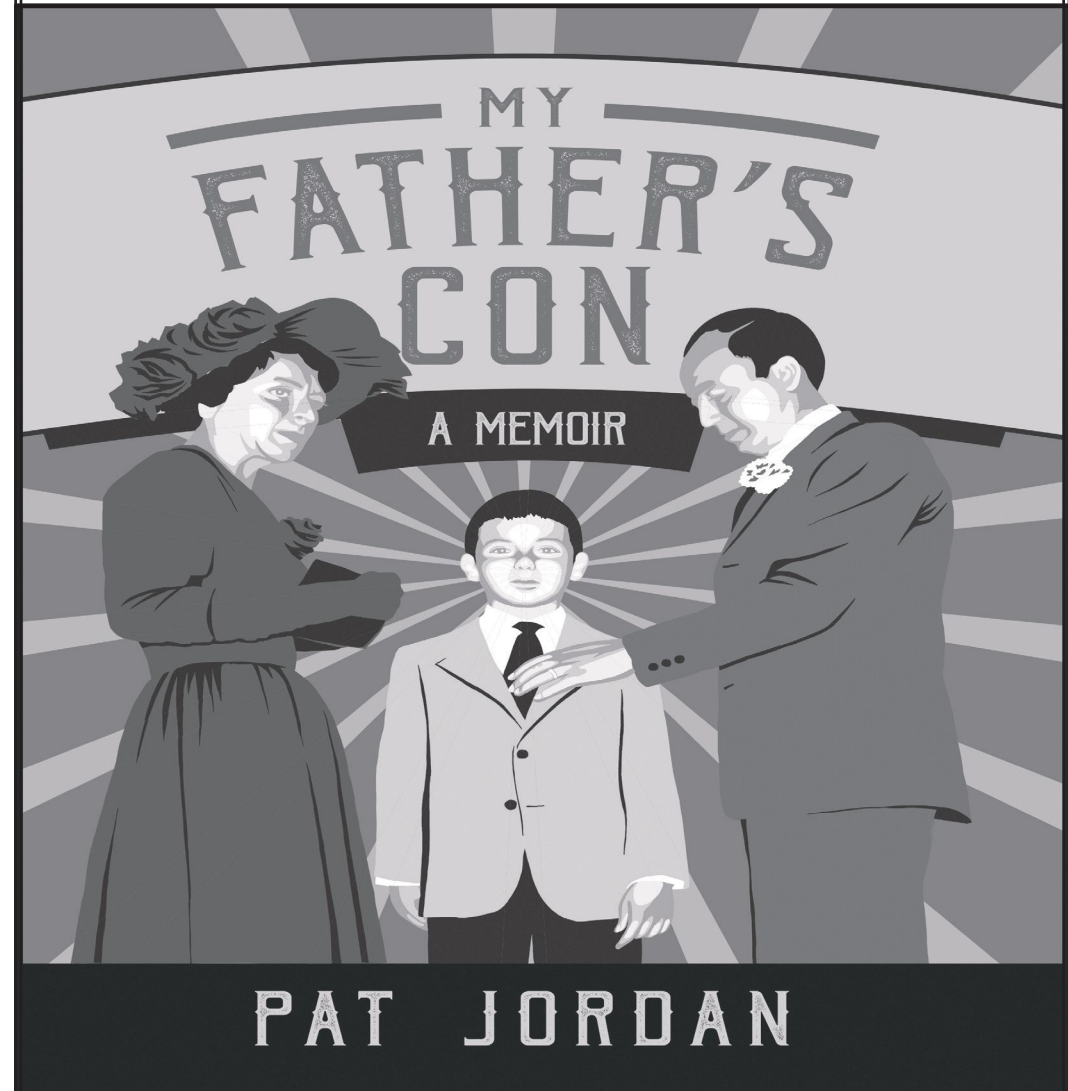
Abbeville High School football coach Jamie Nickles (left) and Dixie High School football coach Vic Lollis (right) spoke at the Abbeville Rotary Club recently about the upcoming seasons for the Panthers and Hornets. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

SAVE THE DATE September 10, 2022

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Pat Jordan has made his living as a writer since 1963. He presently lives in a small town in Upstate South Carolina with his wife of 42 years, Susan, a writer and former stage actress. They live with two dogs, a

house cat, a ménage of feral cats, and a parrot named Florence, after his mother, also a tough old bird. His father, born Pasquale Michele Giordano, was the most profound influence on his life.

***On Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 7 p.m.,** the Abbeville Press and Banner and The Belmont Inn will host a reading, Question & Answer session, and book signing with local author Pat Jordan on the publication of his new book, the memoir, "My Father's Con," in the Belmont conference room behind the bar.

The literary evening will begin at 7 p.m. with cocktails at a cash bar. At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Jordan will say a few words about his new book, then read selections from it from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. After his reading, Mr. Jordan will answer questions from the audience. After the Q&A, Mr. Jordan will be available to sign his memoir.

The price of each hardcover book is \$30, cash or check only. When the book signing concludes, he will remain to answer any further questions about his book before the evening ends.



The Abbeville High School Panthers (in white jerseys) won their season opener Friday on a trip to McCormick. AHS emerged victorious to the tune of 40-3. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Blue Flashes lose to Northside Christian

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Charter lost to Northside Christian Friday night in Calhoun Falls 27-12, in the season opener for the Blue Flashes, according to Calhoun Falls Charter head football coach Zak Theus.

"We were fairly evenly matched," he said Tuesday. "We've just got to work on some little things. I think we're definitely headed in the right direction."

De'quean Lewis caught

a touchdown pass from Ty Turman, and Kenyan Cade scored on a one-yard run for the Flashes.

Calhoun Falls Charter had two turnovers, and the Flashes made a number of little mistakes, such as holding calls and false starts-- "things that can be corrected," he said.

This coming Friday the Flashes will host a North Carolina school, Charlotte-based Palisades High School.

"They're fast, they're physical and they get after it," he said of the visitors.

He paid tribute to the Calhoun Falls Charter football team, a team which is hungry for a win, and which works hard.

"They bust their bottom for me," he said, noting that he so far is pleased with his team.

"I'm very impressed with the product we have," he said.



Abbeville High School cheerleaders held up this rather large red banner before the beginning of the AHS-McCormick football game. Seconds later, the AHS football players broke through -- and football season, for hungry Panther fans, was underway at last. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Roar of the engine

Abbevillian Tim Hall is doing very well indeed in world of drag racing

By Henry E. Green
Tim Hall has loved cars “since I was a little bitty boy.” When Tim was three years old, he got his first taste of his life’s passion. “My grand daddy bought me an electric car,” he recalled. He was hooked. Tim has loved cars ever since, and now he’s doing what he loves--racing cars--and finding considerable success with it. The Abbeville resident, who has a wife and three daughters, has won a total of 11 races in the field of drag racing, and in the process he has forged considerable bonds with his family and friends. Tim graduated from Abbeville High School in 1984, and then went into the military, but he never lost his love of automobiles, and his love of racing them. He races a 1967 Rambler American. “I bought the car off Craigslist,” he said. “I got

it from a guy in Georgia.” After purchasing the automobile in 2017, he proceeded to convert it into a vehicle fit for racing--a process which took a year, with Hall working on the project on evenings and weekends. The changes were massive--he had to learn how to use a manual transmission “drag racing” style, for example. He began racing his newly-outfitted vehicle, and initially it was very much a work in progress. His first race with his super-Rambler was in Shelby, N.C., in April, 2018. “We didn’t win anything that first year,” he said. No, that first year was an exercise in learning how to drive the car. However, the second year proved far more fruitful--Tim won his first race with his beloved Rambler. Since then, races have taken him all over the country--Ohio, Indiana, Alabama, North

Carolina, Tennessee, and beyond. When we spoke to Tim, he was on his way to a race in Kentucky. Having won five straight, he was looking for a sixth victory. He attributes his success to having a good team. His father, his mother, his brother--all of them pitch in to help make Tim’s drag racing a success. They travel in a motor home, and it is truly a family affair. Tim, meanwhile, races in events coordinated through the Southeast Gassers Association. Retired in August from the Army National Guard, and in June from the Abbeville County School District, he is pursuing his passion. “It’s a lot of fun,” he said. “I’ve raced ever since I was 16.” And he shows no sign of stopping.

Dixie Hornets lose to Pendleton, 41-9

By Henry E. Green
Dixie High School lost to Pendleton 41-9 Friday night in a non-Region contest at Pendleton, in the season opener for the Hornets, according to published reports. Dixie will host Crescent this coming Friday night at 7:30 p.m., in a non-Region contest. Hornet head football coach

Vic Lollis spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about his upcoming season, as did Abbeville High School head football coach Jamie Nickles. Lollis praised the good chemistry on the team--the Hornets all seem to be good friends. After the Crescent game, the Hornets are slated to host Greenwood Christian

on Sept. 2, visit Liberty on Sept. 9, host McCormick on Sept. 16, and then go on the road the next two weeks to play Ware Shoals and Southside Christian. Dixie will host St. Joseph’s on Oct. 7, visit Christ Church on Oct. 14, enjoy an open date and then close out the season by hosting Calhoun Falls Charter on Oct. 28.



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NOTICE OF BIDS

The Town of Calhoun Falls will accept sealed bids for its residential and business solid waste collection contract. Bids will be accepted at Calhoun Falls Town Hall until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 30, 2022 at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud. It is in the best interest of the town to select the lowest responsible and responsive bid. However, the town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to select the bid which is most advantageous to the Town of Calhoun Falls.

For more information, please contact Town Clerk Wendi Alewine with the information listed above.



A night to remember

Greenwood Jamboree stirs memories

By Henry E. Green
Everybody’s talking about it. Roughly two weeks after a brawl brought the August 12 Greenwood Jamboree to a sooner-than-anticipated conclusion, the melee continues to be a potent conversation piece, and an equally potent memory stirring stick. Abbeville High School athletic director Maggie Jameson was one of those attending the Jamboree, and shared her memories of that chaotic night in Greenwood. “I did not see much go on Friday since I was on the side of the field opposite of the fights,” she said in an e-mail last week. “I did hear the announcement about the Jamboree being cancelled and for everyone to leave, but at that point my girls were already on the bus and (our) football

(players were) already out of the stadium on the way back to Abbeville. “According to the Greenwood AD, none of the suspected people involved were from Abbeville or Abbeville students. I am not sure what caused it, but I do believe the majority of those involved were students from various Greenwood schools.” AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles said his troops had already left the stadium area when the melee began. Sergeant Josh Hood of the Greenwood County Sheriff’s Office said in an August 16 e-mail that “19 juveniles were identified and dealt with during the jamboree. We have since identified and charged two more juveniles from various videos. There are several more identified and not yet charged but they will be.

We do expect there to be more identified in the coming days. “So far we know we have individuals from Greenwood, Abbeville, McCormick, Ninety Six, and Saluda involved.” Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary was asked if the District planned to make changes in the wake of the Greenwood Jamboree incident. “We will continue our clear bag policy, elementary and middle school students must be accompanied by an adult, no standing on the asphalt areas,” he said. “Spectators need to find a seat and not congregate. Temporary fencing will be in place to keep visitors and home spectators separated. School administration and SROs will be positioned around the stadium.”


AYA opening days for football, soccer slated

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville Youth Athletics opening day for football is set for Saturday, August 27, at Abbeville High School, according to City of Abbeville Recreation Director Kevin Allen. There will be three games, with the first game beginning at 10 a.m. Kids ranging in age from seven to 12 will be participating.

Tickets are \$3 for adults, and \$2 for students, and children five and under get in free. September 10 will be opening day for Abbeville Youth Athletics soccer, to be played at Pete Smith Complex in Abbeville. There will be six games altogether, with the first game beginning at 10 a.m., and participants will include

kids ages four through 12. As with football, tickets are \$3 for adults, and \$2 for students, and children five and under get in free. Abbeville Youth Athletics is a nonprofit organization which works with the City of Abbeville to provide educational opportunities for youngsters in the Abbeville County community.


ANNOUNCEMENT



Lindsey Loparo, a representative from the South Carolina Department of Children’s Advocacy, will give a presentation on the *guardian ad litem* process in the state of South Carolina. Anyone interested in understanding the role of the Department of Children’s Advocacy or in becoming a *guardian ad litem* is encouraged to attend. The presentation is open to the general public.

The presentation will be held at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 136 SC-71, Abbeville, SC 29620 on Thursday, August 25, at 7:00 PM.

For further information, contact New Hope Presbyterian Church at (864) 366-5684.



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
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Scott, Colleagues Introduce Bill to Solidify U.S. Sanctions on Iran

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-S.C.), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), and Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.) introduced the Solidify Iran Sanctions Act (SISA) to make the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 permanent. With Iran continuing to pursue a nuclear weapon and carrying out malign activity in the Middle East, our sanctions regime is our best tool to restrain Iran’s ability to fund operations that endanger Israel, Arab partners, and even U.S. military personal.

“The United States, Israel, and our Arab partners remain concerned about the looming threat that a nuclear Iran poses to the stability of the region,” said Senator Scott. “U.S. sanctions are a necessary deterrent for this dangerous and unstable regime, which is why my bill will make the cornerstone of sanctions on Iran permanent.”

“Iran has repeatedly undertaken destabilizing activities in the Middle East. This bipartisan legislation will ensure that we contin-

ue U.S. sanctions on Iran, which are important for restraining Iran’s ability to pursue weapons and technology that threaten our national security and the safety of Israel, our strongest partner in the region,” said Senator Hassan.

“I’m pleased to be an original co-sponsor of the Solidify Iran Sanctions Act of 2022, a bill that will make permanent the Iran Sanctions Act, a cornerstone law in America’s broader sanctions program against Iran’s terror-sponsoring regime,” said Senator Hagerty. “As Iran increases its nuclear and ballistic missile threats and its support for terrorism and militancy in the Middle East, the United States should not ease sanctions and make it easier for the regime to continue its malign behavior.”

“The Iran Sanctions Act helped bring Iran to the negotiating table. For decades, Congress has extended this critical legislation on a bipartisan basis,” said Senator Rosen. “With Iran closer than ever to a nuclear weapon, I’m proud

to join my colleagues in introducing bipartisan legislation that ensures we maintain the full range of our economic and diplomatic tools to prevent Iran from ever acquiring a nuclear weapons capability.”

The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and the Foundation for Defending Democracy have expressed support for this legislation.

Background: In 1996, Congress passed the Iran Sanctions Act (ISA), which allowed the president to impose secondary sanctions on Iran’s energy sector. Throughout the years, ISA provisions were expanded to include other Iranian industries.

ISA consists of “triggers” that place sanctions on firms or entities that violate U.S. sanctions under this law. With looming uncertainty about Iran’s development of a nuclear weapon, it is essential that the United States solidifies its pivotal sanctions to apply pressure towards a rogue regime.

US House of Representatives

Rep. Duncan Condemns Passage of the “Inflation Reduction Act”

Submitted by Congressman Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C. — Congressman Jeff Duncan issued the following statement opposing the passage of the Democrats’ so-called “Inflation Reduction Act.”

“The Democrats’ so-called ‘Inflation Reduction Act’ will do nothing to address inflation but will only exacerbate the pain Americans are feeling financially by increasing government spending to fund the radical Left’s ‘Green New Deal’ agenda and continued war on American energy,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan.

“In reality, this legislation should be called the ‘Inflation Acceleration Act’ be-

cause it will drive us deeper into a recession and make matters exponentially worse for Americans dealing with the financial strain of rising costs due to unrestrained government spending. This bill is nothing more than a hyper-partisan rush-to-green wish list and socialist spending package at the expense of the American taxpayer.”

“This is the Democrats’ centerpiece legislation, and instead of protecting Americans by hiring school security officers or border control agents, they decide to double the size of the IRS and hire 87,000 IRS agents to harass hardworking American taxpayers,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan.

“This is un-American, and

our Founders would no doubt be appalled.”

“Americans cannot afford this legislation or its destructive implications from the doubling of the IRS Army, increasing our reliance on China, raising taxes on Americans and small businesses, instituting socialist price controls on medicine, allocating \$740 billion toward green energy subsidies and tax credits, and increasing taxes on energy sources, which could raise fuel costs,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan.

“I oppose this legislation that will make our nation’s energy and economic crises worse and will continue to fight back against it because of the damage this will do.”



Scott statement on Democrats’ latest Spending Spree

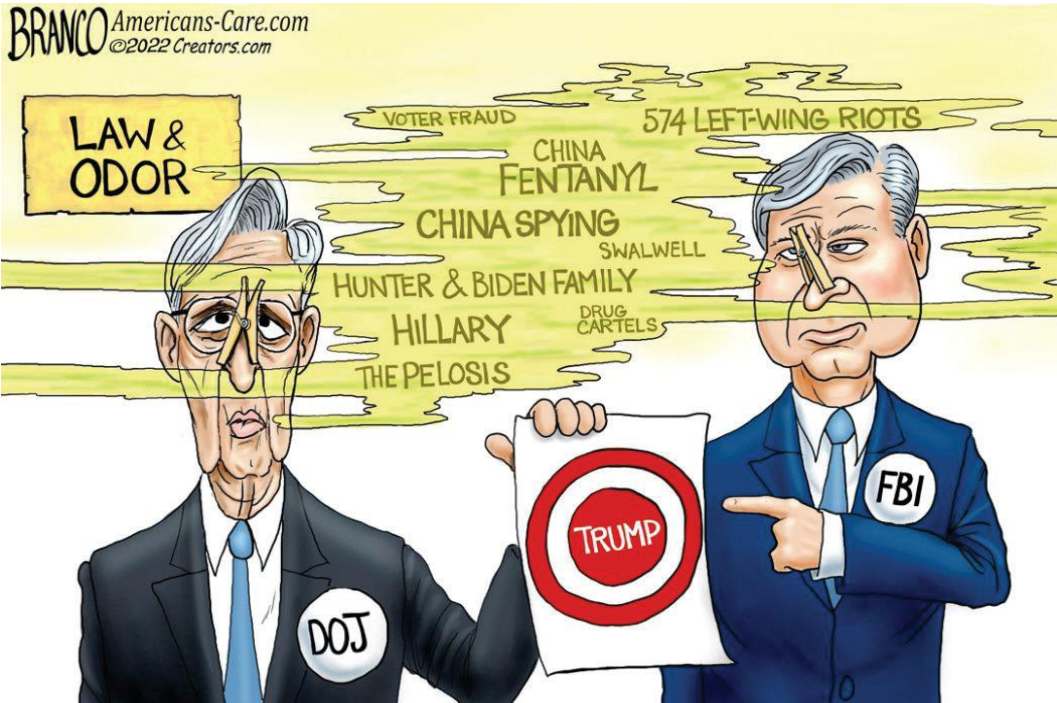
WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) released the following statement after voting against the Democrats’ latest big-government spending package.

“Today, Democrats once again tried to spend their way out of the inflation

caused—ironically—by their reckless spending. With inflation raging and our economy heading into a recession, Democrats still chose to spend money we don’t have on things Americans don’t need—and didn’t ask for. Make no mistake: this bill

will increase tax burdens on generations of Americans.

That’s why I voted ‘no’ and will continue fighting against Democrats’ economic plans that put the American Dream further out of reach for families across our nation.”



The Franklin Cover Up

By Geoff Hult

The story of the Franklin cover up is not an isolated incident. This story represents a microcosm of what was going on across America during the 80s and 90s, when much information of this nature began to come to light, as well as now. If anything, things have gotten much worse for one reason: the entire system is corrupt beyond repair, and beyond what most people care to comprehend. The word “corrupt” is actually a gross understatement. This is a glimpse into how the system really works in this country, thanks to the dedication of Vietnam veteran, former Nebraska state senator, and attorney John DeCamp.

The entirety of this story can be found in DeCamp’s book: “The Franklin Cover-Up: Child Abuse, Satanism, and Murder in Nebraska,” originally published in 1992, with a second edition in 1996. It is available online in pdf version. As well, the documentary film “Conspiracy of Silence” is a condensed version of events and can be found on brighteon.com and bitchute.com. Elements of both the Republican and Democratic parties are equally involved in this corruption, then and now, and this writing is not meant to point the finger at one party while elevating another.

Throughout the 1980s, a man named Larry King (not the talk show host) was the general manager of the Franklin Federal Credit Union in Omaha, Nebraska. King had taken over the failing credit union and helped rebuild it, establishing accounts and connections with all the powerful elements of industry in Omaha. King was also considered at the time to be a “rising star” within the Republican party and was one time leader of the National Black Republican Council. King was entrusted with millions of dollars from the wealthy and well connected within Omaha and also owned other businesses. In 1988, King was arrested and convicted for the embezzlement of 40 million dollars from the credit union, having lived a lavish lifestyle with these millions up to that point.

One entity that King developed accounts with was Boys Town, a village established in 1917 originally for orphans. Boys Town eventually took in girls as well as boys who had been abandoned, were destitute, or at risk in some way. King used a teenager named Paul Bonacci to lure and procure children and teenagers from Boys Town to bring them to parties King would host in Omaha and a house he had in Washington, DC. King’s theft from the credit union provided him the lifestyle of throwing sex parties in Omaha and Washington, DC, as well as owning planes.

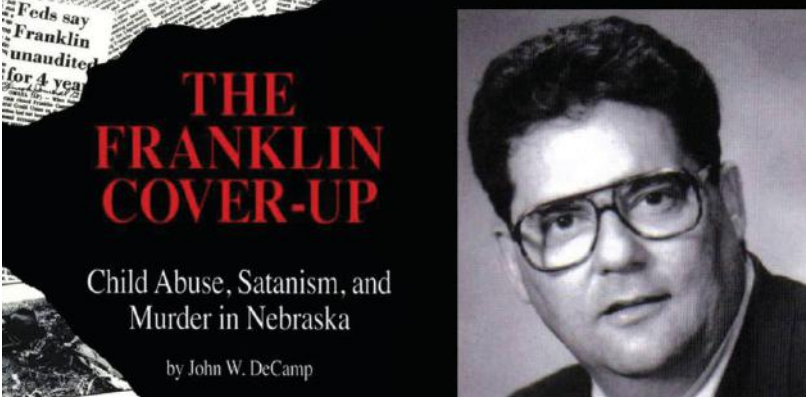
Children and teenagers were brought to King’s parties through his connections with Boys Town and sexually abused as well as given drugs. They were also flown around the country by way of his planes in a nationwide trafficking and prostitution ring for the purposes of sex and the blackmail of politi-

cians and others. King’s partners in crime in Omaha were department store billionaire Alan Baer and Peter Citron of Omaha’s newspaper, the Omaha World-Herald. Bonacci himself was a victim of sexual abuse at the hands of King and many others. According to DeCamp, the story starts in Boys Town and goes to the White House where children were used for sex, as drug couriers, for the blackmail of politicians, as well as to be used in snuff films.

Allegations of these crimes eventually began to surface and Carol Stitt, of the Foster Care Review Board, handed the reports over to authorities but nothing happened.

regarding the media’s coverage: “The whole purpose of the stories was to destroy the credibility of the youths” and that they “...never looked for anything that would support the allegations.”

Regarding the FBI’s involvement with this case, DeCamp states in the aforementioned film “Conspiracy of Silence” the following: “You literally have to have bricks for brains to take on the FBI in this country, and that’s exactly what you have to do to do this properly. They now, in my opinion, in my investigation, are the architects of the cover up.” And also, in another area of the film states: “Obviously the FBI was protecting some-



John DeCamp (1941-2017)

She stated that the reports were not pursued because the allegations coming from the children involved powerful pedophiles from industry, the media, politicians, and the Omaha PD. She reported the stories to elements within the Nebraska Legislature and private investigators Gary Caradori and Karen Ormiston were hired to investigate. They found story after story of the same thing of children being sexually abused by powerful elements within Omaha and Washington, DC. Interviews with Bonacci as well as Alisha Owen by Caradori can be found online. Alisha Owen and Paul Bonacci were the only two children who refused to recant their stories as all the others were intimidated into silence by the perpetrators themselves with threats of murdering them and/or their families if they talked. They were also intimidated into silence by local and federal law enforcement with perjury charges and jail if they did not recant their stories of abuse at the hands of the wealthy and well connected.

Alisha Owen’s brother was in fact murdered because of her refusal to recant and she was eventually sent to prison for 4 and 1/2 years for “perjury.” Owen claimed she was sexually abused by Omaha police chief Robert Wadman multiple times. As well, King’s photographer Rusty Nelson testified to the District Court that he witnessed Wadman sexually abusing children at King’s parties.

Investigator Gary Caradori was dedicated to the truth on these matters and he traveled to Chicago to obtain crucial evidence from Rusty Nelson. On his return trip, his single engine plane crashed in a cornfield in Illinois on July 11th, 1990, killing him and his eight-year-old son. All of his documentation relating to the case was missing as well as the FBI confiscating all his material from his office in Nebraska. State senator Loran Schmit had earlier contacted attorney and former colleague John DeCamp on how to proceed. DeCamp immediately suggested handing over all evidence and allegations to the FBI. After this, the media came out in a bold campaign to discredit all the witnesses to this abuse and painted the victims as criminals. Carol Stitt stated

erful and wealthy individuals associated with these politicians in the political system, up to and including the highest political people in the entire country.”

John DeCamp also happened to be friends with former CIA director William Colby, with whom a conversation is recounted in the foreword of his book. Colby encouraged DeCamp to be very careful prior to his writing of the book while pursuing this matter and matters like it. He knew full well harm could come to DeCamp but also let him know that publicity, by way of a book, could help protect him and his family. Colby passed DeCamp’s evidence to a senior lawyer in the Justice Department and later died in 1996 in what was officially ruled a canoeing accident. Many believe Colby’s death to be a professional hit because the location where his body was found had already been searched multiple times before it suddenly showed up.

Alisha Owen and Paul Bonacci have never recanted their stories, even under threat of jail or death. Bonacci was eventually awarded a 1 million dollar settlement against Larry King with DeCamp as his attorney. Larry King served 10 years for embezzlement of funds from the credit union but all the allegations of child abuse and the murder of children was never pursued by the establishment at any level. DeCamp stated that all that is needed for these crimes to flourish in this country is for the media, law enforcement, and the judicial system to be compromised and beholden to serving the interests of the ruling class instead of the people or the institution of Justice.

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