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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.”



Abbeville First was named Business of the Year during the Abbeville High School athletic banquet held recently at Erskine. Accepting on behalf of the bank was Andy Timmerman (center), and presenting the honor were AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson (left) and AHS principal Dr. Adam Lanford (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Memorial Day day of remembrance

By Henry E. Green

Memorial Day is coming up—a time to remember those who have given their lives in United States military service.

“Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces,” according to Wikipedia. “The holiday is celebrated on the last Monday in May.”

According to www.va.gov, Memorial Day evolved from a ceremony on May 5, 1866, in Waterloo, N.Y., to honor local veterans who had fought in the Civil War. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson and Congress de-

clared Waterloo the “birthplace” of Memorial Day.

Here in Abbeville County, a number of groups are planning programs.

American Legion Post 2 is planning to have a program on May 31 at 10 am in front of the Abbeville County Courthouse in Abbeville.

Later in the day there will be a veterans program at the veterans monument in Calhoun Falls at 11 a.m., American Legion Post 72 commander Mike Brandt said Wednesday.

Presented by American Legion Post 72, the program will feature a speaker, State Rep. Craig Gagnon, Brandt said.

The program will also include a veterans ceremony featuring the Missing in

Action table, symbolizing “all the people who have not come back home” from conflicts in which the United States has been engaged.

“COVID-19 protocols will be in place as far as social distancing,” he said. In keeping with CDC guidelines, mask wearing is optional for the fully vaccinated.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 54 in Due West will be holding their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on Memorial Day, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Main Street and Strong Circle in Due West, according to Due West Town Council member Marty Yannarella. The guest speaker will be Congressman Jeff Duncan, Yannarella said.

Millage hike proposed

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County School District Trustee Buster Taylor announced Tuesday night at the school board meeting that he plans to resign from the board as of the end of September.

Taylor has been on the board for the better part of three decades.

“I just felt like it’s time to go home,” he told the board.

Also Tuesday night, the board passed first reading on the 2021-2022 budget, which includes a proposed millage increase of 5.88 mills.

Trustees Buster Taylor, Keith Dunn, Adam Rich and David Brooks voted in opposition.

“As you can see, it is not balanced, it does include a millage increase and two ‘steps’ for classified employees and one step for certified employees,” said District finance director Roni Scott Tuesday before the

meeting.

“Classified employees (those who are not certified to teach or are in a position that does not require certification) did not receive a step in fiscal year 2020-2021. Certified employees will receive a one-time payment for their 2020-2021 step increase in the next few weeks.

“The General Assembly passed legislation to give teachers a step increase for the current fiscal year last month and provided some funding for the teachers’ step increase in our May allocation,” she said.

In other matters, the board listened to a presentation from Scott Kilgore of Radium Architecture on plans for a weight room/locker room/wrestling building at Dixie.

The board agreed on some revisions to basic plans for the building. The next step is to finalize the design before putting it out for bid.

Site work has begun on the new press boxes for Abbeville and Dixie.

There was also a Cognia accreditation update. Cognia used to be called SACS, and there is expected to be a virtual visit from the accreditation organization in the fall of this year.

The visit is expected Oct. 31-Nov. 3, District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary told the board.

In the Gold Star Highlights segment, five students were recognized—three for attaining a special welding certification, and two for high schools on “bi-literacy” exams.

Also Tuesday night, the board:

--Approved a number of contract recommendations from the administration

-Approved a memorandum of agreement extending Dr. Gary’s contract until June 30, 2023.

Taylor bound for WCT

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County Assistant County Director/Economic Development Director Stephen Taylor is going to work with West Carolina Tel, according to the County Economic Development Office.

Taylor will be the Community Affairs and Economic Development Strategist with the cooperative.

The Calhoun Falls native, who now resides in Abbeville, said Tuesday he will begin working with West Carolina on June 28. He

has been working with Abbeville County five and one half years.

“It’s been a pleasure working with Abbeville County and I’m excited about the new opportunity,” he said Tuesday.

Graduations for AHS, Dixie set this weekend

By Henry E. Green

It’s graduation time again, and Abbeville and Dixie high schools will be presenting graduation programs this weekend.

The Dixie High School graduation will take place at 6:00 on May 28 at the Galloway Center on the campus of Erskine College, said Dixie principal Paul Prescott.

“Our valedictorian is Makinsie Ware,” he said. “Amanda Graber is the salutatorian. The top four students in the Class of 2021 will be the featured speakers. This includes

Makinsie, Amanda, Mauryn Campbell, and Samuel Parnell. Dr. Mason Gary, (junior/senior guidance counselor) Caroline McKinsey, and Paul Prescott will present diplomas to the graduates. (Assistant principal) Brian Milford will read the names of the graduates.”

“We have 69 candidates for graduation this year,” Prescott said.

Abbeville High School will have its graduation exercises at 10 a.m. on May 29 at Lander’s Finis Horne Arena. “We have 111 graduates at AHS,” said AHS guidance counselor Sandy Scott.

The entire ceremony will be student-led, Scott said, noting that the program will include a procession, welcome, pledge, prayer, alma mater, and recessional.

Following tradition, AHS will have three honor speakers—valedictorian Matthew Hughes, salutatorian Anna Beth Smith, and third honor speaker Caroline Scott.

Calhoun Falls Charter will have its graduation program on Friday, June 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Fulmer Stadium.

More details on the Calhoun Falls graduation will be provided in June 2 edition of The Press and Banner.



Timothy Collins was recognized as the Volunteer of the Year during a recent Abbeville High School athletic banquet. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Abbeville City Council

Resolution helps clear path for renovation

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council on Wednesday night passed a resolution allowing for the issuance of bonds which will finance the renovation of housing in the City.

The resolution, in the words of City spokesman Mike Clary, “is dealing with a Bond Issuance through the Housing Authority that will be used to renovate Hickory Heights and Oakland Apartments. This is being done by a private development group.”

The resolution describes how the City Council created a municipal housing authority within the City known as the Housing Authority of the City of Abbeville, South Carolina, or Abbeville Housing Authority. However, the Housing Authority does not have a program for the issuance of bonds to finance certain projects.

The Housing Authority

of the City of Spartanburg has established a program for the issuance of revenue bonds, and the Abbeville Housing Authority “desires to authorize the Spartanburg Housing Authority to issue bonds for certain projects within the territorial boundaries of the Abbeville Housing Authority.”

The City Council held a public hearing prior to the resolution being considered, the resolution states.

Upon consideration of the Housing Authority’s requests, the “City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the City that the City Council approve the proposal of the Spartanburg Housing Authority to issue Bonds to finance Projects within the territorial limits of the Abbeville Housing Authority.”

The resolution notes a “shortage of safe or sanitary

dwelling accommodations in the City of Abbeville available to persons of low income at rentals they can afford.”

These conditions can be remedied through the exercise of the Spartanburg Housing Authority of its power to issue multifamily housing revenue bonds for “the Project.”

The bonds will be payable by the Spartanburg Housing Authority solely, the resolution states.

“The Bonds will not constitute a charge against the general credit of the City of Abbeville, the Abbeville Housing Authority, the Spartanburg Housing Authority or the State or the taxing powers or either the City or the State.”

“Neither the State nor the City of Abbeville shall be liable on the Bonds.”



State Rep. Craig Gagnon (right) provided to Abbeville Rotarians recently an update on the General Assembly. Among his listeners was Abbeville Rotary Club president John Andrew Bishop (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Gagnon provides update on legislature

By Henry E. Green

This calendar year of 2021 will be a significant one for the General Assembly in terms of redistricting, following the 2020 Census, according to State Rep. Craig Gagnon, who spoke to Abbeville Rotarians Thursday.

The General Assembly will be busy later this year, as legislature members work on redistricting in view of the changes that have taken place, as reflected by last year's Census.

"There are places around the state that have grown tremendously," he said.

In view of that population growth, the size of a House

district could grow from approximately 38,000 to approximately 42,000.

In fact, there is indeed redistricting work to do. In September and October, "we'll be down there (in Columbia) every week," he said, quoting one prediction.

In addition to redistricting, the General Assembly faces the question of what to do about Santee Cooper, the state-owned utility.

Gagnon also talked about a bill, H.3094, that the House passed and that he voted for--Open Carry With Training Act.

This bill, which becomes law 90 days after Governor McMaster's signature,

allows law-abiding citizens to openly carry a firearm, according to Gagnon's State House Report.

The Governor has already signed the bill, which is expected to go into effect in mid-August.

Gagnon, a Republican, represents State House District 11 in the General Assembly, and has done so since 2012.

Gagnon and his wife Robin live on Church Street in Abbeville with their dog Annie.

Originally from Lowell, Massachusetts, Gagnon is a chiropractor with an office in Abbeville. He has lived in Abbeville since 1985.

CF to get \$710,000 from relief bill funds

By Henry E. Green

The Town of Calhoun Falls will receive a total of \$710,000 from the American Rescue Plan, the \$1.9 trillion federal emergency relief bill passed in March of this year, according to a resolution which Calhoun Falls Town Council passed when it met Monday.

The bill provides \$65.1 billion to municipal governments, according to the resolution, which states that half of the funds going to Calhoun Falls will be distributed by the end of May and the rest distributed in 12 months.

The funds may be used to respond to the COVID public health emergency, and respond to workers performing essential work during the emergency.

The funds may also be used to "provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year prior to the emergency."

Finally, they may be used

to make "necessary investments in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure."

Also Monday night, Calhoun Falls Town Council passed first reading to adopt a budget beginning July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2022.

The ordinance allows the Town to levy a "total unchanged tax rate" of 145 mills on the assessed value of all real and personal property within the Town.

The proposed ordinance must pass through a second reading before taking effect.

Also Monday night, Council passed a resolution authorizing the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce to manage the operations of the Farmer's Market facility.

The Farmers Market facility, located on Tugaloo Street, is the property of the Town, the resolution states.

The resolution goes on to say that the Chamber will be responsible for managing the market.

The Chamber will be responsible for scheduling the rental of slots and the collecting of fees associated

with the rental of those slots.

The Chamber will also be responsible for the rental of the facility during non-scheduled Farmers Market events and the collection of fees associated with those rentals.

All fees collected will be used to support the operation of the Farmers Market facility. This will include the hiring of a part time person to directly manage the daily scheduled Farmers Market events.

The Town will provide the initial \$750 to hire a part-time Farmers Market manager for the 2021 market season.

The position will oversee the daily operations of the farmers market with a description of duties outlined by the Chamber.

All fees collected from the rental and use of the market will be used by the Chamber to cover the cost of maintaining a part time manager on site.

Council member Wane Postell was absent from the meeting.

Coalition plans Blast

By Henry E. Green

Freedom Blast is scheduled to be held on June 26 at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., according to information from the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition, which is presenting the event.

The event, for which there is no admission charge, will

feature games, food and vendors, and fireworks as well.

Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring chairs and flashlights.

Providing live music will be the Clay Page Band.

Freedom Blast is typically held right before the Fourth of July. Last year's Blast was canceled due to COVID.

The gathering is one of a number of events presented by the Coalition, which seeks to highlight the recreational and tourism opportunities of Lake Russell.

The Coalition earlier this year, for example, held the Lake Russell Hustle, a 5K event at the Blue Hole recreation area.

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Adult education holds graduation ceremony

By Henry E. Green

Highlighting the power of what Abbeville County Adult Education coordinator Deborah Ayers calls second chances, Abbeville County adult education held its graduation program Thursday evening at the family life center of the South Side Baptist Church in Abbeville.

A total of 38 individuals, ranging in age from 17 to 43, were recognized as having completed the program.

Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Gary was the keynote speaker, drawing on a well-known Bible story for inspiration.

Dr. Gary told the story of Joseph, a story which he said was highlighted by the "four Ps."

"He and his brothers had a falling out," the Superintendent said, noting that Joseph's brothers put him in a pit.

That was the first P. The second came in the form of Potiphar, the Egyptian official for whom Joseph became a slave after he was taken to Egypt.

Potiphar's wife lied about Joseph, leading the Israelite to be thrown into the third P--Prison.

"A lot of folks with three strikes would stop right there," said the Superintendent.

However, Joseph eventually left prison, rising to become a very important person in the Egyptian government. In other words, he achieved the fourth, triumphant P--Prominence.

Joseph, the Superintendent said, saw every situation as an avenue for service--something which could provide a lesson for all of us.

"View what life sends your way as an opportunity to serve," he said. "Enjoy what you do and you'll never work

a day in your life."

Dr. Gary is a member of Honea Path Baptist Church, where he has served as a deacon and a Sunday School teacher.

The retired superintendent of Anderson County School District Three, Dr. Gary is married, has three children, and lives on an Anderson County farm which was established in 1851.

"This is the best adult education program I've ever seen," he said.

Ayers provided a welcome, praising Dr. Gary and Abbeville County Adult Education director Skip Hopkins for their support of adult education.

"Their support of adult education is phenomenal," Ayers said.

Adrian Rogers of Piedmont Technical College, accompanied by Pleshette Elmore of PTC, spoke to the graduating students to tell them about a PTC scholarship opportunity available to them--up to \$500 was theirs for the taking.

"Each one of you has been handed \$500 if you'll take advantage of it," Ayers told the graduates.

Thursday night's program highlighted the stories which the graduates had to tell, stories of perseverance, stories in which the graduates expressed gratitude to their loved ones for their support, gratitude which was voiced when Ayers gave graduates a chance to speak.

Among the comments: "First of all I want to thank God."

"I want to thank my family."

It was very much a family-oriented affair. At least one graduate was accompanied by their children.

Certificates were provided to graduates from 2019-2020 school year as well as 2020-2021, as last year's

graduation program was canceled due to COVID.

Other highlights included the recognition provided to Suzanne Sherard, who is retiring as a teacher in the adult education program after six years of service.

In addition, graduate Kathleen Rose Yoder was recognized for having had a perfect score on one section of the GED--something which is very rare, Ayers said.



Abbeville County Adult Education held its annual graduation program on Thursday, May 20, at South Side Baptist Church in Abbeville. Here are some of the soon-to-be graduates as they waited for that walk across the stage. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Abbeville Spring Festival

by Lamar T. West, Sr.

Abbeville Spring Festival!
How does one measure the success of the Abbeville Spring Festival?

If the festival's success is measured by attendance, the 2021 Abbeville Spring Festival seemed to be a success.

If measured by the number of people riding carnival rides, the 2021 Abbeville Spring Festival seemed to be a success.

If measured by food sold by vendors on the square, the 2021 Abbeville Spring Festival seemed to be a success.

If success is measured by money collected by the City from carnival rides and vendors, the 2021 Abbeville Spring Festival was probably a success, but that has yet to be determined and published.

If success is measured by local, tax paying business license holders for 2021, Abbeville Spring Festival's success has yet to be determined. For some, the Abbeville Spring Festival was a total bust and resulted in a substantial loss in revenue.

When our City Council will not work with local merchants to ensure these merchants' business needs are top priority for success, something is wrong.

Entrepreneurs and potential business owners may very well recognize this as a problem Abbeville has, as we do have trouble attracting new

businesses to our Square. All one must do is take a walk around downtown and peer into store windows to get a sense of just how many buildings are empty on our beautiful, historic Square.

Abbeville Hardware, which has been growing under new ownership, was virtually closed by misplaced road barriers during this year's Spring Festival. In the past, the City has closed South Main Street at the alley between the hardware store and the back of Edith's building. This allowed customers of the hardware store to enter and depart with relative ease.

This year, just following the devastating effects done to the small business community by coronavirus, the City of Abbeville decided to move some road barriers and close the south entrance and dispatcher drive-thru to Abbeville Hardware.

Why?
Next year's Spring Festival will mark the 40th anniversary of the event. The City of Abbeville has changed quite a lot in the past 40 years, and as far as local commerce is concerned, not for the best.

Back in 1982, the Square featured a great number of successful businesses: Belk Simpson, Abbeville's anchor store on the north end, The Ladies' Shoppe, Selections by Rachael, Pollakoff Department Store, Abbeville Drug Store, Savitz Drug Store, Murphy Jewelry and Ace

Hardware. Today it seems that many of the remaining businesses that are open have moved off the Square.

The Spring Festival's founders did not find it necessary to close off all commerce on the Square. Historically, the festival opened with a parade that traveled down North Main Street and onto the west side of the Square. South Main Street, along with East and West Pickens Streets, remained open for traffic.

In 1984, there were more than 90 entries in the Abbeville Spring Festival parade featuring a rather large contingency of local involvement. Ten homes throughout Abbeville, including the Burt-Stark Mansion, were included on a tour of homes. Abbeville was involved and took pride in those festivals.

We do hope the Abbeville Spring Festival's 40th year anniversary is a success, but we hope it is a success for all of our local merchants. Our local merchants are here all year-round, day in and day out.

We are not sure how many city council members are local merchants. Abbeville city council or city administration could ask the Abbeville Merchants Association to confer with merchants and make some recommendations to Council as to street closures.

Before the 40th year anniversary, let's do what we can to get it right!

County Council votes to borrow

by Lamar T. West, Sr.

County Council voted to borrow up to \$2 million dollars during a special called meeting. In the preceding (regular) meeting of County Council, Council voted to table the issue for further study.

Then, a week or so later, Council was persuaded to vote, and they unanimously went forward with the bond issue.

We hope each Council member has studied the bond and knows exactly where the money is going and exactly how much borrowing said money will cost.

While borrowing money for necessary large purchases seems to be the norm in American society, should it be the norm for government?

Borrowing the money, if necessary, also allows those who will benefit for the purchase to pay for the purchase. Surely if there is an emergency the County should have a contingency fund or borrow money to pay for emergency spending.

The big question is, what constitutes an emergency? What can we not do today

that we can do tomorrow after we borrow the money?

In the case at hand, what can we do more safely tomorrow than we can do today after the money is borrowed?

We understand the \$2 million dollars is being borrowed to purchase, in part, equipment needed for the protection of volunteers of the 13 fire stations around Abbeville County.

What we do not know is if the new equipment is to replace equipment that needs to be replaced because it has been worn out from use or because it enables our volunteer firemen to be safer with new technology.

We do know the self-contained breathing apparatuses are being replaced because they are out of compliance.

We are not sure what out of compliance means. Out of compliance with whom? The federal government, the state government, county government or perhaps insurance companies?

Make NO mistake. We want our volunteer firemen to be as safe as possible. We hope these new air packs

save lives, but we also hope they will never need to be used and they don't go out of compliance before they need to be replaced again.

The counties borrowing the money (via bond issue) require county taxes to be used to pay back the debt.

The people within the protection of the fire departments within their respective municipalities should not be responsible for the debt.

We pay city taxes for this protection, so by way of this bond, we are going to be double taxed.

When the different municipalities purchase items for local fire departments, should they request money from County Council?

We believe most, if not all, of the items covered under this new bond could have been paid for by the near \$5 million dollars we are supposed to receive as Covid-19 relief money from Uncle Sam's multi-trillion-dollar deficit spending; yet another loan made by the working people of The United States and a topic we could explore at great length at another time.

Letters

Letter to the Editor

I have one question and one question only. The dictionary says the definition of A CITY COUNCIL is the following: the responsibility of a city council member involves determining city government and legislation.

City Council Members ARE public officials ELECTED or appointed to REPRESENT THEIR DISTRICT. They are tasked with representing the INTERESTS of their CONSTITUENTS.

Here is the question I am asking... How many of us in EACH district were asked their opinion or concerns about extending Abbeville

City Manager's contract for another three (3) years? How many were asked?

I have heard NOTHING but complaints against him since it was our City Manager's decision alone to fire the Opera House director in 2020 over a rant on Facebook that A WOMAN FROM IOWA (a woman he had never met or even spoken to) made online. Also, complaints have arisen over his decision about creating an unnecessary blockade of Abbeville Hardware Store's entrance during the Spring Festival.

YET, after the City Council Meeting held on May 12 and during the executive session (which is held behind closed

doors) the Council voted to extend his contract another three (3) years.

Why?
Why were WE not aware of this? Can they NOT post on Abbeville City Facebook that this position was up for evaluation and they needed our input? Or even an article published in the newspaper alerting us? Or even placed on Marquee?

We need to make our council members aware that WE elected them and WE WANT TO HAVE A VOICE in these decisions.

How many were asked is my ONLY question.

— Janet Smith

**Editor's note: It is not the job of City Council to request input from their constituents on contractual decisions. Although City Council should keep an "ear to the ground" and listen to the people who elected them, it is up to the people to express their concerns. City Council should have more information than does "John Q. Public" pertaining to the job the city manager is performing. As is the United States Congress, the Abbeville City Council is a republic form of government and not a democracy. We do appreciate all letters to the editor and the show of interest and concern by all citizens.*

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Suicide awareness event set in Ware Shoals

By Henry E. Green

There will be a suicide awareness program on the Town Square in Ware Shoals on Friday, June 4, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., according to Fred West of Donalds.

The event is being presented by friends and family of a young man who committed suicide at Ware Shoals High

School several weeks ago.

There will be speakers, and there will be a blood mobile, and a raffle. The speakers will include friends of the family.

"We're selling wristbands," he said.

The proceeds from the event will be given to the young man's family to help defray funeral expenses.

Hot dogs will be sold, and the raffle gifts will include a gas grill, a chartered fishing trip, and gift certificates from a number of local restaurants, West continued.

"We'll be taking donations at the event," he added.

For more information, one may contact Stephanie West at 864-344-9427.



Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards (right) presented a proclamation recently to Abbeville merchant Andrew Hartsfield (left), celebrating Andrew's friendship with his devoted canine Pendleton (down at the bottom of the picture). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

City, County develop agreement on boat

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council voted Wednesday night to pass a resolution authorizing the City to enter into an inter-governmental agreement with Abbeville County for dock inspections at Lake Secession.

Abbeville County has reached out to the City for assistance to continue operating their dive squad at Lake Secession, the resolution states.

The County has requested assistance with purchasing a new motor for their boat to allow for the continued operation of the program, the resolution continues.

Abbeville County has offered to utilize its dive team to conduct dock inspections as part of the agreement to assist with the motor of the boat, the resolution continues.

Council took the action following a presentation by dive team member Marty Thomas.

Abbeville County had reached out to City Council for monetary assistance concerning the motor of the boat.

Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone said Friday that an agreement with the County on the matter is being developed.

Abbeville County Director David Garner indicated that the dive team boat will be on the June County Council meeting agenda in connection with plans for its repair.

The boat, which belongs to the County, needs a new motor.

The County initially asked the City for about \$7,500--about half the cost of a new motor, Garner continued.

The dive team operates under the County emergency services department, the County Director continued. "It's just the motor that needs to be replaced," said Garner.

MASC official speaks

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville's form of municipal government is the most prevalent nationally, an official with the Municipal Association of South Carolina told Abbeville City Council Wednesday night.

The Municipal Association is a nonprofit organization that was established in the 1930s, at a time when cities were very dependent on the states, Jeff Shacker told Council.

Giving cities in South Carolina a voice, the Municipal Association has grown considerably since its establishment.

Advocacy on behalf of cities in South Carolina is a big part of what the Association does,

and the organization has other services as well.

"We do a good bit of education and training," he said.

The Association offers considerable training for municipal officials throughout South Carolina.

"I'm just there to be a resource for the cities and towns," he said.

Various forms of government are available to municipalities throughout the Palmetto State.

Abbeville has the council-manager form of government, and the city council has the legislative role, with the manager occupying the executive spot.

"Council's job is to make major decisions," he said.

Abbeville is one of 271 cities in South Carolina, the largest

of which is Charleston, and the smallest is Smyrna.

Abbeville is one of 33 South Carolina municipalities using the city-manager form of government, but this form of government is the most prevalent nationally.

There is a strict separation of powers. The manager appoints the town clerk, for example, and the council elects a mayor pro tem every two years, said Shacker, who used to be the manager in Newberry.

Council has the power to establish municipal departments, and to investigate departments if the need arises.

"The mayor is often times the face of the city," he added.

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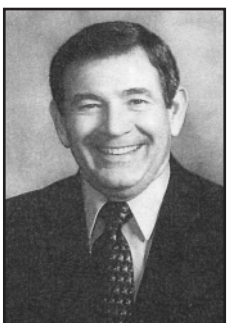
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Unity

Psalm 133:1 "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

There is a cartoon where a town council was seeking to have more unity in their small town. They proposed a resolution that read like this: "Be it resolved from this time forth, that all citizens will at all times agree with all other citizens on all issues." The punch line comes across at the bottom of the cartoon: "The measure passed by a narrow margin." Well, so much for everyone agreeing. It would certainly be a miracle if everyone agreed on every issue—but it is possible to have unity even if not everyone agrees.

Our text begins with the word "behold" and ends with an exclamation point. It is like the Psalmist is calling attention to unity, look at the positive effects of unity. Three thoughts come to mind from this passage of Scripture.

First of all unity is visible—one can see unity. Notice that the Psalmist points out the blessing of unity among "brethren," not people with no relationship to one another. It is not uncommon to see disunity among brethren. In fact, in our nation there is much disunity. At one time folks in America could disagree on political issues without

vitriol or malice—that day has passed. We live in a cancel culture that wants to cancel out anyone who disagrees with what the mainstream folks believe.

I learned a long time ago that God can and does use people who don't agree with me. We have a tendency to feel that people who disagree with our particular views on things is our enemy—that simply is not true. By the way, just because an issue is politically correct does not make it biblically correct. We cannot decide our morality based on popular opinion, rather our morality must be biblically based.

Second, unity is vigorous. Unity is invigorating—it is refreshing. When a group has unity it empowers them to accomplish great things. Unity builds momentum and momentum is hard to stop. I have read that a train that is moving can plow through a thick concrete wall but a small 1 inch piece of metal can prevent the train from moving forward. The difference is momentum—a moving train has momentum but a train standing still has no momentum. Unity creates momentum that enables us to breeze through adversi-

ties and obstacles. Disunity prevents momentum and stymies progress. What a blessing unity is.

Third, unity is vivacious—it is enjoyable. Unity is fun and it creates wonderful memories. When a group has unity people become excited and work becomes a joy rather than drudgery. Unity makes coming together something to look forward to. Unity creates cohesion within a group, it is the glue that binds folks together. When folks are in union they are willing to put their desires second to other folks. They put the good of the group over self.

One final thought—unity is a divine thing—it comes from God and flows downward. Verse 2 of this Psalm draws an analogy of the precious oil that flowed down the head and beard of Aaron. Unity comes from God—when one is right with God usually he is right with his fellow brethren.

The closer the fellowship gets to God, the closer they get to one another. The farther away one gets from God the farther away he gets from others.

Get closer to God and you will get closer to others.

Mane event

Abbeville Lions distribute books at Long Cane Primary School

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Lions Club has been very busy lately, distributing books and mulling over scholarship applications.

The Abbeville Lions gave books to six Second Grade (approximately 120 students) classes recently at Long Cane Primary and left approximately 10 books about South Carolina with the office to do with what they wished," according to Abbeville Lions secretary treasurer Rick Pressly.

The Lions were slated to

distribute books at John C. Calhoun Elementary this past week as well.

"The books have been obtained from the Book Warehouse in Charleston for the last seven years that we have done the "Roaring Readers Program at Long Cane Primary. This is the first year that we have included John C, due to the loss of the Calhoun Falls Lions Club. They had not done anything like this as we have for seven years as part of the LCI Reading Action Program initiated in 2015.

The Abbeville Lions also have a scholarship program for outstanding local high school students.

"We received seven applications from AHS and with the help of Lion Jim Wilson and Lion J.J. Jackson and myself, we narrowed the selections down to three students, whom we will present a \$500.00 Scholarship to at our August 5th, first meeting of the Lions year. The recipients are Bethany Ricketts, Matthew Hughes, and Caroline Scott."

Guild plans summer camp for youngsters

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Artist Guild is planning a summer art camp for young people.

"We are sponsoring a summer art camp the week of June 7 -11 for rising 4th through 8th graders at the Abbeville Youth Center," according to a Guild news release. "The cost is \$50 per student that includes all materials and a daily snack. The Artist Guild has scholarships available if needed. Tell your children, grandchildren and friends."

For more information one may call Jane Agan at 864/391-7314 or e-mail the Artist Guild at abbevilleartistguild@gmail.com" The Artist Guild is a non-profit organization which promotes the arts here in Abbeville County. Guild treasurer Jane

Agan said that the camp had originally been planned for last year, but it was postponed because of COVID.

In addition to the summer camp, it has a number of other events planned for the summer.

The Guild has agreed to provide a craft for children on June 19th at 11:00 & again at 12:00 for the Juneteenth Celebration in downtown Abbeville, and will use the courtyard beside Crate and Quill on Washington Street.

Also, the Abbeville Artist Guild is sponsoring a community photo contest titled My Best Photo Ever. Entries will

be accepted beginning June 1 through July 15 by email to aag2021photo@gmail.com.

"So start going through your digital photos and picking out your best picture of pets, vacations and nature," according to a Guild news release.

"We will be presenting cash awards and the photos will be displayed at the Abbeville Welcome Center. See the attached information for details of the contest.

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An Abbeville County Library System employee, Lois Rhodes of Calhoun Falls, has won the Friends of South Carolina Libraries Public Library Employee Excellence Award. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Librarian wins prestigious award

By Henry E. Green
An Abbeville County Library System employee has won a prestigious statewide award for her excellence in library work.

Lois Rhodes of Calhoun Falls has won the Friends of South Carolina Libraries Public Library Employee Excellence Award.

Rhodes was nominated by Mary Elizabeth Land, Director of the Abbeville County Library System.

"Lois Rhodes is the epitome of an excellent library system employee," Land wrote in her letter of nomination. "Her dedication to our patrons, her care and concern for her coworkers, and her willingness to take on new responsibilities is a model to others."

Since beginning work at the library system in 2005, Rhodes has been promoted three times, becoming a full time branch manager,

then the support services coordinator, and now library services coordinator.

As Library Services Coordinator, Rhodes helps patrons on a one to one basis as the Library System's Book a Librarian coordinator, helping other employees with their concerns, and serving as the system's accounts payable/finance officer.

She also coordinates the VITA program for tax assistance.

"She is great in both practical, day to day ways and in larger, far-reaching ways," Land wrote.

"When I was out sick last year for an extended period, Lois served as Interim Director until I could return. This would have been a big job with a learning curve for any employee at any time. Lois, however, took over at the beginning of March—just as COVID made

huge changes to the library system necessary. This was unprecedented for ANY library director, and she made decisions that were careful, thoughtful and concerned for the well-being of both our patrons and our staff."

"Truly, Lois is a model for what a library employee can be."

The award was presented on Sunday, May 16, at the Abbeville County Library on North Main in Abbeville. Land presented the award to Rhodes, who lives in Calhoun Falls with her husband Tim, who works at Prysmian, and who is a member of the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees.

"I have four children and two grandsons," said Lois. Her four children all graduated from high school as valedictorians of their graduating classes.

Caroline Project has virtual challenge

By Henry E. Green
The Caroline Project is presenting once again a virtual challenge to encourage people to stay physically fit, according to Lucia Bishop of the Caroline Project.

The Project is named after the late Caroline Bishop, and encourages people not only to seek physical fitness but mental health as well.

The project encourages people to sign up to engage in whatever form of physical fitness they wish, from running, to cycling to jumping rope, and walking as well. Participants are encour-

aged to post a picture of themselves engaging in their chosen activity, and state what their personal goal was.

To join in, they may register online through the Caroline Project Facebook page.

The proceeds from registering all go back to the Carolina project. People may register June 12 through June 26.

"TCP has provided Mental Health resources and kits for all including first responders in Abbeville including 911, EMS, Fire Department and LEO, said Lucia Bishop. "It has provided Abbev-

ille City Police Department with masks they can breathe easier in, training and resources for the community. Meals for first responders and COVID clinic workers."

For last year's challenge, 53 people signed up, through donations and registrations it raised \$3,500, according to information Lucia provided.

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The next day another text arrived. It was Ivy thanking Nicholson, "Thank you for saving my life."

"The lesson here is listening and being present to the small details in life," says Nicholson. "I had a funny feeling when I read that text and I just felt called to help even though I was in North Carolina. I'm so glad I listened and was paying attention."

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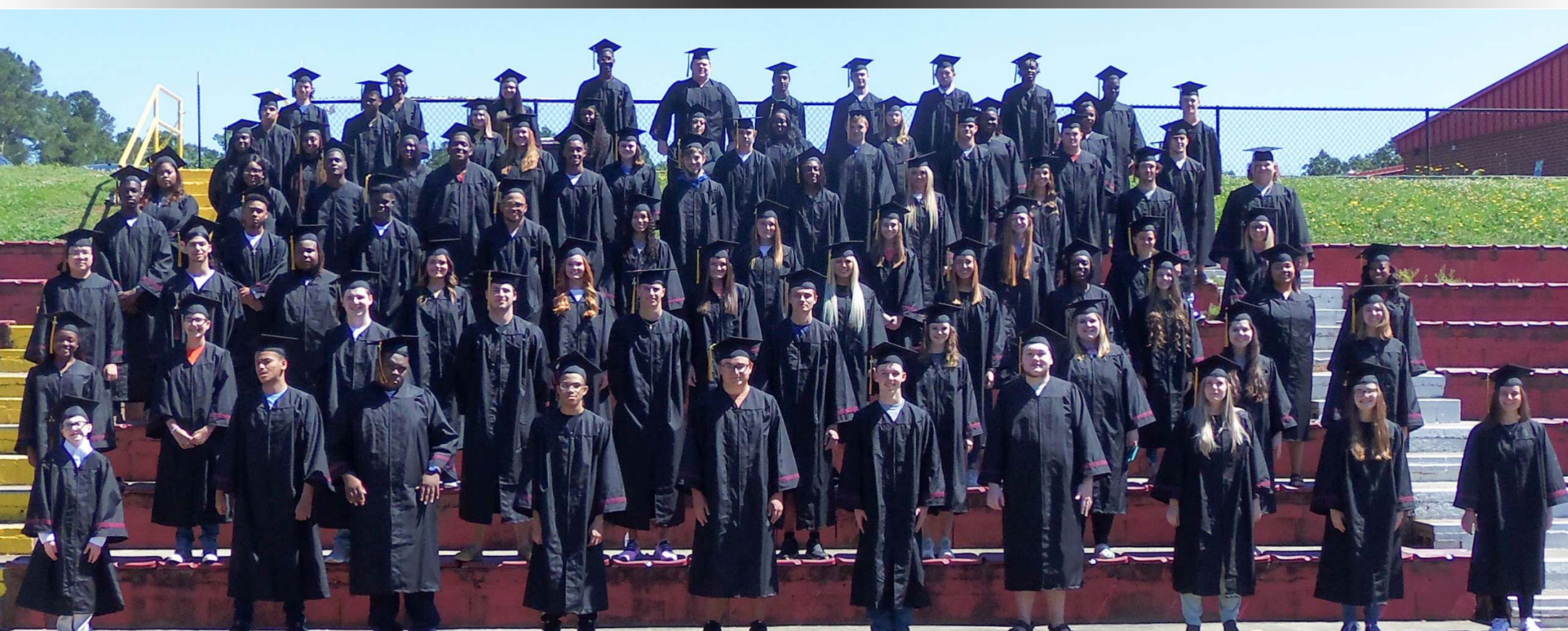
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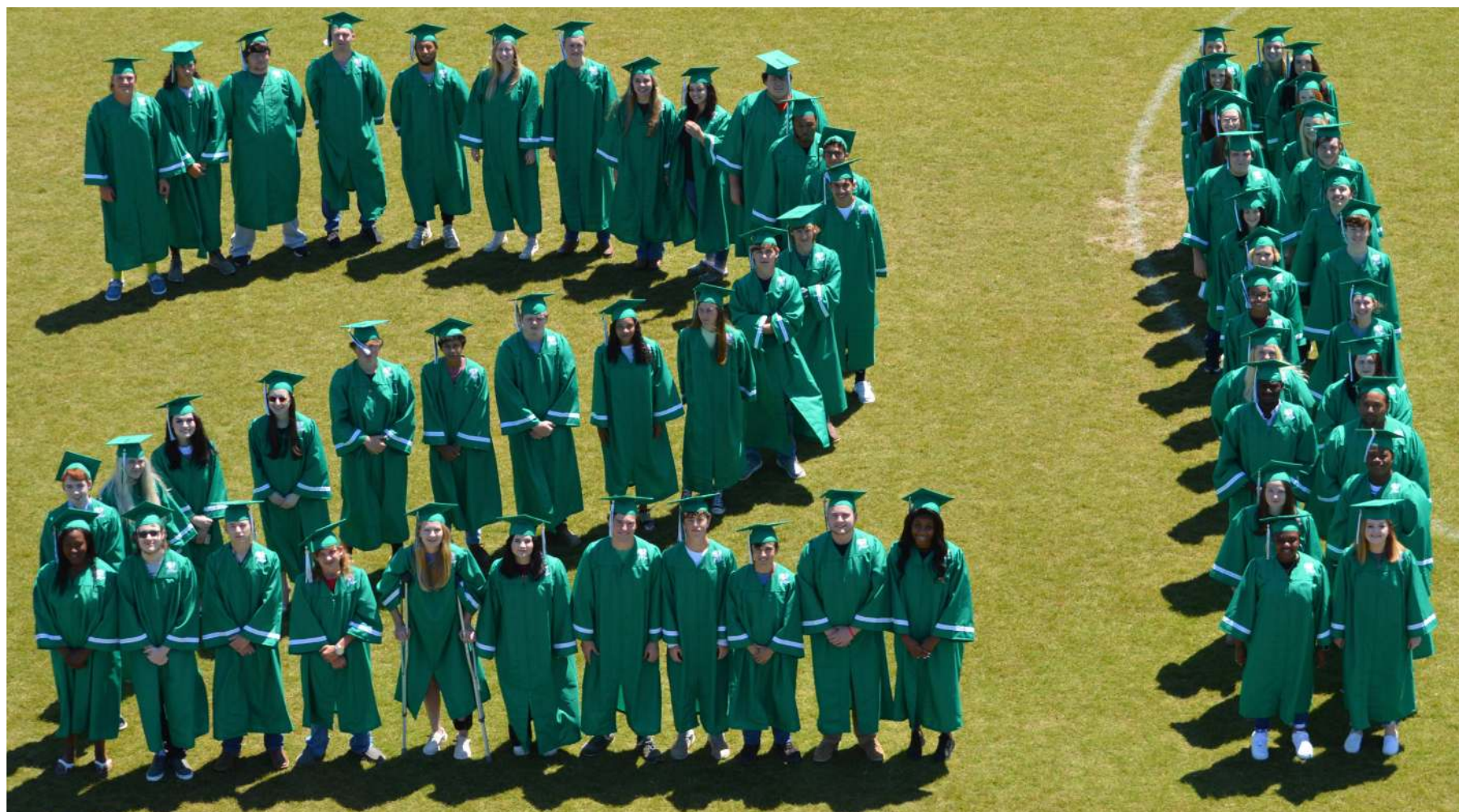
We sponsors listed on this page salute and extend our sincere congratulations to each and every one of you. Through perseverance and personal application, you have earned your diplomas; your graduation is a milestone in which you can take personal pride, as do we.

Our hopes and prayers are that you will experience continued success as you commence the next phase of your lives. Truly this is a commencement, for most of you will now assume new and additional responsibilities—either as you continue your education at the post high school level, or seek employment in your chosen field.

Whether you continue to pursue additional academic studies and training, or turn to the workplace, experience has shown that the learning process must be continuous. The doors of opportunity open to those who are best prepared.

Those who recognize the value of education and continue to pursue additional knowledge and training will always find exceptional opportunities.

Again, our sincere congratulations and best wishes to each of you. Truly, we are proud of your accomplishments and wish for you a life of continued success, happiness and fulfilment. Congratulations and Godspeed.



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Festival plans coming more into focus

By Henry E. Green

A festival which is in the planning stages is coming more into focus.

During a called meeting on the evening of Wednesday, May 19, Abbeville City Council heard a presentation by Council member Jason Edwards about the plans for the upcoming First Annual Juneteenth celebration June 18-20.

Juneteenth is a celebration of the end of slavery in the United States, with roots going back to the Civil War and its aftermath.

The festival, which is being organized by the Abbeville Friends of Freedom, will open with a performance at the Opera House by

Amethyst Kiah, a Grammy nominee, on Friday night at 8 p.m.

The festival will continue the next day with three stages, food trucks, and a full day of events. A number of community organizations will be helping out, including the Abbeville Artist Guild, and the Abbeville County Library System. Representatives of such entities as the Abbeville County voter registration and elections office and the Abbeville Area Medical Center are also expected to be on hand.

"We want to reach everyone," said Edwards.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday on Court Square, and

conclude Sunday with a soul food cook-off and live entertainment at the Livery Stable from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We will have T-shirts available," said Edwards.

Council also voted to appoint Tyler Goss to the Planning Commission. Goss is a former Marine who served in Iraq, and now is a quality manager at Flexible Technologies.

Council member John Sutherland was absent from the meeting.

In other news, City Manager Blake Stone introduced Austin Walker as the new Community Development Director for the City.

Obituaries

Canfield

Bubba Canfield, 65, of Abbeville, husband of the late Sherrie Canfield, died Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at his residence. He was born in Abbeville to the late Leonard 'Pete' Canfield and Wilma Powell Canfield.

A 1974 graduate of Dixie High School, Bubba was employed in construction and on the farm with his brother, Rick, for 42 years. He held his family particularly close to his heart. Bubba's grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the delights of his life. He also enthusiastically enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, especially at the dirt track, Rocky Knoll or softball field. Bubba was a member of the Cattlemen's Association and an alumnus of the Dixie FFA.

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

He is survived by a



Bubba Canfield

daughter, Delane Canfield New (Barry); brother, Rick Canfield (Debbie) all of Abbeville; two sisters, Valerie Canfield Ashley of Ware Shoals and Danette Canfield New (Kenny) of Hartsville; five grandchildren, Jordan Wilson (Jordan), Daniel New (Sarah), Travis New (Anne Marie), Bailee New and Nick New; three great-grandchildren, Gunner, Charles Dwayne 'Charlee' and Marley; moth-

er-in-law and father-in-law, Jimmy and Edna Ellis; and many extended friends and family.

The family received friends 5:00PM - 7:00PM, Friday, May 21, 2021, in Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville Chapel. Funeral services were 3:00PM, Saturday, May 22, 2021 at Grace United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Bubba, may be sent to the Dixie FFA, 1 Haynes Street, Due West, SC 29639 or to the Spartanburg Methodist Softball Team, 1000 Powell Mill Road, Spartanburg, SC 29301.

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 Canfield family.

Obituaries

Winger

Nina Louise Winger, 66, of Abbeville, wife of Stephen Winger, died Friday, May 21, 2021, at her residence. She was born in State College, PA to the late Robert and Lorraine Potter Tallon.

A 1976 graduate of Harrisburg Polyclinic School of Nursing, Nina was a registered nurse caring for people at several hospitals throughout the years. A beloved teacher, she retired from Crescent High School after teaching health occupation for 15 years.

Nina's faith was strong and she loved her family beyond measure. Over the past seventeen years, she fought a courageous battle while suffering from four particular kinds of cancer. Nina was known for her



Nina Louise Winger

gentle spirit, compassionate nature and sweet smile. She will forever hold a special place in the hearts of all those who knew and loved

her. Nina and her husband worshipped at Shiloh Menonite Church.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, Stephen, of the home; two children, Amber W. Overholt (Anthony) and Josh Winger, all of Abbeville; brother, F. Joseph Tallon and sister, Betty Neshteruk, both of Center Hall, PA; three grandchildren, Savannah Holliday (Austin), Tyler Overholt and Cayli Winger.

All services will be private. 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 Winger family.

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Due West Town Council Meeting on May 17, 2021

by Jeannie Knight, Mayor

Council met on Monday, May 17, in Council Chambers at 6 p.m. With five Council members present, the Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Administrator David Krumwiede gave the Invocation.

There were some concerns from a Town resident about handicapped parking, grass mowing, and collection of bills that were heard. These concerns were addressed by the Mayor and Department heads.

Two Ordinances were approved. Ordinance No. 02-2021 was passed by the second reading that changes the duration dates for Business Licenses but not the rates and other details already in place for these licenses. This was mandated by the State. Ordinance No. 03-2021 was passed as the first

reading to accept the proposed Town budget for the new fiscal year starting on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2022.

Mayor Jeannie Knight gave her report noting the Dixie Senior picture banners that are on display in the Washington Street Park. Dixie High School will hold its graduation on May 28, from 6-7 p.m. at the High School. Erskine has announced the opening of their pool on May 29, which is a Saturday. Wrist bands for Town residents may be obtained in Town Hall. The Fifth Emergency Proclamation for the Town stating guidelines for the Covid-19 containment will be in place until June 9.

Town Attorney John Andrew Bishop reported that right-of-way easements to complete sewer lines for the High School ballfield additions were underway. He is working with Zoning Administrator Roy McClain to address Property Main-

tenance Codes in Town.

Other reports from Departments were heard. Fire Chief Roy McClain informed the Council that hose testing for the fire trucks would take place on May 28th. Chief David Maxwell gave the Police Department activity summary for April to Council. He thanked Council Member Marty Yannarella for hosting an event for the Peace Officers' Memorial Day on May 15.

Utility Superintendent Lewis Saxton gave the details of the Public Works Department activity for April with attention to gasoline usage, repairs, and customer service.

Town Hall will be closed on May 31 for Memorial Day. There will be a ceremony that day to Retire the Colors in the area on the corner of Main and Strong Circle at 6:30 p.m. This will be conducted by Boy Scout Troop 54.

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1. *Carole King: "But you're _____ away"
6. "I Thee _____"
9. Ring practice
13. Hacienda brick
14. *Billy Joel: "I love you just the way you _____"
15. What speakers do
16. Leg of lamb
17. Styling goo
18. Spooky
19. *Rod Stewart: "Oh, Maggie, I couldn't have tried _____"
21. *Stevie Wonder: "Very superstitious, writing's on _____"
23. Type of constrictor
24. Can of worms
25. *"_____ Cola, what a beautiful drink"
28. Capital of Peru
30. *Carly Simon: "I had some dreams, they were _____ in my coffee"
35. Bad luck precursor
37. Swing seat, possibly
39. Macaroni shape
40. Capital on the Baltic Sea
41. Figure with vertex and rays
43. Venetian magistrate
44. Not fitting
46. Sealed with a handshake
47. Wise man
48. Annotator and commentator
50. Facts and figures
52. Bambino
53. Chinese monetary unit
55. International Labor Organization
57. *The Knack: "M M M My _____"
61. *Sister Sledge: "We are family, get up everybody _____"
65. Last European colony in China
66. Pastrami's partner
68. Sheik's bevy
69. Movie premiere, e.g.
70. Gunk
71. Ancient assembly area
72. Used to be wild?
73. Attila, e.g.
74. Part of mortise joint

DOWN

1. Long story
2. War god in Norse mythology
3. Same as fogey
4. J. Robert Oppenheimer's project
5. Reorganize or modify
6. \$.75/hour, e.g.
7. Old fashioned 'before'
8. Nile's mouth
9. Boatload
10. What paralegal and parachute have in common
11. Seed covering
12. Angler's pool
15. Punch buggy car
20. Indian cuisine yogurt staple
22. Drunkard's sound?
24. Enter uninvited (2 words)
25. *Bruce Springsteen: "Tramps like us, baby we were born _____"
26. _____ acid
27. "And Seth.... _____ Enos"
29. *Eric Clapton: "Darling, won't you ease my worried _____"
31. Oldsmobile founder
32. Lusitania's destroyer
33. Grown-up pupper, in social media
34. *ABBA: "Dancing queen, young and _____, only seventeen"
36. Back of the neck
38. Dashing style
42. Spritelike
45. Test (2 words)
49. *Terry Jacks: "We had seasons in the _____"
51. One tritely familiar
54. Frustration, in print
56. Missouri River tributary
57. Old World duck
58. *Creedence Clearwater Revival: "_____ you ever seen the rain?"
59. They're hidden up a sleeve?
60. Goes with rave
61. Eon, alt. sp.
62. *Black Sabbath: "I am _____ man"
63. Infamous Roman emperor
64. J. Edgar Hoover's man
67. *Queen: "Scaramouch, Scaramouch, will _____ do the Fandango"



Bell Toll Ceremony May 2021 Honoring Deceased Veterans

Winston Douglas Sparks	79	US Navy
Albert L Giles Jr.	89	US Air Force
Raymond Lee Huston	72	US Navy
Tommy Harold Pittard	73	US Navy
James W. Scoggins	90	US Air Force
Eugene Sanders Wright	71	US Army Vietnam

The Abbeville County Veterans Organizations jointly sponsor a Bell Toll Ceremony on the last Friday of each month. The veteran's names that have passed away in Abbeville County during the month or anyone who was missed in the previous month will have their names read. This includes men and women from Abbeville County who live in other areas. The names will also include any military service member from South Carolina who was killed while on active duty. As each name is read, the Liberty Bell replica, "Big Bob" is struck once as a token of our respect and appreciation for each Veteran who served and for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Please join for this solemn ceremony on the Abbeville square at 1 pm, May 28th. Also, all veterans are welcomed to the American Legion meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Supper is served at 5PM and the meeting is at 6PM.

CFC Principal Rogers honoree for Changemakers

**Submitted by
Mr. Kalan Rogers**

Today, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools (National Alliance) kicks off National Charter Schools Week (May 10-15) celebrating the 3.3 million students and 219,000 teachers at the nearly 7,500 public charter schools across the nation. This year's celebration commemorates the 30th anniversary of the first charter school law, which changed the future of public education and student success forever.

To mark the occasion, the National Alliance is recognizing young leaders who are using their ideas, talents, and platforms to advance educational and economic

opportunity and promote equality and social justice.

The "30 Under 30 Changemakers" are students, activists, educators, and school leaders from across the country who are having a meaningful impact in their community in the categories of Arts, Writing, Politics, Leadership, Science, and Social Justice.

Calhoun Falls Charter School is proud to announce that Principal Kalan S. Rogers is a featured honoree.

Mr. Rogers is in his third year as principal of his alma mater, He is actively involved in creating a positive and safe school environment.

"The students, teachers, and advocates that make

up our 30 Under 30 Changemakers reflect 30 years of the tremendous success of student-centered charter schools. I am grateful for our Changemakers and the thousands of teachers, leaders, and families across the nation who work tirelessly to support their communities and improve education opportunities for all students," said Nina Rees, president and CEO of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools.

"We are proud to honor and lift up changemakers like Mr. Rogers who is one example of students and leaders that have demonstrated the strength and promise of the charter school movement over the last 30 years."

Lebanon Presbyterian Church will be celebrating their 200th anniversary

**Submitted by
Pastor John Butler**

A rural Abbeville County congregation will celebrate the 200th anniversary of its 1821 founding this June. Lebanon Presbyterian Church, on Mount Carmel Road, 1.5 miles southwest of the intersection of SC 72 West and SC 823, will mark this event with a series of gospel meetings, reunion and thanksgiving service, and a dedication of its enslaved persons burial grounds.

The bicentennial celebration is slated to begin Thursday, June 10th, to run through Sunday, June 13th. The public is welcome to all events, and all current and former members, extended family and friends of the congregation are especially invited.

The congregation's roots are in the old Hopewell Presbyterian Church, which was founded in 1760 on the old Charleston Road in McCormick County. By 1820, the Hopewell Church had relocated, and travel was difficult for Patrick Mullin and his wife, who were aged members of the congregation. At Mullin's invitation, the Rev. Richard Cater, Hopewell's pastor, began services in the area. Cater used the rock doorstep of the Mullin home and stood in the shade of a peach tree to deliver the first sermon of the soon-to-be Lebanon Presbyterian Church in 1820. The church was organized on June 30, 1821;

the rock doorstep is now embedded in the western corner of the church's front porch with the names of her former pastors. The charter membership of 35 first met in a log building. In 1828 the first permanent church building was erected. The present sanctuary was built in 1962.

The church often shared pastors with other Presbyterian congregations in the vicinity. Lebanon's records show that they shared pastors over the years with the Hopewell, Bethiah, and Warrington Presbyterian churches. Several members were called to gospel ministry from Lebanon, to include brothers T. C. and R. C. Ligon, C. B. Evans, III, and Mark Horne. Two ladies have been called to serve in a missionary capacity, Lucie Marie Gibert and Martha Jones Faires.

In addition to the church's historic main cemetery, with over 450 graves, the church during its bicentennial celebration will dedicate an enslaved persons burial site in the woods behind its main cemetery. It is estimated that 150-200 individuals are interred there, some graves with simple field stones; others, with only depressions in the ground marking their resting places. "Presbyterian churches of that era in our region often had enslaved persons in their membership, and it is highly likely that some of those interred at the site were among our spiritual fathers and mothers at Lebanon. We seek

to honor them and all who are buried there," said the Rev. John Butler, pastor of Lebanon.

The Rev. Dr. C. N. Willborn, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and adjunct professor of church history at Greenville (SC) Presbyterian Theological Seminary, is the guest speaker for the bicentennial events.

The line-up of activities is:

Thursday, June 10
7:00 PM Gospel Service, with a Watermelon Bust to follow

Friday, June 11
7:00 PM Gospel Service, with an Ice Cream Social to follow

Saturday, June 12
10:00 AM Church History Lecture on Presbyterianism in the Upstate of South Carolina in the 1820s

11:30 AM Dedication of Enslaved Persons Burial Site
Noon Catered Box Lunch (Chick-fli-A meal, cost \$9.50; tickets at tinyurl.com/LPC200BoxLunch)
2:00 PM Reunion Hymn Sing and Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, June 13
10:00 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship Service
Noon Covered Dish Fellowship Meal
6:00 PM Evening Worship Service

For further information on Lebanon Presbyterian Church's Bicentennial Celebration, please see the church's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LebanonPCAbbeville.



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We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

The source of drinking water used by ABBEVILLE CITY OF (System no. 0110001) is Surface Water from the Wilson Creek Branch of Richard Russell Lake.

Our Water Treatment Plant is within the city limits of Abbeville on 406 Vienna Street. Our plant is a conventional surface water treatment facility which is presently rated to produce 4.5 million gallons per day with a maximum production capacity of 9.0 million gallons per day. Our current production level is around 3.2 million gallons per day at peak.

We encourage the citizens of Abbeville to plan a visit to the Treatment Plant to see how the water you are supplied is treated. Please feel free to contact Jonathan Johnson at 864-366-2427 to arrange a tour of the facility.

Source water assessment and its availability

Our raw water sources are most susceptible to contamination from runoff or environmental conditions. A Source Water Assessment Plan is available for review. Please contact Jonathan Johnson at 864-366-2427 to review this document.

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

How can I get involved?

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Jonathan Johnson at 864-366-2427. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you have any problems or concerns please contact the City Manager at 864-366-2109 or attend a City Council Meeting which is held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers of the Opera House at 100 Court Square, Abbeville, S.C.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

WATER QUALITY DATA TABLE

Chemical and Radionuclide Constituents

Contaminants (unit of measure)	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect in Your Water	Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Typical Source
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.61	0.61 – 0.61	No	2020	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage. Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium (ppm)	NA	NA	5.7	5.7 – 5.7	No	2020	Erosion of natural deposits.

Lead and Copper – Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminants (unit of measure)	MCLG or MRDLG	AL	Your Water	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL (Yes/No)	Sample Date	Typical Source
Copper-action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.072	0	No	2019	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.
Lead-action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	0.000	0	No	2019	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfection & Disinfection By-Products

(There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.)

Contaminants (unit of measure)	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect in Your Water	Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Typical Source
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	1.00 RAA	1.00 – 1.00	No	2020	Water Additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5) (ppb)	NA	60	23 (LRAA)	15.3 – 35.4	No	2020	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	NA	80	51 (LRAA)	24.0 – 71.5	No	2020	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Turbidity

Measurement	Limit (TT)	Level Detected	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Typical Source
Highest single measurement (NTU)	1	0.17	No	2020	Soil runoff.
Lowest monthly % meeting limit (NTU)	0.3	100%*	No	2020	Soil runoff.

Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants. *The lowest monthly percentage for samples meeting Turbidity Limits is 100%.

Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature.

- Take short showers - a 5-minute shower uses 4 to 5 gallons of water compared to up to 50 gallons for a bath.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth, washing your hair and shaving and save up to 500 gallons a month.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead. They're inexpensive, easy to install, and can save you up to 750 gallons a month.
- Run your clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are full. You can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets. Faucet washers are inexpensive and take only a few minutes to replace. To check your toilet for a leak, place a few drops of food coloring in the tank and wait. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it or replacing it with a new, more efficient model can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered. Apply water only as fast as the soil can absorb it and during the cooler parts of the day to reduce evaporation.
- Teach your kids about water conservation to ensure a future generation that uses water wisely. Make it a family effort to reduce next month's water bill!
- Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

Source Water Protection Tips

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you have your own septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public water system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. City of Abbeville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Tables for Unit Descriptions and Important Drinking Water Definitions

Unit Descriptions	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm: parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb: parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
NA	NA: not applicable
ND	ND: not detected
NR	NR: Monitoring not required but recommended

Important Drinking Water Definitions

Term	Definition
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
Variances & Exemptions	Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.
MRDLG	MRDLG: Maximum residual disinfection level goal. The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MRDL	MRDL: Maximum residual disinfectant level. The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MNR	MNR: Monitored Not Regulated
MPL	MPL: State Assigned Maximum Permissible Level

Compliance with Other Drinking Water Regulations

The City of Abbeville met all health-based regulations and compliance for calendar year 2019. The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set.

For more information, please contact:

City of Abbeville SC0110001
Public Utilities Billing Office
306 Cambridge Street
Abbeville, SC 29620
864-366-2427

Thank you for being our customer!

A copy of this report can be obtained at the Abbeville Public Utilities Billing Office located at 306 Cambridge Street, Abbeville, S.C. 29620. Office hours are M-F, 8:30am – 5:00pm.



Thomas Beauford and Reghan Steifle have been named the Most Outstanding Male and Female Athletes at AHS for the 2020-2021 school year. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



During the Abbeville High School athletic banquet, AHS student athlete Mikel Tinch (left) was presented by AHS principal Dr. Adam Lanford (right) with a scholarship in memory of the late Red Dog Sutherland. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

AHS athletic banquet Steifle wins AHS Female Athlete of Year

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville High School Lady Panther varsity softball pitcher Reghan Steifle was recognized last week as the Abbeville High School Female Athlete of the Year, during an Abbeville High School athletic banquet.

Asenior, Steifle excelled in both softball and volleyball. She won the Defensive Award in varsity softball, and was all Region and All State. Steifle joined Thomas Beauford, the AHS Most Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year, as the student-athletes recognized as the most outstanding for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Male and Female Athletes of the Year were voted on by all the AHS coaches. Steifle was recognized during a May 18 banquet, held at Erskine. It was one of three AHS banquets held at Erskine May 17-19 to honor Panther student-athletes for 2020-2021.

Different sports were highlighted during the different banquets. The first banquet, for example, focused on

sports such as football and boys basketball.

The second banquet, held on May 18, focused on varsity girls basketball, varsity baseball, J.V. baseball, C team baseball, varsity softball, JV softball, varsity volleyball, JV volleyball.

The May 19 banquet was slated to focus on sports such as golf and track.

Outstanding players in each sport were recognized. AHS football coach Jamie Nickles was honored at the previous night's banquet as the AHS Coach of the Year, and Abbeville First the Business of the Year. Student-athletes named to All Region teams were honored.

Baseball--Tyler Overholt, Thomas Beauford, Evan Sellars, Taylor Scott, Trent Delgado
Softball--Talisa Cannady, Garianna Burton, Reghan Steifle,
Girls basketball--Lauren Foster, Brittney Linton and Talissa Cannady
Volleyball--Garianna Burton

Reghan Steifle, Tyler Overholt, and Evan Sellars were recognized for having received All State honors.

Among the other honors were those which went to Tyler Overholt, who will be participating in a North-South baseball game featuring outstanding high school players from throughout the Palmetto State, and Thomas Beauford, who won the Glenn Ferguson Award in varsity baseball.

Volunteer of the Year honors went to Timothy Collins, and closing remarks were provided by AHS principal Adam Lanford, who paid tribute to the Abbeville community.

"There's something special about Abbeville," Lanford said. "It's an incredible place."

Lanford will be leaving AHS, having accepted for the coming year a position as the principal of Powdersville High School

"This is the best group of students I've ever worked with," he said of the AHS student body.

Upper State championship series Dixie demolishes High Point 9-2 in softball

By Henry E. Green
Dixie demolished High Point Academy Monday night in Due West 9-2 in the first game of the Upper State championship series in softball.

Dixie now travels to High Point this evening for the second game in the best-two-out-of-three series.

"Mati Cox was the winning pitcher," said Dixie coach

Ben Snipes. "We were led at the plate by Wes Bensel, Alana Mitchell, Addie Smith and Merri Beth Jacks who all had RBIs. We play again on Wednesday at 5:30 at High Point. We need one win to be Upper State Champions. Our current record is 19-5."

In other good news for the Lady Hornets, Dixie junior Wes Bensel was selected Region 1A player of the year,

and Class A - Allstate, said Snipes.

"She has led our team offensively all year, and has been the on the field leader at the shortstop position. Her batting average is currently .561

She has had 13 doubles, four triples and six home runs. She bats leadoff and leads our team in runs batted in with 36."

AHS softball

Lady Panthers conclude their season

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville High School Lady Panthers concluded their season Wednesday with a loss in the playoffs to Crescent, 5-4, at Iva.

The deciding run came in the 10th inning. Reghan Steifle took the loss for the Lady Panthers. The pitcher lasted nine and one third innings, allowing 10 hits, and three runs, while striking out four, according to reports.

The Lady Panthers pounded out eight hits, and Talissa Cannady, Steifle and Michaela Harrison each collected two hits for Abbeville, according to reports.

Despite the loss, the Lady Panthers enjoyed some high points during the season.

Steifle was named the Most Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year during the recent AHS athletic banquet, and was also named to the All State team.

Attaining All Region honors were Steifle, Cannady, and Garianna Burton.

In addition, before an AHS game this season, the members of the 2011 AHS softball team, which won the state championship, and coaches were recognized, on the 10th anniversary of that achievement.



CF Charter student Quade Lindler was named champion in the 800 meters in the recent state track meet held at Lower Richland High School. (Photo courtesy of Kalan Rogers)

Lindler state champion in 800 meters

CF Charter Flashes shine at state meet

Calhoun Falls Charter School did immensely well at the recent state meet held at Lower Richland High School on the outskirts of Columbia on Saturday, May 22, and CF Charter student Quade Lindler was state champion in the 800 meters, CF Charter track coach Kalan Rogers said Monday.

The boys team finished 3rd out of 27 teams in Class A, and the girls finished 14th out of 28 teams in Class A, Rogers said.

Girls:
Raynias Williams: 6th in the 400H
Alexis Sanders: 5th in the 100m and 200, 7th in the 400H
Kortasia Tillman: 8th in the 400m
Cournazhia Sanders: 8th in the 100mH
Boys
Quade Lindler: State Champion in the 800m
Boys 4x800: 4th place

(Ty, Cam, Quade, Jay) Marquice Turman: 2nd in the 400mH and 5th in the 110H

Ja'Marri Norman: 4th in the 110mH

Quade Lindler: 4th in the 1600m

Camden Durant: 2nd in the Javelin

Ty Moon: 6th in the Javelin

JaQuavis Bryant: 4th in the Shot Put

Rogers was enormously pleased about how the boys came in third in the entire state.

"I was very excited about that," he said. "Those guys worked really hard, and they ran a lot of personal records on Saturday."

Rogers himself is 2012 graduate of Calhoun Falls Charter, and he was All Region and All State when he ran track for the Blue Flashes.

In addition to being the track coach, Rogers is also Calhoun Falls

Charter principal. He was named Coach of the Year this year for Region 1-A track.

He has been the principal since July, 2018, and the track coach since February, 2019.

Lindler is only a sophomore. "He has two more years to continue his stint as state champion."

"A small school but with a big heart," he said. He inspired his players this year to have "heart, hustle and grind."

One of our hashtags was 'Shock the State' and that we did."

"We've got a young team," he said, noting that the Flashes can "shock the state" again next year.

Of the nine CF Charter male student athletes who competed at Lower Richland, only one was a senior.

"So the future is very bright," he said.

Club to meet

The CSXT Railroad Retirement Club will meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 1, at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville.

Please contact Reggie Griffin at 446-8401 if you plan to attend.



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Dixie High School softball player Weslyn Bensel was selected Region 1A player of the year and Class A - All-state. "She has led our team offensively all year and has been the on-the-field leader at the short-stop position," said Dixie softball coach Ben Snipes. "Her batting average is currently .561. She has had 13 doubles, four triples and six home runs. She bats leadoff and leads our team in runs batted in with 36." (Photo courtesy of Ben Snipes)

Dixie senior commits to run track at Newberry

By Henry E. Green
Dixie High School senior Hannah Gable has signed to run track with Newberry College, and she made it all official Thursday with a signing ceremony in the school's media center. Gable is a member of the Dixie girls track team, for which she runs the 200 meter dash, the 100 meter

dash, and the four by 100 meter. The Antreville resident was accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gable of Antreville, and brother Logan Gable. The Dixie track coach is Dr. Joel Boyd, who is also an Erskine chemistry professor, and Gable posed for a signing photograph with

her family, Boyd and Dixie athletic director Vic Lollis. The Dixie student was asked why she chose Newberry. "I just fell in love" with the school, said Gable, who plans to become a physical therapist. "It's a small school, so it's something that I'm used to."



Dixie High School senior Hannah Gable (center, seated) has signed to run track at Newberry. In a signing ceremony on May 20, she was surrounded by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gable of Antreville (seated) and (standing, from left) Dixie principal Paul Prescott, Dixie athletic director Vic Lollis, Hannah's brother Logan, and Dixie track coach Dr. Joel Boyd. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Dixie High track team shines at state meet

Dixie High School had a very strong showing at the state track and field meet on Saturday, said Dixie track coach Dr. Joel Boyd. "Our girls team ended up in 5th place, and the boys team was in 6th place," he said. "We took a total of 16 athletes to the state meet in individual and relay events. I am proud of what these kids have accomplished, especially considering that Dixie doesn't even have a track to practice on!"
Girls:
4x800 m State Champions with a time of 10:56.44 (0.04 seconds behind the Dixie school record set in): Samantha Burnett, Sommer Tillman, Neely Bell, and Clara Angel (Rachel

Prescott and Ashton Crocker alternates)
1600 m State Champion with a time of 5:51.34 by Clara Angel (8th grader!). She broke the school record set back in
1600 m 4th place: Rachel Prescott
800 m 2nd place: Clara Angel
800 m 5th place: Nalmay Rivera
3200 m 2nd Place: Samantha Burnett
Long Jump 6th Place: Daria James
Triple Jump 6th Place: Daria James
4x400 m relay 6th place: Ashton Crocker, Giulia Giammarinaro, Daria James, Neely Bell (Rachel Prescott and Clara Angel

alternates)
Boys:
4x800 m relay State Runners Up: Ethan Angel, Jadan James, Daniel Boyd, Spencer Wieters (alternates Eric Sheppard and Breeden Crawford)
800 m 5th place: Ethan Angel
1600 m 3rd place: Spencer Wieters
3200 m 2nd place: Spencer Wieters
3200 m 3rd place: Daniel Boyd
Long Jump 8th place: Jadan James
Triple Jump 3rd place: Jadan James
Discus 8th place: Antae'vi-on Donald



Calhoun Falls Charter School did immensely well at the recent state meet held at Lower Richland High School on the outskirts of Columbia on Saturday, May 22. (Photo courtesy of Kalan Rogers)

AHS athletic activities winding down

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville High School athletic scene for 2021 is entering its twilight phase, as the last portion of the AHS athletic banquet was held on the evening of Wednesday, May 19. This year's banquet was divided into three nights of activities, from May 17, through May 19. The final night focused on golf, track, cross country,

tennis, and wrestling, said AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson. It was a time to honor student-athletes who had accomplished great things this school year. "All-Region for track was Shy Brown, All-Region for golf was DJ Freese and All-Region Golf Coach of the Year went to Coach Andy Hagood," Jameson said this week. "All-State for Golf was

DJ Freese. "At the AA state meet on Saturday, Navi Marshall finished seventh in the 100 Meter and 200 Meter; Shunkevius Brown finished third in the Triple Jump. In another AHS note, the AHS baseball team finished up its playoff run with a loss Monday night to Grey Collegiate, Jameson said.



Abbeville High School student-athlete Thomas Beauford (right) was presented with the Glenn Ferguson Award during the AHS athletic banquet, held over three nights -- May 17 - May 19. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ABBEVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
6PM - June 15, 2021
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, ABBEVILLE

The Abbeville County Board of Zoning Appeals as authorized by the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, SC will hold a public hearing at 6pm on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, in Council Chambers, 903 W. Greenwood St., on the following appeal:

Request by Kevin Lomax of 1184 Hwy 20, Abbeville, SC 29620 for a zoning variance to allow placement of a detached garage with a 10' setback along the southern property line at TMS# 082-00-00-043. Normal side setbacks in the Forest Agriculture (FA) district are 30'.

Documents related to the above appeal are available for public inspection in the office of the Planner/Zoning Administrator at the County Administrative Complex, 903 W. Greenwood St., Abbeville, SC 29620.

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Classifieds & Legals

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371PC with the Probate Court of ABBEVILLE COUNTY, the address of which is 903 WEST GREENWOOD ST., SUITE 2300 ABBEVILLE, SC 29620, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371PC) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Winston Douglas Sparks
Date of Death: 04/23/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100122
Personal Representative: Yvonne S. Simpson aka Yvonne S. Sparks
Address: 649 Old Calhoun Falls Rd. Abbeville, SC 29620
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Estate: Clarence Lamont Deloach
Date of Death: 4/12/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100124
Personal Representative: Cheryl Deloach Kelly
Address: 3896 Wakefield Hall Square SE. Smyrna, GA 30080
Attorney, if applicable: Hannah K. Metts, Esq.
Address: P.O. Box 1547 Greenwood, SC 29648
5/12;3tc

Estate: Richard Lyons
Date of Death: 02/27/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100125
Personal Representative: Anacelta Rio Lyons
Address: 2486 Highway 72 West Abbeville, SC 29620
Attorney, if applicable: Tommy L. Stanford, ESQ
Address: 307 Main Street Greenwood, SC 29646
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Estate: Martha L. Stevens
Date of Death: 04/23/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100126
Personal Representative: Charles Stevens
Address: 5 Honea Path St. Ware Shoals, SC 29692
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Estate: Louis Phillips Terramagra
Date of Death: 04/25/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100131
Personal Representative: Lisa Sullivan
Address: 109 James Creek Road, Easley, SC 29640
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Estate: Connie Watt Coleman
Date of Death: 06/13/2020
Case Number: 2021ES0100132
Personal Representative: Perkeis Watt
Address: 1303 Old Hodges Road Abbeville, SC 29620
5/26;3tc

Estate: Vivian Hawthorne Stackhouse
Date of Death: 4/19/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100134
Personal Representative: Alicia E. James
Address: 951 Mt. Lebanon Rd. Donalds, SC 29638
5/26;3tc

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Notice is hereby given that Divine Wine and Craft (Kyle Fuller) intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of Beer & Wine at 130 Trinity St. Abbeville, SC 29620. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than June 10th, 2021. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:
(1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
(2) The specific reasons why the application should be denied;
(3) That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
(4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
(5) The name of the applicant and the address of the business to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-0907; or faxed to: (803) 896-0110. 5/19;3tp

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Notice is hereby given that Hanumanta LLC DBA Vape and Brew intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and off premises consumption of Beer & Wine at 403 S. Main St. Abbeville, SC 29620. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than June 11th, 2021. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:
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GENERAL FUND:

Current Fiscal Year Revenue	Projected Revenue FY2021-2022	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$683,442.00	\$676,652.00	-1.08%	-0-
Current Fiscal Year Expenditure	Projected Expenditures FY2021-2022	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Estimated Millage for FY2021-2022
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ENTERPRISE FUND:

Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected Expenditures FY2021-2022	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$1,890,964.00	\$1,823,046.00	-3.73%	-0-

The above listed 2021-2022 fiscal year budget projections represent estimates and will not be final until approved by Council. Following this public hearing, the Due West Town Council will convene for its June 2021 Council Meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., in the Due West Town Council Chambers. 5/26:2tc

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ABBEVILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 6PM -- June 16, 2021 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, ABBEVILLE

The Abbeville County Planning Commission, as authorized by the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, SC will hold a public hearing at 6pm on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, in Council Chambers, 903 W. Greenwood St., on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning Map:

Map amendment changing the zoning district designation for an approximate 5 acre parcel of property, owned by Raymond and Tonita C. Power of 263 Mt. Olive Church Rd., Abbeville, SC 29620. The property in question is located at 253 Mt. Olive Church Rd., Abbeville, SC 29620 and identified as TMS# 096-00-00-239. The proposed rezoning would change the current district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to one of General Residential (GR). New uses allowed in the district would include single-family residences of all types on smaller lot sizes.

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