



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

Abbeville High has graduation program

By Henry E. Green

“This is the day we have dreamed of,” AHS valedictorian Sydney Dawson noted in her valedictory address Saturday morning, as Abbeville High School held its graduation Saturday morning at Finis Horne Arena at Lander University.

More than 100 young people walked across the stage to receive their diplomas and officially begin life after high school.

The three honor speakers--the top three students in Abbeville High School's class of 2022--reflected on the memories.

Dawson indicated that one part of her studies at AHS will feature prominently in her memory--the Teacher Cadet program.

God, she went on to say, has a plan and a purpose for our lives--a concept found in

Jeremiah 29:11:

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, said the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

“Congratulations, Class of 2022,” she said. “We made it.”

Salutatorian LizzyAnna Price quoted Deuteronomy 31:8, and third honor speaker Drew Beauford thanked the teachers and the families that had provided inspiration and support through the years.

Diplomas were presented by AHS principal Scott White, and Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary, assisted by Assistant Principal Brenda Jackson and Assistant Principal Renee Newton.

The AHS graduates poured out the front door into the

bright sunshine outdoors--and rejoiced.

The future was smiling down on them.

Jake Crawford is planning to go to Lander, where he will be in the process of choosing a major.

Charles Jacob Auten will be serving in the Army Reserves and attending Lander, where he will be studying history, on his way to becoming a history teacher.

Graduation marshals included Joshua Addison Nickles, Kyla Shanicia Brown, Bethany Leann Hughes, and Riley Elizabeth Jones.

Graduation ushers included Pearl Mihir Patel, Tiazure Mykeale-Tylea, Jonah James Kollman, Jameah Deanna Killingsworth, Kiara Jenae Smith, and Brittney Michelle Bowie.



These members of the Abbeville High School Class of 2022 sang the AHS alma mater with fervor near the end of the graduation program held recently at the Finis Home Arena at Lander. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Remembrance American Legion Post Two marks Memorial Day with program

By Henry E. Green

American Legion Post 2 marked Memorial Day with a program outside the Abbeville County Courthouse in Abbeville Monday morning.

Memorial Day is a time to honor those who have lost their lives in the service of the U.S. armed forces.

The keynote speaker Monday morning was Post 2 first vice commander George Key, who served in the Navy from 1978 to 1985, and worked for the U.S. Postal Service as well.

Memorial Day, said Key, is not just a day off. It is a day to remember the Americans who gave their lives in the service of their country, from young men and women who died in Afghanistan to Americans who perished in the Korean War in the service of their country.

Key mentioned specific examples, painting verbal

portraits of some of those who died in Afghanistan, and who left this life far too soon. “For those who knew them, they’re forever young,” he said.

A pilot in the Korean War, meanwhile, died at the age of 31, after displaying heroism in battle, and he was honored posthumously.

Altogether more than one million Americans have made the ultimate sacrifice.

There are four reasons underpinning their sacrifice. They gave their lives for national defense, for their comrades, for American core values, and for their children, said Key.

“American Legion is about gratitude and remembrance,” he said.

Following Key’s address, Abbeville County veterans affairs officer Teresa Mahaffey read aloud the names of Abbeville County residents

who had given their lives in the service of their country.

After each name was called, the bell known as “Big Bob” was tolled on Court Square by Wayne “Scooter” Brown.

Carnations were distributed to volunteers who placed them at the foot of the veterans monument between the Abbeville County Courthouse and the Abbeville Opera House.

Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield played a recording of “Amazing Grace,” and at the conclusion of the ceremony Key and local AMVETS commander Lewis Jackson placed a wreath at the foot of the monument.

Greenfield noted at the beginning of the program that Jesus had advised us to love one another.

“I don’t think we’d be here today if we followed the words of Jesus,” he said.



American Legion Post 2 presented a Memorial Day program recently in front of the Abbeville County Courthouse. The posting of the colors provided part of the program. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Live and learn Trustees reflect on referendum

By Henry E. Green

The aftermath of the \$55.7 million referendum in the Abbeville County School District in May 17 produced a lengthy discussion at the May 25 school board meeting.

An overwhelming majority of the voters who turned out voted “no” to proposed upgrades at Abbeville and Dixie high schools, and the Career Center.

At last week’s meeting, trustees reflected on the experience.

“We need to be unified in whatever we do,” said trustee Marvin Peoples.

The trustee said that he was on the school board to work for the success of the School District’s children--not because of any quest for power.

Leading up to the referendum, he said, he had been branded by referendum opponents as “one of the five that could not be trusted”--one of the five trustees who voted to bring on the referendum.

The trustee suggested that

perhaps a survey needed to be sent out to the Abbeville County community, to ask people what they want concerning the schools.

Trustee Joe Bryson agreed. “If we’re not going to build a school, let’s fix it up,” he said.

He praised Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary as the best superintendent he had ever encountered.

“Let’s not run him off,” said Bryson.

Trustee David Brooks noted that the school board has not exactly been inactive--after school, the board in recent months ironed out a contract to provide energy conservation in District facilities.

Brooks also indicated that the wording of the referendum was not as specific as he would have liked.

Trustee Keith Dunn said that in discussions the school board had before the referendum--discussions the trustees had had with an attorney and with construction management and architectural firms rep-

resentatives--that a number of his questions remained unanswered.

He went on to indicate that adopting a modified school calendar just a few months before the referendum did not help matters--a number of people were opposed to the adoption.

“Evidently we didn’t understand what we were doing” he said.

A number of trustees spoke about a community meeting held in Calhoun Falls before the referendum. From that meeting, a number of trustees found what they perceived as bitterness in that community in connection with the closing of Calhoun Falls High School roughly 15 years ago.

Trustee James Tisdale said that the decision to close Calhoun Falls High was not made with malicious intent, but with the desire to save the School District money.

“It was a financial decision,” he said.

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees approved first reading Tuesday night on a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year--2022-2023--a budget that would include increases for District personnel, step increases for teachers, and an increase in the coaching supplement.

Trustees Keith Dunn and David Brooks voted in opposition Tuesday night.

The School District administration is recommending a four percent increase, for the coming year, in salary for both classified and certified employees, as well as step increases for certified personnel, Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary said Tuesday afternoon before the meeting.

“We would also like to have a 10 percent increase in the athletic supplement,” said Dr. Gary.

That is the supplement

that coaches receive for coaching.

All these increases together could be handled through withdrawals from the fund balance if the board so chooses.

The fund balance, he added, is very healthy--containing about \$9 million, the Superintendent continued.

The increases the District is recommending come to approximately \$750,000.

If the money for the proposed increases does not come from the fund balance, it would have to come from either raising taxes or cutting positions, he said.

The School District is watching what the General Assembly does in terms of preparing a state budget, from which the District receives much of its revenue.

The State Senate and State House of Representatives currently have different versions of the budget, and the Senate version would give the District about \$200,000 more than the

House version.

The two chambers are expected to work to resolve the difference this summer.

Tuesday evening, the board voted to pass the proposed budget on first reading, following a 45 minute discussion in which District finance director Roni Scott and Adam Cann.

Cann will be the new finance director beginning July 1, when Scott retires.

Scott will move to Cann’s current position for one year to help him make the transition, Gary said following the meeting.

The proposed budget must pass through two readings, with the second reading expected at a school board meeting in June.

In other School District news, the last day of school for students in the Abbeville County School District for the 2022-23 school year is Thursday, June 2, and it will be a half-day.



These Dixie High School graduates linked arms as they sang the school's alma mater near the end of the Dixie graduation program recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

The choices we make

Abbeville County School District voters look back on referendum

By Henry E. Green

People voted for and against the May 17 referendum in the Abbeville County School District for various reasons.

"I voted for it," said Ed Patton of Abbeville. "Anything for the youth of this county."

One person we spoke to said that the economy played a large part in how people voted--the rising cost of living was a big influence in how people decided to vote.

"I voted yes," said Delano Freeman, former mayor of Abbeville.

"I have two sons who are in the School District, and know that some changes need to be made at both of the high schools," he said.

This question has been lingering since the late Eighties. I do understand that the costs for additional taxes were significant, but we have to make sacrifices. "I remember playing sports at Abbeville High and most of the schools (against

which Freeman competed) that were old have been replaced or upgraded.

"Where it really makes a difference is after your children graduate. When I went to college, I found out that because I went to a small school, my educational opportunities were vastly limited.

"I hope that the school board can come up with a decision that is satisfactory to the majority.

"The 33-year-old question needs to be answered--which way is Abbeville going to go?"

"I voted for it," said Kim London of Abbeville.

"Economically there is never a good time to increase taxes but sometimes we as citizens have to be willing to sacrifice (elevate taxes) for the future of our children and our community," she said. "We have to think further than ourselves in order for all our--no matter race or economical status--students to succeed and have

a productive future."

"I voted for it," said Susan Keaton of Antreville.

One concern she had was for school safety. She believes both high schools need to be upgraded to provide greater security.

What happened in Texas recently--the mass shooting at an elementary school--simply reinforced her belief.

One woman we spoke to said the real losers in the referendum were the children.

"Something's got to be done for the kids, and to improve the facilities," said a man who requested anonymity.

"I support anything that's going to help education in the county, but I understand why it didn't pass," said Bill Lesesne of Due West.

"So I hope that the next proposal will have 100 percent support from the trustees, and will be something that our county can get behind and support."

Celebrate!

Dixie High School graduation held at Galloway Center on Erskine campus

By Henry E. Green

Dixie High School held its graduation program Friday night at the Galloway Center on the Erskine campus.

Technical difficulties forced a slight delay in the program, as the sound system failed and school officials worked feverishly to fix it, and they did, about five minutes later.

Valedictorian Bradley Ware was able to resume his speech, recalling that the Class of 2022 started out as kids from Diamond Hill and Cherokee Hill elementary schools.

"Today 86 of us remain," he reflected, noting that the Cherokee Trail and Diamond Hill youngsters are now one unified class, having forged bonds and collected memories.

Similar sentiments were provided by other Dixie honor speakers, reflecting on the impact which families, teachers and friends have made on the Class of 2022 through the years.

Student addresses were provided by Savannah Raye Wojtkowski, and William

Hampton Wieters, and the salutatory address was provided by Jeffery Ryan Branyon--all in line with the theme "Our Influences Through the Years."

And Dixie principal Paul Prescott told the graduates in his opening remarks: "You now have a solid foundation for lifelong learning," he said.

Two awards were presented near the close of the program. The J.S. Strong award, given to a student who has displayed character and hard work, went to Spencer Wieters, and the Teacher of the Year honors were presented to Sylvia Bryant, a 1992 graduate of Dixie,

At the close of the program, the graduates proceeded out of the Galloway Center to the tune of "Celebration" by Kool and the Gang.

They ambled out between the rows of faculty and staff, following the same format as at the beginning.

Diplomas were presented by Prescott, Assistant Principal Brian Milford, guidance

counselor Caroline McK-insey, and Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary.

Following the graduation program, Dixie graduates mingled outside the Galloway Center, enjoying the warmth of family and friends, with a multitude of hugs--and pictures.

The Press and Banner asked two graduates how it felt to be graduating, and what they planned to do in this new chapter of their lives.

"It feels good," said Daniel Branyon, who plans to go into the workforce.

"I'm relieved," said Amelia Maxwell, who plans to go on to Piedmont Technical College to study criminal justice, on her way to becoming a prosecutor.

Junior marshalls included Emalee Mann, Vance Anderson, Ashton Crocker and Cayli Winger, and junior ushers Jackson Dunn, Hunter Satterfield, Marshall Dunn and Meagan Hill.



American Legion Post 72 presented a Memorial Day program Monday in Calhoun Falls. Serving as master of ceremonies was Post 72 commander Mike Brandt (center). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville Lions recently distributed books to second graders at John C. Calhoun Elementary and Long Cane Primary as part of the Roaring Readers. (Contributed photo)

One-cent sales tax measure approved

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees learned that a bill providing for a one cent sales tax which could fund school capital projects has passed the General Assembly and has been signed by the Governor.

Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary informed the board of this during the May 24 school board meeting.

"It's law," said State Rep. Craig Gagnon Friday. "It should be on the books."

Introduced by Rep. Leon Stavrinakis of Charleston,

Bill 3948 provides that a county may adopt the tax if that adoption is approved by the voters in a referendum, Gagnon said.

A similar measure had been on the books in South Carolina, but only the bigger counties could use it, due to population constraints it imposed.

The new bill expands the scope so that less populous counties can make use of it as well.

Most counties which adopt it do so for five to seven years, and most have used the proceeds for school improvements, Gagnon said.

"It's strictly up to the voters," said the State Representative.

Meanwhile, the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees took no action upon hearing Gary's news, but received it as information.

The Superintendent's remarks were given during a discussion of the results of the May 17 referendum, in which voters overwhelmingly rejected funding for upgrades at Abbeville and Dixie schools, and at the Abbeville County Career Center.

Post 72 pays tribute to Memorial Day holiday

By Henry E. Green

American Legion Post 72 marked Memorial Day with a brief program shortly before midday at the veterans monument in that Savannah River valley community.

In front of the monument there was set up a small table with a table setting for one person.

It was all designed to display the plight of those Americans who might still be missing in action or

prisoners of war, Post 72 commander Mike Brandt explained.

Each component had a particular meaning. A candle provided the light of hope, for example.

The empty chair, of course, underscored the absence of the military personnel who had not returned home, Brandt continued.

Also part of Monday's program was Pam Torrance of Calhoun Falls, who had

written a poem about her late father, a veteran.

Calhoun Falls Mayor Terri Holland was the speaker for the occasion.

"We thank you guys for your outstanding sacrifice," he told the veterans in the audience.

At the close of the program, Brandt, and a number of students from Calhoun Falls Charter, read aloud the names of deceased veterans with Calhoun Falls ties.

Do something!

We need to take action to bring mental illness out of shadows

By Henry E. Green

If you see someone choking on a piece of food, you're probably not going to say to them, "Good luck! Hope you get through it OK."

No, you're going to seek immediate help for what could very well be a life-or-death situation.

Krissi Raines of the non-profit Bow and Arrow Center of Hope in Abbeville used that story, slightly paraphrased, to convey the sense of urgency when it comes to mental illness.

Raines, who spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently, noted that 18 people in Abbeville County lost their lives to suicide in 2021.

To Raines, it is clear that Abbeville County has a problem. She has lost friends to suicide, including Caroline Bishop, who took her life in 2016.

Members of Caroline's

family were present at the Rotary meeting where Krissi Raines spoke.

The Caroline Project, named in memory of Caroline Bishop, promotes suicide prevention.

South Carolina as a whole could do better in terms of treating mental health issues. South Carolina is 44th in the nation in mental health services--mental health providers.

The COVID pandemic has placed a spotlight on the problem of mental illness in this country, as it caused considerable stress throughout America.

And as many as one in four adults in America will experience a mental health disorder. And someone in America dies by suicide every 11 hours.

So often we are told to keep our emotions under lock and key. So often, too, we make

a joke of mental illness.

"They're SO bipolar," we will say of someone.

Too often, also, there is a stigma attached to mental illness, and it makes us uncomfortable to talk about it.

The daughter of retired teachers Fred and Faye Raines, Krissi has also taught a mental health first aid course through the years.

There have been a number of mental health outreach events, including Christmas at the Stable, held at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville last year shortly before Christmas.

Raines began and ended her presentation with videos, one of which mentioned Philippians 2:4:

"Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others."

Krissi Raines of the Bow and Arrow Center of Hope spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about suicide prevention. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Abbeville Artist Guild judged the Abbeville Spring Festival booths. Winning honors for Best Booth Presentation was Pin Oak Pottery, featuring hand-crafted mugs and other ceramic art made by David Sorrow of Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Chamber banquet to be held Friday

By Henry E. Green
The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet will be held Friday, June 3 at 6 p.m. at the Lowndesville Community Center, according to Anna LaGrone, executive director of the Chamber.
“We’re looking forward to branching out and supporting all areas of our county,” she said.

Scholarships will be presented, as well as the Business of the Year Award and the Hall of Fame Awards.
“We will also be recognizing our Ambassador of the Year and our outgoing board members,” LaGrone said.
Vocalist Nicole Quinn will be providing entertainment accompanied by guitarist Bryan Norris. The two performed at this year’s

Abbeville Spring Festival.
“I encourage people to buy their tickets before Friday so we have an accurate headcount for dinner,” she said.
Tickets are \$25 for individuals and \$150 for a table.
Dinner is being catered by Talk of the Town.
For more information, one may call the Chamber at 366-4600.

Due West awarded infrastructure grant

By Henry E. Green
The Town of Due West has been awarded a Rural Infrastructure Authority grant of \$500,000 from the state of South Carolina, according to reports.
According to a letter from Harry M. Lightsey III, the chairman of the Rural Infrastructure Authority, to Due West Mayor Jeannie Knight, the grant is a Basic Infrastructure grant designated

for the town’s Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades project.
“This grant will help address a critical need in your community,” Lightsey said.
Lewis Saxton is the town’s director of public utilities, and he will manage the grant for the town, said Knight Tuesday.
Engineering services for the upgrade will be provided by the firm of Dunn and

Shirley.
The town was informed on May 16 that it had received the grant.
The sewer system is aging, and a number of pieces of outdated machinery need to be replaced.
“It will be put out for bid,” she said of the project.
The Town will be making quarterly reports on “what the grant is doing,” Knight continued.

CF Charter school year winding down

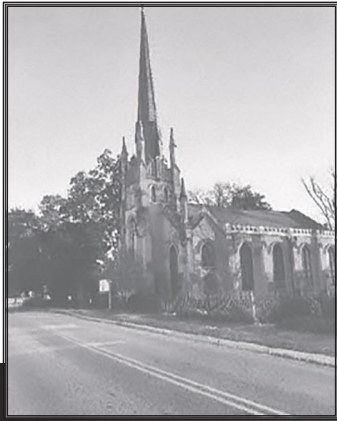
By Henry E. Green
Calhoun Falls Charter held its graduation program Friday night at Fulmer Stadium on the Calhoun Falls Charter campus.
Thirteen young people composed the Calhoun Falls Charter graduating class of 2022.

The graduation program helped highlight the winding down of the school year, which also featured the school’s annual athletic banquet.
Marquice Turman and Jasmine Cade were recognized as the top student-athletes

for the 2021-2022 school year at the recent Calhoun Falls Charter School athletic banquet, held at the Calhoun Falls Civic Center in Calhoun Falls.
Cade, the Female Athlete of the Year, was a multi-sport athlete, as was Turman.



Anna Beth Pursley (right) was recognized as Volunteer of the Year during the Abbeville High School athletic banquet recently. Here she is with AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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Acts 4:31 (NKJV)

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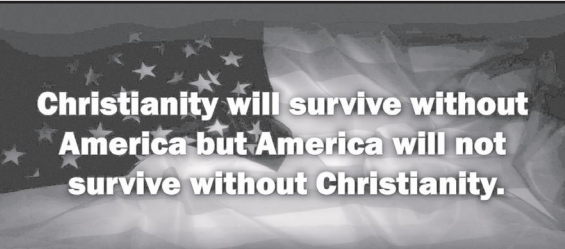
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A cat named Nala

**Submitted by
Barbara Freese**

God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. (W. Cowper, 1773)

Nala was a pretty little street cat, one of probably hundreds in Abbeville County. When she was just past being a kitten, she chose Sharon to be Her Person. And Sharon gladly took her in, elevating her status from stray cat to owned cat. Shortly after that, Sharon contacted Barbara at the Abbeville Humane Society for help to have Nala spayed and vaccinated for rabies. Because Nala was recently homeless, she qualified for trap-neuter-return assistance. Soon she received surgery, a vaccination, and treatment for an infection on her side. The day after surgery, Barbara returned Nala to

her home. She and Sharon talked briefly about Sharon's life plan to move to Haiti with her husband where they would serve as missionaries. Sharon and Pierre had just sold their home in 2020 when the Covid lockdown interrupted their plans and made the move impossible. They moved to Abbeville to live temporarily with a cousin, but their intent is to continue a mission outreach in Haiti called "Leaders of Change." Following surgery, Nala's recovery from both surgery and the infection went smoothly. But the conversation with Sharon about the plight of the Haitian people stuck in Barbara's mind. Several months later, some of the ladies at a local church were seeking a mission project for their circle, so Barbara called Sharon and asked what could be done by a small group of women

to help women in Haiti. From Sharon, she learned that people there are literally starving because of gang violence and inflation, and that women are having a particularly hard time. She also learned that it is easy to send money to Haiti to help people there. The church ladies agreed with enthusiasm. Within ten days they raised several hundred dollars. This gift was sent to a mission worker for poor people who live in a village called 'Thomasain'. It was used to buy family meal packets that contain rice, beans, seasoning, and cooking oil. The meal packets were given to women on the Sunday that is Mother's Day in Haiti. Yes, God does work in mysterious ways. Sometimes he even uses a little cat like Nala to accomplish His good work.

The Emperor's Hem

by Tom Poland

In the late 1990s, a time that seems ancient, I touched the emperor's hem. That is I corresponded with a writer whose words revealed a style original and mesmerizing. Somehow, I hoped, might his gift rub onto me? I first read him in *Esquire* before modern, less genteel ways soiled it. That was in June 1986. His story, "The Captain's Wife," told how he fell in love with a friend's wife but did not pursue her. The story's subtitle told you all you needed know, "Once Upon A Time There Was Honor In Love."

His style of writing and his life view made you want to read more. And so I found his book, *Burning The Days, Recollection* in 1997. I had lost my way in the Sea of Life, and his book became my compass. I took his book wherever I traveled. I read it in hotels, at my parents' home, wherever I ended up. I bought other books of his, and the idea came to me I should get him to sign them. But how?

I contacted a writers' organization in New York. "Ship the books to us and we'll send them to him and he can sign them for you. Some money was involved. I waited and waited. Then day-of-days my books came directly to me from Salter. Now I had his address. I wrote him a thank you letter, not expecting a reply, but he wrote me back speaking of the difficulty of getting published. He wrote

some more. Later he sent me a beautiful card, "Blue Nude III," a 1952 cut and pasted paper print by Henri Matisse. On its back he told me he had just come back from Chamonix, France, where he had been shooting a documentary, largely based on his novel, *Solo Faces*, for German TV. "Oddly enough,"

Salter had become a writer of high merit. In his book Salter wrote much about Phil "Casey" Colman, who was an ace. Here's a bit. "It was May when Colman flew what no one except him knew would be his last mission. Colman left that day. He was lighthearted and self-promoting. Day-to-day truth was probably not in him but a higher kind of integrity was, a kind not wasted on trivial matters. He had an infectious spirit. We were unlike. I adored him." I handed my book to Colman. "Look how many times you are in this book."

For an hour or more he read the book. By now he was old and frail, but I knew exactly who and where he was at the moment. He was back in Korea and his youth had returned as he held an F-100 high above the Yalu River. In Salter's words, "He and a MIG roared across mud flats wide open, needles crossed, the MIG like a beast of legend fleeing ahead. The controls were unyielding. The ground rushed beneath him. Destiny itself, unrehearsed, shimmered before his eyes." Writers, well this one at least, worship the divine works of writers whose talent takes them to rarified heights. I admire these: James Dickey, Harry Crews, and James Salter. Salter's alone at the top.

Photo by Tom Poland



Correspondence and signatures

he wrote, "my biggest sales are in Germany." He mentioned two new books coming out and something called the Internet. "I've never looked myself up on the Internet, must be frightening." He closed his note, saying, "Am very grateful to you—embarrassing to talk about myself. Sincerely, James Salter." In *Burning The Days* you'll read about Hemingway, Balzac, Roman Polanski, Irwin Shaw, Leonard Bernstein, and Robert Redford. No name appears more than Phil "Casey" Colman's, a Georgian, a fighter pilot in Korea alongside Salter. I crossed paths with Colman at a family reunion in Lincoln County, Georgia. Many pilots attended the reunion, Colman among them. He lived in Augusta. I had my book with me, of course, and showed him he was in it. He had no idea

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A different world

The Norris family is bound for Ecuador to serve as missionaries

By Henry E. Green
Elijah Norris is no stranger to adventure. During the pandemic, Elijah went to the New York area to help provide emergency medical service. Now, he and his family are embarking on what may be the biggest adventure of their lives.

The Abbevilleans are, in fact, going to Ecuador to serve as missionaries--Elijah and his wife Elizabeth and children Caidence, Altman, and Raylee. Elijah is originally from Conway, and he moved to Greenville for paramedic school. Elizabeth, whose maiden name is Koerber, is originally from Abbeville and moved to Greenville for ultrasound school.

The two young people met in Greenville, and they've been a couple ever since. "We moved back to Abbeville after his military training," said Elizabeth. "I served in the Navy Reserve as a Corpsman," said Elijah. They have been in Abbeville County since 2014, living in the Antreville area first before moving closer to the city of Abbeville.

Elijah has been working as a paramedic, and Elizabeth is an ultrasound technician at Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Greenwood. Moving to Ecuador is, yes, a big step, but the two feel confident.

To Elijah, the move is a perfect fit, as he has an undergraduate degree from North Greenville in ministry. Once in Ecuador, they plan to minister to first responders and their families, with Elijah working with the responders themselves, and Elizabeth working with the families--the "whole family unit," as they put it.

The agency sending them is the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, while the "sending church" is South Side Baptist Church of Abbeville.

To Elijah and Elizabeth, the preparation is all laid out for them. First there will be a training session in Pennsylvania, followed by a year in Costa Rica, where they will learn Spanish.

They are now in the process of raising money to help finance what they had signed up as a four year term.

Their hope is to leave in

August to go to Costa Rica, stay for one year before moving on to Ecuador.

Once in Ecuador, they plan to live on the coast, where the people love to spend considerable amounts of time outdoors.

Located near the Equator, the Ecuadorian coast is blessed with warm weather, making it a joy to be outdoors.

The two are no strangers to missions work. "I've been to Haiti," Elijah recalled, noting that he served as a flight paramedic in that Caribbean nation.

Still, getting to be immersed in the culture of Ecuador will take time. Ecuadorians tend to be family-oriented, and they value the time spent getting to know someone.

Americans tend to be task-oriented, but the people of Ecuador--well, not so much.

Elizabeth and Elijah will be preaching the Gospel in a different culture, in what for them will be a new world.

"We felt like it was a calling God put on our lives," Elijah said.

For more information, one may visit abwe.org/norrisfamily, or call 864-365-5736.



The Norris family of Abbeville is planning to go to Ecuador to serve as missionaries. (Norris family photo)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Hearing on Municipal Budget

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Town Council for the Town of Due West will hold a public hearing on the municipal budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year on June 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at Due West Town Council Chambers, 103 Main Street, Due West, S.C.

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The above listed 2022-2023 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 2022 Council Meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Due West Town Council Chambers.

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Obituaries

Prince

Kenneth W. Prince, 57, of Abbeville, wife of Crystal Sarkilahti Prince, died Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at the MUSC Medical Center in Charleston, SC. He was born in Elberton, GA to Mary Smith-Hilley and the late J. V. Mack Prince.

Kenneth was presently employed with Prysmian Cable for twelve years as a high voltage tester. He enjoyed being outside working in his yard and garden. Kenneth loved his family and he will always hold a very special place in their hearts.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a sister, Bobbie Prince.

Kenneth is survived by his mother of Calhoun Falls; wife of 5 years, Crystal;



Kenneth W. Prince

his family, Shane Ambrose (Cory) of Honea Path, SC, Jacob Barrett of Greenwood, SC, Samantha Barrett of Abbeville, SC, Richard Prince (LaJuan) and Will Lowe, all of Calhoun Falls, SC; Diane Prince Charing of Anderson,

SC; and four grandchildren, Colten Dodgen, Camden Dodgen, Elena Ambrose and Eli Ambrose.

A celebration of Kenneth's life was held Sunday, May 29, 2022, from 4:00PM to 6:00PM at the Calhoun Falls Church of God.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Kenneth, may be sent the Abbeville County Animal Shelter, 79 Old Calhoun Falls Road, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

Obituaries

Marion

Charles R. 'Boo' Marion, Sr., 96, of the Antreville Community, husband of the late Betty Ellis Marion, died Sunday, May 29, 2022, at the Abbeville Area Medical Center. He was born in Atlanta, GA to the late John Wyeth Marion and Mellou Martin Marion.

Mr. Marion attended O'Keefe High School in Atlanta, GA and graduated from Antreville High School, Class of 1941. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during World War II. Mr. Marion retired from Pirelli Cable (former General Cable) in 1985. He was a boy scout master in Antreville for several years and a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife and



Charles R. 'Boo' Marion, Sr.

parents, Mr. Marion was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Martin and Roy Marion.

He is survived by two sons, Charles 'Chuck' Marion, Jr. (Nancy) of Antreville, Stanley E. Marion (Diane) of Rock

Hill; a daughter, Phyllis Marion Deter of Townville and two grandchildren, Michael Marion and Natalie Marion.

Graveside services, with military honors, were 2:00PM, Tuesday, May 31, 2022, in Shiloh United Methodist Church Cemetery with Rev. Donovan Campbell and Rev. Tommy Alewine officiating. The family received friends following the service.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mr. Marion, may be sent to Shiloh United Methodist Church, 198 Hwy. 184 West, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

Community calendar

Church in Ninety Six plans concert

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Vouchers to be distributed

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For more information, one may call Becky Wilson, the Meal Ministries Director at Piedmont Agency on Aging, at 864-223-0164, ext. 7.

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Blessings

Proverbs 10:22 “The blessing of the Lord makes one rich, and He adds no sorrow to it.”

Ronald Mandile of Brooklyn, NY tells of taking his family to their favorite store to get humongous ice cream cones for a really cheap price. They all placed their order; four-year-old Heather, was last. She ordered a cherry cone. The clerk put two big scoops of cherry ice cream on a cone. Suddenly Heather realized she had made a mistake and wanted a strawberry cone. Since the clerk had already made a cherry cone, Ronald told Heather that she had to eat cherry. He also reminded her that cherry and strawberry tasted pretty much the same. Well, this four-year-old thought differently. She refused the cherry cone and began to cry, telling him that she didn't want it. Some of you have been there, have't you?

Her older sister tried to offer her strawberry cone to Heather. Heather wouldn't take that either. Her father told her that if she wouldn't eat that cherry cone, she wouldn't get any ice cream at all and her dad would eat her cone as well as his own. Heather still refused, so Ronald was stuck with two cones and a daughter who was whining and upset. On the way to the car, he told her that she was now going to get a spanking. Both of them were frustrated with each other and they were making a bigger deal out of it than was necessary.

“Thank God for my wife,” says Ronald. She was able to calm Heather down as well as her husband. They left with all of them enjoying their ice cream. Ronald says he has reflected on this incident many times and has learned some interesting things from it. “How many times,” he asks, “has God wanted to bless me and I refused because it was the wrong flavor. I insisted on having it my way only to lose the blessing totally.” Ronald Mandile is right. Sometimes God's blessings come in the most unlikely flavors.

Proverbs 10:22 makes the promise that the blessings of the Lord makes one rich—but it does not necessarily mean rich in the financial sense. Too often we only think of wealth in the terms of material things. Notice the second half of the verse: “...and He adds no sorrow to it.” The wealth of this world does not necessarily make one happy. There are many wealthy people who are miserable. There are a multitude of wealthy folks who have unhappy families, poor health, and a dissatisfaction with life.

Allow me to share some blessings of the Lord that are not monetary but are blessings without sorrow. One of them is good health. If one has good health he/she is indeed blessed. Health is a lot better than money. All

the money in the world will not purchase good health. Good health is a blessing from God that is without sorrow. Another blessing from God that adds no sorrow is friends. A friend is such a blessing. A good friend is more precious than silver or gold. A good friend will stick by you through thick and thin. A good friend will help you when you are down and out. That is certainly more precious than money.

While there are many more, I would like to add one more that is supreme, in my opinion. A supportive spouse—that indeed is a blessing that adds no sadness. A supportive spouse is encouraging to you when the going gets rough. A supporting spouse will add value to your life and joy to your existence. A supportive spouse will stand by you when everyone else flees. A supportive spouse will support you in the lean times and rejoice with you in the prosperous ones. A supportive spouse can be relied on and trusted to do the right things even when you are not around. A supportive spouse will make your nights sweet and your days content.

These are just a few of the blessings that God gives without sorrow.

Don't miss out on God's blessings because you want a different flavor. His flavor is the best.

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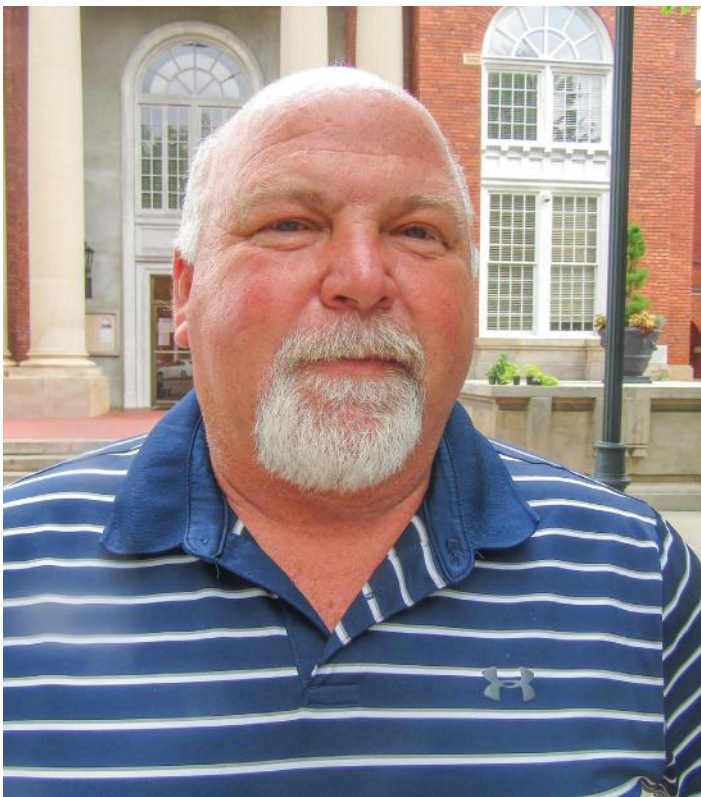
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Bryan McClain is running for Abbeville County Council District Seven. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Red, white, blue Scouts in Due West present flag disposal ceremony for Memorial Day

By Henry E. Green

A flag retirement ceremony in Due West highlighted Memorial Day.

Scouts gathered to dispose ceremonially of American flags which had become worn and tattered and thus not fit anymore to be flown.

The flags were ceremonially burned, and members of the audience were welcome to dispose of flags as well, in memory or in honor of family and friends.

Along with the flag disposal ceremony, Scouts provided a presentation on the history of the American flag, and its symbolism.

Items:

The stars in the flag stand for the 50 states.

The colors have symbolic value as well. "The red stripes remind us of the lifeblood of brave men and women who were ready to

die for this, their country," the Scouts told the audience. "The white stripes remind us of purity and cleanliness of purpose, thought, word and deed. The blue is for truth and justice, like the eternal blue of the star-filled heavens. " --The stripes symbolize the 13 colonies.

The ceremony has become something of a Memorial Day tradition in Due West, all to mark a holiday designed to honor the memory of those who died while serving in the United States armed forces.

"We come together this evening to celebrate freedom and remember sacrifice," said Due West Mayor Jeannie Knight in helping open the program.

"These flags, proud symbols of our nation, have served well, and are now

able to be retired; replaced by flags whose colors are not so faded and torn. We retire them, not to belittle their work, but to continue their legacy."

Rev. Scott Moore of Due West provided the invocation for the program, which also included a history of Memorial Day, which was first observed in 1868.

And a number of the flags placed in the fire had stories behind them--from a serviceman killed in World War II, to a someone killed in Vietnam, to the memory of a cherished grandfather who served in the Navy.

The program was presented by Boy Scout Troop 64 and Cub Scout Pack 54, said Troop 54 Scoutmaster James Crisp, who said his wife Lori is the Cubmaster for Pack 54.

McClain running for County Council

By Henry E. Green

Bryan McClain recalled that when he was 21, he attended a Palmetto Leadership course, and he has been interested in public service ever since.

Today he's running for County Council, putting that interest into action.

McClain, 54, has been a lifelong resident of Abbeville County. Born and raised in the Level Land area of Abbeville County, he graduated from Dixie in 1986, and he went on to get a degree from Greenville Tech in industrial engineering in 1989.

"I married my high school sweetheart," he said. That young lady was Laura Little, and they have been married 32 years.

Today they have two children--Hailey and Jacob--and three grandchildren, ages one to four.

Hailey graduated from Clemson, and now works for the university as well. She is a public information coordinator for Clemson, and Jacob is a rural mail carrier.

Bryan, meanwhile, has worked for 33 years at Prysmian, where he is the plant buyer for Prysmian's Abbeville, Houston and Lexington plants.

He has also served in the Abbeville unit of the South Carolina National Guard, from which he retired with 20 years of service.

McClain served on County Council for 12 years, and served as Council chairman for eight of those 12 years.

Now he is running for County Council District Seven, which he said takes in Antreville, Due West, Kewee and Level Land.

"I'm running as a Repub-

lican," said McClain, who lives between Level Land and Antreville.

"It takes a lot to run for public office," he said, admitting that the endeavor can be stressful.

He wants to make the County a better place, and he believes he has the experience and leadership skills to get things done.

"I will fight for my district, and stand up for the citizens of Abbeville County," he said.

McClain's Number One priority is public safety, and he wants to ensure that public safety agencies such as law enforcement and EMS have the tools they need to do their jobs.

He wants to make sure that pay for County employees is competitive with that of other counties, so that the County can retain good employees.

Accountability is another priority for McClain, who wants to make sure that the County's tax dollars are spent wisely.

Economic development is important as well, said McClain, who wants to ensure that the County invests in water and sewer infrastructure, and to have "pad ready" sites, which have infrastructure in place, to attract prospective industries.

Quality of life is important to McClain as well. He wants to enhance places such as the Upper Abbeville County Recreation complex, where he said that there is still another ball field that needs to be added.

He would also like to see additional grocery stores in Abbeville County.

All it takes is for people to work together. "It takes

a Council to get anything done," he said.

Among the projects which became a reality during McClain's time on Council were the Abbeville County Library, the Abbeville County Administrative Complex, the Upper Abbeville County Recreation Complex, a Lowndesville-area water line, and the Abbeville County animal shelter.

"These projects were done by team work," he said.

The top issue facing Abbeville County is that of balancing growth and fiscal responsibility.

Abbeville County officials need to work closely with Abbeville County Legislative Delegation in terms of bringing growth to the county.

McClain touched on the May 17 referendum in the Abbeville County School District, in which voters overwhelmingly rejected proposed upgrades to Abbeville and Dixie high schools, and the Abbeville County Career Center.

"I think they need to listen to the citizens," he said, referring to the school board. "I know something needs to be done to our schools," he said. However, that need should be balanced with restraint in taxation.

Abbeville County has some great assets. It is a great place to raise a family, it has a low crime rate, and relatively low taxes, and a small-town atmosphere, he said.

So why should people vote for McClain?

"I have the leadership skills and the experience to stand up for the needs of Abbeville County," he said. "'I will do the right things to make our county prosper."

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Rusty Chappell (left) was presented with the \$250 All About the A Scholarship, a financial award voted on by the coaching staff as well as the teachers at AHS. Chappell was presented with the award by AHS principal Scott White (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Body and mind
Dixie High track star Alejandra Sabatino excels at throwing javelin

By Henry E. Green
For Dixie High School senior Alejandra Sabatino, throwing the javelin is a matter of having your mind and body in a sturdy alliance. Sabatino signed with Lander recently to compete on that university's track team, and she was joined in the signing ceremony by her parents. A member of the Dixie track team, she specializes in throwing the javelin, and she has become quite good at it. "I placed seventh at the state meet in the javelin," she said in a recent telephone interview. It is something she just

started this year. "There's a lot to it," she said. "Your body has to be connected to your mind." You must be keenly aware of how your body is moving when throwing the javelin, and it is an endeavor for which you must possess certain amount of strength. It is something which she will definitely be taking to the next level. "I throw the discus and the javelin, and at Lander I will be throwing the shot put as well." Throwing the javelin is a pleasant accompaniment to her goal of being an educator. "I've wanted to be a teacher ever since I can remember,"

she said, noting that she wants to be an elementary school teacher. A recipient of a teaching fellows scholarship, she has been honored with membership in the Beta Club and National Honor Society, and participated in other extracurricular activities at Dixie as well. "I played soccer and volleyball," she said. The daughter of Heyni and Arnaldo Sabatino, she is part of Dixie's Class of 2022, which was scheduled to graduate this past Friday night at Erskine's Galloway Center. (See related story.)

Finishing touches
Various scholarships were presented at May 23 AHS athletic banquet

By Henry E. Green
A number of awards and scholarships were presented at the May 23 Abbeville High School athletic banquet. The D'Juan Sanders Scholarship is sponsored by the Men of Character, and at the May 23 AHS banquet it was presented by Sanders's mother and aunt. The \$1,000 scholarship is given to a student who "demonstrated exceptional athletic ability and character," who excels in football and plans to further his education. Sanders played football at AHS in the early 1990s and the scholarship was set up in his memory. This year's scholarship was presented to Darell Calhoun.

The Glenn Ferguson Competitive Spirit award went to senior Rusty Chappell. The award is given every year to honor the legacy of Glenn Ferguson, an AHS baseball player from 2000 to 2003. "This award is given to a person who honors the spirit of Glenn by his competitive spirit, work ethic, and dependability," according to information from AHS. "This award is important because it exemplifies all the qualities we are looking for in a player to represent Abbeville Panther baseball. The Panther Pride award is given every year to a senior who demonstrates Panther Pride both in the classroom and in the community. The award is given in memory of Mike Culbreth, who

spent considerable time coaching the AHS tennis program. During the banquet, Culbreth's wife and family presented the award to Drew Beauford. Finally, Rusty Chappell was presented with the \$250 All About the A Scholarship, a financial award voted on by the coaching staff as well as the teachers at AHS. It is given, according to AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson, to a student who displays character that honors what Abbeville stands for, is outstanding in the classroom, cheers on their teammates/classmates, is respectful, goes above and beyond to help others, and is just in general a great human being."



Dixie High School graduating senior Alejandra Sabatino Barrios (center, seated) recently signed for track at Lander University. In a recent signing ceremony at Dixie, she was accompanied by her parents, Heyni and Arnaldo Sabatino, and Dixie athletic director Vic Lollis (standing, left) and Dixie principal Paul Prescott. (Dixie High School photo)

Lynch, Bensel Athletes of Year at Dixie

By Henry E. Green
Nathan Lynch was recognized as the Male Athlete of the Year, and Weslyn Bensel the Female Athlete of the Year, during the Dixie High School athletic banquet, held at the Erskine dining hall on Tuesday, May 24. The honors, which had been voted on by the Dixie coaching staff, helped provide a climax to a banquet

which attracted more than 400 people. Lynch played football and basketball, and ran track. A linebacker for the Hornet football team, he was All Region in football, and was named Most Valuable Player on defense. Weslyn Bensel, meanwhile, played softball, volleyball and basketball, and she was the 1-A Player of

the year in softball. Most Valuable Player and sportsmanship awards were also presented for the various sports. Scholarships were also presented. Daniel Boyd and Savannah Wojtkowski won the Henry C. "Dusty" Oates scholarship, and Eric Sheppard and Amaiya McDowell won the Gambrell scholarship.



Darrell Calhoun was this year's recipient of the D'Juan Sanders Scholarship, and he was presented with it during the May 23 AHS athletic banquet. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville High School Senior Shunkevius Brown will be running track at the University of South Carolina Upstate. He is joined by his mother, Kiaoro Brown; and cousins, Quadaja Ray, Consuejah Ray, and Nikea Young. Also in the photo are his coaches Ron Sullivan, Lesa Thomas, and Pete Calhoun (not pictured). (Photo contributed)

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What is going on in the education system, public and private?

By Cindy Ramsey
Is sending a child through the public education system a good thing?
In my humble opinion it is a very dangerous thing to do, for the children and for society as a whole. And what is really troubling is the fact that too many Christians, even those who have chosen Christian education for their children, have not truly understood the long-term implications of education.

In an article written by John J. Dunphy “A Religion for a New Age” he wrote, “I am convinced that the battle for humankind’s future must be waged and won in the public school classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytizers of a new faith: a religion of humanity that recognizes the spark of what theologians call divinity in every human being. There teachers must embody the same selfless dedication of the most *rabid fundamentalist preacher*, for they will be ministers of another sort, utilizing a classroom instead of a pulpit to convey humanist values in whatever subject they teach, regardless of the educational level—preschool, daycare, or large state university. The classroom *must and will* become an arena of conflict between the old and the new—the *rotting corpse of Christianity, together with all its adjacent evils and misery*, and the *new faith of humanism*, resplendent in its promise of a world in which the never-realized Christian ideal of “love thy neighbor” will finally be achieved. Also, the author of “Humanism: A New Religion” Charles Francis Potter wrote, “Education is thus a most powerful ally of humanism, and every public school is a school of humanism. *What can the theistic Sunday school, meeting for an hour once a*

week, and teaching only a fraction of the children, do to stem the tide of a five-day program of humanistic teachings?”
We can also see this new “theology” evidenced in the words of Adolf Hitler. He knew that the way to capture a nation and establish a new worldview was to educate the children. On November 6, 1933, Hitler stated, “When an opponent declares, ‘I will not come over to your side,’ I calmly say, ‘Your child belongs to us already...What are you? You will pass on. Your descendants, however, now stand in the new camp. In a short time they will know nothing else but this new community.’” Just four years later he declared, “This new Reich will give its youth to no one, but will itself take youth and give to youth its own education and its own upbringing.”
The subtle programming of children through pop culture such as media, Hollywood, music, violent, graphic video games, indoctrinating them with themes of Satanism, self-mutilation (transgenderism), baby killing via abortion and invoking emotional rage against others, has created decades of confused and tormented children and young people, who eventually grow into adulthood morally and psychologically damaged. And if a child or teen begins to wake up and think outside this “normative box,” they get dosed with psychiatric drugs to keep them in line.
Sadly, these are all things which are taught predominantly by the political Left in America today. Just look at the platform it stands on and promotes. And, this also includes many who identify with the political Right. Regardless, the message to children and teens is crystal clear: Your life doesn’t carry a whole lot of weight in the

political and elitist realm. This stands in contrast to the message which is commanded by the Creator through His written and inspired Word, that every life matters and will be accounted for one day.
So if this is the program that has been put into place and initiated over time, should we really be surprised when this twisted, demonic culture produces criminals and even mass murderers who recognize no value in the lives of the innocent? We shouldn’t be! We are now experiencing this fact on a daily basis!
In place of looking to the Creator for answers, we look to our government. But does it, as a whole, really value human life? The FDA harvests the organs of murdered babies to use in medical experiments, all funded by our taxpayer dollars. Don’t pretend for a second that the government values life and wants to protect the innocent. The innocent are murdered on a routine basis in order to enrich and empower so many of who were actually placed in these positions by the very people who elected them to watch over and care for them.
So what is the answer? It begins in the home. We adults need to open our eyes to what is going on around us outside the bubble we live in. So many parents, pastors, and leaders in the community today sadly are living their lives, going about their day-to-day activities and responsibilities with their proverbial “heads in the sand” believing “not here, not in the USA, not my child!” Look around...it’s here, today, in the children’s classrooms, subtly waiting for the next child to be handed over for unrighteous indoctrination. It doesn’t begin and end in grade school...it is very *progressive and subtle* at the same time.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I have seen some incorrect information and misconceptions being spread after the recent failed referendum. I want to provide some facts and offer a first step towards turning an epic failure into hope for positive change in the future.

There are nine school board members (trustees) that are elected to represent the school district. The recent referendum was proposed to the public due to a 5-4 vote by the board. Five board members believed this was a recommendation the people they represent might vote in favor of.

There are 14 voting locations (precincts) throughout the county. Each voter is assigned where they must vote based on their address. Every single precinct in EVERY city voted No.

In total, the referendum failed with 2,640 (82.6%)

residents voting NO to the proposed referendum. Only 556 (17.4%) residents voted Yes.

When a referendum gets defeated to that extent throughout the county, the question should be, “Are our elected school board members representing and listening to those that elect them?” Five out of every six voters are not being represented and that is not acceptable.

What does this mean and where is the hope? When over 82% of us vote against the school board’s proposal, that is a clear indication we need a change in elected leadership on the school board. This vote is the most united I have seen Abbeville County, which gives me hope that our county can finally come together to create an affordable long-term plan.

The first step towards progress in my opinion is to replace the school board members that are out of touch with the community. This November, three of the members that voted in favor to propose this referendum are up for re-election. We have an opportunity to elect new board members that want to be the change that we want to see in Abbeville county. We need people to run for election with high integrity, with time to devote to the position, and who are willing to truly represent the people in their community. When November elections come, we all have the responsibility to vote and choose the best candidates to represent us.

Last but not least, the current board should not rush to propose another referendum before we vote for new school board members in November. Positive change is on the horizon IF we work together to make it happen!

Charles Angel

Racism in America: The Other Side of the Story

By Geoff Hult
My earliest memory in life is my parents opening the front door to our new apartment in Columbia upon moving from Illinois in 1973. I was later told that they were reluctant to raise me in South Carolina due to the history of white racism in the South. I was taught growing up that it was OK to have friends of different races, and I did.

I was also taught who Martin Luther King, Jr. was and of his enduring philosophy that a person should be judged by the content of their character, and not the color of their skin. This resonated as perfect common sense and is always a simple philosophy I have adhered to. Certainly during King’s time, white racism and black victimization was a very real and ugly reality in this country. King was real, and was unafraid to call it just like it was. However, if he were alive today and observed the narrative being shoved down our throats of white racism and black victimization by the entire power structure of government, mass media, and academia, I guarantee you he would be the most vocal opponent of it. Why? Not because of his approach of non-violence to the issue, which is quite the contrast to the conduct of Black Lives Matter, but for the simple, obvious, and straightforward reason that it is total, utter nonsense.

Let’s start with the notion that there is “systemic racism” directed at blacks in this country today. During the 50s and 60s, systemic racism against blacks was real, which means the whole system stood in opposition to them having equal rights. Systemic racism means the system itself is in opposition to a particular race, and if this truly in effect, that system, as a collective voice, will not be acknowledging their target as being victims of racism at all, but will instead be constantly promoting ideas and propaganda of how that race is somehow a cancer and drain on the rest of society. What we have been seeing for years now is the portrayal of blacks as victims of rampant racism and the denigration of white people as being inherently defective because of their alleged inherent racism.

The real systemic racism in any society is directed at the group that is labeled as bad or problematic in any given way. The adjective of “black” would not now be capitalized while “white” remains lower case if genuine systemic racism

against blacks existed. Per proper English, both adjectives would remain lower case unless beginning a sentence, unless one race were symbolically being placed beneath the other.

The attempt to implement the teaching of Critical Race Theory in our nation’s schools is nothing other than the attempt to institutionalize the official recognition of white people as being inherently flawed in who they are because of their inherent racism. This is how real racism works; when the system gets behind the banner of “science” in its justification for the defamation and downgrading of an entire race of people.

Let’s examine the 1992 Los Angeles riots and how that compares to what we’ve seen recently with Black Lives Matter. What initiated the LA riots was the filming of the beating of Rodney King by LAPD officers on March 3rd, 1991. The officers were later acquitted which triggered the riots on April 29th, 1992. It must be noted that King had led the officers on a high speed chase, resisted arrest when finally stopped, was unaffected by a stun gun, and tried to attack one of the officers. Had he cooperated, none of it would have happened and the worst riots in US history would have never taken place in LA. The officers were trying to subdue an out of control King who they believed was on PCP.

The difference between these riots in LA and what has taken place in recent years involving Black Lives Matter is that LA was a real, organic event. It was not a government sponsored, contrived, and scripted event. It was massive in scope regarding infrastructure damage, injury, and loss of human life. Despite this, it was contained within three days when Bush declared the insurrection act and brought in the military to restore order.

Black Lives Matter, however, is funded to the tune of millions of dollars by big moneyed interests like George Soros, and when they hit the streets, police are told to stand down, or only engage them in a very soft way. If police were allowed to do their jobs in places like Minneapolis, Atlanta, Baltimore, Portland, and Seattle, the rioting and violence that did take place would have been contained in a much shorter time frame. Black Lives Matter is a government sponsored proxy army, and is encouraged and allowed to create mayhem so as to make a spectacle of the

alleged gross injustices being perpetrated against blacks, thereby fueling the narrative of white racism/black victimization. If systemic racism were the case, BLM would be ruthlessly put down when they hit the streets, blocked traffic, and intimidated motorists. Instead, we see just the opposite and their blocking of traffic is allowed and often-times assisted by police. Police chiefs wouldn’t be ordering their men to stand down and cooperate with this unless higher elements of power were ordering the police chiefs to cooperate with it.

The FBI and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) claim that white supremacy is one of the biggest threats regarding domestic terrorism. This is totally untrue, and these claims are what systemic racism truly looks like. Are we supposed to believe white racism/white supremacy is a bigger social problem in this country than street gangs in any major city? I have heard estimates of there being 150,000 gang members in Chicago alone. That number is more than the populations of Abbeville, Greenwood, and McCormick counties combined. And those 150,000 are not white racists.

One final point: Former Abbeville Opera House director Jimmy Burdette was fired from his job because of a Facebook post picturing a Confederate flag that evidently offended a black woman in Iowa. If the roles were reversed, and Jimmy Burdette were black and the woman from Iowa were white, black Jimmy Burdette would have never lost his job and the white woman from Iowa would be the one denounced as a racist. You know it, I know it, everyone knows it. This double standard is unacceptable and this phony narrative of white racism/black victimization is a cancer on American society. This narrative is a divide and conquer strategy.

The media and government are not trying to “solve” the problem of racism, but rather to incite, provoke, and exacerbate the problem. The media only reports sensational incidents of white on black crime but never reports black on white crime, as if it doesn’t exist. They are stoking racial tension and attempting to divide people all while the implementation of totalitarian world governance is what is really taking place.

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New slate of officers for the revived Abbeville Cotillion Club that were attending the cocktail party last night. Left to right: Mary Elizabeth Land, Pres.; Patti Howie, Treas.; Sally Cooke, Sec.; Katy Tilley, Vice Pres.; Judy White, Social Chair. (Photo contributed)

Happy news

Gold Star Highlights segment shines spotlight on student accomplishments

By Henry E. Green

Amid the drama that seems to surround meetings of the Abbeville County School District board of trustees these days, the Gold Star Highlights segment seems to provide a little oasis of pleasant news.

The May 24 meeting provided a case in point. Gold Star Highlights provides an opportunity to shine the spotlight on students, teachers and others who accomplish great things in the Abbeville County School District.

“Mrs. Lynn Patterson’s class from Cherokee Trail Elementary participated in the ‘Making Bank’ contest, sponsored by SOUTH CAROLINA FUTURE SCHOLAR’S 529 College Savings Plan,” Brandi Sears, the School District’s Director of Instruction and Accountability, told the board.

One of her students, Luke Patterson, was one of the state winners, and was the only winner from the Abbeville County School District.

The Abbeville County Career Center’s welding program also received recognition.

“We have two students who have reached a new milestone in the Abbeville County Career Center Welding Program,” Sears said. “This is the first time the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code Section IX certification were offered. It is on a 2” carbon steel pipe performed in the GTAW (Tig) Welding process.

“The students successfully passed the guided bend test. Mr. Bagwell administered the test and Paul Phelps (Department Head of Welding and CNC Programming at Tri County Technical College) signed off on the documentation as the Certified Welding Inspector with no charge to ACCC.

“Per Paul Phelps, Abbeville County Career Center is the first school he is aware of that offered and had students to successfully pass this welding test. Those students are William Everette Miller from Dixie High School and Justin Will Hudson from Abbeville High School.”

In addition, during Welding 3, the students prepared and practiced for the AWS

D1.1 Joint B-U2a test. This is a certification for structural steel that is performed in the SMAW (stick) Welding Process.

“We had all six seniors to successfully pass the guided bend test on it as well,” Sears said.

Those students included Everette Miller, Dakota Kelly, and Eli McClain of Dixie, and Drake Dowis and Justin Hudson of Abbeville High School, she continued.

“This is a huge accomplishment by these young men,” said Sears. “ACCC Welding has a 100% pass rating on Weld Test Certifications.”

In keeping with school board custom, trustees offered comments following the Gold Star Highlights.

“Great job and keep up the great work,” said trustee Joe Bryson. Other trustees offered similar comments.

In addition to the Gold Star Highlights, Abbeville High School valedictorian Sydney Dawson led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the prayer to help open the meeting.

Trustee Tim Rhodes was absent from the meeting.



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Correction

The 5th grade People’s Choice Award winner in the Westwood Elementary beauty pageant was A’Zoria Patterson.

The May 4 article about the pageant stated the winner incorrectly.

The Press and Banner regrets the error.

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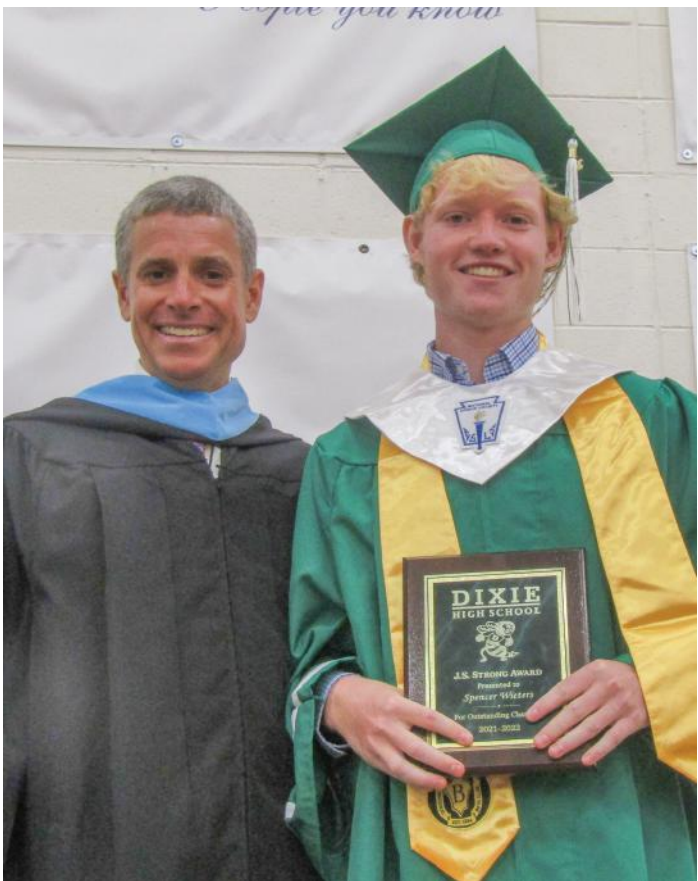
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Spencer Wieters (right) was presented with the J.S. Strong Award during the Dixie High School graduation program, held recently in the Galloway Center on the Erskine campus. He was presented with the award by Dixie principal Paul Prescott (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Going global

Due West Robotics team competes in world robotics championship event

By Henry E. Green
ADue West Robotics team, the Due Westerners, competed in April in the robotics world championship event held in Houston, Texas, according to Due West Robotics president Charles Angel.
The world championship was held in Houston, Texas at the George R. Brown Convention Center, which is city blocks long and it was filled with all four age levels of FIRST Robotics teams from around the world, said Angel.
“The Due Westerners did fantastic as a rookie team, the Due West Robotics president continued.
“They won four matches and lost six. Three of the losses were within eight points against the #1, #5, and #6 ranked teams in our division. A few things go different and the team is 7-3 and potentially in the playoff rounds. Knowing that our rookie team was

very competitive against the top 450 teams in the world is inspiring. Next season, the regional competition held in South Carolina will be in Anderson.”
The Due Westerners are a high school team that includes eighth and ninth graders, including private, public, and home schooled students from Abbeville, Greenwood, and Anderson counties.
Established in 2012, Due West Robotics is a 501c3 organization that is volunteer run, with the only paid position being that of a part-time paid administrator.
“We have been blessed to have dedicated, parents, teachers, and engineers helping to mentor the kids involved,” he said. “Our high school team has mechanical engineering mentors from Stoll Industries and Bosch, software engineers from FujiFilm and the Greenwood Genetics Center, electrical and safety engineers from

Eaton, and a retired engineer that designed the microchips that still orbit the earth controlling satellites.”
To Angel, it is all proof that big things can come out of small, rural communities.
“We were told that our kids couldn’t compete with teams from cities with larger populations,” he said. “Our kids and program have shown at every level, that given the opportunity you can be successful no matter where you are from.”
Along the way, Due West Robotics has picked up its share of trophies, claiming three state championships and advancing to the World Championship three times while advancing to two other International Championships, according to Angel.
“Of note, there are no 1A - 5A levels like in high school sports,” he said. “Our teams are competing with everyone.”


Dixie to have some staff changes


By Henry E. Green
Dixie High School will be seeing some staff changes for the coming school year, said Dixie High School principal Paul Prescott recently.
Daniel Crawford will be the new assistant principal, replacing Brian Milford, who will be the new Cherokee Trail Elementary principal,

Prescott said.
Jason Burton will be the new athletic director, replacing Vic Lollis, who will remain head football coach, the principal continued.
“Both of these guys are locals,” said Prescott of Crawford and Burton. “Daniel graduated from AHS while Jason is a Dixie grad. We

are fortunate to have them both.”
The staff changes will take effect on July 1, Prescott said.
Dixie is one of two high schools in the Abbeville County School District--the other is Abbeville High.

Your ad here!

**Pet of the Month**



Nala is a gentle giant Great Dane who needs a home where she can roam the great outdoors. She is house broken but does not like being left alone inside. She is about 8 years old and walks well on a leash. She needs a country home with lots of fenced acreage. She is well known in Abbeville as she would escape her fence and visit all around town. PLEASE adopt her today!

Adoption Fees will be waived for Nala, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

**Pet of the Month**



Kittens, Kittens and More Kittens. The shelter has lots of beautiful kittens to adopt and some gorgeous loving adult cats too. Please come by the shelter to see these lovelies. They will steal your heart. We are desperate to get these babies into a forever home.

Adoption Fees will be waived for the kittens, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

**Pet of the Month**



Jazzy Mae is a very unusual looking Catahoula Leopard Dog with her beautiful blue eyes and brindle coat. She weighs in around 60 pounds and is very sweet and friendly. She walks well on a leash and is good with other dogs. She is ready for her new forever home. Come meet her today at the Shelter.

Adoption Fees will be waived for Jazzy Mae, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

NOTICE

Town of Due West Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Due West’s Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting on June 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in Due West Town Council Chambers, 103 Main Street, Due West, S.C.

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Shutterbugs, rejoice!

Artist Guild plans photo contest

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville Artist Guild is once again having a photo contest, according to contest coordinator and Guild board member Buddy Wilson.
The time to begin submitting entries begins on June 1, and will last until July 31.
Those wishing to submit entries are asked to send them to aaq22photo@gmail.com
The contest will include three categories--plants, animals and local architecture.
Awards will be presented in Best in Show, \$150; first place in each category, \$100 with a trophy; second place in each category, \$75; third place in each category, \$50, and honorable mention, \$25.

Winners will be presented with framed copies of their photographs.
People submitting entries are asked to submit them in .jpg format, or the entries may not be accepted for the contest.
Entries are limited to Abbeville County residents or Abbeville Artist Guild members only.
“Remember this is a family-oriented contest so keep it G rated or your entry may not be accepted,” Wilson said.
The photos will be on display from Sept. 1 through Sept. 30 at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.
The Abbeville Artist Guild is a nonprofit organization which promotes the arts here in Abbeville County.

Jesse Nance is the president, Carolin Ann McLane the secretary, and Jane Agan the treasurer.
In addition to the photo contest, the Guild presents workshops on various art-related topics, allowing those in attendance to hone their artistic talents.
The Guild had a booth at the Livery Stable during the recent Abbeville Spring Festival.
From time to time, also, there are displays at the Chamber to highlight the work of local artists--coordinated through the Guild.
Every picture tells a story, Rod Stewart used to sing.
With the photo contest, there will be an abundance of stories to tell.




BRYAN McCLAIN

Republican Primary
VOTE
June 14, 2022




Abbeville County Council District #7

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Community of Abbeville County

“I am a lifelong resident of Abbeville County. I married, raised my family, work, and attend church here. My roots and ties to Abbeville span generations. I graduated from Dixie High School, served in the Abbeville Unit of the SC Army National Guard, retired after 20 years of service, and served in Abbeville County government for 12 years. I have also worked in Abbeville for the Prysmian Group in purchasing for the past 33 years.
I am excited about serving as a member of Abbeville County Council again to continue to advance our county forward. I will work with and for the people of Abbeville County to make it a better place to live and ensure your voice is heard. Your vote would be greatly appreciated on June 14, 2022.” — Bryan McClain



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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, and the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Nancy Diane Fleming
Date of Death: 02/08/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100127
Personal Representative: Charles D. Fleming
Address: 304 Clear Dawn Drive Easley, SC 29640
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Estate: James Wesley Bannister
Date of Death: 03/19/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100128
Personal Representative: Elijah Bleu Hozey
Address: 801 East Savannah Street, Calhoun Falls, SC 29628
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Estate: Richey Clyde McClain
Date of Death: 03/21/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100129
Personal Representative: Donna McClain
Address: 78 Austin Rd. Donalds, SC 29638
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Estate: Willie Mae James
Date of Death: 04/24/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100134
Personal Representative: Darlene James
Address: 127 Lauren Circle Greenwood, SC 29649
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Estate: Hobart David Erickson, Sr.
Date of Death: 4/28/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100138
Personal Representative: Walter G. Bunnell
Address: 207 McDonald Rd. Donalds, SC 29638
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Estate: Linnie Ruth McCullough
Date of Death: 03/25/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100139
Personal Representative: Verna T. Grey
Address: 7082 Warren St. Bay St Louis, MS 39520
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Estate: Phillip Allen Steadham
Date of Death: 1/12/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100143
Personal Representative: Donna Steadham
Address: 804 Cumberland St. Lakeland, FL 33801
Attorney, if applicable: Westley P. Cox
Address: P.O. Box 315 Williamston, SC 29697
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Estate: Leila Mae Power
Date of Death: 10/08/2021
Case Number: 2022ES0100144
Personal Representative: Artis C. Power
Address: 168 Sheep Leg Road Iva, SC 29655
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Estate: Charles Michael Strickland, Sr.
Date of Death: 07/23/22
Case Number: 2022ES0100145
Personal Representative: Patricia Strickland
Address: 71 Noble Estates Abbeville, SC 29620
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Estate: Patricia W. Bowie
Date of Death: 5/15/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100146
Personal Representative: John H. Bowie
Address: 300 Ivory Key Rd. Saluda, SC 29138
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO.: 2022-CP-01-00075

SUMMONS AND NOTICES

(Non-Jury)

FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

U.S. Bank National Association,

Plaintiff,

v.

Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Eleanor Wharton, deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe; Nakishia Wharton; The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development,

Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer

on the subscribers at their offices at 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110, Columbia, SC 29210, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for Plaintiff.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference or the Court may issue a general Order of Reference of this action to a Master-in-Equity/Special Referee, pursuant to Rule 53 of the *South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure*.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in the referenced Mortgage is perfected and Attorney for Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon

thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage herein and the Complaint attached hereto.

LIS PENDENS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Eleanor Wharton and Nakishia Wharton to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for 1st Choice Mortgage/Equity Corporation of Lexington dated December 13, 2010 and recorded on December 22, 2010 in Book 18-P at Page 655, in the Abbeville County Registry (hereinafter, "Mortgage"). Thereafter, the Mortgage was transferred to the Plaintiff herein by assignment and/or corporate merger. The premises covered and affected by the said Mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, more particularly described in the said Mortgage and are more commonly described as:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being located approximately One (1) mile East of the Town limits of Abbeville, County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot Number Five (5), shown on that certain plat prepared by Alvin Freeman, R.L.S., dated November 11, 1970, and which is on record in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County, South Carolina, in Plat

Book 18, at Page 132. Said lot being bounded on the North 283 feet by Lot Number Four (4) on the East 150 feet by S.C. Highway 52, on the South 283 feet by Lot Number Six (6), on the West by lands of Marvin E. Shaw.

AND

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being located approximately One (1) mile East of the Town limits of Abbeville, County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot Number Six (6), shown on that certain plat prepared by Alvin Freeman, R.L.S., License #2991, dated November 11, 1970, and which is on record in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County, South Carolina in Plat Book 18, at Page 132. Said lot being bounded on the North 283 feet by Lot Number Five (5), on the West 150 feet by S.C. Highway 52, on the South 283 feet by New Cut Road and on the East 150 feet by lands of Marvin E. Shaw.

This being the same property conveyed to Harry Wharton by deed of Marvin E. Shaw dated March 5, 1975, and recorded April 7, 1975, in Book 117 at Page 362 and by deed of Marvin E. Shaw dated February 27, 1974, and recorded March 4, 1974, in Book 117 at Page 129 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Abbeville County, South Carolina. Thereafter, Harry Wharton died on March 22, 2006, leaving the subject property to his devisees, Eleanor Wharton and Nakishia Wharton, as is more fully preserved in Probate Case No. 2006-ES-01-00084, and in the Deeds of Distribution dated July

17, 2007, and recorded July 24, 2007, in Book 265 at Pages 848 and 850. Thereafter, Eleanor Wharton passed away on or about February 7, 2018, leaving her interest in the subject property to her heirs or devisees. *TMS No. 123-00-00-014*
Property Address: 560 Grey Rock Estates, Abbeville, SC 29620

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT
TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County on March 24, 2022. A Notice of Foreclosure Intervention was also filed in the Clerk of Court's Office.

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire as Guardian ad Litem for unknown minors, and persons who may be under a disability, and it appearing that Kelley Woody, Esquire has consented to said appointment. FURTHER upon reading the filed Petition for Appointment of Kelley Woody, Esquire as Attorney for any unknown Defendants who may be in the Military Service of the United States of America, and may be, as such, entitled to the benefits of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act, and any amendments thereto, and it appearing that Kelley Woody, Esquire has consented to act for and represent said Defendants, it is ORDERED that Kelley Woody, P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260

phone (803) 787-9678, be and hereby is appointed Guardian ad Litem on behalf of all unknown minors and all unknown persons who may be under a disability, all of whom may have or claim to have some interest or claim to the real property commonly known as 560 Grey Rock Estates, Abbeville, SC 29620; that he is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendants, unless said Defendants, or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of Guardian or Guardians ad Litem for said Defendants.

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Kelley Woody, P.O. Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260 phone (803) 787-9678, be and hereby is appointed Attorney for any unknown Defendants who are, or may be, in the Military Service of the United States of America and as such are entitled to the benefits of the Servicemember's Civil Relief Act aka Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, and any amendments thereto, to represent and protect the interest of said Defendants,

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That a copy of this Order shall be forth with served upon said Defendants by publication in *Press and Banner* and *Press and Banner*, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint in the above entitled action.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

LIS PENDENS

CA# 2022-CP-01-00003

Derek Boyd, as Trustee of the 305 Thomas Land Trust,

and Kevin Crider, Plaintiffs,

vs.

Jerry Keith, Randy Anderson and Julia Thomas Johnson,

as well as their heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and devisees, and all other persons known or unknown who may claim any right, title, estate, interest

in or lien upon the real estate described herein; any unknown adults being as a class designated as John Doe whose true name is unknown; and any unborn infants or persons under disability being as a class designated as Richard Roe, whose true name is unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced and is now pending in the Court of

Common Pleas upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiffs against the above-named Defendants for quiet title of the below-described property. The premises covered and affected by the said action at the time of the filing of this Notice is described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the City of Abbeville County and State aforesaid, fronting approxi-

mately One Hundred feet on a dirt street which connects with Cambridge Street in the said city together with a frame dwelling house conveyed by Viola Thomas to Angeline Thomas by deed dated October 10, 1951, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Abbeville County in Deed Book 85 at Page 67.

This being the same property conveyed to Kevin Crider by deed from Dorothy W.

Coates, Tax Collector of Abbeville County, recorded in Deed Book 330 at Page 652 on January 22, 2018 in the Register of Deeds Office for Abbeville County, South Carolina.

TMS# 109-06-02-009

/s/ Matthew McCord
Matthew McCord, S. C. Bar #79030
Attorney for the Plaintiffs
109 E North St.
Greenville, South Carolina 29601
(864) 593-2292
(864) 232-3967 (facsimile)
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

SUMMONS

CA# 2022-CP-01-00003

Derek Boyd, as Trustee of the 305 Thomas Land Trust, and Kevin Crider,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Jerry Keith, Randy Anderson and Julia Thomas John-

son, as well as their heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and all other persons known or unknown who may claim any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described herein; any unknown adults being as a

class designated as John Doe whose true name is unknown; and any unborn infants or persons under disability being as a class designated as Richard Roe, whose true name is unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to

answer the Complaint, in the above-entitled action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned at 109 E North St. Greenville, SC 29601, within thirty (30) days after service hereof upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if

you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

BY: /s/ Matthew McCord
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