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



At the Moments and Mimosas reception, this year's honorary Spring Festival chairman, Ruth Freeman (left), was presented with an award by City of Abbeville community development director Austin Walker. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Voters to go to polls for referendum

By Henry E. Green

Voters in the Abbeville County School District will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 17 for a referendum in which District voters will be asked to fund improvements at the District's two high schools and at the Abbeville Career Center.

The referendum will consist of two questions:

Question 1 is as follows: "Shall the Board of Trustees of Abbeville County School District be empowered to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation bonds of the School District, in a principal amount of not exceeding \$43,800,000, the proceeds of which will be used for the following:

"Dixie High School:  
--"Constructing, equipping,

and furnishing a new academic wing.

--"Constructing, equipping and furnishing a new kitchen and dining room; and

--"Appropriate demolition "Abbeville Career Center --"Construction, equipping and furnishing additions, improvements and repairs?"

Question 2 is as follows:

"If and only if Question 1 above is approved, shall the Board of Trustees of Abbeville County School District, South Carolina be empowered to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation bonds of the School District, in a principal amount of not exceeding \$11,900,000, the proceeds of which shall be used for the following:

"Dixie High School:  
--"Constructing, equipping

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-- Constructing, equipping and furnishing new track" Abbeville High School

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Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr.

Mason Gary spoke at a community meeting in Calhoun Falls on Tuesday, May 3, to help educate the public about the referendum.

At press time, he was scheduled to speak on the same topic at Dixie High School on Thursday, May 5.

He is also scheduled to speak tonight at Grace United Methodist Church in Abbeville on May 11 at 6 p.m.



A ribbon cutting was held at the Moments and Mimosas reception at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce on the morning of Saturday, May 7, to kick off this year's Abbeville Spring Festival. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Heart of the matter Abbeville Spring Festival's main weekend begins Thursday evening

By Henry E. Green

The main weekend of the Abbeville Spring Festival is coming up, providing the finale to an event which is celebrating its 40th anniversary.

Through the years, the festival has had a tried and true formula of music, food, and crafts, and this year is no different.

The evening of Thursday, May 12, will provide a welcome to the fun, with food vendors and amusement rides on duty from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Jackson Station will take the main stage at 6 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. Rhythm Muscle will play until 10:30 p.m.

The festivities will continue on Friday, May 13. Arts vendors will be on hand from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., and a garden club flower show will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Food vendors and amusement rides will be present from 5 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and the entertainment will continue.

On the main stage, ELOVEation will be performing beginning at 5 p.m., Dance Dynasty at 7:15 p.m. and Flashback the Party Band at 8:30 p.m.

On the acoustic stage, Pope and Bert will perform beginning at 6 p.m., and Tracie and Byron at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 14, will provide the festival's conclusion,

with a Kidzone on Washington Street from 9 a.m. to noon, and a car show on North Main with the same hours.

Saturday will be the last day for the flower show, whose hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Arts vendors will be on hand from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and food vendors and amusement rides will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Two Brews will host a doughnut eating contest at 10 a.m., and the entertainment will be going full blast.

The Westwood Elementary School chorus will take the main stage beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The Phoenix Academy of Arts will take the main stage at 2 p.m., followed by the First Ladies of Honkeytonk beginning at 4 p.m., the Trevor Hewitt Band at 6:30 p.m. and Jim Quick and Coastline will close the festival with a performance starting at 8:30 p.m.

### About the music

City of Abbeville special events coordinator Emily Bledsoe and community development director Austin Walker provided information on the musicians scheduled to perform.

Jackson Station, long a favorite on the Greenwood music scene, was founded in 2014 and currently includes members Clay Sprouse, Kev-

in Brock, and Jason Arnold. Jackson Station describes their sound as "good ol' Rock N Roll with a bluegrass twist."

Rhythm Muscle Band is an R&B and Classic Rock group from South Carolina. Formed in 2016, the power house band comprises seven members, filling the room with an enriching blend of instrumentation and soulful vocals.

ELOVEation is a "high energy" South Carolina-based band that is described as an eight-piece outfit with a lead guitar, bass, keyboards, drums and outstanding vocals.

Flashback "takes you through decades of classics; from the best of Motown, Beach, and Disco, then all the way into Current Top Hits. Guests experience an interactive and energetic performance while dancing to song after song!"

The First Ladies of Honkeytonk is made up of three talented singer songwriter women from three different bands, collaborating together for an evening of harmonies.

Trevor Hewitt is a country singer and songwriter born and raised in the small town of Cowpens, South Carolina, and Jim Quick and Coastline draw from the threads of Soul, Blues, R&B, and Americana to weave together their own genre of music known as Swamp Soul.



Powell Park in Abbeville was crowded with fans Thursday evening, as Abbeville High School defeated Batesburg-Leesville in varsity baseball action. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Council seeking more transit funding

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County Council met Monday night and agreed to apply for an SCDOT grant of up to \$150,000 to continue to operate a public transit system here in Abbeville County.

Following an executive session, Council came back into open session and Councilman Jason Bonds made a motion to authorize the County Director to apply for the SCDOT/OPT public transportation contract, utilizing South Carolina state mass transit funds, and to designate the McCormick County senior center and McCormick area transit as the public transportation provider for Abbeville County, according to Clerk to Council Lynn Sopolosky.

This was seconded by Councilman John Calhoun, and it passed unanimously, Sopolosky said Tuesday.

Earlier in the meeting, UCMAC executive director Bill Boone and Becky Powell Moon executive director of McCormick Area Transit had spoken about the Abbeville Public Transit Systems future.

Moon noted that the current funding source under which the Abbeville County transit system has been operating will expire in December.

She asked that County Council apply for new funding from SCDOT to keep the system going.

They were accompanied by Keith Scott, who is originally from Abbeville and who is retired from working

with the City of Anderson. Scott is the son of the late Sandy Scott, who achieved fame as an AHS band director.

The County could be matching up to \$150,000 over the three year period of the grant, said Abbeville County Director David Garner Tuesday.

Abbeville County, Greenwood County, and McCormick County have applied for the Barrett Lawrimore Award, which honors regional cooperation among local governments in South Carolina, Garner said.

They did this in recognition of their collaboration in bringing public transit to the three counties.

The award winner will be announced this summer at the Association of Counties conference.





Amanda Morgan of Abbeville Area Medical Center spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about community health. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Rotary

# Morgan promotes community health

By Henry E. Green

Amanda Morgan had a question for Abbeville Rotarians that she was speaking to recently.

What is most representative of determining how long you will live?

Is it your body mass index, or your genetic makeup, or your zip code?

If you answered “zip code,” then you were right on target.

And that is in large part the reason Amanda is in public health today. It was, in her words, “why I dedicated my life to community health.”

Specifically, she works with Abbeville Area Medical Center, where she is the Director of Community Health, Wellness and Outreach, and she is serving at a particularly challenging time today.

“We are dealing with the aftermath of COVID,” she

told Rotarians.

The pandemic has left aftereffects that linger in a particularly painful way.

One of them is food insecurity. Abbeville Area Medical Center has begun distributing food, on various designated dates, and the great majority of recipients appear to be senior citizens.

About 2,700 boxes of food have been distributed since March.

And during the pandemic itself, the hospital launched a COVID testing program--something that AAMC was not specifically mandated to do, but did so as a public service, with the medical personnel testing people in addition to their regular jobs.

Morgan, who writes grants to provide for various programs, said the hospital is renovating a building on the AAMC campus to be a

community resource center to promote things such as digital literacy.

Then there is the Best Chance Network, which provides cancer screenings for women who might not otherwise be able to afford them--a Network which AAMC is helping to coordinate.

The hospital is also helping to bring the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the Abbeville area--a project promoting literacy among young people.

There is also a program to help people with chronic diseases such as diabetes and hypertension, to ensure that patients make healthy choices to keep those diseases in check.

“I’m about helping people help themselves,” she told Rotarians.

# School board has budget workshop

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County school board had a budget workshop last night in preparation for the budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year.

The District receives much of its revenue from the state, and how much revenue it will get for the coming fiscal year is dependent on the state budget for 22-23, according to the finance director, Abbeville County School District finance director Roni Scott said recently.

That state budget is still being determined, with the House and Senate at press time having different versions, according to Scott.

State Rep. Craig Gagnon said Tuesday that he expects for the House and Senate to ultimately form a conference committee to work out the difference.

The conference committee version has to be voted on by both Chambers, and the Governor will have it, and will have a certain amount of time to veto any portion he does not like.

The legislature, Gagnon expects, will have to come back into session to review the vetoes, and this will probably be in June before the fiscal year starts in July.

First reading on the School District budget is slated for

the school board meeting in May, and second reading, along with a public hearing, is scheduled for June.

It appears that the state will give the District one million dollars more than it gave the District last year.

The state had an excess of over two billion dollars, and they allocated \$200 million to school districts throughout South Carolina.

The budget for the coming fiscal year for the School District is slated to be approximately \$28 million.

The extra money from the state will potentially be used for salary increases for District employees, she said.

# Erskine commencement set for May 14

Submitted by Joyce Guyette

Erskine will mark the conclusion of the 2021-22 academic year with a commencement ceremony honoring college and seminary graduates Saturday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m. under the towers of the Erskine Building. This year’s commencement speaker is New York Times #1 best-selling author Eric Metaxas, a renowned commentator and nationally syndicated radio show host.

A graduate of Yale University, Metaxas hosts the Eric Metaxas Radio Show and is founder and host of Socrates in the City: Conversations on the Examined Life, which is a series of discussions on “life, God, and other small topics.” His most recent book, “Is Atheism Dead?” was published in 2021.

He has also written “Miracles” (2014); biographies of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther, and William Wilberforce; his own memoir, “Fish Out of Water”; and numerous other works. A baccalaureate service is

scheduled for Friday, May 13, at 7:00 p.m. in Lesesne Auditorium.

This year’s speaker is the Rev. Patrick Malphrus, current Moderator of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Malphrus serves as senior pastor of Old Providence ARP Church in Steeles Tavern, Va.

A graduate of North Greenville University, he earned a Master of Divinity degree from Erskine Theological Seminary in 2007.

# County budget for 22-23 moves forward

By Henry E. Green

A proposed Abbeville County budget for the coming fiscal year took a step forward Monday night, thanks to action by Abbeville County Council.

County Council had a public hearing and passed second reading on a budget ordinance for 2022-23. Abstaining were Council members Jason Bonds and Drew Simpson.

“I’m not against it,” Bonds said Tuesday concerning the budget. “I just want to have time to read it thoroughly.”

The proposed budget will include a tax increase of just short of three mills, said Abbeville County Director David Garner Tuesday.

The 22-23 fiscal year begins on July 1 of this year.

Expressing concerns during the public hearing on the budget Monday night was Mack Beaty of Abbeville, who talked about issues ranging from the need for the county to purchase new software for certain things to the impact of various fees.

Certain pieces of software relating to tax assessment and finances do not communicate with each other, so that the data from one is not seamlessly shared, Abbeville County Director David Garner said Tuesday.

Ann Davis, president of the Greater Abbeville Humane Society also spoke during the public hearing, expressing concerns about the Abbeville County animal shelter. Among those concerns was that of record keeping for the animals.

She also called on the county to pay the animal shelter employees more.

Council had a public hearing and passed third reading on a fee in lieu of taxes agreement for what had been called Project FOAM. It is now revealed as a company called Aerofoam, which is based in Dubai.

The company manufactures closed-cell thermal insulation material for condensation control in air conditioning, refrigeration, and chilled water installations, according to the company Website.

The material is also suitable for reducing thermal losses in heating and plumbing systems, according to the Website.

It could bring \$11.3 million in capital investment and as many as 50 jobs to the county, and it would be housed in the county’s spec building, which would be “upfitted” to accommodate the new industry. The spec building is located at Lakelands Commerce Center on the outskirts of Abbeville. More details about the industry are expected in coming weeks.

During the public comment period for the ordinance, Mark Warner, economic development specialist for Abbeville County, praised the project as a good one.

Council passed resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Palmetto Posting, Inc., of Spartanburg, South Carolina, for the posting of delinquent tax notices.

Council passed a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a purchase agreement with Atlantic Emergency Solutions for the purchase of one ambulance not to exceed \$265,180.

Council approved a proclamation recognizing National EMS Week and to honor the men and women who serve Abbeville County.

Council went into executive session to discussion personnel and contractual matters.

Before the Abbeville County Council meeting Monday night, there was a meeting of the County Transportation Committee, which allocates funds for various transportation projects, using money allocated from a state fuel tax.

The members of the Abbeville County Council and the County Transportation Committee are the same.

The SCDOT requested \$422,245 for necessary improvements to Marion Street, Horne Drive, and Ferguson Road, and the CTC agreed.

Abbeville County Roads and Bridges Department requested \$250,000 for road materials such as gravel, crusher-run, pipe, and other material for maintenance and rehabilitation projects throughout the county, and the CTC agreed.

Abbeville County Public Works Department requested \$180,000 for construction of road access to the Diamond Hill and McIlwain fire department stations, and the CTC agreed.

# AAMC tackling ‘chronic care’

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville Area Medical Center has launched a chronic care management program, according to AAMC’s Amanda Morgan.

Chronic care management refers to any care provided by medical professionals to patients who have chronic diseases and conditions, she said.

A disease or condition is chronic when it lasts a year or more, requires ongoing medical attention or limits the activities of daily life.

Examples include diabetes, hypertension, obesity and cancer.

Abbeville County has a population of 25,000, and based on statistics, slightly more than 6,000 have multiple chronic diseases.

The goal of the AAMC program is to help patients achieve a better quality of life through the management of their conditions, according to Morgan.

“Chronic care management provides services that are outside of face-to-face patient visits,” she said. “One of the most important aspects of chronic care is documentation and an extensive electronic health record.”

“Many patients who have chronic conditions see multiple care providers; a detailed electronic record is essential to facilitate optimum care.”

In the AAMC health care system, as many as 2,000 patients may be chronically ill, she indicated.

Abbeville Area Medical Center is involved in other endeavors as well:

--AAMC is in the process of establishing the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in the Abbeville County area, Morgan told Abbeville Rotarians Thursday.

Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library is a nationwide book gifting program that mails

free, high quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family’s income, according to the program’s website.

Morgan is hoping to get the program off the ground no later than June 1.

The program was launched in 1995.

--Since March, 2022, food distributions have provided for the giving away of 2,794 food boxes, equal to \$98,310 worth of food and 41,910 pounds of food.

“We’ve had five (food distributions) so far,” Morgan said Friday.

--The mobile COVID testing outreach team tested 8,062 individuals between June 1, and Dec. 31, 2020, and 4,477 people between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021, and 1,432 people between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2022, for a total of 13,971 people tested.

# CF mayor injured in attack Wednesday

Calhoun Falls Mayor Terico Holland was injured in an attack, according to an Abbeville County Sheriff’s Office news release.

Deputies were dispatched Wednesday to a residence in the Burton Drive area of Calhoun Falls, outside the town limits, in reference to an assault.

Upon their arrival, it was determined that Holland had been assaulted.

“He did sustain injuries from the assault, after he was hit several times with a metal chair,” according to the press release.

Subsequent to the investigation, the suspect was identified as 25-year-old

Jonah Trayvon Wilson of Calhoun Falls.

On Thursday afternoon, an arrest warrant was obtained on Wilson for assault and battery, second degree.

Wilson was located and arrested, and as of press time, bond information was unavailable.



# What's at stake

## Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary explains goals of May 17 referendum

**By Henry E. Green**  
 "The timing couldn't be worse."  
 Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary admitted, with those words, that the referendum coming up on May 17 is set against a backdrop of galloping inflation--the worst in 40 years--and people struggling to make ends meet.  
 However, the Superintendent will tell you that the people of Abbeville County can invest now or they can invest later, but they will have to take action at some point in the future to bring District facilities up to standard.

"2022 dollars are as cheap as we're going to have," he said.  
 Dr. Gary noted that after he arrived in the School District two years ago, he embarked upon a capital improvement plan, with an eye toward cataloging the improvements that needed to be made to District facilities.

"I went into every building (of the District's schools)," he said.  
 With his fact-finding tour under his belt, the Superintendent took action.

"We created a phased capital improvement plan," he

said. "We have completed over 25 projects."  
 All the projects in phases one and two but one have been completed.  
 The third phase includes improvements to be funded by the referendum.

The District is going to find out how the public feels. "The voters are going to tell us," he said.

The centerpiece of the referendum would be the construction of new academic wings at the two high schools--Dixie and Abbeville.

Each of the new buildings would be two-story. Both campuses, he explained, are "landlocked," and there is not much room to expand--hence the plan for two-story academic wings.

He dispelled a rumor that the District actually is planning to have consolidation through the back door, moving Dixie facilities to the AHS campus.

"Consolidation is not what I'm trying to do," he said.  
 The bottom line is that so many Dixie and AHS students are housed in buildings that date from the 1950s.

Eighth grade students at Dixie, for example, are housed in facilities dating

from 1952--facilities where the classrooms are relatively small, in comparison to today's standards.

The goal is to put these students, and those at Abbeville, in classrooms that meet 2022 standards.

The building at Dixie would be big enough to accommodate the seventh grade, which currently is divided among Cherokee Trail and Diamond Hill elementary schools in the attendance area serving Dixie.

Dr. Gary recommends moving the seventh grade to Dixie.

In addition to the new academic wings at Abbeville and Dixie, a "yes" vote would fund improvements at the Abbeville County Career Center. Currently, a visitor has to walk by classrooms at the Career Center in order to get to the main office, and this, according to the Superintendent, could create security concerns.

The funding would reconfigure the entrance to eliminate this concern, and would provide more classroom and lab space as well.

Finally, a "yes" vote on the referendum would fund constructing, equipping and furnishing a new kitchen and dining room at each

high school, creating more space, so that more students could enjoy lunch at one time.

All of the above would be covered in Question 1 of the referendum--in which District voters would give the school board the power

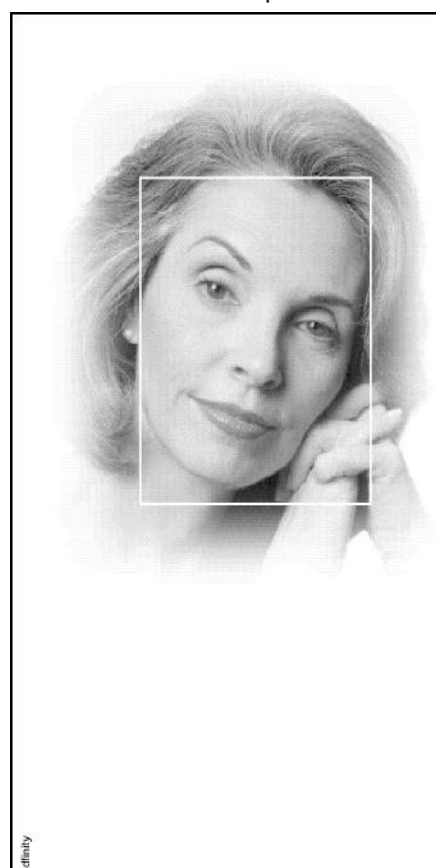
to issue up to \$43,800,000 in general obligation bonds to make these projects a reality.

There is also a Question 2, and, slightly paraphrased, it reads as follows:

If and only if Question 1 is

approved, should the school board have the power to issue up to \$11,900,000 to construct, equip, and furnish new locker rooms and a gymnasium and a new track at each of the District high schools--Dixie and Abbeville?

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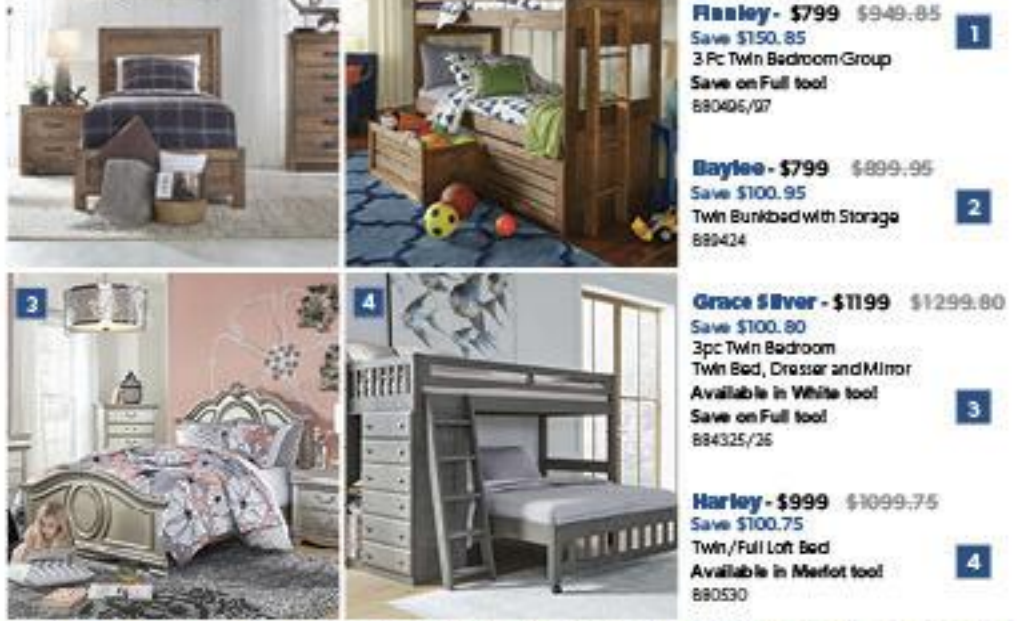
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A grand opening and ribbon cutting were held for the Refinery housing complex on May 4 in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Grand opening held for Refinery

**By Henry E. Green**

There was on Wednesday a grand opening for the Refinery, a housing development complex at the corner of Washington and Chestnut in the city of Abbeville.

The ribbon cutting provided a climax to a slate of activities that also included tours of the complex and remarks by those who had helped make the Refinery a reality.

Tonya Haddock, managing partner of Cadence Development, LLC, provided a welcome, and there were also remarks from Mayor Trey Edwards of Abbeville, former mayor Delano Freeman and Anna LaGrone, executive director from the

Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

Also speaking were Taylor Davis, CEO of NHE, Inc., Kevin White, Managing Director of Real Estate with NHT Communities, and Seaver Rickert of the Key Bank Community Development Lending Team.

"It seems somewhat surreal that this day is actually here," Haddock told the audience.

The Refinery represents the first major housing development in Abbeville in a number of years, Edwards indicated.

The property on which the Refinery is located had not seen major development in a number of years. "But

look at it now," he said. "We definitely needed it."

LaGrone, meanwhile, described the coming of the Refinery as a "historic moment" for the city of Abbeville, as the housing complex helps address a real housing need.

Providing the invocation was Pastor Brandon Fulmer of Main Street United Methodist Church.

There were also tours of the complex, which will provide 60 homes in one, two and three bedroom options.

According to literature provided during the tour, the complex has a number of new amenities, including a fitness center, a computer room, and walk-in closets.



# Donalds man in jail for embezzlement

Twenty-nine-year-old Allen Marshall of Donalds is in jail for allegedly embezzling more than \$10,000 from public funds at the Donalds volunteer fire department, according to published reports.

He also allegedly forged the signature on checks of

someone who worked at the department, according to reports. The name of that individual was not released.

The sum of the funds embezzled using forged signatures was less than \$10,000.

SLED was asked to investigate by the Abbeville County

Sheriff's Office, according to reports.

Marshall allegedly embezzled the money while working as a captain and treasurer at the department.

The crimes allegedly happened between Dec. 28, 2020, and July 30, 2021, according to reports.

**Pet of the Month** Storm is a handsome and very uniquely marked young man. Sweet as he can be. Loves people and other dogs. We feel he would also do well with kids. He has not been cat tested. He came to us as an owner surrender and is young and energetic. What better way to keep you on your toes!

Adoption Fees are reduced to \$25 for Storm, 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.

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# Do you remember?

## This year's Abbeville Spring Festival opens with reception, tournament

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Spring Festival opened this past weekend with a Moments and Mimosas reception at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce Saturday morning.

Presented by the City of Abbeville, the Festival is celebrating this year its 40th anniversary.

At the reception, this year's honorary Spring Festival chairman, Ruth Freeman, was presented with an award by City of Abbeville community development director Austin Walker.

Also presented with an award by Austin Walker was Allyson McKittrick, daughter of the late Julye Harris, who served as Festival chairman for many years.

Then there followed a ribbon cutting in front of the collection of Spring Festival photographs adorning one wall of the Chamber--photographs painting a quite colorful picture of past festivals.

Freeman, meanwhile, recalled the early days of the festival, which she described as a week-long event focusing on agriculture.

"A lot has happened over the years," she said.

The Festival was shortened from five days to three, but the range of activities was enlarged.

In 1999 the City took over the Festival, and Freeman began coordinating the event for the City. She moved the amusement rides from behind the Opera House to the Square, believing it would be safer for the children.

The number of vendors also grew, Freeman added.

She reflected on her years of service coordinating what is a major event in the city. "It was hard work," she said. However, there was the dividend of seeing the immense joy on so many faces.

"This festival has grown and it will grow more," she said.

McKittrick, meanwhile, described her emotions in accepting the award in memory of her late mother. "It's surreal," said McKittrick.

"She loved Abbeville and she loved the Festival," she said of her mother.

The opening day of the festival was also highlighted by the Abbeville Rotary Club's annual cornhole tournament, named in memory of the late Tony Simpson, a banker and Rotarian who was beloved by many before he lost his battle with cancer some years ago.

Members of the Simpson family were on hand for the tournament. Simpson's mother Betty Simpson held

her one-year-old great-grandson Sam, as she enjoyed the festivities.

There were, in fact, five grandsons of Tony that were present--Aiden Simpson, Grady Finley, Avett Finley, Bear Finley and Sam Finley.

Tony's daughter Katie Simpson Finley was also present, as were his brothers Tim and Jeff.

Winning honors in the 16 team tournament were three teams:

First place--Tim Brooks and Aaron Crawford of Greenwood

Second place--Bullett Burton and Michael Shepherd of Anderson

Third place--Jacob Turner of Belton and R. J. Risner of Donalds.

The tournament, said Rotary Club president-elect, helps fund the club's scholarship program. This year's scholarship recipients include Laura Elizabeth Pickens of Calhoun Falls Charter School, Talissa Cannady of Abbeville High School, Landon Lee Mitchell of Dixie High School, and home schooler Michaela Dean.

On Sunday there was a gospel show at the Abbeville Opera House, and as of Saturday more than 200 tickets had been sold.

The main weekend of the Spring Festival is coming up on May 12-14. (See related story.)

## a Word from "THE WORD"



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### Selfishness

**Matthew 20:20 "Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him. (21) And He said to her, "What do you wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."**

Church growth consultant, Win Arn, interviewed thousands of Christians in America several years ago and asked them what they thought the church existed for. Eighty-eight percent said, "The church exists to serve my needs and the needs of my family." In other words, 88% are selfish in the fact that they think the church exists for them and not for the sake of reaching lost people for Christ. In essence that is the attitude of the mother of James and John--she, along with her sons, believed that they were more important than anyone else in the kingdom of God. I would like to share three thoughts on this passage.

First of all, this is a brash request. You have to admire the boldness of the mother's request. I believe the Bible encourages bold prayers but this prayer was brash in the respect that it was arrogant. In essence they believed they deserved this position. They felt that they were more spiritual than the other ten disciples. It

is obvious that they felt that they had done more to merit those positions than anyone else. How arrogant! But when you think about it, that request is no more arrogant than some of our requests. How often we pray for God's blessings as if we deserve them more than anyone else. God's blessings are just that--blessings--not something we have earned or deserve.

Secondly, this is a brutal request. Brutal in the respect that it must have hurt Jesus when they asked it. This question came right on the heels of Jesus relating to His disciples that He was going to be betrayed to the chief priests and scribes and condemned to death. He had just finished telling them that He was going to be scourged and crucified and resurrected on the third day. This must have hurt Him to realize that they were not thinking about Him--only themselves. At this time Jesus had been with His disciples three years and they still had not gotten the point of His Messiahship.

No doubt this was a brutal blow to Him. But, don't we often fail to grasp the point of our discipleship? Discipleship is not about us, it is not about what Jesus can do for us but what we can do for Him and His kingdom.

Third, this gave Jesus an opportunity to bare His soul to them. Jesus asked them if they were willing to drink the cup that He was about to drink and be baptized with the baptism He was about to be baptized with. They glibly answered, "We are able." Then Jesus told them that indeed they would, but those positions were not His to give. Jesus was breaking the news to them that they indeed would suffer for Him.

Suffering and prominence go hand in hand in the kingdom of God. Those who receive the crown must first endure the cross. There is no glory without suffering.

We must realize that if we want to achieve prominence in the kingdom, we must first be willing to endure pain.



The Abbeville Rotary Club's cornhole tournament is held in memory of the late Tony Simpson, and five grandsons of Tony were present at this year's tournament -- Aiden Simpson, Grady Finley, Avett Finley, Bear Finley, and Sam Finley -- along with great-grandmother Betty Simpson. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Food distributions now underway

By Henry E. Green

Battling food insecurity in the Abbeville County community, Abbeville Area Medical Center is collaborating with Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina and the Be Well, Abbeville coalition to provide free food distributions in Abbeville and Calhoun Falls.

These free food distributions are all on a "first come first serve" basis, according to a flyer provided by AAMC.

The food distributions follow a "drive through" format, and recipients do not have to get out of their vehicles.

Each family gets one food box and one produce box.

The Abbeville drive-thru is located behind the Abbeville Healthcare Center at 901 W. Greenwood Street in Abbeville, and the food distributions at that location will all be 9 a.m. to noon on the following dates:

--Wednesday, May 11

--Wednesday, June 1

--Wednesday, June 29

The Calhoun Falls drive-through is located at the Calhoun Falls Charter School at 205 Edgefield Street, Calhoun Falls, and food distributions will be provided on the following dates:

--Friday, May 20

--Friday, June 17

The drive-throughs in Calhoun Falls are also open from 9 a.m. to noon on the designated days.

# Community calendar

**Democratic Party to meet**

7:00 p.m. at the Abbeville Civic Center, Room B, 404 N. Main Street. The guest speaker will be Donald Burton, President of Dream Builders, Greenwood, SC.

For additional information, please contact Brenda Phillips Anderson, Chair of the Abbeville County Democratic Party at 864-828-2174.

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# Obituaries

## Burdette

Nancy Drucilla Vermillion Burdette, 89, widow of Claude David Burdette, of 1337 Drake Rd, died Monday, May 9, 2022 at her home.

Born in Hodges, she was a daughter of the late Claude Forrest and Ruth Beatrice Jester Vermillion. She was a member of Chiquola Baptist Church and was retired from her work in textiles.

Surviving are one brother, Robert Vermillion, one grandson, David (Lida) Johnson of Donalds; two great grandchildren, Cadence Valley Johnson and



Drucilla Burdette

Nancy Jean Johnson, and a son-in-law, Emmanuel Johnson;

She was preceded in death by her daughter Betty Elaine Johnson, a brother, James "Jimmy" Vermillion, one sister, Frances Estelle Ambrose and one grandchild, Christopher Bradley Johnson.

Graveside services will be held at 3 P.M. on Thursday, May 12, 2022 at Greenwood Memorial Gardens with Mr. Ron Craft officiating.

The family is at the home and will receive friends from 6-8 P.M. Wednesday at Pruitt Funeral Home. Messages of condolence may be made at [www.ParkerWhitePruitt.com](http://www.ParkerWhitePruitt.com)

# Obituaries

## Haddon

Maye B. Haddon, 74, resident of Klugh Road, widow of David L. Haddon, Jr. passed away, Saturday, May 7, 2022 at her home in Abbeville.

Born May 24, 1947, in Due West, she was a daughter of the late J.D. and Martha Louise Ware Branyon. Maye was a graduate of Dixie High School and attended Anderson College. She retired from Wells Fargo after 32 years in the banking service.

Maye was a member of Hodges Presbyterian Church where she served as a woman of the church officer and as an elder and deacon. She was also a member of the Daffodils Garden Club, Mt. Aerial DAR and UDC and the Greenwood Women's Club.

Surviving are her daughter, Allison Haddon Parris and husband Ken of Abbeville;



Maye B. Haddon

twin sister, Faye Hannah and husband Emmett of Hodges, sister, Wanda Jane King of Abbeville; sister-in-law, Martha Branyon of Gainesville, GA; special nieces and nephews and special great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Maye was preceded in death by her brother, Bobby Branyon; and her sister, Betty Rose Entreklin.

Funeral services were held at 11 am on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 from Hodges Presbyterian Church with Rev. Thelton Powell and Rev. Barry Eller officiating.

Burial will follow in Greenwood Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be William Cogburn, Shane Ward, Ken Haddon, Steve Cann, Billy Winn and Dylan Bladon.

The family is at the home and will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-7:30 pm Monday, May 9, 2022.

Memorials may be made to Hodges Presbyterian Church, PO Box 99, Hodges, SC 29653.

For online condolences, please visit [www.blythfuneralhome.com](http://www.blythfuneralhome.com)

Blyth Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family of Mrs. Haddon.

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13. Late actor Ledger
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15. Group of lions
16. Knight's shiny garb
17. Ensign, for short
18. One to beat
19. \*Graduation proof
21. \*\*"School's Out" singer
23. An indigenous person in Laos
24. 6-shooter
25. Founder of People's Republic of China
28. Porous rock
30. \*MFA or BA
35. Comrade in arms
37. Be inclined
39. Had in mind
40. Was a passenger
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43. Same as ayah
44. \_\_\_\_ Trick, rock band
46. Nicholas II, e.g.
47. Initiation ceremony, e.g.
48. "Pollock" actor Ed
50. Foolish one
52. Ever, to a poet
53. "House of Gucci" star
55. Masters Tournament peg
57. \*Mortarboard attachment
60. \*\*"No more \_\_\_\_, no more books"
64. Fancy boat
65. Mozart's "L' \_\_\_\_ del Cairo"
67. Arm bones
68. Orderly arrangement
69. Granola grain
70. Gustatory sensation
71. Lord Byron's composition
72. Dashboard unit
73. Weasel's aquatic cousin

#### DOWN

1. Herring's cousin
2. "Frasier" actress Gilpin
3. Bulb holder
4. Coral reef island
5. Neck cavity
6. Pestilence pest
7. Even, to a poet
8. "Saturday Night Fever" music genre
9. Type of coffee maker
10. Gauche or Droite in Paris
11. Month of Purim
12. Styling product
15. For the time being, Latin (2 words)
20. Cave opening
22. Like Hemingway's certain man on sea
24. Type of rummy
25. \*One in "Pomp and Circumstance" series
26. Hello to Israel Kamakawiwo'ole
27. Ahead in years
29. \*\*"You have brains in your head, you have \_\_\_\_ in your shoes"
31. Cleats to soccer player
32. China grass
33. Related on mother's side
34. Olden days anesthetic
36. \*School \_\_\_\_, which is about 180 days
38. No-win situation
42. Old-hat
45. Wilbur's home
49. \*Famous frat house
51. Adjective in sheet music
54. Low light
56. Enthusiastic approval
57. Tropical edible root
58. Land measure
59. A fake
60. Beaten by walkers
61. Research facial.
62. It's better than never?
63. Tiresias in "Oedipus Rex"
64. Small dog's bark
66. \*Gown's companion

# Obituaries

## Weir

Sina Weir, age 100, peacefully passed away at her home in Winston Salem North Carolina on January 17th, 2022 after a long and well lived life. The Daughter of the late Martha McCullough and Ambrose Weir.

Sina Weir is predeceased by seven siblings, Howard Weir, Sarah Davis, Maggie Heflin, Marshall Weir, Emma Weir, James Isaac Weir, Alma Marshall and



Sina Weir

survived by one sister Jo-Rossie Jackson of Abbeville

South Carolina, and two Daughters Alma Wharton of Lugoff South Carolina and Kathleen Murray of Philadelphia Pennsylvania, and many grand and great-grandchildren.

Join us in remembering and celebrating the life of Sina Weir on May 15, 2022 at 12:00 pm at the Abbeville Civic Center located at 404 N Main St, Abbeville, South Carolina 29620

# Obituaries

## Stewart

Kristy Rebecca Rains Stewart, age 46, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 8, 2022 (Mothers Day). She was a life-long member of Inskip Baptist Church. Kristy was employed by Duraline in Clinton, TN and formerly employed by Luxottica.

Preceded in death by her Daddy, Ed Rains, Jr; grandparents, Edward Rains, Sr. and Thelma, and Charles and Gladys White. Survived by husband, Carey "Goof" Stewart; mother, Glenna Rains; sister and best friend, Kym Rains; mother in law, Linda Suddeth (Larry); brother in law, Keith Stewart (Melanie); sister in law Melody Griffin (John); special friends, Robin Bise and Niki Burriss; numerous friends in Abbeville, SC;



Kristy Rebecca Rains Stewart

nieces and nephews Robert Stewart (Meri), Tripp Griffin (Brantly), Thunder Norris, Michah Rollins, Aiyana Davidson,

Amber Hall (Griffin), Autumn Woods (Barnett), and Mackensie Hardison; three special pets, Millie, Buster, and Ty.

The family will receive friends from 5 - 7 pm Thursday at Berry Lynnhurst Funeral Home, 2300 Adair Drive. The funeral service will be 12 pm Friday. Entombment will follow in Lynnhurst Cemetery with Rev. Mike Segers and Rev. Denton Hickman officiating. The family requests that those who attend wear their South Carolina Gamecock or Tennessee Vols apparel. Memorial donations may be made to Young Williams.

Condolences and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.berrylynnhurst.com](http://www.berrylynnhurst.com) for the Stewart family.

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## Notice of temporary polling place changes for the upcoming Abbeville County School Board Referendum

The Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Abbeville County authorized the temporary relocation of two polling locations for the May 17, 2022 School Board Referendum.

Precinct 2 - Abbeville 2, Abbeville Courthouse 102 Court Square will vote at Abbeville 3, Abbeville County Complex, 903 West Greenwood St, Abbeville

Precinct 11 - Hall's Store, Calvary Baptist Church will vote at Precinct 9 Donalds at the Donalds Fire Department. 125 West Main Street, Donalds

Any questions, please contact the Abbeville County Voter Registrations office. 864-366-2400 Ext. 53

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Ty Turman (left) and Quade Lindler (right) will represent American Legion Post 72 at Palmetto Boys State in June. (Photo courtesy of Lori Lindler)

# Coalition to present Paddle Fest

By Henry E. Green

The Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition will present Paddle Fest on Saturday, May 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Blue Hole recreation area on Lake Russell in Calhoun Falls, according to information from the Coalition.

The event will feature music, water games and "landlubber" games, kayaks and paddle boards, and concessions by the PHC youth group.

Kayaks and paddle boards will be free to use.

The Coalition, through its activities, highlights the recreational and tourism potential of Lake Russell. In addition to Paddle Fest,

the organization presents the Lake Russell Hustle, a 5K event, as well as the Freedom Blast, held just before the Fourth of July, and a fall jubilee held in October.

The Coalition also provides assistance to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in putting on a fishing derby every spring at Lake Russell.

Coalition member Elaine Barrett of Calhoun Falls said Friday that the music is expected to be "lively."

"Charles Rogers from Calhoun Falls is going to 'dee jay' for us," she said.

The games will include badminton, cornhole, and a ring toss, and there will be inflatable slides as well.

There will be demonstrations of fly fishing and archery, too. About 150 people were in attendance last year, and the Coalition anticipates about the same number this year.

There is no charge to attend the event, where concessions will be sold by the Pentecostal Holiness Church youth group of Calhoun Falls.

Paddle Fest will provide a great way to help kick off the summer, and she encouraged the community to come on out and enjoy it, according to Barrett

"It's a great family activity," she said.

# Milestones and icons Hobart 'Hobie' Erickson passes away

By Henry E. Green

An icon in the firefighting community has died.

Hobart "Hobie" Erickson of Donalds passed away recently after a long career as a fire fighter.

A native of New Jersey, Erickson was a longtime member of the Donalds Fire Department, and indeed was the oldest active fire fighter in South Carolina. Earlier this year, he was honored with a party on the occasion of his 95th birthday, according to Donalds fire chief Ronnie Vaughn.

Held at the Donalds fire department, the party featured a number of special guests, including State Sen. Mike Gambrell, who presented

him with a resolution from the South Carolina General Assembly.

The Town of Donalds presented him with a plaque, and a representative of the state firefighters association presented him with a resolution also.

Erickson started out his firefighting career as a fire fighter with the Denville fire department in Denville, N.J.

He had lived in Donalds approximately 36 years. He would have had 66 years total as a firefighter next month.

Erickson left a wife, Lois, and two grown children--Walter and Linda.

"He was driving trucks and pumping them," up to the

day before he went into the hospital about two weeks ago--on April 13--Vaughn said.

"He was one of a kind," he said. "You couldn't find a better person. And he will be missed dearly" (by the County fire fighters).

"They broke the mold when they made him," he continued.

A World War II veteran--he served in the Army--Erickson was buried in the Dolly Cooper cemetery in Anderson, with full military honors, Thursday.

"He was an outstanding pillar of the firefighting community," said Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams.

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O God who avenges, shine forth.  
Rise up, Judge of the earth;  
pay back to the proud what they deserve.  
How long, Lord, will the wicked,  
how long will the wicked be jubilant?  
**Psalm 94: 1-3 (NIV)**

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## The Indoctrination System

By Geoff Hult

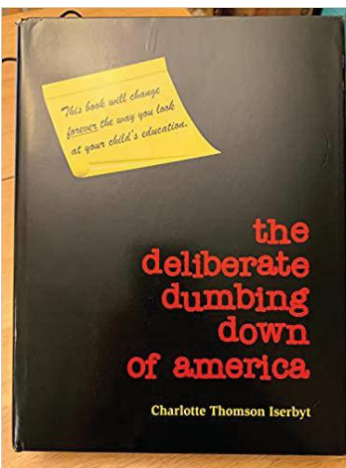
On July 7th, 1986, an employee of Boeing discovered by accident a document in an IBM copier he had purchased for scrap parts. The document is entitled "Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars: An Operations and Research Technical Manual TM-SW7905.1." The document details the blueprint and plan for enslavement of the people of the United States and the world by the world's ruling class through the manipulation and control of industry, pop culture, energy, education, and political systems. It documents that a third world war has been underway since a 1954 meeting of the Elite, the first Bilderberg meeting. The document was compiled in 1979 commemorating the 25th anniversary of the 1954 plan set into motion. This third world war is a "quiet war" conducted with "silent weapons" on humanity, of which the majority are unaware of and thus, pose no resistance to. The document is a brainchild of the Rockefeller Foundation and states inside that it is: "An analog declaration of intent which must be secured from public scrutiny." The analog declaration of intent is to bring the masses of the world under the subjugation of an authoritarian world government, under the guise of world peace. An Orwellian dystopia, if you will.

One of the ways in which war has been waged against the people of the United States in a quiet way with silent weapons, is by way of the education system. In the document it is stated that "...the simplest method of securing a silent weapon and gaining control of the public is to keep the public undisciplined and ignorant of the basic system principles on the one hand, while keeping them confused, disorganized, and distracted with matters of no real importance on the other hand." This is done by the media, entertainment, and specifically the education system in the following way: "providing a low quality program of public education in mathematics, logic, systems design and economics; and discouraging technical creativity."

The US education system, from kindergarten through university, is designed to accomplish the following goal according to this document: "The quality of education given to the lower class must be of the poorest sort, so that the moat of ignorance isolating the inferior class from the superior class is and remains incomprehensible to the inferior class. With such an initial handicap, even the bright lower class individuals have little, if any hope of extricating themselves from their assigned lot in life. This form of slavery is essential to maintain some measure of social order, peace, and tranquility for the ruling upper class." The lower, inferior class referred to here is you and me. It is anyone not in the

big club, which would include the vast majority of society, including respected members of society like most medical doctors. "Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars" has been authenticated by technical writers within military intelligence. It can easily be found online in pdf form, or as a video presentation on Youtube or Brighteon.com.

Charlotte Iserbyt was a lifelong educator who died on 2/8/22. She was a genuine American hero because she was unafraid to tackle hard truths and not back down from



a corrupt system. Iserbyt was the Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of Educational Research and Improvement in the US Department of Education during Ronald Reagan's first term. It was here that Iserbyt learned what the US education system is really all about and meticulously documented her research and findings in her book entitled "The Deliberate Dumbing Down of America," published in 1999. Iserbyt was fired from her position in 1982 for leaking to the press some of the matters she later shared in her book. She stated in 2012 that what she learned about the intent of the education system was the greatest horror she had ever encountered. She stated in this 2012 presentation that: "The US Department of Education is a marxist factory designed to destroy any semblance of good values, academics, and to make sure our children march blindly into a socialist, communist world government. That's the goal of the US Department of Education." She wrote a letter to President Reagan at the time stating that the Department of Education should be abolished and public education should return to its original status, run at the local level, with no influence from federal or international interests.

In the aforementioned book, Iserbyt details that the real purposes of American education are the following: 1) to use the schools to change America from a free, individual nation, to a socialist, global state subservient to the United Nations Charter, and not the US Constitution. 2) to brainwash children to reject individualism in favor of collectivism, 3) to reject high academic standards in favor of egalitarianism, 4) to reject truth and absolutes in favor of "tolerance," and 5) to reject American values in favor of internationalist values.

Through education, the brainwashing and indoctrination of the masses is to accept a new global feudalism. Tolerance today means the acceptance of perversions like transgenderism, and Satanism is the normalization of perversion.

John Taylor Gatto was the New York City teacher of the year in 1989, 1990, and 1991. He was also the New York State teacher of the year in 1991. An accomplished educator was Gatto who also was one of the harshest critics of the education system at large. Gatto has many different presentations online on this subject. Gatto stated that between 1967 and 1974 teacher training all over the United States was covertly revamped through the coordinated efforts of a small number of private foundations, think tanks, global corporations and universities working through the US Department of Education. One of those foundations was, once again, the Rockefeller Foundation. In a document entitled "Designing Education for the Future," State education agencies would act as on-site federal enforcers ensuring compliance of local schools with Washington DC directives. These Washington DC directives were summarized in the last paragraph. Gatto stated that: "Government schooling made people dumber, not brighter; made families weaker; ruined formal religion with its hard sell exclusion of God; set the class structure in stone by dividing children into classes and setting them against one another; and has been midwife to an alarming concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a fraction of the national community." The wealth and power in the hands of the few he refers to are those setting the agenda, and compiling blueprints such as "Silent Weapons for Quiet Wars."

Indeed, the fundamental tenet of "science" is evolution, taught as unquestionable fact in schools from the earliest age. If this is true, then the Bible is not true. The creation account in Genesis and the evolution doctrine taught in schools cannot both be true. One is true and the other is false. The education system is really about indoctrination into believing in, and serving the false system at large in some capacity. It trains people what to think rather than teaching them how to think. It sets parameters on what is acceptable thought and those not conforming to those parameters are deemed not to be "critical thinkers." It trains people to question those who question the system, but never to question the validity of the system itself.

"For the wisdom of the world is foolishness to YaHu-WaH. For it has been written, He catches the wise in their craftiness." (1 Corinthians 3:19)

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## Commentary

### Benefits from new school buildings If not now, when?

By Lamar T. West, Sr.

Come hell or high water, it does seem that half plus one of the Abbeville County School Board is of the opinion that the residents of Abbeville County should spend \$55 million dollars on upgrades to our two remaining high schools in Abbeville County.

So, who is correct? The five members voting in favor, or the four members voting against the \$55 million dollar wish list?

We noticed among those voting against was Tim Rhodes who is one of two members who represents the Calhoun Falls area of the county. We totally understand his position as Abbeville County School District is not spending any of the \$55 million dollars on any upgrades to Calhoun Falls Charter School. Why would anyone in Calhoun Falls who is attending Calhoun Falls Charter School vote in favor of spending money in Abbeville and Due West?

We also remember in the not too distant past, our school board was considering building a new consolidated high school repre-

senting Abbeville, Calhoun Falls and Dixie (Due West) at a cost of a little over \$100 million dollars.

Aside from this \$55 million dollar tax referendum, does the school district have any other plans of a tax increase? We know this is a statewide reassessment year which usually results in a tax increase which means your house and other property will be valued at a higher price (which is great if you are wanting to sell but not so great if your desire is to continue to live in your present residence).

We also understand that Abbeville County plans a tax (millage) increase over and above the reassessment value increase.

We believe we have great, caring teachers and most have the students' best interests at heart. We do believe that our teachers deserve a living wage but schools, school teachers, and their administration are not the same as they were in years past.

Abbeville County School District is probably the largest employer in Abbeville County. Arguably, ACSD

has the largest payroll in Abbeville County with probably one of the best retirement systems in Abbeville County, all of which is funded by TAX dollars.

We understand that if you have the most employees and highest payroll, you may as well expect to have the best facilities. After all, it is just a few more TAX dollars. Those who are working making less money with little to NO retirement can just pay a little more.

We do understand that teachers and administration who happen to live in Abbeville County will also pay more, thank you.

With gasoline prices doubling in just one year under "JOE" and food prices rising or not available, we may have reached the point where we cannot afford to spend on anything but essentials.

So the question is: is spending \$55 million dollars on upgrading our school buildings essential?

Please vote on the referendum! Yea or nay, the people need to decide!

## US House of Representatives

### Rep. Duncan Responds to Leaked Dobbs v. Jackson Draft

Submitted by  
Congressman  
Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C. – A leaked draft decision of the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case revealed the Supreme Court is poised to overturn Roe v. Wade.

"There is no denying that the Roe v. Wade decision was 'egregiously wrong from the start,' and while this leaked document is not the final word on this monumental case, I am hopeful the Dobbs v. Jackson draft reflects the decision of the Supreme Court and will

lead to reversing Roe. The overturning of Roe is lifesaving and would be the most pro-child ruling to ever come from the Court and the most significant civil rights victory in modern history," said Congressman Jeff Duncan. "Abortion is an abomination and a scourge on our nation. Over 60 million babies have tragically lost their lives to abortion since this 1973 decision, and Roe v. Wade belongs on the ash heap of history."

"While I celebrate the possibility of Roe v. Wade being overturned, the fact that a highly sensitive Supreme Court document was

leaked sets a very dangerous precedent and has serious implications for the Court. I fear this was done with political motivations to intimidate justices to alter the outcome of the case," said Congressman Jeff Duncan. "There must be a thorough investigation to determine who leaked this highly sensitive document from the highest court in the land."

I humbly ask for the country to pray that the justices will uphold the words written in the publicly-released draft and will not allow these tactics to sway the Court's decision."

### Rep. Duncan Responds to Warning of Recession After 1.4% Decrease in Q1 GDP

Submitted by  
Congressman  
Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C.— A growing number of economists indicate the United States is approaching another recession, as the U.S. GDP shrunk 1.4% in the first quarter of 2022 despite analysts' expectation of a 1% gain after more than a year of economic growth.

"It's no surprise economists are increasingly predicting we are nearing

another recession, as the U.S. economy shrunk in the first quarter of 2022, inflation continues to surge, and many Americans are struggling to make ends meet. Unfortunately, this was entirely preventable and the result of Joe Biden's reckless spending at the expense of the American taxpayer," said Congressman Jeff Duncan. "Inflation is rising, and the economy is shrinking, but Democrats refuse to give up their

spending addiction. Fiscal restraint and economic responsibility are needed now more than ever in Congress and the White House as we are reaping the consequences of the Democrats' reckless spending to fund their radical agenda. I encourage my constituents in the Third District and all Americans to be aware of the implications of a shrinking economy and prepare for an impending recession."

## Letter to the Editor

Mr. Editor,

As I got up this morning and thanked Jesus for another day, it happened that (Author) was in my right shoulder and right hip. So I took two painkillers and proceeded to go to work. You are probably wondering well, so what? Well, I'm almost 70 years old, and I have this part-time job bagging groceries

to help get by.

Now on to the good part. Through the years, I've seen people half my age and younger that are living in a government apartment with their Obama cell phones, living with another person of the opposite sex, having children one after another and getting checks from the government on each child and also driving a

nicer car than I have, and now I understand that all of the illegals coming in this country we (I) are going to keep up.

Half this country is working our butts off to keep up the other half.

Communism never hurt this country more than the powers that be in Washington.

God Help!  
Mr. Mike Allen



# The Floodgates are Opening

**Rep. Craig A. Gagnon,  
District 11--SC House of  
Representatives  
May 3-5, 2022**

As we close in on the last official day to get legislation passed and to the Governor, the State House has been flooded with (as usual) a slew of bills. Many of these bills are versions of House bills that the House passed months ago that the Senate refused to take up. Now the Senate is sending their versions to the House for us to consider in a rush. It's a strange way to legislate, in my opinion. Nonetheless, the flood has begun.

The past couple of weeks we saw some very substantial bills receive debate and passage in the House. I supported the following:

H. 5183, the "Transparency and Integrity in Education Act". This bill prohibits K-12 teachers, administrators and others from teaching or disseminating information that one ethnic group is inherently superior to another or are somehow "guilty" of the crimes or atrocities committed by members of their ethnic or racial background. These are the essence of the abominable "woke" tenet known as Critical Race Theory.

H. 3105, the "South Carolina Religious Freedom Act." This legislation deems religious services in houses of worship as essential services during declared states of emergency.

H. 5182, the "South Carolina Opioid Recovery Act." It establishes the South Carolina Opioid Recovery Fund, the Discretionary Sub-fund to participate in receiving funds from the national opioid litigation settlement proceeds.

H. 3126, legislation countering COVID-19 vaccine mandates, and enrolled the bill for ratification. The General Assembly believes that a federal vaccine mandate is unconstitutional and shall not be enforced by this state unless, after legal challenge, courts of this state or of the United States of America hold the federal vaccine mandate to be enforceable.

S. 11, legislation addressing paid parental leave for state employees, and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation makes provisions for paid parental leave for state employees due to the birth, adoption, or foster care of a child.

H. 3524, providing for the extension of a pipeline company exemption, and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation revises a provision granting pipeline companies the rights, powers, and privileges conferred upon telegraph and telephone companies.

Two weeks ago, the Senate sent the election reform bill (H. 4919) back to the House with an amendment that made changes to the appointment of The State Election Commission members that was totally unacceptable. The House re-committed the Bill to the House Judiciary Committee. Since then several bills that have come to the House for approval have been amended with the House version of the Election Bill and returned to the Senate in an attempt to get them to approve it. It's a necessary parliamentary maneuver to get this much needed reform passed without shenanigans.

This past week, I voted in the affirmative for the following bills:

H. 4568, Chemically Induced Abortion Reversal Medical Information, and it was sent to the Senate. If enacted, this proposed legislation would require

a medical disclosure of specific effectiveness information to anyone seeking a mifepristone or misoprostol induced abortion, including, but not limited to a Plan B or a "morning after pill," with a few stated exceptions.

The House amended and returned to the Senate S. 108, a bill relating to duties of the State Geological Survey Unit in the Department of Natural Resources. The bill allows the unit to conduct topographic mapping using light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data collections by December 31, 2022, and at least every seven years thereafter. The House then added the language from the election reform bill.

The House amended Senate amendments to H. 4408, a joint resolution authorizing expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds, and returned the legislation to the Senate.

The House returned S. 233 to the Senate with amendments (a LOT of them). The legislation provides for a real property tax exemption extension by providing that a qualified surviving spouse may qualify for an exemption if the qualified surviving spouse owns the house. The legislation also revises eligibility criteria to allow for an exemption when the county assessor certifies to the Department of Revenue that the house is located on heirs' property and the person is the owner-occupied resident of the house. The amendment includes provisions providing for tax value adjustment for property damaged by flooding, hurricane, or wind events (previously approved by the House in H. 4243).

Another amendment establishes a property tax exemption for all farm buildings and agricultural structures owned by a producer in this state used to house livestock, poultry, crops, farm equipment, or farm supplies. The legislation revises provisions relating to special license plates for military medals to ensure that veterans receive the exemptions from fees to which they are entitled. Another amendment addresses the inclusion of mixed-use property under the rural telephone service property tax exemption (previously approved by the House in H. 5144). Another amendment revises a tax exemption for the property of telephone companies and rural telephone cooperatives operating in this state that is used in providing rural telephone service. Another amendment includes tax incentives for apprenticeship programs employing veterans and individuals who have been incarcerated for nonviolent offenses (previously approved by the House in H. 3348) and also a newly-hired veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces who was honorably discharged or released from such service due to a service connected disability. The legislation includes provisions expanding eligibility for the one percent senior sales tax exemption on accommodations (previously approved by the House in H. 3709).

The House amended and returned to the Senate S. 1117, a bill that adds cotton to the definition of the state's agricultural commodities list to provide self-assessment insurance against unforeseen issues. It sets an assessment at fifty cents per bale of cotton when delivered to a gin. It increases the Guaranty Fund from four million dollars to twenty-five million dollars. The bill also creates the SC Agricultural Commodities Advisory Commission to assist the Department of Agriculture in the duties and administration of

the Grain and Cotton Producers Guaranty Fund.

The House insisted upon its amendments to S. 506, regarding home-based food production, whereupon, the chair appointed Representatives Matthews, Jones, and McGarry to the Committee of Conference. The Senate appointed Senators Climer, Fanning and Kimbrell.

The House received message that Senate concurred with amendments to S. 227, the Massage Therapy Practice Act and enrolled it for ratification.

The House amended, gave third reading and enrolled for ratification S. 1179, a bill dealing with social workers providing behavioral telehealth.

The House amended and gave second reading approval to S. 460. The bill revises numerous provisions to consolidate and simply the statutory authority of the State Fire Marshal. The legislation's revisions are not to supersede or impair the authority granted to the State Board of Pyrotechnic Safety relating to the manufacture, sale and storage of fireworks. An amendment includes provisions (previously approved by the House in H. 3252) providing for enhancements to the Volunteer Strategic Assistance and Fire Equipment (V-SAFE) Program.

The House amended and returned to the Senate S. 613, a bill that updates the requirements for delegating certain nursing tasks to unlicensed assistive personnel (UAP) and makes it clear that a physician assistant may delegate these tasks to a UAP. Among many things, the bill defines a category of unlicensed medical staff - the Certified Medical Assistant (CMA). The bill also outlines that the unlicensed assistive personnel must not administer medications except as provided by law. The bill provides that medical assistants employed at the time of the passage of this act may continue to work but must become certified within two years of the act's effective date to continue to work in the role of a CMA. The limitation on specific tasks that may be delegated to a CMA applies when the delegation is done by a PA or an APRN.

The House amended and gave second reading to S. 968, a bill that establishes the "Veterans Service Organization Burial Honor Guard Support Fund." The fund helps to offset the costs paid by South Carolina chapters of congressionally chartered veterans service organizations that provide well-equipped and properly trained honor guard burial details at the funerals of qualifying South Carolina veterans.

A bill that I voted against was S. 628, a bill that enacts the "Pharmacy Access Act." This bill allows a pharmacist to dispense a self-administered hormonal contraceptive or administer an injectable hormonal contraceptive in accordance with a standing prescription drug order by a prescriber to a patient who is eighteen years of age or older or someone under eighteen-year-old who has evidence of a previous contraceptive prescription. I felt that this procedure may create a problem if the individual seeking these medications is not examined by a physician regularly to make sure there are no conditions that may render this medication a danger. It passed anyway.

The House gave third reading and enrolled S. 222 for ratification. This bill allows fictive kin to be eligible to be foster parents under the Kinship Foster Care Program. The bill outlines that

"fictive kin" means an individual who is not related by birth, adoption, or marriage to a child but who has an emotionally significant relationship with the child or the child's family.

The House amended, gave third reading and returned to the Senate S. 1103, a bill providing for the distribution of child identification kits. These inkless, in-home fingerprint and DNA identification kits are to be distributed throughout the district or school on request to the parent or legal custodian of any kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school student. This enables a parent or legal custodian to submit the kit to federal, state, tribal, or local law enforcement to help locate and return a missing or trafficked child. Unless expressly appropriated by the General Assembly, the Department shall not expend funds to procure kits.

In some good news, the Senate passed H. 4608 (which I was a co-sponsor) the "Save Women's Sports Act". This prohibits biological males from competing against women in women's sports. It will now go to the Governor for his approval and become law.

There are many more bills coming before the official Sine Die deadline. Stay tuned!

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The House amended, gave third reading and returned to the Senate S. 946, a bill establishing at least thirty minutes of unencumbered time on each regular school day to all full-time teachers teaching in a grade between kindergarten and fifth grade. The bill also provides that the policy also directs a principal of any elementary, middle, or high school to provide at least thirty minutes of unencumbered time on each regular school day to any teacher who is responsible for instructing a student who is removed from the general education setting for more than twenty percent of the day. The House added an amendment regarding exceptions and establishing procedure.

The House approved S. 812, which revises various provisions governing the practice of certified public accountants, and enrolled the bill for ratification. The membership of the South Carolina Board of Accountancy is revised to provide for the inclusion of one resident licensed certified public accountant from the public at large. The legislation makes revisions that align the state's practice act with national CPA organization rules and regulations as a means of ensuring that South Carolina is not placed at a competitive disadvantage.

The House approved S. 637 and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation revises the application of mortgage lending provisions to retailers of manufactured and modular homes in order to bring state law into compliance with the latest updates that Congress has approved to the federal Dodd-Frank Act.

The House approved S. 635 and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation makes revisions to the South Carolina Research Authority that include: adding the President of South Carolina State University, or his designee, to the SCRA Board of

Trustees and affording university presidents greater flexibility in allowing designees to serve on the board; authorizing the Research Authority to invest in corporate bonds; and, increasing the amount of time that a startup company is allowed to remain in an innovation center.

The House made appointments to a conference committee to address its differences with the Senate on H. 3729, a bill addressing charges for storing towed vehicles.

The House amended Senate amendments to H. 5075, a bill revising the South Carolina housing tax credits that supplement federal tax incentives for the development of affordable housing, and returned the legislation to the Senate.

The House returned Joint Resolution S. 1106, a proposed state constitutional amendment for increasing state financial reserve funds that are used to cope with revenue shortfalls, to the Senate with amendments. The proposed amendment provides for the state's General Reserve Fund, currently set at five percent of General Fund revenue of the latest completed fiscal year, to be increased each year by half of one percent until it equals seven percent of General Fund revenue of the latest completed fiscal year. The proposed amendment increases the state's Capital Reserve Fund from two percent of General Fund revenue of the latest completed fiscal year to three percent of such revenues. Should the General Assembly pass the joint resolution, these proposals for amending the South Carolina Constitution would be placed before the state's voters as ballot questions at the next general election.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H. 5252, the "Economic Encouragement Act." This joint resolution provides an expedited process for approving competitive electric power pricing for potential economic development prospects that the Department of Commerce can offer to encourage these businesses and industries to invest in South Carolina and bring jobs to the state. The legislation authorizes the Public Service Commission to consider quantifiable net benefits to utility customers due to economic development in deciding whether to approve the competitive rates proposed by an electric utility. These economic development rates must be above the marginal cost of energy production. The provisions expire on July 1, 2026.

The House returned S. 533, a joint resolution prohibiting the payment of subminimum wages to individuals with disabilities, to the Senate with amendments. The resolution provides that employers, community rehabilitation programs, and hospital patient care workers at regional centers shall not use a provision of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to pay disabled employees a subminimum wage. No individual with a disability may be paid less than the federal minimum wage. The Department of Disabilities and Special Needs is required to submit an annual report to the General Assembly concerning the payment of a subminimum wage in South Carolina. The legislation establishes a South Carolina Task Force on Eliminating the Subminimum Wage charged with identifying and developing protections for disabled subminimum wage employees to maintain competitive employment while phasing out the use of the subminimum wage

by August 1, 2024. The legislation includes the "Employment First Initiative Act" (previously approved by the House in H. 3244) which relates to policies at state agencies and South Carolina's political subdivisions encouraging competitive integrated employment for individuals with disabilities.

The House returned S. 908, a bill disallowing the driving of certain modified vehicles including the modifications commonly referred to as the "Carolina Squat" or the "California Lean," to the Senate with amendments. The legislation makes it unlawful to drive a passenger motor vehicle, including a pickup truck, on the highways of this state that has been altered so that the height of the front fender is raised or lowered four or more inches above or below the height of the rear fender. Penalties are established for violations. The legislation includes provisions (previously approved by the House in H. 3600) governing utility terrain vehicles including conditions and requirements that allow for a UTV to be operated on roads. The legislation includes provisions (previously approved by the House in H. 4534) that restructure penalties and make other changes to provisions targeting catalytic converter theft.

The House returned S. 1178 to the Senate with amendments. The bill allows online sales of self-service storage facility property, rather than on-premises sales exclusively, in instances when no one has purchased the property at the required public sale. All sales must be conducted by auctioneers who are licensed in South Carolina.

The House returned S. 158, a bill allowing an exemption from continuing education requirements for experienced real estate professionals and financial advisors, to the Senate with amendments. The legislation allows a licensed real estate broker or salesperson who has twenty-five years or more of experience in South Carolina and is at least sixty-five years old to apply for an exemption from continuing education requirements. A financial advisor subject to securities registration is also eligible for this experience-based full continuing education waiver.

The House amended and gave second reading approval to S. 17, the "Permit Extension Joint Resolution of 2022." This joint resolution provides for the extension of various valid permits issued for construction, reconstruction, and other development of land for a period beginning December 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2023.

The House approved S. 934, which revises the membership of the South Carolina Building Codes Council, and enrolled the bill for ratification. The legislation requires each member of the council to be a South Carolina resident and provides that the member who is an architect licensed in South Carolina must be selected from a list of qualified candidates submitted to the Governor by the South Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

*NOTE: These summaries are prepared by the staff of the South Carolina House of Representatives and are not the expression of the legislation's sponsor(s) or the House of Representatives. They are strictly for the internal use and benefit of members of the House of Representatives and are not to be construed by a court of law as an expression of legislative intent.*

## SC Statehouse Reports 2022-The Senate--Senator Mike Gambrell

# Legislative summary

**Senator Mike Gambrell  
Legislative Summary  
May 6, 2022**

The Senate this week dealt with quite a few bills in order to clear the calendar as much as possible before the final week of Session. We had a bill on Special Order, H.4608, known as the "Save Women's Sports Act". There was some extended debate on this legislation, but it did receive third reading with a few amendments, and was returned to the House for their consideration of our changes.

We passed H.4601, legislation that designates ambulance service as an essential service in South Carolina, and requires that each county's governing body ensures that at least one licensed ambulance service is operating within the county. On Thurs-

day, we began debating H.4776, the "Medical Ethics and Diversity Act." This debate will be continued on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, I attended a Reception at the Governor's Mansion. It is always a pleasure to get the chance to talk with our Governor, and especially to spend some time with his dog! The 2022 South Carolina Teacher of the Year was announced Wednesday night, and the winner and many of the teachers representing the school districts around the State were in the Senate balcony on Thursday. It was a pleasure to welcome them, and to see the teachers from Anderson, Greenwood and Abbeville Counties.

On Friday, I accompanied the Belton Preparatory Academy for a tour of

the South Carolina State House. Patti Barrett of the Academy shared with me that last year their students' scores for state testing were in the top 1% for math, top 1% of all SC schools, top SC Charter School and many other excellent outcomes. These students are our future leaders, teachers, first responders, upstanding citizens and they gave me great confidence in that future.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I can be reached at my district address, Post

Office Box 194, Honea Path, S. C. 29654, 864-844-3614; or at my legislative office in Columbia, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, S.C. 29202, 803-212-6032, or through my email address: [Mike-Gambrell@scsenate.gov](mailto:Mike-Gambrell@scsenate.gov).



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# Sports & Recreation

## Abbeville, Dixie in thick of playoff action

By Henry E. Green

Monday, Monday, the Mamas and the Papas used to sing.

This past Monday was a pivotal day for a number of area high school sports teams in the thick of playoff action.

The Dixie High School baseball team lost to Southside Christian Monday evening at Southside 12-2, and with the loss the Hornets were eliminated from the playoffs.

Pitching for the Hornets was Brandon Hershberger, who went three innings, and then Staten Rice pitched one and two thirds innings.

The Hornets gave up 11 hits, and had three hits themselves.

Hershberger was one for two with a double, and Michael Ashley was one for two, and Hunter Satterfield was one for three.

Dixie committed two errors.

"We ran into a buzz saw last night at Southside Christian," he said. "Their bats were hot. They had

four home runs in the game. They out-played us in all phases of the game."

The Hornets finished with a 15-10 record, and 6-2 in Region play.

In soccer action, Dixie lost at Southside Christian in the playoffs.

The Abbeville High School baseball team, meanwhile, advanced in the playoffs by holding off Chesnee Monday night in Abbeville

Chesnee defeated Abbeville in the first game Monday night, forcing a second game by virtue of the double elimination format, but AHS prevailed in the second game to advance to the next round.

Thus, Monday night's game turned into a double-header for the Panthers, and one fan said that the baseball action that began at 5 p.m. did not conclude until about 10 p.m.

AHS, by virtue of the win Monday night, is now the District One champion, and will now play in the Upper Statfirst game

"We won the district championship!" said AHS head baseball coach Daniel Little Tuesday afternoon.

"We lost to Chesnee 4-2" in the first game," he said.

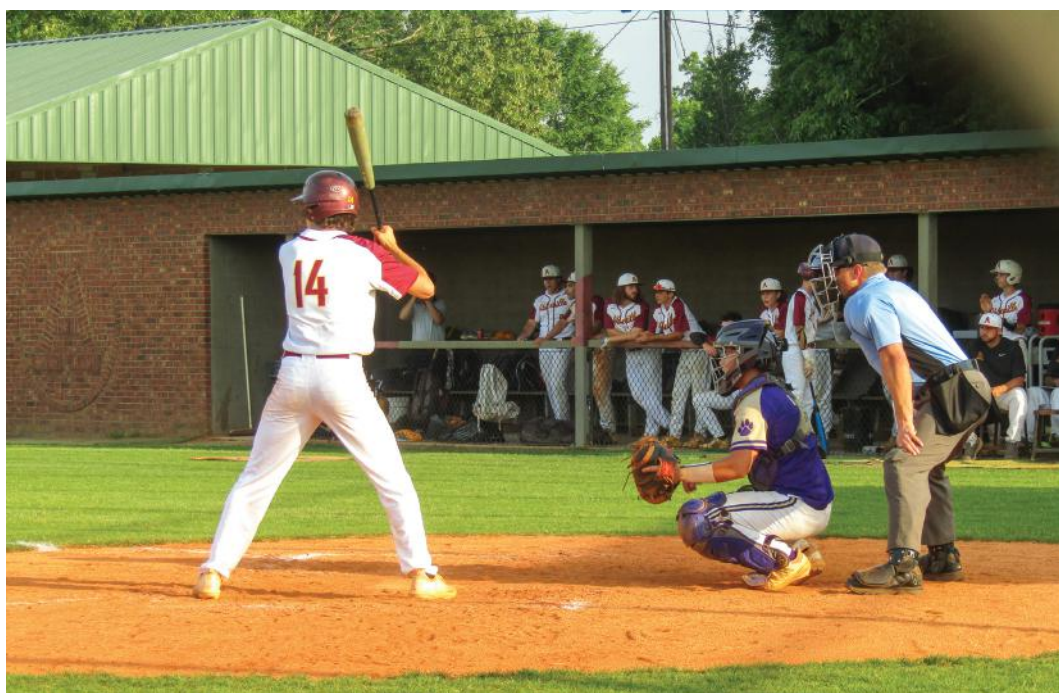
"Adam Beiler pitched six innings, and only gave up one run Thomas Booth had two hits.

"The second game we won 7-6 over Chesnee in nine innings. Bryson Hershberger had two hits, and three RBI Ty Price was the winning pitcher, pitching six innings and giving up three runs.

Chase Fisher pitched three innings in relief, giving up three runs. Jackson Clemmons had the game-winning RBI single, Little continued.

The Panthers will play at Gray Collegiate in West Columbia area Thursday at 8 p.m., said AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson Tuesday

The AHS softball team will play at Gray Collegiate today at 6 p.m. for the district championship, she said.



Abbeville High School defeated Batesburg-Leesville 13-3 in baseball playoff action Thursday night in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## AHS Panthers beat two in playoff action

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville High School varsity baseball team cruised to victory in the first two rounds of the playoffs to set up a pivotal battle for the district championship this past Monday night, against the winner of Batesburg-Leesville and Chesnee. (See related story.)

AHS defeated Chesnee 8-3 Tuesday, May 3, in Abbeville, in the first round of the playoffs, in a game played at Mark Smith Field at Powell Park in Abbeville.

The Panthers, who claimed the Region championship during the regular season, moved on from this victory to host Batesburg-Leesville Thursday night in the second round of the playoffs, and defeated B-L 13-3.

Abbeville led 2-1 in the top of the second before the

Purple Panthers of Batesburg-Leesville tied the score 2-2, when a run was walked in from a bases-loaded situation.

AHS took the lead for good in the bottom of the second, scoring five runs on five hits to go ahead by a score of 7-2.

Ty Price, Trent Delgado, and Jackson Uldrick all had doubles to propel the Panthers.

In the bottom of the fourth, Abbeville scored three more runs, to expand its lead to 10-2. Trent Delgado had a double for AHS, and Hunter Overholt and Rusty Chappell also had hits for the Panthers.

In the top of the fifth, B-L scored a run to shave the lead to 10-3, and the Purple Panthers loaded the bases with two outs, before a third out ended the threat.

In the bottom of the fifth, hits by Trent Delgado, Hunter Overholt and Rusty Chappell brought in two more runs for AHS.

In the top of the sixth, Chase Fisher replaced Hunter Overholt as the Abbeville High School pitcher, and in the bottom of the sixth, a hit by Trent Delgado brought home a run that produced the 13-3 score, due to the mercy rule.

Hunter Overholt had four hits, Trent Delgado three, and Ty Price and Rusty Chappell two against B-L, said AHS head baseball coach Daniel Little.

Overholt was the winning pitcher, striking out seven, walking three, and giving six hits.

AHS collected 12 hits overall against B-L, Little said.



Dixie High School defeated C.A. Johnson in baseball playoff action Saturday in Due West. Here's Keegan Snipes pitching for the Hornets. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Dixie baseball team enjoys early success

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School varsity baseball team stayed alive in the playoffs with an 11-1 victory in five innings over C. A. Johnson in Due West Saturday, Dixie baseball coach Michael Turner said Monday.

Michael Ashley pitched the first inning, Staten Rice pitched the second and third innings, and Keegan Snipes pitched the final two innings for the Hornets.

"We had 11 strike-outs," Turner said. "We only had one walk the whole game.

We gave up four hits."

"We took advantage of numerous walks, and 'hit by pitches'," he continued. "We also reached base on several errors."

This was Dixie's second win over C. A. Johnson in the playoffs. The Hornets defeated the visitors from Columbia 15-0 in Due West on Tuesday, May 3.

On Thursday, the Hornets went to Southside Christian in the second round of the playoffs and lost 8-0.

Hunter Satterfield started for Dixie, and pitched one

and two thirds innings, and Brandon Hershberger pitched four and one third innings.

Satterfield was the leading hitter, and he was two for three with two doubles.

Southside got 10 hits against Dixie, the coach went on to say.

The Hornets were slated to visit Southside this past Monday night for the district championship, and Dixie would have to win twice in back to back games, to advance to the Upper State round of the playoffs.

## Lady Hornets prosper in playoffs

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School varsity softball team doing very well indeed in the playoffs

The Lady Hornets defeated High Point on Friday in the second round of the playoffs, 11-4, Dixie High School head softball coach Samantha Ferguson said Monday.

Gillian Hughes was the winning pitcher, striking out five, walking four, and giving up four runs on four hits.

"It was 4-3 until the sixth inning, we hit the ball really well," she said.

"We had a total of 14 hits," the Dixie coach went on to say.

Leading the way for Dixie was Wes Bensel, who was four for five and had a home run. Mati Cox was two for three, and Merri Beth Stoll was two for four with three RBIs, and Ellie Watson was two for three as well, with two RBIs.

Dixie defeated Whale Branch in the first round, claiming a 16-0 victory on Wednesday, May 4.

The game lasted three innings, and Hornets claimed the win by virtue of the mercy rule.

"We had seven hits," she said. Dixie also benefited from 11 walks.

Dixie will host on Wednesday,

at 5 p.m. the winner of the Whale Branch/High Point Academy game.

This game will be for the district championship. Given the double-elimination format, Dixie's opponent would have to beat the Lady Hornets twice to advance--Dixie would have to play a second game that evening should the Lady Hornets lose.

The winner will advance to the first round of the Upper State finals on Friday. The Lady Hornets will be on the road, pending a win on Wednesday.

## Dixie flourishing in soccer action

By Henry E. Green

Dixie defeated Lewisville 4-1 Saturday to advance to the next level in the boys soccer playoffs.

"We are currently 15-4-1 and we won our first playoff game 10-0 over the Calhoun County Saints," said Dixie boys soccer coach Brian Gamble Monday.

"Then we hosted Lewisville last Saturday and beat them 4-1.

Dixie was slated to visit

Southside Christian this past Monday. Southside, he said, is a team which has beaten the Hornets twice this year.

"We were defeated by them last year in the Upper State championship 1-0," he continued.

Meanwhile, the Dixie girls soccer team had a successful year.

**Girls soccer**

"The girls soccer team finished the season with a 2-1

loss versus Gray Collegiate in the 2nd round of the state playoffs for A/AA to finish with an overall 9-6 record," said Dixie High School girls soccer coach Jason Burton.

"This was a great season for the Lady Hornets. The Lady Hornets have continued to improve over the last few years and with a strong JV group and lots of youth the Hornets are aiming for greater things in the years to come."

This statue outside the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls was recently decorated with a fishing rod and a life jacket -- in keeping with a fishing derby presented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The derby was followed by a water safety program. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)





# Corps of Engineers presents fishing derby

**By Henry E. Green**  
Blue skies. Friendly faces. And many a fishing pole. That was the story Saturday at Blue Hole recreation area on the shores of Lake Russell in Calhoun Falls, as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presented a fishing derby. Designed to help introduce kids to the joys of fishing, and to the joy of being outdoors in general, the event drew approximately 70 to 80 participants. Among those in attendance were Tammy Smith

and her 11-year-old son Zander. "We haven't been here in a while (to fish)," said Tammy, who lives in the Level Land community. They were "trying to get back in the hang of it," she said. Zach Baldwin of the Corps of Engineers, noted that Saturday's event was the 32nd annual fishing derby was the first one presented in two years. The derby, he explained, took a two year hiatus because of COVID. The event has been held at the Blue Hole for roughly 10 years. South Carolina

Department of Natural Resources donated 1,300 pounds of catfish to be used in the derby, which was free for the kids, and was held in conjunction with a water safety program. Participants fished from a pier in a designated area of the lake. The Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition assisted the Corps in presenting the derby, which also featured a "bounce house" for the kids and an archery area.



A fishing derby held at Lake Russell recently presented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers helped introduce young people to the joys of fishing. Here are some of the participants as they walk out on the pier to fish. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Michaela Lee of Abbeville was one of the young people to enjoy the fishing derby presented by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Estate: Elizabeth Kelly Stone  
Date of Death: 4/7/2022  
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Date of Death: 2/23/2022  
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Estate: William Howard Combs  
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Case Number: 2022ES0100121  
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Estate: Harry Josh Wharton  
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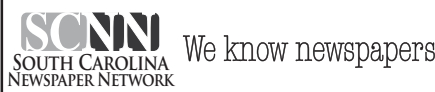
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**SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury)**  
  
FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE  
  
Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC, Plaintiff,  
v.  
Rebecca E. Arnett; The United States of America, acting by and through its

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 Amer-

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