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This Ukrainian flag was being displayed on North Main in Abbeville, as of the morning of Tuesday, May 3. The invasion of Ukraine by the Russians has produced deep sympathy for the embattled Ukrainians, who have impressed the world with their bravery and tenacity. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Event set for May 7-14

Spring Festival to kick off Saturday

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Spring Festival will start on Saturday, May 7, setting off a week of festivities to help mark the 40th anniversary of the festival.

Recalling the early days of the festival, this year's activities will be stretched over a week, with the “main weekend” slated for May 12-14.

It is all presented by the City of Abbeville, which recently released a schedule of events.

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce will be having, all during the month of May, a “40 years of memories” exhibit, profiling the history of the festival.

On Saturday, May 7, there will be a Moments and Mimosas reception at the Chamber, beginning at 9 a.m.

“We will be recognizing

people who have contributed to the Festival over the years,” said Anna LaGrone, executive director of the Chamber.

The reception reflects a collaboration between the Chamber and the City.

Also on Saturday, May 7, a Rotary Cornhole Tournament will held at the Livery Stable in conjunction with the festival.

This event will be presented by the Abbeville Rotary Club as a fundraiser for the club.

Saturday, May 7, will also be “Shop Local Saturday” in the city of Abbeville.

The weekend will conclude with a Mother's Day Gospel event Sunday, May 8, at the Abbeville Opera House.

There will be restaurant specials throughout much of Abbeville, and a food truck alley on Monday, May 9, on Trinity Street.

The Violins of Hope outreach event will be on Tuesday, May 10, at the Abbeville Opera House.

This event will be in remembrance of the Holocaust and the lives lost during that time of tragedy.

There will also be a 40th anniversary proclamation in the Opera House on Wednesday, May 11, in the City Council chambers.

The festival will conclude with the Main Weekend May 12-14. All weekend there will be carnival rides, food trucks and live music.

There will be on Friday and Saturday an arts and crafts show, as well as a flower show, and on Saturday there will be a Kidzone on Washington Street. Other attractions will include an antique car show and a doughnut eating contest.

For more information, one may call 366-9673.

Lumber from historic cabin reported stolen

By Henry E. Green

The lumber being used to reconstruct the historic Creswell Cabin in Abbeville has been stolen, according to the president of the Abbeville County Historical Society, which is supervising the project.

The cabin, which dates from 1837, and was originally built near Long Cane Creek before it was moved to its current location near the Abbeville County Museum, was being disassembled with an eye to repairing it, according to Hartsfield.

The pieces of pine lumber were all being numbered as part of the project, and were all part of the original cabin—rafters, floor joists and other pieces—and together they are worth thousands

of dollars, the Historical Society president continued. “It's really, really sad that somebody would take all that,” Hartsfield said.

According to an Abbeville Police report, the Police responded on April 27 to 309 Poplar Street in Abbeville, and the responding officer spoke with Hartsfield, who told him that the “cabin has been taken apart to rebuild some of the wood before it could be rebuilt with the original wood.”

“Some of the original wood was stolen from the property,” the report continued, noting that Hartsfield estimated the value of the property at more than \$2,000.

The Historical Society president presented him with a picture of the wood

stolen from the property, and the officer told him he would place the property on a property check list.

The responding officer said he spoke with local businesses, and was “unable to find anyone who witnessed the crime or had cameras that could potentially show the crime.”

He also spoke with some residents “in the area of the incident location, and they said they had not witnessed anyone at the incident location.”

The responding officer also spoke to a Police investigator who “will be attempting to locate potential witnesses or home security cameras in the area.”



Some lumber was stolen from the Creswell Cabin site near the Abbeville County Museum recently. (Contributed photo)

Bricks on Square have long history

By Henry E. Green

Who would deny that Abbeville's Court Square is one of the most charming portions of a decidedly charming city?

Large part of the charm of Court Square, meanwhile, is derived from its bricked-in format. It would be difficult to imagine a Court Square with asphalt.

It hasn't always been this way, of course. Photographs from the nineteenth century show a Square whose traffic area was covered with dirt instead of bricks.

The bricked-in format has been in place for at least 100 years, according to Deputy Administrative Officer Mike Clary.

The City of Abbeville has been working to keep the bricks in good condition, he said.

“Most of the current bricks on the Square now were put

down since the 1970s as different areas have been patched and repaired over the decades,” Clary said. “The condition of the bricks varies significantly across the Square area. Some places remain in very good condition, while other areas have had to be temporarily patched until permanent repairs can be made. Many of the issues that arise actually come from the foundation underneath the bricks and not the actual bricks themselves.”

“Right now the City has received bricks to begin repairing sections of the Square. The bricks were selected to aesthetically match the current bricks as closely as possible. The work will be done in very small increments as the foundation and infrastructure under the Square is investigated and necessary repairs

made there as well before installing the new bricks or repairing the existing bricks when possible.

“By doing the work in small increments and fixing the foundational issues, the City will look to solve the problem long term, while hopefully avoiding having a major impact on traffic to businesses and keeping costs manageable from year to year. The costs to repair one of the small sections is estimated at up to around \$20,000. To date the project has been delayed by COVID-19 and supply chain issues, but the plan is to have the first section of repairs completed after the Spring Festival.”

Currently, the City is working with General Construction Services on this project, Clary continued.

Absentee voting for referendum opens

By Henry E. Green

Absentee voting for the May 17 Abbeville County School District referendum has opened, and will continue through Monday, May 16, said Abbeville County voter registration and elections director Randy Curtis Wednesday.

“There are 18 qualifying reasons (to vote absentee),” he said.

Among them is a conflict with employment on the day of the election. Persons 65

or older may also vote absentee, as are people in active duty uniform services.

Someone with a physical disability or illness may also qualify, and someone who will be on vacation during the election, Curtis continued.

Those wishing to vote absentee should come to the Abbeville County Administrative Complex, to the first floor, next to the County Council chambers, and voting machines have

been set up.

One may also call the voter registration office and request an absentee application. The deadline to request such an application is May 10.

The office is still looking for people willing to serve as poll workers on May 17, Curtis continued.

For more information, one may call the office at 366-2400, extension 53.



This Abbeville County Historical Society is working with K and D Contracting Services of Columbia to stabilize a chimney on the roof of the Society's McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

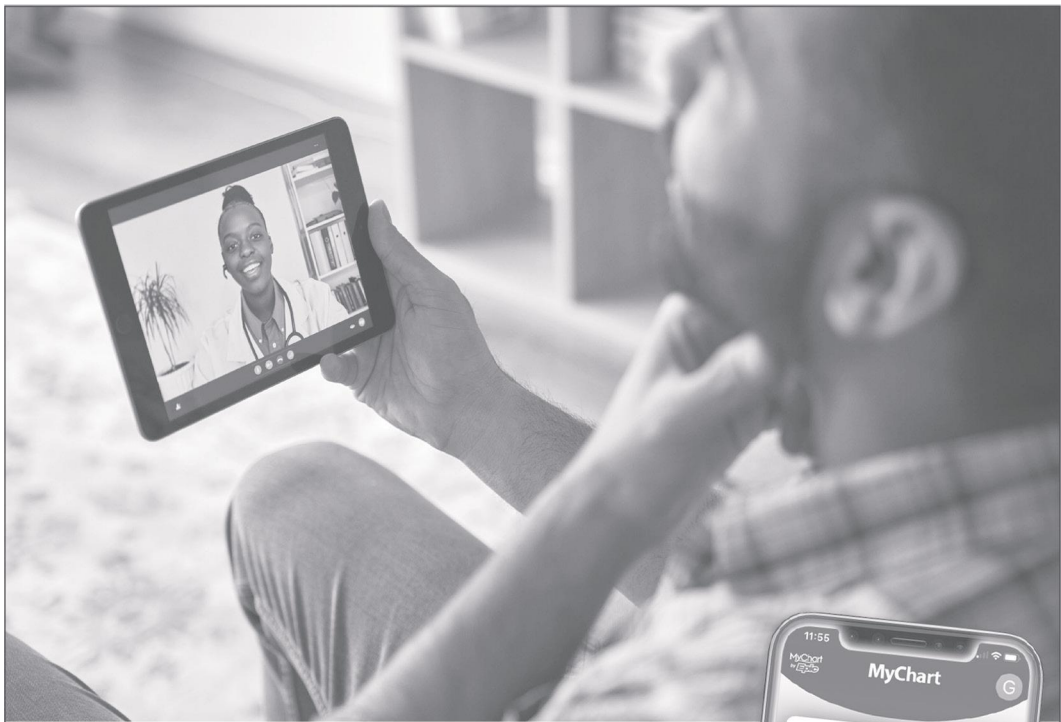
Face to face

UCMAC emergency assistance ministry goes back to in-person format

By Henry E. Green
The emergency assistance ministry of UCMAC will begin seeing clients in person again, according to UCMAC finance director Jane Agan. The emergency assistance ministry is one of the three component ministries of UCMAC. "It assists people who have emergency situations," said Agan. "We assist people who have had an emergency which prevents them from paying their monthly bills, such as rents, mortgages, utilities," she said. That assistance can come in other ways as well, such as helping the homeless through referrals, and helping them find temporary accommodations. Before the pandemic, people who asked for as-

sistance from the ministry were interviewed by ministry personnel in person. "We had face to face contact with the clients," she said. That all changed with the pandemic, and communication switched to interviews by telephone. The ministry will return to face to face interviews beginning May 5. Face to face interviews are better in that clients are required to bring along documentation to the interview, for verification purposes. The pandemic is "not as worrisome anymore," she added. Interviews are given every Thursday at UCMAC headquarters at 101 Center Street in Abbeville. Sign in begins at 9:30 a.m. and the format is first come and first

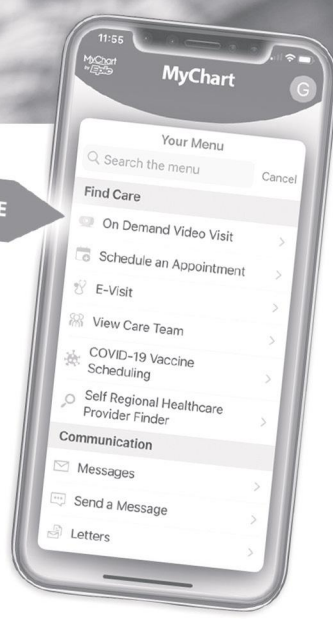
serve. UCMAC board member Ruth Bacon, a former executive director of UCMAC, will be coordinating the program, Agan noted. "Covid-19 affected all of us, including UCMAC," said the current UCMAC executive director, Bill Boone. "We have tried very hard to follow guidelines set forth by the various agencies of the federal government and our local officials. We feel that it is now in the best interest of our clients to reopen the Emergency Assistance Program in order to accommodate their needs. We appreciate the peoples' patiences as we reopen this division of UCMAC." "We limit our assistance to Abbeville County residents," Agan said.



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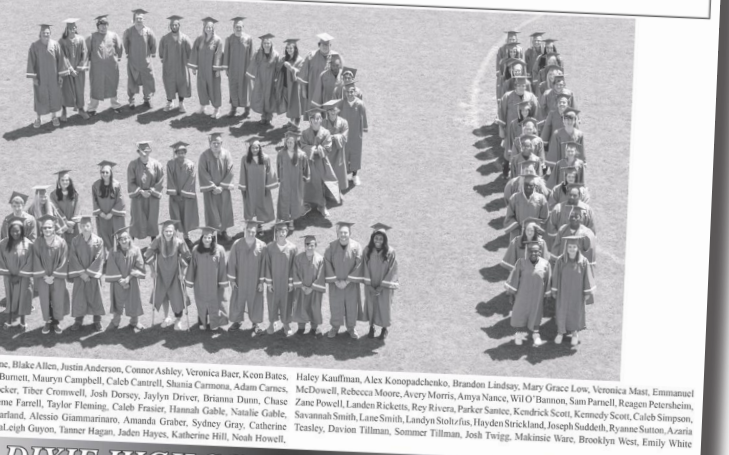


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Roxanna Lindholm (left) and Wanda Cooper (right) spoke recently about the Child Evangelism Fellowship. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Group seeks to share 'Good News'

By Henry E. Green
But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 19:14
 The Child Evangelism Fellowship is working to reestablish a presence in Abbeville County schools. "We have been there for years, but because of COVID our program shut down," said Lindholm, local coordinator for the Fellowship.

Local coordinator Roxanne Lindholm and Lakelands District board member Wanda Cooper stopped by The Press and Banner recently, and provided some literature on the organization. In that literature, it is described as a "Bible centered, worldwide organization composed of born-again believers."

"It is the world's largest mission agency for children, reaching tens of millions of children each year!" it is state. Established in 1937 by Rev. Jesse Irvin Overholtzer, the organization does much of its work through Good News Clubs, which meet once a week usually during the school year in schools, homes, churches, homes and other locations.

"With their parent's permission, children hear the Gospel through Bible and missionary stories, songs and activities and are encouraged to have a daily quiet time with God."

The ultimate goal of the ministry is to establish children in a local church for ongoing knowledge of God and growth for their Christian living." Speaking on Friday by telephone, Lindholm provided a profile of the Lakelands District of the Fellowship. "Our office covers Greenwood, Abbeville, McCor-

mick, Saluda and Edgefield counties," she said.

The focus is on younger students. "We share the gospel with the elementary school children," she said. "K-5 is our target age group."

Clubs typically meet once a week after school, and the Fellowship is in the process of recruiting volunteers to help coordinate those clubs. These volunteers share with the kids memory verses and songs in what Lindholm describes as a "high energy" environment.

The Fellowship, she said, needs more volunteers, and she encouraged people to sign up as volunteers through visiting the Fellowship Website--www.CEFLakelands.com

Volunteers are trained to teach classes, and help out in other ways.

"We have a few volunteers who have stepped up" but more are needed, she said.

Friday deadline for Personality nominations

By Henry E. Green
 Friday, May 6, is the deadline for submitting nominations for the Calhoun Falls Personality of the Year.

This program, presented by The Press and Banner, honors individuals who have made notable contributions to the Calhoun Falls community.

The winner will be recognized during the Calhoun Falls Springtime in the Falls festival the third weekend

in May. Begun in the early 1960s, the Personality of the Year program has honored people from a variety of walks of life--from pastors to politicians.

Nominations for may be mailed or e-mailed to The Press and Banner. If they are mailed, they need to be typed.

The mailing address is PO Box 769, Abbeville, S.C. 29620.

The e-mail address is henry@bannercorp.net

All nominations must be submitted by Friday, May 6, 2022.

No "petition" nominations will be accepted, and the letter must be signed, and a phone number for further information must be provided.

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Rotary speaker hits 'Grand Slam'

By Henry E. Green

Dan Scott, the "Voice of the Paladins," is launching Grand Slam Ministries, and he profiled his plans in a recent presentation to Abbeville Rotarians.

Scott spoke to Rotarians in 2019 about his career in broadcasting, and this time he talked about his new faith-based project.

The director of broadcasting at Furman University, Scott believes he is using a talent that God gave him, and he quoted 1 Peter 4:10-11:

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they

should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever."

Now 55 years old, Scott said that he turned his life over to God when he was 45. He admits that he has made his share of mistakes.

Scott plans to have a radio show in which he can interview coaches and players who will provide testimonies of their Christian experiences.

SLAM, which he says is an acronym for Serve, Love And Mentor, is something

he envisions as a weekly radio show.

He welcomes assistance on a variety of fronts ranging from donations to assistance with setting up a website. Scott is hoping to raise \$20,000 by the end of June or the first of July.

For more information, one may visit www.GrandSlam-Ministries.Org or call 864-903-1324.

The Grand Slam address is listed, according to information he gave Rotarians, is as follows:

Grand Slam Ministries, P.O. Box 35, Central, South Carolina 29630.

"I need your prayers," he told Rotarians.

Dan Scott spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about his establishment of Grand Slam Ministries. Here he is discussing it with Rotarian Angela Pruitt following the meeting. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Coroner warns against illicit drug

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Coroner, Dr. Mark Dorn, is warning the public about an illicit drug.

It's a new, illicit drug that is infiltrating the upstate region, he said.

"It's called protonitazene," he said. "It's 20 times more potent than fentanyl. There is no field test for it, making it more dangerous for first responders and the public in general."

NARCAN is still an antidote for it, but it would take four to six doses of it to counteract it.

Has he seen it in Abbeville County?

"Not yet, he said. "But there have been three deaths in Oconee County."

Increasing the public

awareness about the fatal consequences of this drug is a good thing.

"It usually comes in a powder mixed with other drugs, or in a stamped pill form," he said.

"It's usually manufactured in China or Mexico," he said.

It began making an appearance in the Upstate in early 2021, Dorn continued.

The drug is classified as a synthetic opioid, and users are typically seeking a high, as with other illicit opioid drugs.

"Just a minute amount is enough to be fatal," he said.

That amount could be as small as something fitting on the head of a straight pin.

"If you have a family member suffering from some addiction problem that may

be seeking purchasing of an illicit drug, treatment services should be sought out," he continued.

Cornerstone is a community distributor of NARCAN nasal spray, and people are encouraged to call the agency for further information--366-9661--according to Betsy Royal, prevention specialist with Cornerstone. It is distributed free of charge, thanks to a grant from DAODAS, a state agency, she said.

Royal gives presentations to businesses, churches and other community groups about current drug trends and prevention, including overdose death prevention through the use of NARCAN.

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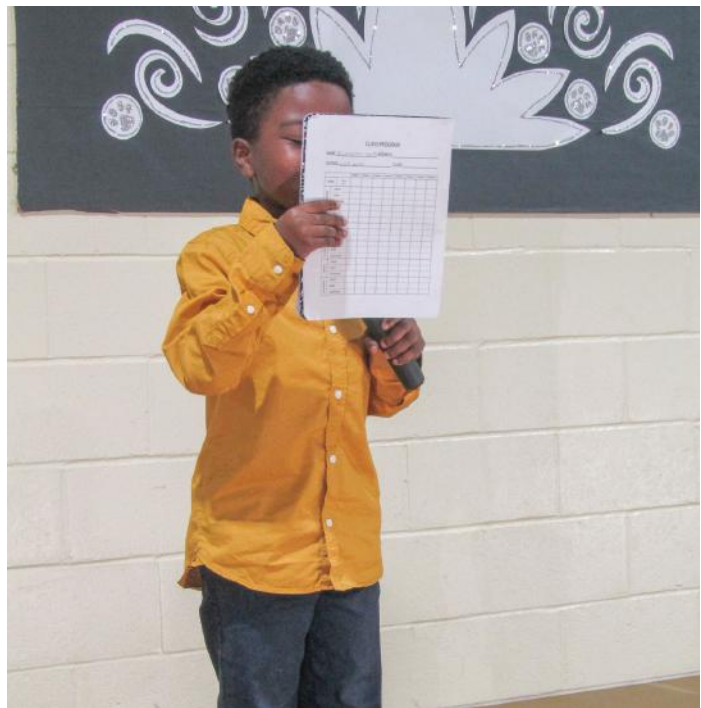
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Steve Miller and Amos Cunningham have started a new gem and mineral club, called the Upper Abbeville Rock and Gem Club. Our first meeting will be held at the Bowie Arts Center at Erskine College. Please visit our Facebook page for more details. Our club name and Facebook page will be the Upper Abbeville Gem & Mineral Club. Please visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/UAGMC.net> and tell all your friends! (Photo contributed)



Westwood Elementary School student Kingstron Garnett entertained the audience at the Westwood beauty pageant recently with a list of charming jokes. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Students shine in Gold Star Highlights

By Henry E. Green
Students doing great things.

That is a major focus of the recognition extended during the Gold Star Highlights segment of Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees meetings, and at the April 26 meeting Dixie High School students who had excelled in FBLA and FFA competition were recognized.

Abbeville County School District Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lori Brewton provided a list of the students honored in recent FBLA competition:

- Dixie High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America):
- First Place
- Ashton Crocker - Accounting I
- Jeffrey Branyon/Sidney Stone - Broadcast Journalism
- Mati Cox - Human Resource Management
- William Wieters - Personal Finance
- Marshall Dunn - Securities and Investments
- Second Place
- Vance Anderson - Eco-

- nomics
- Savannah Wojtkowski - Social Media Strategies
- Fourth Place
- Emalee Mann - Business Calculations
- Fifth Place
- Ansley Prescott - Advertising
- Mary Katherine Hannah - Business Communication
- Caleb Campbell - Entrepreneurship
- Hunter Satterfield - Political Science

A number of Dixie High School FFA students also excelled in recent competition.

An FBLA Nursery Landscape Career Development Event was held at Spartanburg community college in March. The state winning team advances to the national contest at the national FFA convention in October.

The students excelling in this included the following:

- 1st state individual - Mary Katherine Hannah
- 2nd state individual - Bethany "KK" Hope
- 3rd state individual - Alana Mitchell
- 4th state individual - Hanna Cummins

Dixie also excelled in another FBLA event--creed speaking.

Creed speaking has two divisions--an Upper Greenhand for 10th graders and a Lower Greenhand for ninth graders, Dr. Brewton said.

The region contest was held in Laurens and takes the top two from each division to compete at the State level in June at the SCFFA state convention, she said.

Dixie students excelling in the event included the following:

- Upper creed - 1st place-Lauren Mitchell
- Lower creed - 2nd place-Ryleigh Ware

Future Business Leaders of America is the largest business career and technical student organization in the world, according to the FBLA Website.

Each year, FBLA helps over 230,000 members prepare for careers in business, the organization reports.

FFA is a student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership, according to the FFA Website.

Chamber banquet set for early June

By Henry E. Green

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce will have its annual banquet on Friday, June 3, at 6 p.m. at the Lowndesville Community Center, said Anna LaGrone, Chamber executive director.

A number of awards will be presented, including Business of the Year, Ambassador of the Year, Hall of Fame Awards, and scholarship

awards, she said.

"We will have one Business of the Year recipient, two Hall of Fame recipients, and three scholarship awards," she said.

Outgoing and incoming Chamber board members will also be recognized.

Live music will be provided by local musician and Chamber member Nicole Quinn, and the event will be catered by Talk of the Town,

another Chamber member.

People may buy individual tickets, or reserve an entire table, at the Chamber.

"We are looking forward to celebrating the successes of our Chamber members and our community," she said.

For more information, one may call the Chamber at 366-4600.

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont to Host Celebration

Submitted by Andrea Scott

On Saturday, May 7th, 2022, at 10:30 am, Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont will host the 23rd Annual Butterfly Celebration. This special occasion is a live butterfly release on the Hospice Center grounds and is sponsored by the Friends of Hospice Committee.

The event will be held in honor or in memory of special friends and family. The live butterflies are available for purchase at the cost of

\$10 each. A lovely note card will be sent to the person that the purchaser honors on their form...or a card to the family of the person that is to be remembered. All forms must include complete addresses so that we may send the cards.

On the day of the release, participants will receive a little white box that contains one butterfly. Participants will receive the number of butterflies that they purchase. You do not have to be present to release the butterfly. Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont

will have children present to release the butterflies purchased for those that cannot attend.

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Rylee Tiller crowned Miss Westwood

By Henry E. Green
Fifth grader Rylee Tiller was crowned Miss Westwood Elementary School Saturday night during the school beauty pageant.

A fund-raiser for the school's PTO, the pageant featured nearly 40 contestants from grades three through five.

Westwood, located on the western outskirts of Abbeville, serves students in those grades, and serves as well as a feeder school for Wright Middle.

Serving as emcee for the pageant was Abbye Light, an Abbeville High School senior who is also the reigning Miss AHS, and who is slated to participate in the Miss South Carolina pageant this summer. She plans to pursue a career in cosmetology.

The contestants were

introduced on stage in formal wear.

Kingston Garnett, a Westwood fourth grader, was part of the entertainment, and kept the audiences in stitches with his collection of jokes, and young ladies from Dance Dynasty also entertained the crowd, delighting those on hand with their grace.

A sample of young Kingston's jokes:

"Why can't a leopard hide?"

Because he's always spotted!"

The winners, according to a list provided by pageant coordinator Jonathan Bedenbaugh, were as follows:

3rd Grade

Young Miss 3rd Grade-Peyton Cobb

1st Runner-up Journye Jones

2nd Runner-Up Kodi Burgess

People's Choice Award -Journye Jones

4th Grade

Junior Miss 4th Grade-Mary Kate Beiler

1st Runner-up Presley Davenport

2nd Runner-up Montana Wilson

People's Choice Award-Journi Stone

5th Grade

Miss WWES 2022-Rylee Tiller

Senior Miss 5th Grade-Jairdyn Marshall

1st Runner-up Abigail Uldrick

2nd Runner-up Sarah Gulley

People's Choice Award-Sarah Gulley

People's Choice Overall Winner- Journye Jones

Miss Congeniality Winner- Guadalupe Renteria

Rylee Tiller was crowned Miss Westwood Elementary School Saturday night at the Westwood beauty pageant. She is the daughter of Michael and Sara Clayton Tiller, according to pageant coordinator Jonathan Bedenbaugh. For other pageant pictures, look in the remainder of this issue and in future issues. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville High School senior Abbye Light was the emcee for the Westwood Elementary School beauty pageant, held recently at Westwood Elementary School. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Westwood Elementary School had a beauty pageant recently. Here's a look at the contestants on stage at the pageant's conclusion. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Young ladies from Dance Dynasty entertained the audience at the recent Westwood Elementary School beauty pageant. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

District planning budget workshop

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees will have a budget workshop on Tuesday, May 10 at 5 p.m. in the board room of the Greenville Street Building in Abbeville.

This is just an informal workshop for the board members, for the proposed budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year, said Abbeville County

School District finance director Roni Scott Tuesday.

There will be a hearing to allow for public input at a board meeting in June.

First reading on the budget is slated to be held during the regular board meeting in May--scheduled for Tuesday, May 24.

Second reading is slated for the regular meeting in June--Tuesday, June 28.

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.

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

'Paranormal' reps planning return

By Henry E. Green

Representatives of a paranormal society based in Savannah, GA, is planning to return to Abbeville this summer, according to the president of the organization to which the team belongs.

A team from Paranormal Society of Savannah visited Abbeville in February, making the Belmont Inn their

base during the visit.

While in Abbeville, they investigated various sites, and offered a paranormal class, and local author Margie Blalock, who has written about ghost stories in the Lakelands, was on hand.

Patrick Welsh, founder of Paranormal Society of Savannah, said in a recent e-mail that a team of approximately eight to 10 members

will be coming to Abbeville and teaching classes at the Opera House on July 9 from 9 a.m. to noon.

One may sign up for classes by signing up on the organization's event page.

"We will be doing Classes on 101 investigating as well as 102 investigating," said Welsh. "And some will even get to investigate with us."

Community calendar

National Day of Prayer

Main Street UMC will be hosting three separate National Day of Prayer gatherings on Thursday, May 5th. We invite individuals from throughout the community to gather with us either at 8:00am, 12:00pm or 5:30pm, as we pray for our nation during these difficult days.

Summer theatre camp planned

The Watkins Community Center is planning its summer theatre camp for July 11-14, 2022. This year's presentation is Hansel and Gretel, produced and directed by the Baillie Players of Inman. The four day camp will end with a dinner the-

atre production with dinner served at 6 p.m. and the show beginning at 7 p.m. on the 14th.

See Kelly at Honea Path Town Hall for registration of campers (ages 6-17) which will begin on May 2nd. Town Hall hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The camper fee remains at \$45, payable by cash or check to Watkins Community Center, which is nonrefundable.

For further information, please contact Peggy Rawl at 864-940-5460.

Democrats plan voter registration drive

The Abbeville County

Democratic Party is sponsoring a Voter Registration Drive on Saturday, May 7th, in the following areas. Abbeville Court Square in front of the Courthouse, Old Bilo building next to the Hospice Store on hwy 72 West, Mt. Lebanon AME Church, located at 150 Mt. Lebanon Church Road, Donalds, S.C., Calhoun Falls, at the 7 eleven convenience store--also, on May 6 at the Dollar General on South Main Street, Abbeville, S.C.

Anyone wishing to register or change their name or address, can do so at these locations. May 13 is the last day to register in order to vote in the June 14 primary.



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Renaissance man

Stan Colbert new pastor at Abbeville Presbyterian Church in Abbeville

By Henry E. Green

To meet Rev. Stan Colbert is to create an instant memory.

The new pastor of Abbeville Presbyterian Church is a man of many talents. He sings, he plays the piano, and, of course, he preaches.

Preaching is something with which he is definitely not unacquainted.

"I was ordained about 30 years ago," he said.

Born in West Virginia, he grew up in a variety of locations, from Baltimore to Birmingham, Alabama.

"My father and mother were ordained ministers as well," he said.

His parents, in fact, were ministers in the Salvation Army, an organization which we may associate with soup kitchens, kettles at Christmas, and the ringing of bells—but we sometimes forget that it is an actual denomination like the Presbyterian Church.

Colbert went to a Methodist college in Birmingham, Alabama, before going on to Emory University in Atlanta. He did his graduate work at UNC-Greensboro.

Colbert was actually a professor before he became a minister, and he taught 14 years at UNC Charlotte, where he headed the choral department.

His wife Deborah, meanwhile worked in the business world.

Life was about to change for both of them, though.

"In the late 90s we had a serious calling into the full time ministry," he said.

Stan remembers vividly how it all happened. His wife, who had been raised a Presbyterian, was visiting a Salvation Army thrift store in Henderson, N.C., when she had a vision.

She and Stan were standing behind a pulpit and wearing Salvation Army uniforms—so the vision went.

"God would not have called my wife without calling me," he said.

Within a year they had sold their house and embarked upon a career as Salvation Army ministers.

That career lasted 20 years, and today Colbert has kind words to say about the Salvation Army.

"They're humble to a fault," he said. "I've never known the Salvation Army to toot their own horn."

Moving to Abbeville in 2019, they visited a number of churches, and a former pastor of Abbeville Presbyterian, Dr. Greg Henley, helped attract them to Abbeville Presbyterian.

A beautiful sanctuary, an accomplished organist in the person of Joe Greer—these were factors also in helping bring the Colberts to APC.

They already had a connection to the area in that their daughter Cali had attended Erskine.

The connection got a little stronger recently. APC had

been looking for a minister for several years.

About six weeks ago he was asked if he would like to take the job.

There was just one hitch. "I'm not ordained in the Presbyterian Church," he said.

However, the area presbytery, a governing body for Presbyterian churches, agreed to allow Colbert to take the position.

"I will continue to take classes," in Presbyterian denominational operations and theology.

Colbert will officially begin in his new post on May 8 - Mother's Day. Preaching a sermon is something with which he has some acquaintance.

He preached his first sermon when he was 15 years old.

"It was on LSD," he said.

LSD?

"Love, Salvation and Deliverance," he laughed.

His daughter is currently on the staff of Western Carolina University as a mental health counselor, and his son lives in New York, where he works for NBC as a data scientist.

Abbeville Presbyterian, meanwhile, averages about 50 people in attendance on a given Sunday.

Colbert has definite goals as a pastor. He wants to "infuse our congregation with more youth and relevance to our community."

Rev. Stan Colbert is the new pastor of Abbeville Presbyterian Church in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Masters Memories

By Tom Poland

There comes a memory from long ago when Georgia had yet to win 1980 and 2021 national championships. No worries, Georgia was and is an annual world champion for those who compete for the green jacket.

Living some 37 miles from Augusta National as I once did, to go to the Masters then was far easier. As school went, we yielded to temptation when practice rounds tickets were as available as Coca Colas. Thus, did I skip school. It was a spring day. My first trip to Augusta National. A practice round. The year a golf ball hit me, 1966.

Bruce Devlin teed off at Juniper's elevated tee, No. 6, and the ball came soaring over the drop-off toward the green. "Look out." I was sitting to the right of the green on a hill. I heard a thump, then felt Devlin's ball hit my back. Two officials materialized, one on each arm to be sure I was okay. I stood and the ball rolled downhill between my feet. No harm done.

Among primeval memories is hearing about Fruitland Nurseries, destined to become the world's most iconic golf course. I want to say I saw its sign but that can't be. I see it in my mind though, a latticework of letters, like that Hollywood sign.

I have other Masters memories, and what's good is I'm not a golfer. I don't

get caught up in rules, layups, chips, fades, and such. That frees me to marvel at the trees, flowers, emerald grasses, and snowy, chalk-like sand traps. Bluebirds even. Things like Rae's Creek, namesake of John Rae, Irish trader and one of Augusta's founding fathers. Rae's Creek winds through

me from staring. Saturday I stood within touch of those magnolias, their leather-like leaves fallen onto velvet-like grass.

During the third round I watched from the no. 6 tee box. Lots to see and hear. Like the iron's airy-rip-whoosh-crack of the ball like a bone snapping. Most startling?

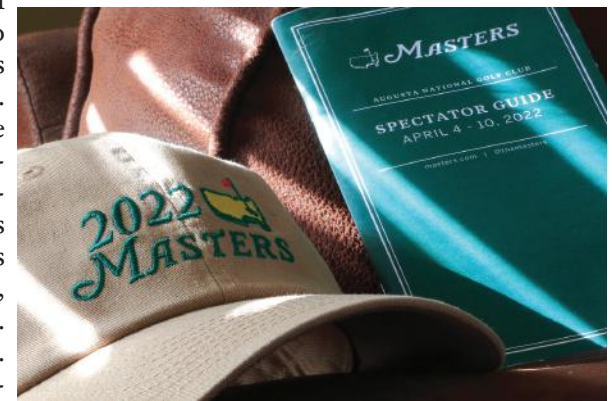
The roar from a gallery greens away as a super shot found the cup. In between pairings, I watched groundskeepers replace divots. When done, all seemed good as new. Scottie Scheffler came through and sent a divot flying. The rest is history. The green jacket is his, for a year.

The Masters, it's one event where long lines to the bathroom plague men. Women walk right in but men form a queue. They know this unheard scenario is par for the course for the male-dominated crowd.

Writing and golf are alike. You have to do them all the time to be any good. Golf is not my sport. Takes too much time. But I love the Masters, that well-oiled machine that's the best-run sporting event in the world. Nothing is left to chance. All is beautiful. It's a grand spectacle where people put on their better side, and for seven magical days Augusta reigns as the center of the universe.

And the pimento cheese sandwich still just costs a buck fifty.

Photo by Tom Poland



District embarks on bleacher project

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District has embarked on a project of work regarding the bleachers at Dixie and Abbeville high schools, Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary reported to the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees last week.

The bleachers on the visitors side at Abbeville High School will be re-purposed for use elsewhere in the District.

The bleachers will go main-

ly to baseball and softball fields, wherever there is a need, the Superintendent said Wednesday morning.

Meanwhile, the District has ordered new bleachers for the visitors side at AHS, new bleachers which are slated to be installed this summer—in June or July.

Dr. Gary explained that the existing visitors side bleachers are set too low to the ground, so that it is hard for some spectators to see over the players on the sidelines.

The new sidelines are

slated to be raised enough to correct this problem.

Meanwhile, at Dixie, the home bleachers have been placed on the visitors side, to replace bleachers that Dr. Gary said did not meet safety standards.

New home bleachers will be installed at Dixie in June or July.

The bleacher work, which is part of the District's capital improvement plan, is being done by Southern Bleacher Company, based in Graham, Texas.

This book is available on Amazon Kindle now, and will be published in hardcover in two weeks.

Pat Jordan has made his living as a writer since 1963. He presently lives in a small town in upstate South Carolina with his wife of 42 years, Susan, a writer and former stage actress. They live with two dogs, a house cat, a ménage of feral cats, and a parrot named Florence, after his mother, also a tough old bird. His father, born Pasquale Michele Giordano, was the most profound influence on his life.



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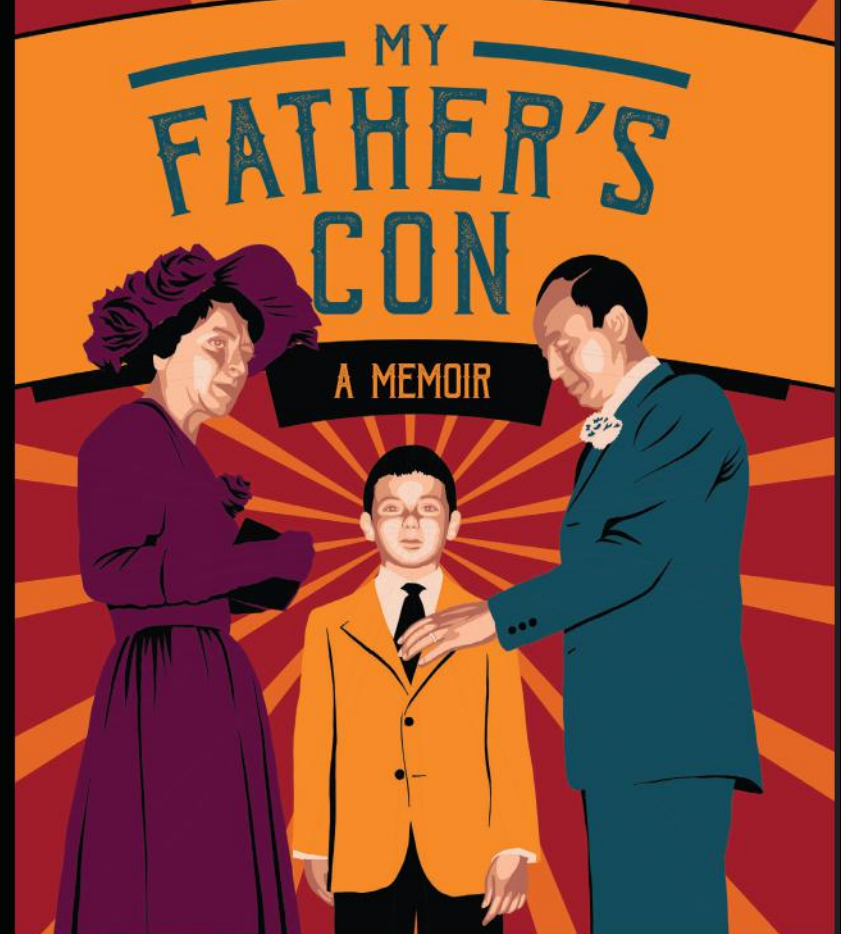
Now, with the elegant ease of a craftsman who has worked at his trade every day for nearly sixty years, Jordan tries to make sense of his life before and after baseball, starting with the story of his father—a grifter and gambler who would come to be known in his dotage as *Il Professore*, the professor emeritus of con.

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Dixie honored for band performance

By Henry E. Green

Dixie High School has received a prestigious honor in connection with its band, according to Dixie principal Paul Prescott.

"This Dixie band received a prestigious honor from the South Carolina Band Directors Association this past weekend," Prescott said Monday.

"The band qualified for the Outstanding Performance Award. We were only one of two Class A schools to

receive this honor. We are proud of (band director) Tyler Black and his band students."

Prescott forwarded an e-mail from Dr. Adam Scheuch, the Awards Chairman for the South Carolina Band Directors Association, an e-mail in which Scheuch announced the good news.

"It is my distinct pleasure to formally announce that your school's band program has earned the Outstanding Performance Award for

this school year," he said. "The Outstanding Performance Award is the highest achievement for band programs in South Carolina.

"To earn this award, you must have demonstrated a high level of proficiency in all areas of your program.

"Points were earned through your success in Marching Band Championships, Region and All-State Band, Concert Performance Assessment, and Solo and Ensemble."



Abbeville High School Beauty Pageant winners for the 11th Grade: Photo (left to right): Audrey Mccurry, 1st runner up; Riley Jones, Miss Junior, Miss Congeniality, Junior Scholar, Academic Achievement and peoples choice; Gia Mentis, second runner up; Michaela Harrison, overall peoples choice award. (Photo contributed)



Abbeville High School Beauty Pageant winners for the 9th Grade Photo: (left to right): Anecia Dawson Mrs. congeniality; Kaylee Shaw 1st runner up; Ziya Watt Miss Freshman and Miss Freshman Scholar; Emma Horne, 2nd runner up, peoples choice, and Freshman academic achievement. (Photo contributed)

PTC Spring Graduations Set

**Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigsen**

Piedmont Technical College (PTC) will hold two in-person spring commencement exercises on Thursday, May 5, 2022.

An 11 a.m. ceremony will recognize graduates from our Health Care and Engineering/Industrial divisions. A 3 p.m. ceremony will recognize graduates from our Arts/Sciences and Business, Public Service, Information Technology, and Commercial Art divisions. Both commencements will take place in the James Medford Family Event Center on PTC's Lex Walters Campus-Greenwood.

This year, the college is inviting a community leader to deliver a commencement address, alongside its traditional student speakers.

For these ceremonies, the community leader address will be delivered by John Paguntalan, NP, PhD.

Dr. Paguntalan has deep roots at PTC, having graduated initially with an associate degree in nursing from PTC. While working at Self Regional Healthcare, he earned a bachelor's in nursing from Lander University and went on to graduate magna cum laude with a master's in nursing from Clemson University. He earned his PhD in nursing from the Medical University of South Carolina. In 2008, Dr. Paguntalan was named a recipient of the SC Palmetto Gold, one of the most prestigious awards given to nurses in South Carolina. Today, he works at Advanced Cardiology Associates at Self.

The student speaker for

the 11 a.m. ceremony will be Quenton Garrett, a mechanical engineering technology major from Greenwood. The student speaker for the 3 p.m. ceremony will be Ashley Smith, a dual-enrolled, associate in arts major from McCormick.

In the interest of safety, PTC has increased security measures for all graduation ceremonies. Guests are encouraged to leave unnecessary items in vehicles. Umbrellas and balloons will NOT be allowed into the event. Any bags carried into the Medford Center must be made of clear plastic.

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Obituaries

Yoder

Verna Byler Yoder, 98, of Abbeville, wife of the late Henry M. Yoder, went to her heavenly home on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, surrounded by her family. She was born in Burton, OH to the late Harvey and Fannie Hershberger Byler.

Devoted wife, mother and grandmother, Mrs. Yoder was the oldest member of Cold Spring Mennonite Church. She and her late husband, Henry Yoder, were the founders of Yoder's Dutch Kitchen serving the Abbeville Community for over 50 years.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Yoder was preceded in death by a son; Melvin Yoder; a brother Clarence H. 'Curly' Byler; a sister, Katherine B. Yoder; and a great-grandson, Za-



Verna Byler Yoder

den Ebersole.

Mrs. Yoder is survived by her children; Ivan Yoder (Marilyn), Julian Yoder (Elsie), Laura Graber (the late Raymond Graber), Barbara Hershberger (Henry Jr.) and Juanita Yoder; seventeen grandchildren and sixty-two great-grandchildren.

The family received friends

5:00PM to 7:00PM, Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Cold Spring Mennonite Church. Funeral services began at 10:30AM, Sunday, May 1, 2022, in the church. The services were livestreamed by visiting www.coldspring.church/live. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

The family is at her home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cold Spring Mennonite Church for missions, 226 Cold Springs Church Rd., Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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THEME: THE 1950s

ACROSS

- a.k.a. vampire
- Asian cuisine pan
- Type of tide
- Make more attractive
- Lawyers' grp.
- China grass
- **"West Side Story's" Tony and _____
- Mourner's acronym
- Utilizing
- *a.k.a. "The King"
- *Kitschy art movement begun in '50s (2 words)
- Mortar carrier
- Back of the neck
- *Kelly or Chanel 2.55, e.g.
- Hurtful remark
- "____ Margery Daw," nursery rhyme
- Paper unit
- Duds
- Eurasian antelope
- Guesstimate phrase (2 words)
- Unaccompanied
- Disgust with sweetness excess
- Brandish
- Track competition, e.g.
- Frustrated driver's recourse
- Legendary King of Pylos
- Tsar, tzar or _____
- Greek letters on campus
- Deprivation
- Greek R
- *"A Streetcar Named Desire" star
- *Popular type of 1950s restaurant
- Pro athletes' move
- Sea in Spain
- Narcotics agent
- Stringed instrument of India
- Brewpub offering
- Shakespearean "ergo"
- *Gwendolyn Brooks' "Annie Allen" entry, e.g.
- *Doris of "Que Sera, Sera" fame
- Disinfectant brand

DOWN

- Statue of Liberty: "I lift my ____ beside the golden door"
- Sixth month of civil year
- Encore!
- *Like Maureen O'Hara and Samuel Beckett
- Not digital
- On one's guard
- ____-Wan of "Star Wars"
- Fraternity K
- *Space program established in 1958
- Arabian chieftain
- Are not
- Margaret, for short
- Raja's money, pl.
- Changes to a manuscript
- Military moves
- Fail to care
- *_____ v. Board of Education
- Eagle's nest
- Kr and Xe on the periodic table, e.g.
- *Postwar prosperity
- Per person
- Farm structures
- Ancient market
- **"Rio Grande" and "Rio Bravo" star
- Lose skin
- *Egypt's disputed canal
- Sir Richard Starkey of the Beatles
- Like certain Debbie
- Unit of absorbed radiation
- Relating to nose
- Frances McDormand's Oscar-winning 2020 role
- Estrogen producer
- Spiritedness
- Equal to distance divided by time
- Actor Driver
- Squirrel's nest
- Units of work
- International Civil Aviation Org.
- Hall of Fame Steelers coach
- Cooking meas.
- Fla. neighbor

Obituaries

Erickson



Hobart "Hobie" David Erickson, Sr., 95, of Donalds, SC, passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, in Greenwood, SC.

Born on January 31, 1927, in Newark, NJ; Hobie was married to Lois Erickson for 49 years. He was a member of Hodges United Methodist Church, retired from Lakeland Bus Lines and an avid golfer.

A Veteran of the US Army serving in WWII, Hobie was a former chief of the Denville Fire Department in NJ, a member the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, former chief of the Donald's Fire Department and a member of the Abbeville County Fire Commission as well as many other fire associations. He was the oldest active firefighter in SC with a total service of 65 1/2 years.

In addition to his wife, Lois, he is survived by his children



Hobart 'Hobie' David Erickson

at heart: Walter G. Bunnell (Bonnie) and Linda Bunnell; four nephews: Rev. Mark Smith, Greg Smith, Rev. Grant Smith and Joe Heredia; grandchildren: Lynn Poschke, Jessica Hynson, Kimberly Bunnell, Jennifer Spurr, and many other beloved grandchildren out of state; as well as numerous great grandchildren and

great-great grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his son: Hobart Erickson Jr and three sisters.

The family will receive friends at Hodges United Methodist Church, 106 Robertson St, Hodges, SC 29653, on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, from 4pm to 7pm.

Services will be held at the church at 11:30am on Thursday, May 5, 2022, with Pastor Ashley McCoy-Bruce officiating. Burial will follow at MJ Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery with military honors and firefighter's last call.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be sent to Hodges United Methodist Church.

The family will be at their respective homes.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.sosebeemortuary.com.

The Sosebee Mortuary and Crematory South Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Obituaries

Greeson

In the midst of our sadness, we praise God and give thanks for the life of a man we were privileged and proud to call our husband, dad, Pa Pa G, and dear friend.

Gary P. Greeson, 63, of Abbeville, husband of Angie McNeill Greeson, died Saturday, April 30, 2022. He was born in Abbeville to the late Robert Parks Greeson and Miriam Casper Greeson Scogin.

Gary attended Abbeville High School and was a former employee of Pirelli Cable. Since 2005, he has been employed with Lowe's Home Improvement. He was an avid Clemson Fan and a member of the Clinton Masonic Lodge #3 A.F.M.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Keith Greeson; a sister, Vicki Peace; brother-in-law, Claude Sutherland; mother-in-law, Mildred McNeill; father-in-law, Harold



Gary P. Greeson

E. McNeill and brother-in-law, Ronnie McNeill.

Gary is survived by his wife of 37 years, Angie; a son, Benji Greeson (Tara) of Abbeville; two daughters, Lauren Nicole Greeson of Bethesda, Maryland and Kaitlin Brianna Greeson of Atlanta, Ga; a sister, Deborah G. Sutherland of Abbeville; a sister-in-law, Cissy Greeson of Windler, Ga; two very special

grandchildren; Maci and Campbell Greeson.

The family will receive friends from 5:00PM to 6:00PM on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at Harris Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 6:30PM on Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with Mr. Ernie Ramsey officiating.

The family is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benji Greeson in Abbeville.

Memorial contributions in memory of Gary, may be sent to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Processing Center, PO Box 947765, Atlanta, GA 30394 or www.shrinerschildrens.org

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

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

McCord



Terry McCord, 77, of Young Harris, GA, husband of Phyllis Hannah McCord, died Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Chatuge Regional Hospital in Hiawassee, GA. He was born in Abbeville to the late H. Miller McCord and Eleanor Knox McCord.

A 1963 graduate of Abbeville High School, Terry honorably served his country in the U.S. Air Force. He retired from the CSX Railroad as an Engineer with more than 38 years of dedicated service. Terry was a member of the BLET (Brotherhood of Local Engineers and Trainmen) serving as chairman for several years and was of the Presbyterian faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Julie Williams.

Terry is survived by his



Terry McCord

wife of 40 years, Phyllis; four children, Jason McCord (Becky) of Fountain Inn, Heather Slentz of Abbeville, Valerie Campbell (Tim) of Greer and Leslie Cole (Troy) of Greenwood; two brothers, Bobby McCord (Abby)

and Jim McCord (Janice) all of Abbeville; eleven grandchildren, Jordan McCord (Drake), Sydney McCord (Drake), Peyton Gray, Evan Slentz, Colin Slentz, Aaron McCord, Matthew Ellis, Rylee Campbell, Parker Campbell, Camden Cole and Sydney Cole; four great-grandchildren, Della Thackston, Lucas Ashley, Nash Thackston and Virginia Thackston; and brother-in-law, Jimmy Williams.

A celebration of Terry's life will be held at Terry and Phyllis McCord's Pond at a later date.

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

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

Fire occurs in city

By Henry E. Green
There was a structure fire in Abbeville on Thursday night on Meadow Drive, according to Chris Clemmons, City of Abbeville fire chief.

City of Abbeville fire fighters responded to an 11:46 p.m. call, and when they arrived on the scene, they found a house with two of

its rooms involved in flames, Clemmons said Tuesday.

The residents had exited the structure when the fire fighters arrived, he continued.

Fire fighters searched the house to make sure everyone was out, and then proceeded to put out the fire.

The fire was out within five

minutes, and fire fighters, cleaning up and getting the equipment back in order left the scene just before 2 a.m., he continued.

The cause of the fire was undetermined at press time.

Twelve fire fighters arrived on the scene to fight the fire, Clemmons said.

Commentary

By Lamar T. West, Sr.

In reading local news accounts of Abbeville County council meetings and the possibility of tax increases, we are somewhat surprised.

Here are the reasons stated for an increase in taxes: employee insurance, employee retirement (which we realize is mandated by the state), and rising prices for fuel and utilities.

Guess what? Every household is experiencing the same increases. Garner said the County is doing all it can to help employees who are dealing with increased cost. His plan is to raise the taxes on the citizens and businesses in the County to pay other citizens in the County.

With the upcoming reassessment (which normally means an over all increase in tax revenue and will normally cost the property owners more money), why is a millage increase needed as well? If the County continues to increase taxes, especially on non-primary residence properties (business property), one day the County will not have any businesses to tax. You CANNOT continue to rob Peter to pay Paul.

Those who do not work for the county, city, state, school district etc., do not have the luxury of an automatic pay increase. The businesses you plan to increase taxes on do not have the luxury of raising prices to pay taxes.

We believe that Abbeville County has been patting itself on the back for having a MILLION DOLLARS in savings (County reserve fund). Maybe it is time to dip into those savings! This seems to be a "rainy day."

We find it somewhat hard to believe we have a million dollars in savings and the county courthouse is in dire need of repair and we are needing money to upgrade the county office building.

Thankfully there is money granted to the County from the American Rescue Plan fund (federal taxes) for repairs (renovations) to the courthouse and the admin-

istrative building. Also, the American Rescue Plan fund tax monies can be spent on ambulances and fire truck purchases.

Why has the Abbeville County Courthouse not been maintained over the years? If the answer is lack of funding, how is it that we can raise taxes now during reassessment (equaling tax increases at the same time)? Also, per national news, a recession is just around the corner.

Speaking of tax increases, our local school district is wanting to borrow 55 MILLION DOLLARS to preform maintenance and upgrade our district high schools in Abbeville County. At one time, all four of the high schools in Abbeville County were paid for mortgage free, but our taxes were not reduced... so where did that money go?

The Abbeville County School Administration building is the oldest building owned by the school district and it is probably in better condition than any of the high schools owned by the district. Why? Maintenance!

Now when the school district is granted the 55 MILLION DOLLARS, how long will it be before they need another \$100 MILLION to do it all over again?

The majority of the tax money on your tax bill (on non primary resident property) is already going to our schools, and a few years back the state sales tax was increased by two cents on the dollar to replace school property tax on your primary residence. You do need to realize, not saying which way to vote, but that if you vote in favor of a 55 MILLION DOLLAR TAX referendum, your taxes will rise. Two hundred dollars a year here, \$200 a year there, *for the next 20 or 30 years, NO PROBLEM!*

Of course, if you are already paying \$6,000 per year which equals \$500 per month before you open your doors, then another \$500 per year, well, you do the

math.

The First Baptist Church, Abbeville Presbyterian Church, Main Street United Methodist Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church and many of the church buildings in Abbeville County are all older than the high schools in Abbeville County. Maintenance saves money.

We may as well mention the City of Abbeville as well along with the South Carolina Highway Department while we're here.

The streets in the City of Abbeville are embarrassing. We are on the eve of our 40th Spring Festival Celebration, and unless you have an off road vehicle that can dodge potholes, our City streets will be a challenge. Our City fathers (council) say it is the highway department's responsibility, and of course, the highway department will not respond.

We do remember when South Main Street and North Main Street were repaved, ground to the surface, and repaved by the state highway department. A week after repaving the streets, the City dug them up working on water or sewer lines. We understand repairing water and sewer lines is a necessary evil, but why is the street level with a dip and/or POTHOLE?

The city seems to be good at placing HUMPS in the road, so maybe that is the answer when repairing the road: leave a slight hump so that when the hump sinks, the road will be smooth. Perhaps the city and the highway department could work together to repair the roads or a least place a street sign stating POTHOLE ahead.

We thought the reason our gasoline taxes have been rising two cents per gallon each year for the past four years (with two more years remaining, equaling 12 cents per gallon) was to repair the roads. Remember: it is illegal to cross the yellow line, so legally you must hit the POTHOLE.

We sure would appreciate some answers!



Scott, Rosen Introduce Bipartisan Bill to Lower Costs for Enhanced Retirement Plans for Small Business Employees

WASHINGTON – This week, U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-S.C.) and Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.) introduced the Increasing Small Business Retirement Choices Act, bipartisan legislation that would make it easier for small businesses to offer more comprehensive retirement benefits to their workers by reducing administrative expenses. Both senators are members of the Senate Special Committee on Aging; the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee.

"Retirement planning is often a daunting and complicated process for millions of people concerned about securing the future of their families," said Senator Scott, ranking member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. "This bill will lighten the burden on workers at small business-

es that do not always benefit from the same features of retirement plans under larger companies. Leveling the playing field to maximize benefits for the financial futures of all Americans should be a goal we can all get behind."

"Small businesses make up more than 99 percent of our state's businesses and employ over half a million Nevadans. This bipartisan legislation will ensure small business workers have access to high-quality retirement plan benefits without facing a cost barrier," said Senator Rosen. "Removing this bureaucratic red tape and additional cost will make small businesses stronger and provide their workers with the best and most comprehensive retirement plans possible."

"Innovative plan design features such as automatic enrollment and financial wellness programs have been shown to have a huge

impact on American workers' financial health and retirement security," said Brian Graff, CEO of the American Retirement Association. "The expanded flexibility to cover the expenses associated with these programs means that more employers - and most particularly small business owners - will now be able to bring those advantages to even more workers."

Currently, employers who offer 401(k) retirement plans and want to consider a "plan design change," such as auto-enrollment or auto-escalation, must pay upfront out-of-pocket administrative costs, even if such changes might help employees save more money. This bill would change existing law to allow small business employers to use retirement plan funds to pay expenses associated with retirement plan design changes, lowering the cost of providing better plans to workers.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Why do we continue to say as believers in Messiah that the Law was "done away with?" Some teach that after the law has accomplished its purpose of pointing a sinner to Christ for forgiveness and cleansing, the commandments are no longer needed in the experience of a believer. As for me, following several years of searching out the Scriptures for myself, I emphatically, and with no hesitation, say that keeping Yahuwah's Commands (Law, Instructions) is Not legalism, as is defined by the "Church" today.

A Christian will continue to depend upon the "watchdog" of the law to reveal any deviations from the true path of righteousness and to point him or her back to the cleansing cross of Yahuwah (Jesus). This mirror of correction will most certainly be needed in the progressive growth experience of the Christian.

Law and grace do not work in competition with one another, but rather they work in perfect cooperation. The law points out our sin, and grace saves from sin. The law is the will of Yahuwah (referred to by the church as God), and grace is the power to do His will. We do not obey the law in order to be saved; rather, we obey because we are saved. Revelation 14:12 says, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the Commandments of Yahuwah, and the Faith of Yahuwah (Jesus)." What a perfect description

of faith and works! And the combination is found in those who are "saints."

Our work of obedience is a true test of our love. This is why obedience is necessary in the experience of a true believer. "Faith without works is dead," (James 2:20). Let's use this analogy: No man ever won a woman's heart by words alone. Had there been no acts of devotion, no gifts of love, most men would still be searching for a companion. Yahuwah said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

A profession of your faith or mere words saying you love the Lord are not enough. The true evidence lies in a person's obedience.

Today's bumper stickers reflect a shallow concept of love. They say, "Honk if you love Jesus," but Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments," (John 14:15). And that is exactly what most people don't want to do. They are glad to smile and say nice words, but if their lifestyle is disturbed, the majority will reject it. Unfortunately, most people today are not looking for truth. They are looking for a smooth, easy, comfortable religion that will allow them to live the way they please and still give them the assurance of salvation. Yet no true religion can do that for them.

One of the strongest texts in the Bible on this subject is found in 1 John 2:4. "He who says, 'I know

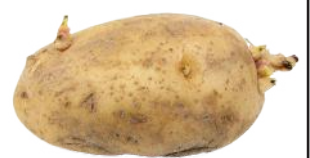
Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." The apostle John could write that with such assurance because it is one of the most deeply established truths in the Bible. Yahuwah spoke of those who say, "Lord, Lord" but do not do the will of the Father. Then He described many who would seek entrance to the kingdom claiming to be workers of miracles in the name of Messiah. But He would sorrowfully have to say, "I never knew you. Depart from Me." (See Matthew 7:21-23).

You see, to know Yahuwah Ha Mashiach (Jesus the Messiah) is to love Him, and to love Him is to **obey** Him. The valid assumption of the Bible writers is very clear and simple: If one is not obeying Yahuwah, he or she must not truly love Him. John assured us, "This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true Elohim, and Yahuwah Ha Mashiach whom You have sent," (John 17:3). Thus, we can see how knowing and loving, and obeying are all tied closely together and are absolutely inseparable in the life of Yahuwah's faithful people. John summed it up in these words: "For this is the love of Yahuwah, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3).

All opinions and responses are welcome. I can be contacted at: cindylouern@gmail.com

Cindy Ramsey

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US House of Representatives

Rep. Jeff Duncan Exposes Sec. Granholm's Hypocrisy, Releases New Energy Op-Ed Gas Prices

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C.— Rep. Jeff Duncan continues to lead in offering solutions for the energy crisis and calling out the Biden Administration for its America-last energy policy.

This week, Rep. Duncan questioned Biden's Energy Secretary during a budget

hearing, calling out the Administration's energy hypocrisy and refusal to unleash domestic production. Rep. Duncan also published an op-ed in the Washington Times on how Joe Biden's political Band-Aids can't cover up the energy crisis caused by the Administration's war on American energy.

"I urge the president to work across the aisle with

Republicans in Congress to increase domestic energy production instead of taking weak actions to avoid political responsibility for his self-imposed energy crisis. Instead of cheap political stunts aimed at creating the illusion that the administration is trying to alleviate high prices, it's time Biden takes his feet off the neck of the oil and gas industry," Rep. Duncan shared in the op-ed.

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

Legislative summary

Senator Mike Gambrell
Legislative Summary
April 29, 2022

This week in the Senate we passed the largest State Budget in history - \$14 billion. Included in the Senate version of this is an income tax cut and a tax rebate. These two items total \$2 billion. The Senate budget now goes back to the House of Representatives. While the two budgets are similar in most areas, the House

only funded a \$600,000 tax break and funded no tax rebate for South Carolinians. It is almost a certainty that a Conference Committee will be required to come to a consensus, but our new Finance Chairman, Senator Harvey Peeler, feels very strongly about returning this tax money to our citizens.

There are two weeks remaining in the regular Session of the Senate, and those will be busy. While we may be called back into

Session a time or two, our Sine Die day is Thursday, May 12th at 5:00 p.m.

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.

Pet of the Month



King came to us from a situation out of county but is a one of a kind love bug. He loves to head bump and play patty cake! He is a big boy weighing in at 19 lbs. but don't let that put you off! King would be perfect as a big couch potato.

Adoption Fees are reduced to \$15 for King, 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.

Area teams bound for post-season play

By Henry E. Green

A number of area teams are slated to participate in the first round of the playoffs this week.

AHS baseball

The Abbeville High School Panther varsity baseball team was slated to host Chesnee yesterday in the first round of the playoffs.

Region champions, the Panthers won all four games they played last week, said AHS baseball coach Daniel Little.

"Our regular season was 20-5," said Little.

Dixie soccer

The Dixie soccer team is also experiencing an excellent season.

"We are doing well," said Dixie boys soccer coach

Brian Gamble, noting that the Hornets finished the regular season at 14-4-1 "We are the second seeded team for the playoffs,, This Wednesday (May 4) we will host Calhoun County at 6 pm--if we win we will host the winner of Ridge Spring Monetta and Lewisville this Friday at 6 p.m. We are ranked second in the state currently, behind Southside Christian."

Dixie softball

The Dixie High School softball team, meanwhile, is scheduled to face Whale Branch today in Due West at 5 p.m.

The Lady Hornets clinched the Region championship with a victory over High Point Academy.

AHS softball

The Lady Panther softball team finished third in the Region, and the team is slated to travel to Landrum today for a 6 p.m. first round playoff game, according to AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson.

Calhoun Falls Charter softball

The Calhoun Falls Charter varsity softball team will face Wagener-Salley today at 6 p.m. in the first round of the state playoffs, according to Calhoun Falls Charter athletic director David Campbell.

(For news on the Dixie baseball team, see the related article.)



Benji Greeson (right) and Bobby Hamby (left) were hard at work broadcasting the AHS-Crescent softball game recently in Abbeville. The Lady Panthers lost to teh lady Tigers. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Veterans Appreciation Tournament held at Calhoun Falls State Park

By Amanda Smith

The aroma of mustard flavored barbecue and char-grilled hot dogs wafted through the afternoon on Saturday, April 30th at Calhoun Falls State Park. Boat captains, accompanied by American military veteran passengers, steered their shimmering fiberglass fishing boats up the lake's ramp to park and weigh the day's catches of bass.

Tri-Lakes Fishing Club, in partnership with KaiglerHill Outdoors and The Fallen Outdoors, held a veterans bass fishing tournament at Lake Russell on Saturday afternoon. Seventeen veterans attended, with the hunt for bass commencing at 7 a.m.

With a limit of five fish per boat, participants competed for heaviest bass catches.

First place, weighing in at 13.75 pounds with the biggest fish (3.65 pounds), was veteran Don Blanton. Veteran Samantha Ward came in second place, weighing in a total of 9.25 pounds. Third place was awarded to Darrel Fowler, who weighed his bass at 8.05 pounds.

"The fish were a little bit rough today, but I had a wonderful time," said Dylan Alexander, a veteran and employee for Calhoun Falls State Park. "This right here gives me the opportunity to get out on the water. I can't afford a boat, but if I've got guys out there like this that have volunteer tournaments, it means the world to me. It absolutely does and it takes me back to being with my dad when I was growing up, and it gives me a chance to just be free and get back down to earth a little bit. It's absolutely, 100 percent therapeutic."

As a veteran, Alexander learned about the Fallen Outdoors event through Hope Faith Foundation.

"They've helped me tremendously," said Alexander. "The first thing they did for me that has been a complete game changer and life saver for me is they gifted me with a service dog: a black lab named Bella. She's sweet and she does work for me."

Alexander's story is not too dissimilar from other veterans.

"This fishing tournament

gives veterans who don't normally have the opportunity to have a boat get on a boat and see the lake," said Russ Kaigler, president of KaiglerHill Outdoors. "They can get out there and go for a boat ride or do something they might not be able to normally afford. A lot of veterans don't have access to a boat."

Russ Kaigler, his brother Morgan Kaigler (vice president of KaiglerHill Outdoors), and Eric Pressley, state lead for the SC chapter of The Fallen Outdoors organization, all agreed that the camaraderie between participants during their excursions is inexplicable but is what makes the trips worthwhile.

"We see a lot of magical things happen," said Russ Kaigler.

Transitioning from military to civilian life can be quite a challenge. The stress of returning to civilian life can often lead to suicide. According to 2017 data from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, veterans comprise nearly a quarter of suicide deaths in the United States. Additionally, 2018 data from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs put the suicide rate for veterans at 1.5 times higher than that of the general population.

Russ and Morgan Kaigler coordinated their efforts with the Tri-Lakes Fishing Club for the April 30th event to rally civilians with boats while Pressley rallied the veterans using his resources.

"We come together to make great things happen," Russ said of the team effort.

Spending time with fellow veterans in nature seems to have a profound impact on all involved.

"Some people may come back (from their time in the service) and see something that their minds just can't process," said Morgan Kaigler. "We hope and

pray that the good Lord leads us through life. He's got everything planned out upon us, and us taking them out into nature is as close to God and his creation I feel you can get... We're blessed to have them. They've sacrificed so much so it's the least little bit we can do – provide them with opportunities like this."

Russ Kaigler agreed. "Most of the time you end up in a spiritual place very quick," Russ said.

KaiglerHill Outdoors is an organization that focuses on taking disabled veterans and disabled and ill children on hunts and outdoor adventures. Handicap accessible, every event is personalized according to the individual's needs. To learn more about KaiglerHill Outdoors and future events, visit their Facebook page @KaiglerHillOutdoors.

The Fallen Outdoors is an all-veteran volunteer non-profit. According to their website, the group's mission is to connect veterans to one another and to the great outdoors. They organize outdoor adventures for all veterans. To learn more and to find out about future events, visit thefallenoutdoors.org.

"Fallen Outdoors was created back in 2009 by three army soldiers over in Iraq," Pressley said. "They decided they wanted to take vets out when they got back home and one of them didn't make it back that same day, so when they came back to Washington, they started the first chapter. Now they're active in 38 states."

The Fallen Outdoors takes veterans hunting, fishing, golfing, hiking, kayaking, camping, and anything outdoors related. They accept veterans that have honorably served, are currently serving, or are disabled.



Don Blanton (right) won first place at the Appreciation Tournament for Veterans on April 30, 2022 at Calhoun Falls State Park. His bass weighed in at 13.75 pounds and he caught the biggest fish (3.65 pounds). (Staff photo by Amanda Smith)

Eye of the Tiger Crescent cruises to win over Abbeville High in softball action

By Henry E. Green

The Crescent High School Lady Tigers pounded out 11 hits in the fourth inning Thursday evening and never looked back, on the way to a 22-2 victory over the Abbeville High School Lady Panthers in varsity softball action in Abbeville.

The Lady Tigers had already clinched the Region championship, and, cou-

pled with Abbeville's loss to Ninety Six, this created a situation in which AHS was slated to play Ninety Six this past Monday night to determine second place in the Region.

The location of this play-in game--a location slated to be a neutral site--was being determined at press time. Thursday night's game

was shortened to five innings due to the mercy rule.

Meanwhile, the Tigers were accompanied Thursday night by a large and vocal contingent of fans, including one very enthusiastic female spectator who led the Tiger faithful in various cheers, and gave encouraging words to the Crescent batters and pitcher.



Abbeville High School lost to Crescent in softball action recently. Here's Abbeville's Talissa Cannady at bat. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Pet of the Month



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Dixie finishes second in Region standings

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School varsity baseball team finished the regular season last week, with a record of 13-8 overall, and a Region record of 6-2, according to Dixie High School varsity baseball coach Michael Turner.

The Hornets, who finished second in the Region behind Southside Christian, were slated to begin playoff action yesterday in Due West, against C.A. Johnson of Columbia, in the first round of the playoffs, Turner said. "All I know is that they finished fourth in their conference," he said.

The Hornets, a 1-A team, finished the regular season with two losses.

"We lost to Ninety Six 13-3, and we lost to Clinton 15-2," he said.

Pitching against Ninety Six, a 2-A team, was Brandon Hershberger, who struck out three, walked four, and gave up eight runs, with four of those runs earned.

"Staten Rice threw the final four innings," he said.

Against the Wildcats, the Hornets had six hits. Leading the way was Brandon Hershberger, who was three for three, and Michael Ashley, Cody Quarles, and Rhett Wilson all had hits, Turner continued.

Against Clinton, a Top Five 3-A team, the Hornet pitcher was Hunter Satterfield, who pitched four innings, striking out five, walking two, and

giving up five runs, with two of those runs earned.

Michael Ashley pitched an inning and two thirds, striking out one, walked one, and gave up four earned runs.

Dixie committed three errors, which hurt the Hornets, the coach continued.

Case Minor pitched the final one third of an inning.

Leading the way for Dixie in hitting was Satterfield, who was two for three with an RBI, and also collecting hits were Michael Ashley, Levi McAlister, Case Minor, and Cody Quarles. The Hornets collected six hits overall.

"I'm looking forward to playoffs starting," Turner continued. "I'm pleased with the season overall."

Samantha Ward (right) won second place at the Appreciation Tournament for Veterans on April 30, 2022 at Calhoun Falls State Park. Her bass weighed in at 9.25 pounds. (Staff photo by Amanda Smith)



Darrel Fowler (second from far right) won third place at the Appreciation Tournament for Veterans on April 30, 2022 at Calhoun Falls State Park. His bass weighed in at 8.05 pounds. Pictured from left to right: Eric Pressley, Lee Polatty, Darrel Fowler, and Morgan Kaigler. (Staff photo by Amanda Smith)

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
 C/A NO.: 2022-CP-01-00017

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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YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 29-3-100, effective June 16, 1993, any collateral assignment of rents contained in

the referenced Mortgage is perfected and Attorney for Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage herein and the Complaint attached hereto.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County on January 26, 2022. A Notice of Foreclosure Intervention was also filed in the Clerk of Court's Office.

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