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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."



The Fourth of July will provide a celebration of Independence Day, as this American flag at the recent Freedom Blast in Calhoun Falls suggests. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

A public trust

Graduation program held for fire fighters at Opera House Friday night

By Henry E. Green

The job of a firefighter is one replete with public trust and a bond of camaraderie, a speaker noted Friday night at a graduation program at the Abbeville Opera House for a firefighting course that drew people from Abbeville County and the surrounding area.

Ken Kerber is a member of the South Carolina Firefighters Hall of Fame.

Kerber has been president of the South Carolina Firefighters Association.

Currently he is the director of the South Carolina State Fire emergency response task force.

"Fire doesn't care if you're paid or volunteer," he told the graduates. Firefighters are drawn together by a strong bond.

"It's a lot more than just a job," he said. Those who fight fires are held to a higher standard of public trust than most people.

A distraught mother will, in an emergency, hand her child to a firefighter, knowing that that child will be in good hands.

"We are public servants," he told the graduates. "Don't forget that."

A total of 28 individuals graduated from a training program taking in five months of instruction, with students drawn from Region 7, taking in Abbeville, Saluda, Oconee, Pickens, Anderson, McCormick, and Aiken.

The program was coordinated through the South Carolina State Fire Academy, and the Abbeville Regional Fire Training Committee.

The graduates were presented with certificates as they crossed the Opera House stage, and a number of special awards were presented as well.

These included the Order of the Maltese Cross awards for the fall and spring classes of the program. Winning the award for the fall class was Mark Krieger from Ebenezer Station 23 in Anderson, and for the spring class was Timothy Amiri from Northwest in Greenwood.

Synonymous with bravery,

the Maltese cross had its origins in the Crusades, and is a symbol that for years been associated with the fire serve.

The awards provided recognition for academic excellence among students.

Other recognition was provided for students with perfect attendance, named for Charles Magaha, a former Abbeville County rural fire commissioner.

Also, there was the Ted Martin award for physical fitness, won by David Poag and Aftan Kidd.

Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams spoke to the graduates Friday night, and underscored the good things involved with being a firefighter.

"It's love for your community," he said. "It's love for the people you work with."

Due West Assistant Chief Matthew Busby, who is also a training instructor, on Monday praised Williams for his hard work behind the scenes for the training program.

Free feeling?

Fourth of July coming up on Sunday

By Henry E. Green

Feeling independent?

'Tis the season, as the Fourth of July will soon be upon us.

Since this year the Fourth falls on a Sunday, guessing which day will be a holiday is by no means a slam dunk.

Monday, July 5, will be an Abbeville County government holiday, and in Due West, Town Hall will be closed on that day, and the same is true for Calhoun Falls Town Hall.

"City Offices will be closed Monday, July 5th for Independence Day," said City of Abbeville spokesman Mike Clary Thursday.

So why do we celebrate the Fourth of July?

It was on July 4, 1776, that the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, according to Wikipedia.

Thomas Jefferson composed the original draft of the Declaration, which was then edited by fellow members of the Second

Continental Congress.

The Declaration arose from dissatisfaction among American colonists concerning unpopular laws and taxes enacted by Great Britain beginning in 1764 with the Sugar Act.

The Continental Congress actually voted on July 2 to separate from Britain, but the Declaration was not finalized until two days later, according to Britannica.

In 1938, Congress made the Fourth of July a paid federal holiday.

So why do so many of us celebrate the Fourth with fireworks?

According to Britannica, fireworks signify national pride and patriotism, and they have been part of Independence Day in the United States since the first Independence Day celebration in 1777.

Fireworks have been used in China since the 12th century, and in the 15th century they became popular with European monarchs, for the

celebration of birthdays and military triumphs, according to Britannica, which also includes some little-known facts about the holiday:

-- Early Fourth of July activities were modeled after birthday celebrations of the British king, including bell ringing, bonfires, and parades.

-- In the early days also, there were mock funerals for the king, symbolizing an end of what the colonists saw as tyranny.

-- In the early years, Fourth of July celebrations became associated with heavy drinking and injuries from fire works.

-- In the 19th century, and early 20th century, there arose a "Safe and Sane Fourth of July" movement to curb the partying.

Finally, on a personal note, America has fought not one but two wars with Britain, and today the two countries are "best friends," or close to it.



Mark Krieger (center) was a winner of the Order of the Maltese Cross in connection with a firefighters' training program, whose graduation program was held recently at the Opera House. He is shown here with instructors Matthew Busby and Jim Baber. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Work on Chestnut Street sidewalk slated

By Henry E. Green

Work is slated to begin on the Chestnut Street sidewalk in the city of Abbeville next month.

"Work on the sidewalks on Chestnut Street will begin on July 12th," said Mike Clary, the City of Abbeville's Deputy Administrative Officer.

"This work will replace and repair much of the sidewalk on Chestnut from Greenville Street to Cambridge Street. Residents should expect portions of sidewalks to be closed, heavy equipment to be in the area, and interrup-

tions to regular vehicle traffic flow during the project.

"This project is being completed with CTC funds."

CTC is the acronym for the County Transportation Committee--the Abbeville County Transportation Committee, which decides how to spend money generated through a state tax on gasoline.

Here in Abbeville County, the members of the County Transportation Committee are the same as those of Abbeville County Council.

Work on the sidewalk

should be completed by late August, depending on the weather, said Clary, adding that the total project cost is \$95,900.

"At least every two years we're doing a CTC project," he said, noting that the last such project was the repaving of Magazine Street.

The McGowan water line project is slated to begin around September of this year, he added. This will involve the replacement of the existing water line on McGowan Avenue.



**Happy Birthday,
AMERICA!**



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A family affair

Abbeville’s Educational Garden undergoes massive makeover

By Henry E. Green
Members and relatives of the McPhail family gathered Thursday to provide a clean-up of Abbeville’s Educational Garden, and there are also plans to put a new roof on the cabin which is the centerpiece of the garden.
They cut away excess vegetation and put weed-eaters to work on the garden, which is located between the Abbeville County Museum and St James AME Church.
This garden is “an outdoor classroom open all day-light hours for all people,” according to a description written in 1987 by Mary McPhail, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Soil and Water Conservation District of Abbeville County, for which the Garden was a major project.
There are a number of features distinguishing the property, which is located near the Abbeville County Museum.
“There is a water fountain in the garden for all people to use at anytime except in winter when it is cut off

to keep it from freezing,” McPhail wrote. “This fountain is in honor of those who serve in our Armed Forces. During World War II the men who trained in California at Death Valley were each given one canteen of water to drink a day. Due to lack of communication, the water did not get to one company. As a result, three men in that company died from dehydration. The fountain is in hopes that anyone who is thirsty will never thirst again.”
In the center of the garden, meanwhile, is a granite marker in memory of Marie Cromer Seigler, and the “granite came from her home place in Abbeville County,” McPhail wrote.
The garden is home to the James Fell Log Cabin, which was built in 1815 in the Cedar Springs community, according to Sam Jones of Abbeville, who has a connection to the McPhail family.
“We’re both Fell family descendants,” Sam said. “And our common ancestor is James Fell, who built the

log cabin in 1815.”
“We had a very good day,” said Walter McPhail of Mauldin about the work Thursday. “Mama would be smiling.”
He was referring to Mary Fell McPhail, who moved the cabin to its current location.
Those working on Thursday included Mary’s four children—Walter, John, Bill and his wife Kim, and Mary Louise Standaert, and her husband Joe.
“The children will be putting a new roof on it,” he said.
The children and Sam all worked hard, cutting down overgrown shrubbery and trees around the cabin.
Members of the Abbeville garden clubs stopped by, as did Abbeville County Historical Society president Andrew Hartsfield.
The garden clubs help maintain the Educational Garden, which he said is Abbeville County property.
Walter McPhail said Monday that the roof is expected to be replaced within the next two years.

Members and relatives of the McPhail family gathered Thursday to provide a clean-up of Abbeville’s Educational Garden, and one of them was Bill McPhail. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The McPhail family coordinated a clean-up of the Educational Garden in Abbeville Thursday. Here is how it looked on Saturday morning. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

First fun day at the lake can get a little scary!

by Kayllen Lane
There once was a dog named Allie. She has black fur and brown eyes.
This is a picture of me and Allie. Noah, who is my

cousin, has brown hair, and brown eyes, too!
Dan is the owner of Allie. He also has gray hair. Melba is the other owner, too!
I was lying on the pontoon and the top of it flipped off and my finger got injured as well as my arm. It hurt really bad. Lamar helped me wrap it up, though. My first time tubing was

fun, but bad. Me and Noah flipped over. It was kind of fun, though.

Kayllen is the 10-year-old niece of Danny and Melba Lewis of Lake Greenwood.



Kayllen and Allie



Ripped off fingernail



Bandaged finger



Kayllen Lane & her grandmother Brenda Vaughn

Vouchers application period reopening

By Henry E. Green
The period for senior citizens to apply for farmers market vouchers has reopened, according to Rhonda Arnold, site manager with the Abbeville Senior Center.
To qualify for the South Carolina Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, one has to be a low-income senior aged 60 or older, have a valid driver’s license or state issued ID—which must be presented at pick up time—and one must also be an Abbeville County resident as well.
The online application for the vouchers will reopen on June 28 and close on July 2. Seniors who have already submitted an application this year do not have to

reapply.
This is only for new applicants. Once the application is submitted, one will receive an email as to when and where to receive coupons.
To apply during the June 28-July 2 period, one must visit dss.sc.gov and follow the following steps:
--Click on Assistance Programs tab
--Click on Food and Nutrition Programs
--Click on Senior Farmer’s Market
Scroll down the webpage to find Steps to Receive Benefits
Click the HERE button to open the application
Fill out application and submit
For questions or help with

the application, one may contact:
Rhonda Arnold (Piedmont Agency on Aging)--864-366-9666
Abbeville County Library--864-459-4009
United Way--864-229-4103.
The distribution of the vouchers is expected to be announced in late July.
The vouchers were originally slated to be distributed in early June, but there was a delay, and new distribution dates will be announced in The Press and Banner.
The farmers market vouchers program is coordinated through South Carolina Department of Social Services, Arnold said Friday.

Walk-up COVID-19 Vaccinations Now Available

Self Regional’s COVID-19 vaccination clinic has moved to its new drive-through location with entrance at 303 West Alexander Avenue.

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Here, kitty...

The Cat Coalition seeks to address problem of stray, feral cats

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Cat Coalition, an outreach project of the Greater Abbeville Humane Society, is a group of volunteers who have worked together since 2017 to address the problem of stray and feral cats in Abbeville County through an ongoing trap-neuter-return (TNR) program.

In May of 2018 the Society officially adopted ACC as an outreach program.

"In addition to TNR, the Cat Coalition occasionally assists cats with medical needs and cats in special circumstances that need to be re-homed," said Barbara Freese of the Coalition in a report to the Society board of directors during a board meeting Thursday night at the Belmont Inn.

"We are currently feeding two homeless cat colonies in the Due West area, and are providing food for two additional colonies that have a caretaker."

The Coalition is made up of six volunteers--Lynne Cody, Loraine Fields, Barbara Freese, Tiffany Freese, Margaret McCrary, and Faye Mohl.

"Anyone is welcome to become part of the coalition and work with us," Barbara Freese said.

About 44 cats have received medical care funded by GAHS.

This care included a leg amputation, the flea and worm treatments required for adoptions, worming of four outdoor colonies, and treatment of multiple cats for eye, ear, skin and systemic infections.

Since January of this year, 82 cats have undergone the trap-neuter-return treatment.

This is expected to reduce

the potential cat population in Abbeville by 530 over one year, and over two years, by 1,749, according to Barbara Freese's report.

The spay neuter project is made possible by the donated services of veterinarian Dr. Tiffany Freese at Greenwood Veterinary Hospital in Greenwood.

"The cat business is booming," Barbara Freese told the board Thursday night, tongue in cheek.

Meanwhile, a Humane Society press release from 2020 describes the mission of the organization.

"GAHS is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) organization. The Humane Society supports the work of the Abbeville County Animal Shelter with a medical fund that helps with veterinary care for animals with medical needs and a Pet of the Month Adoption Project. However, we are not responsible for the County Animal Shelter which is operated by Abbeville County."

The organization had a table in the Livery Stable during the Juneteenth celebration in Abbeville on June 19 in downtown Abbeville.

The Society has about 35 members, and its president is Ann Davis. Other officers include Jane Agan, treasurer, and Barbara Freese, secretary.

Other board members include Lynne Cody and Dr. Tiffany Freese and Jim Stamey, Emily Dickson, and John Pullin.

The Society is in the midst of a membership drive. For more information, one may contact Barbara Freese at bfreese@lander.edu

"We can be found on Facebook at Greater Abbeville Humane Society," said Barbara.

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of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Happy Birthday, America!

Happy Birthday, America; long may you live.

On July 4, 1776—brave and courageous colonists banded together to bring forth a new nation. The United States of America was established with 13 states along our eastern shores. The highly improbable task of successfully freeing themselves of English rule and tyranny had to be a serious concern for many and, of course, there were many who even doubted the wisdom of separating this outpost of civilization from the English Crown.

The ensuing years have been eventful, seldom easy and quite often filled with danger. Even today both external and internal threats exist to the American Way of life that appear to continue to be an aberration on this earth. Other ideologies have surfaced through these past 245 years only to fade into oblivion—tyrants have risen and fallen. The United States, under the flag of freedom, has continued to flourish, and today stands forth as the greatest ever nation on the face of the earth. It is necessary today that we continue to stand strong to prevent the erosion of these freedoms.

There is no perfection, however. There are many things wrong and it is so easy to dwell on our weaknesses. This in itself is a weakness that we must overcome, for there is so much more that is good than bad in this great nation.

Nowhere else on earth have so many diverse peoples cohabitated as well—nowhere else on earth are there the personal freedoms that dominate in this society; nowhere else on this earth is there such a high standard of living, nowhere else on earth is the individual so highly esteemed.

It's not the government that is great, but the individual American—individuals of every race, creed, and religion. Certainly there is an ample measure of discord, but no so much today as yesterday and not so much tomorrow as today—we continue to make progress.

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Mary Elizabeth Land (left), the director of the Abbeville County Library System, spoke to Abbeville Rotarians about the Library's summer offering. She was also presented with a donation for the Library from the club by the club president John Andrew Bishop. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Rotary Library has diverse summer offerings

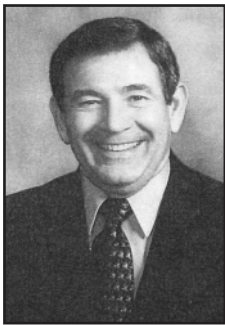
By Henry E. Green
Mary Elizabeth Land, the director of the Abbeville County Library System, wants you to know something. The Library's summer reading program, whose theme this year is Tails and Tales, is NOT just for kids, as she told Abbeville Rotarians recently. No, there are also programs for teens and adults, programs highlighted by various incentives. In short, the more you read, the more chances you have to pick up some most excellent prizes. The Library's Adult Summer Reading Challenge began on June 3 and will

last until August 12. The Challenge includes a number of categories, including adventure books, romance novels, biographies, and even books from the New York Times Best Seller List. There is even a category called "Gopher' it," inviting the reader to live just a little dangerously. "Break all the rules: Judge that book by its cover! Read a book just because you like the cover." Readers are invited to read one book in any category. "When you've completed 10 different categories, you'll receive your choice of a book to keep and you'll be entered into our drawing for

a \$50 Amazon gift card," according to a Library brochure. And the Library is reaching out, collaborating with Clemson University SNAP ED to provide a free online program, "Cooking Matters," promoting healthy eating and providing tips on saving money at the grocery store. Coming off a year marked by the pandemic, the library is presenting some in-person events for the youngsters at the Abbeville Opera House. That included a performance by drummer Jeff Holland on June 16.

a Word from "THE WORD"

Rev. Dr. John Keith



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When The World Gets Too Heavy

Psalm 83:1 "Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold your peace, and do not be still, O God!"

Best selling author, Harold Kushner, wrote a book titled, "Who Needs God?" In that book Kushner tells the story of the Greek mythological figure of Atlas after whom our maps are called. Because of an offense to the king of the Greek gods, Zeus, Atlas was condemned to hold the weight of the earth on his shoulders. Kushner writes: "Atlas was condemned to carry the weight of the entire world on his shoulders. That was as harsh a punishment as the Greek mind could conjure up. Today it seems that we have volunteered to play the role of Atlas. We have not offended God, we have dismissed Him, told Him we were grown up enough not to need His help any more, and offered to carry the weight of the world on our shoulders. The question is, when it gets too heavy for us, when there are questions too hard for human knowledge to answer and problems that take more time to solve than any of us have, will we be too proud to admit that we have made a mistake in wanting to carry the world alone?"

Our nation indeed has dismissed God and, for the most part, we are trying to fix our problems without the help of God. In answer to the question that Kushner

asks, I believe the answer lies in Psalm 83. This Psalm is a prayer from Asaph to God for God's help in his situation. We are approaching July 4—the anniversary of our nation's birth. I know of no more pertinent prayer that we as a nation could pray. Three facets from this passage jumps out at me. First of all this is a prayer for God to intervene. Asaph is praying for God to intervene in his affairs. Oh, how we need the intervention of God into our nation's affairs. I believe that God wants to get involved in the problems that face in our nation but we are not asking Him to get involved. For the most part Americans believe we can solve our own problems—that is not only untrue, it is also unwise. As long as we try to fix things on our own, God will allow us to muddle along in our own mess. Second, this is a prayer for God to become involved. Good things happen when God becomes involved. With God nothing is impossible. Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." By the same token, without God nothing is possible. John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me and I in him, bears much fruit: for without me you can do nothing." Did you catch

what Jesus said? Without Him we can do nothing! Not, we can do some things but we cannot do anything without Him—and yet that is exactly what our nation is trying to do—everything without God's help. Third, this is a prayer for God to inspire His people what to do by His voice. Asaph pleads for God to say something. Up till now the Lord had been quiet—leaving them to their own devices and things are not going well. The rest of this chapter makes that abundantly plain. Verse 2, the enemies of God are making a tumult. Verse 3, the enemies are plotting against God's people. In verse 4 the enemies of Israel are determined to wipe them out and erase even the memory of them. That is exactly what the enemies of God are trying to do with Christianity around the world. Maybe the prayer of Asaph is a prayer for your life. Maybe you have tried to do things on your own and the result has been disastrous. God can bless a mess if He just gets it in His hands. If your life is in pieces, my advice to you is to bring the broken pieces of your life and lay them at the foot of the cross, God knows how to put the broken pieces back together again.

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"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" because all our sins have been condemned in Christ Jesus and "Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

— Romans 8:1a, 2b

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Chamber presents two scholarships

By Henry E. Green
The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce presented two young people with Community Spirit Scholarships recently.
During the June 22 Chamber awards dinner at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville, Chamber interim executive director Juli Wilson presented scholarships to Makinsie Ware, who recently received her diploma from Dixie High School, and John Anthony Gilchrist, who graduated from Abbeville High School in May.
Ware, the valedictorian for the Dixie High School Class of 2021, plans to major in nursing at Lander

University.
She was involved in an abundance of extracurricular activities at Dixie--varsity softball, varsity volleyball, varsity cross country, FFA, National Honor Society, National Beta Club, FBLA, and the Interact Club--and she also served as an office assistant at Dixie.
She was the 2020 homecoming queen, the 2020-2021 Dixie FFA president, the 2020-2021 Beta Club vice president, and the FFA state runner up in prepared public speaking.
Ware has participated in Angel Tree and Operation Christmas Child, and trash pick up for Adopt a Highway.

Gilchrist, meanwhile, plans to major in mass communications at Claflin.
At AHS, he played soccer, ran cross country, and track, and he was also a member of the Future Business Leaders of America.
Gilchrist won third place in a Future Business Leaders competition, and was inducted into the National Honor Society and the Beta Club.
Apoll worker for the Abbeville County voter registration and elections office, he also assisted the Abbeville County Complete Count Committee with the 2020 U.S. Census.




The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce presented two young people with Community Spirit Scholarships recently -- John Anthony Gilchrist (left) and Makinsie Ware (right), shown here with interim Chamber executive director Juli Wilson (Staff photo by Henry E. Green).




After 31 years of service with the South Carolina Dept. of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services, Agent Phillip Sears retired on June 1. Phillip sent his entire career in Abbeville County. Here, Agent In Charge Jeff Sorrow is shown presenting Agent Sears with his retirement plaque. Sorrow stated that, "Sears will be missed by everyone and has been a tremendous asset over the years. Phillip has set a high standard for other agents to follow and will be missed by me the most." (Photo contributed)

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CF Charter volunteers help where needed

By Henry E. Green
Volunteers.

Calhoun Falls Charter recently recognized a number of individuals who have given freely of their time to help out the Charter School.

“Wherever we could help out that’s what we did,” said Earl Wright, one of those honored at the close of 2020-2021 school year.

Wright and Fernando Sanders were honored for their service as volunteer coaches, according to Calhoun Falls Charter athletic director David Campbell.

“These two guys have made it easier on our head coaches,” he said.

This range of tasks they

have been involved in runs the gamut from helping with water to helping with laundry, to “any other mediocre detail that needs to be done.”

Sanders has coached boys basketball, and Wright has assisted with coaching football.

Campbell underscored the value of volunteers to the Charter School.

“I think it would be impossible for the school to be there (if not for volunteers),” said Campbell.

Recognized as Volunteers of the Decade during the Calhoun Falls Charter athletic banquet in late May were Keith and Karen

Ashley.

Keith has been chairman of the Calhoun Falls Charter school board, while Karen has been president of the Calhoun Falls Charter booster club.

They have cut grass, they have painted, they have picked up trash--“whatever they can do to help out,” Campbell said.

Wright, Sanders, Keith and Karen Ashley are graduates of Calhoun Falls High School.

Calhoun Falls Charter opened its doors in August of 2008. The school has a middle school division and a high school division as well.

The Abbeville Rotary Club presented a number of scholarships this year to deserving local high school graduates. Here, club president John Andrew Bishop is presenting a scholarship to Maddison Smith, who recently graduated from Calhoun Falls Charter. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Free clinic poised to mark 10th anniversary

By Henry E. Green
The free medical clinic of United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County will mark its 10th anniversary in August of this year.

The clinic is located on Center Street on the outskirts of Abbeville. Connie Normand, RN, is the director of the free medical clinic, and Dr. Chris Oxendine is the clinic's medical director.

The clinic represents one of three component ministries in UCMAC--the other two include a food pantry system that includes branches in Abbeville, Calhoun Falls and Lowndesville, as well as an emergency assistance

division. UCMAC, established in 2008, is an all volunteer organization with more than 100 volunteers, and has been recognized by the South Carolina State of State for its work.

The UCMAC board meets every other month. Bill Boone is the executive director for the organization.

The free clinic is open to adults 18 years old and older who have no insurance, according to the UCMAC website.

The clinic recently received some good news. It earned a 2021 Gold Rating from the National Association of

Free and Charitable Clinics Quality Standards Program. “The mission of the National Association of Free and Charitable Clinics is to ensure the medically underserved have access to affordable health care,” according to NAFC.

The Gold Rating is in connection with policies and procedures which the clinic has in place in adherence to NAFC standards--standards including those of tracking and coordinating care, planning and managing care, and identifying and managing patient population information, just to name a few.

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by Tom Poland

After Mom died, my sisters and I began to go through her and Dad's belongings. Quite a task that surprised, amused, and puzzled us. Lots of "stuff." Our parents grew up in the shadow of the Great Depression and threw nothing away. What to keep? That task became our lot.

My sisters wanted me to have Mom's family Bible. "You're the family historian." So, I brought it home. For six years, the good book sat unopened. At last I decided to look through it. Here, too, Mom had refused to throw things away, but not just any old thing. Forget psychology. If you want to know what people value, look through their Bible. I did, and a flood of memories swept me into the past.

A revelation was hiding in the Bible. Mom clipped a poem, "Lessons Learned," from the Augusta Herald, May 13, 1962. The poem's about a mother who never took time to play with her boy and girl. "It was only today, barefooted and brown/That they played by my kitchen door. It was only today (or maybe a year; It could not be twenty, I know)/They were shouting for me to help in their game/But I was too busy to go."

The poem continues until the end when... "Somewhere, I am sure they'll be playing again/And should they be calling for me/To come out and help, Oh tell them, I beg/ I'm coming as fast as can be. For it's never a house would hold me today/Should I hear them call me to share in their play." I don't know if she had regrets or just liked the poem,

but it set me to thinking.

I found clippings of her brothers' funerals, but not a one of her sisters - with good reason. Mom was the first of the five girls to die. Alongside the remembrances are photos. Uncle Carroll, a veteran of the Korean War, at the Rhodes Fly-in Reunion. It too is no more. Cousin

ribbons signify but each has a fragrance similar to talcum powder or a vintage grandmother's parlor. I found a bookmark from my daughter, Beth, on the occasion of her marriage, November 11, 1995, a snowy night in Blacksburg, Virginia. Seems like yesterday but all her children are grown.



"My Mother's Bible" by Tom Poland

Ronnie Walker who died at 49. His dad, Uncle Don, who died not quite two years later. Uncle George's "In Remembrance" made me remember how we talked about fishing and Georgia football. Uncle George stormed France come a day called D-Day.

In her distinctive penmanship Mom listed her ancestors. The names Walker, Bolton, Rhodes, and Brown dominate the list. Among them Georgia Brown Walker, Isaac Newton Bolton, Daniel Lumpkin Walker who fought in the Civil War, and other ancestors including Pullens, Downers, Andrews, and one Wheatley, Esther.

Photos, of course. Mom and Dad at Pigeon Forge in 1999. Dad looks remarkably happy. In four years he would die from a horrible cancer, esophageal. In twelve years Mom would succumb to lung disease. As they lay dying, the Bible patiently waited for me to discover its contents. Not one mention of Dad and his death in that book. It was too terrible.

cate, April 11, 1947. Clippings of Walker family reunions. Nothing earthshaking, just evidence of lives lived. In the end, when others are gone, we the living are left with records and memories.

My mother loved her family as much or more, I'll say, as her own children. Nothing made her happier than to visit with her brothers and sisters. They'd talk and laugh and recall earlier times and people long gone.

Keeping records of reunions, church and faith, and honoring the deceased—Mom did that. She never got to go to college. Big deal. She became a curator of the family archives. She's a breed on the way out. I don't think today's young set keeps records in Bibles or attends reunions, but what do I know? Maybe they have some app or website that does that. It'll never age and yellow like paper, never take on that old parlor smell, and, they can search through it from their phone, but—

What if new technologies render their family records and memories obsolete? What a loss.

CF Town Council finalizes 21-22 budget

By Henry E. Green
The Calhoun Falls Town Council met Monday, approving a budget plan for the coming fiscal year, and addressing matters relating to the Town's water system upgrades.
Council passed second and final reading on an ordinance to adopt a budget plan for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2022.
The budget plan includes a "total unchanged tax rate of 145 mills," according to the ordinance.
Council also passed a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with Goldie Associates Consulting Engineers on behalf of the Town of Calhoun Falls to obtain Engineering services to provide oversight on the waste water treatment plant upgrades and upgrades to drinking water lines replacement.
The Town was awarded a

loan/grant in the amount of \$2,385,800 from the United States Department of Agriculture on April 19, 2021, for the repairs and upgrades to the waste water treatment plant in Calhoun Falls, the resolution states.
The sewer system upgrades consist of replacing 30 year old aeration system to a "diffused aeration system with blower."
The upgrades also include installing a solar power generation system. The project once completed will save the Town an estimated 75 percent savings in electricity cost.
The Town was awarded a second loan/grant package in the amount of \$2,243, 30 from the USDA on April 19 of this year for the repairs and upgrades to drinking water replacement lines in the Town of Calhoun Falls.
Council also discussed a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a

contract with Dunn and Shirley Consulting Engineers on behalf of the Town of Calhoun Falls to obtain engineering services to provide oversight on the water system upgrades.
The Town was awarded \$500,000 from the State Revolving Fund Loan Forgiveness Program on June 17, 2021, and the purpose of these funds is to replace or repair leaking, dilapidated, tuberculated and undersized water lines, including aging water lines in the mill village area of town, many of which are located in rear yard easements, the resolution states.
The resolution will allow for the preparation of a detailed cost estimate, design the project, develop technical specifications, and provide construction oversight of the State Revolving Funds awarded to the Town.



A large crowd showed up for the Freedom Blast at the Blue Hole in Calhoun Falls Saturday night, enjoying an evening presented by the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Freedom Blast attracts large crowd

By Henry E. Green
A large crowd showed up for the Freedom Blast at the Blue Hole in Calhoun Falls Saturday night, enjoying an evening presented by the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition.
Clay Page and his band performed for countless people seated in lawn chairs in front of the Blue Hole pavilion.
Meanwhile, kids delighted in a water slide, while others cooled off in the waters of Lake Russell itself.
A contingent from Calhoun Falls Charter FFA sold food, as did Broken Road Barbecue, and Outreach Ministries, said Coalition president Bebe Wesson Monday.
Other vendors sold toys, items of home decor, soaps and jellies, she said.
Trent "T Bone" Loftis of

Starr sang the National Anthem and performed the "pre-show" before Page, Wesson continued.
Wesson provided a special thanks to sponsors West Carolina Tel, Little River Electric, Abbeville First, Abbeville Area Medical Center, Edward Jones, Smith Pest Control, Hite and Stone attorneys, Abbeville County Sheriff's Office, Abbeville County Dive Team, Abbeville County EMS, U.S. Corps of Engineers, and the Town of Calhoun Falls, Lewis Chiropractor, Village Grill, and "all other sponsors."
"We had an excellent turnout," she said, estimating that approximately 1,000 people were on hand for the event.
"That's the biggest one we've had so far," she said.
"If the people will come, and we can continue to get

the sponsorship," then the Coalition will continue to present events such as the Freedom Blast.
Page, who plays country music, is from Elberton, GA, and was at one time on "American Idol."
The Coalition is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization which currently has about 20 members, and is always looking for new members and sponsors.
The Freedom Blast is just one of a number of events presented by the Coalition. Others include the Lake Russell Hustle, a 5K event held in the spring, and Paddle Fest, which highlights the joys of kayaks and paddle boards on Lake Russell.
The Coalition works to promote the recreational opportunities of Lake Russell.

Will allocations survive Governor's veto?

By Henry E. Green
Gov. Henry McMaster has vetoed proposed state budget allocations that would affect Abbeville County--including \$150,000 for repairs to the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House in Abbeville.
The General Assembly does have the opportunity to override the Governor's vetoes, with possible action expected yesterday.
According to published reports, there was also a proposed \$1 million allocation for a "Calhoun Falls marina" which the Governor vetoed.

The funds would be to upgrade a marina at the Calhoun Falls State Park, State Rep. Craig Gagnon said Tuesday.
The Governor vetoed a number of other items in the budget, including a cultural and arts center for Greenville County, and the completion of a park in the town of Hodges, according to reports.
The McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House, located on North Main in Abbeville, is the headquarters for the Abbeville County Historical Society.

The allocation would be used to upgrade the climate control system in the house, Gagnon said.
According to a brochure, the house is an 1888 Queen Anne house that was the home of Gen. Samuel McGowan until his death.
It was also at one time the home of Gen. William Barksdale, and the house and grounds include a number of items of historical interest including a caboose, gardens, a military room, and servants' houses, according to a brochure.



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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

**Little River Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Job Title:	Groundsman (Apprentice Lineman)	Job Category:	Non-Exempt
Department/Group	Operations	Job Code:	55-6621
Location:	Abbeville, SC	Travel Required:	Occasional
Level/Salary Range:	\$16.00 - \$20.00	Position Type:	Full Time
HR Contact:	Jo S. Elliott	Date Posted:	June 25, 2021
Posting URL and our Employment Application	http://www.lreci.coop (Look under Employment)	Posting Expires:	July 16, 2021

To be considered, submit all 3 documents:

1) Little River Electric Cooperative Employment Application

2) Resume and

3) Cover Letter / Letter of Interest

Documents accepted by EMAIL:

JElliott@lreci.coop

Subject Line: Groundsman (Apprentice Lineman)

Job Description (See full Job Description and requirements on Little River Electric Cooperative website)

This is a career job. Groundsman is an entry level position in the line of progression for Lineman with progressive pay and an outstanding benefit package.

QUALIFICATIONS
Successful candidate should have a stable, verifiable work history, must have/maintain a current S.C. Driver's License, and have a high school diploma. A pre-employment physical and drug screen is required. Must live in service area and/or be able to meet the response time requirement (approximately 15 minutes) to service area and provide "on-call" rotation to assist linemen during storms and outages occurring outside normal working hours.

The successful applicant must:

- Be able to work successfully with co-workers and consumer-members in a courteous and professional manner and be able to establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors
- Be able to obtain CDL within 6 months of hire.
- Be willing and able to respond to outages any hour of the day, night, weekends, and holidays.
- Have the physical strength and stamina to perform duties required, which include learning to climb poles, lift heavy objects (in excess of 50 lbs. and up to 100 lbs.) and work in dangerous conditions/precious places to include heights, high voltage electrical currents and extreme heat/cold/humidity/wetlands/dust.
- Be able to operate assigned equipment including buckets, forklift, backhoe, trencher, winches, chainsaw, drills, high compression tools, shovel, hammer, pliers, tamp, and other basic hand tools.
- Be willing to work in potentially hazardous conditions caused by pets and wildlife in or near the work site with possible exposure to poison oak, poison ivy, and insect stings.
- Work under degree of stress related to accuracy and deadlines.
- Be able to learn and apply information from technical manuals in the completion of duties.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES
The Groundsman performs various manual labor tasks at the work site to assist crew members such as loading and unloading supplies and materials, cutting brush, digging ditches and assisting in preparing materials for the Linemen to install. Assists line crews in the construction, maintenance, and operation of overhead and underground distribution lines, structures, and/or equipment. Operates vehicles, performs groundwork, and keeps updated and complies with all safety policies, procedures, rules, and regulations.

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The late Harry Stille has been named posthumously to the Abbeville County Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame presentation was made recently during a Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce dinner Interim Chamber director Juli Wilson (second from right) welcomed Stille's wife Reba (far right) and son Brand (far left) and daughter Suzette in accepting the Hall of Fame award. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Stille inducted into County Hall of Fame

By Henry E. Green
The late Harry Stille has been named posthumously to the Abbeville County Hall of Fame. Stille, who died on January 6, 2020, was remembered during a Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce dinner held at the Belmont Inn on Tuesday, June 22. "The Abbeville County Hall of Fame Award is the highest award that the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce can bestow on an individual," according to information supplied by the Chamber. "It is intended to recognize those who have made extraordinary contributions to the overall well-being and quality of life in Abbeville County. "These individuals strive at bringing recognition and honor to their community, as well as displaying exempla-

ry character, both socially and spiritually." Dr. Harry Carl Stille, Jr., of Due West made his mark in a variety of fields of human endeavor--from politics to education, and art. He received bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Kentucky, and a doctorate from the University of Alabama. He went on to serve as a professor at Erskine, and was head baseball coach at that institution as well. In politics, he left his imprint as well, serving as mayor of Due West for three decades, and for 12 years in the South Carolina General Assembly. Stille was also an artist and inventor, and he designed a logo for the Town of Due West and for the Galloway Center at Erskine, according to the letter of nomination from Edith Davis. A founding member of the

Due West Lions Club, and a member of the Due West ARP Church, Stille served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was married to Rebecca Crawford, and they had one son--Brand Reid Stille, and two daughters--Suzette and Frondie. There are four grandchildren--Reid, Eddie, Jackson and Lola--according to the nomination letter. Stille's induction into the Hall of Fame was just one of the honors presented by the Chamber at the awards dinner. Others included the Business of the Year, going to Deason's Flowers and Gifts, Ambassador of the Year, awarded to Karen Sherwood of Abbeville, and the presentation of two scholarships.

New YMCA facility to open in Abbeville

By Henry E. Green
A new YMCA facility is scheduled to open in Abbeville in October in the old Fred's building on the Highway 28 Bypass, according to Johnathan Bass, vice president of advancement with Lakelands YMCA. The building was donated to the Lakelands YMCA in December 2019. "We are going to open up a wellness center there," he said. The new facility will include programs such as one on diabetes prevention, and there are also plans to begin an after-school program in January 2022. There will be strength equipment and cardio equipment at the Y facility, whose slate of activities is expected to include exercise classes. "We're going to start operations and let it evolve," he said. There are no plans to duplicate youth sports in Abbeville, he added. Bass went on to answer an anticipated question. "In Phase One we have no plans to build a pool," he said, noting that pools are expensive, both to build and to maintain. Plans to open a Y in Abbeville have been several years in the making--since at least mid-2019. Lakelands officials made a presentation to Abbeville County Council in 2019 on their desire to establish a branch of Lakelands YMCA, which also operates facilities in Greenwood, Laurens and Gray Court. Bass emphasized the flexibility of the Y in responding to community needs. "When needs arise we'll be able to respond immediately," he said. "We're very multidimensional in what we do." Bass added that no tax dollars are expected to be used to establish the new facility. "We're self-sustaining," he said. Bass may be reached at jbass@lakelandsymca.org

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Deason's Flower shop on Abbeville's Court Square was honored at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce's Business of the Year recently at a Chamber dinner. Sam Richey (left) and Randy Curtis of Deason's were presented with an award by Chamber interim executive director Juli Wilson. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)


Cornerstone planning September fundraiser

By Henry E. Green
Cornerstone is planning to have a fundraiser in early September. The area commission on alcohol and drug abuse is planning the Community Change Benefit Breakfast for Thursday, Sept. 9, from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Piedmont Technical College Medford Center. The event will include a catered breakfast, coffee bar, silent auction, live music, testimonials, and a speaker--best-selling author Damon West. His first book and autobiography, *The Change Agent: How a Former College QB Sentenced to Life in Prison*

Transformed the World, "was published just three years after his release from a Texas maximum security prison. "He came from a great family in a home full of God, love, support, and opportunity," according to Cornerstone. "Underneath this facade was an addict in the early stages of disease. "After a fateful discussion during his incarceration with a seasoned convict, Damon had a spiritual awakening. He learned that like a coffee bean changing with the application of heat and pressure, he was capable of changing the environment around him."

Today West travels throughout the country sharing his story at locations ranging from schools to churches to correctional facilities. Cornerstone is an agency that provides substance abuse prevention treatment and recovery services to Greenwood, Edgefield, McCormick and Abbeville counties, according to an agency brochure. In Abbeville, there is a Cornerstone office on Whitehall Street. The benefit breakfast on Sept. 9 will include a number of sponsorship levels. For more information, one may call 864-227-1001.

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Obituaries

Chapman

On Tuesday, June 22, 2021, Nina Elizabeth Syfan Chapman died in the peace and comfort of her home.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, William Marshall Chapman. She was the only child of Ralph Jackson and Eunice West Syfan. Born in Abbeville, SC on May 22, 1931, Liz attended Abbeville Schools and graduated from Converse College in 1953 where, in addition to a summer at Erskine College, a lifelong love of history was kindled. She was an active member of First Presbyterian Church as an elder and chairman of the Purnell Committee. As a loyal member of Circle 7, she led the Bible study for a number of years. She also provided greens for the Chapel with love from her garden until her 80s. She served her community as President of the Music Foundation of Greater Spartanburg and as scout leader and board member of the Piedmont area of the Girl Scouts. Liz



Nina E. Syfan Chapman

was given the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award by Wofford College in 1995.

She was blessed with and is survived by her three children, Margaret Chapman Jackson (David), Elizabeth Chapman Delorm (Tim), and William Marshall Chapman, Jr.; and by seven grandchildren, David Whitney Jackson, III, William Marshall Chapman Jackson, Thomas Syfan Jackson, William Nelson Delorm, Emma Catherine Delorm, Rebecca McDuffie Chapman, and Caroline Marshall Chapman; and their mother, Margaret Anne McDuffie.

She will be remembered for her abiding love and devotion to God and her church and to her family.

From the produce of her garden, creations from her kitchen, and her voracious knowledge of history, she was endlessly curious on all things. She was always quick with her warm and embracing smile. Liz appreciated and loved the help and devotion of Ruth, Joanne, Delores, S'Ann, Bet, and Libbo; and especially the late Richard Staggs.

A service of remembrance was held Friday, June 25th, 10:00AM at the First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg. The burial will follow in Oakwood Cemetery.

In remembrance of Mrs. Chapman, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg, Purnell Fund, 393 E. Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29302 or to Spartanburg Regional Hospice, C/O Spartanburg Regional Foundation, P O Box 2624, Spartanburg, SC 29304.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.JMDunbar.com.

Dunbar Funeral Home & Crematory

Obituaries

Mulholland

Margaret Martin Creswell Mulholland, 93, of Abbeville, died Monday, June 28, 2021 at the Abbeville Nursing Home. She was twice married, first to the late James O. Creswell and second, to the late James Mulholland. Born in 1927, Mrs. Mulholland was the daughter of the late Adger and Bertha Partridge Martin.

A graduate of Calhoun Falls High School, she was employed by Hale Manufacturing and retired as a salesclerk from Sky City. Mrs. Mulholland enjoyed sewing and gardening and was known to have a green thumb. Her joy was in growing beautiful flowers. She was a member of South Side Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband's and parents, Mrs. Mulholland was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Creswell; daughter, Laurie Creswell Cowan;



Margaret Martin Creswell Mulholland

and four sisters, Barbara Jean Tate, Connie Byrd, Myrt Fossett and Rosalind Walker.

She is survived by her sons, James W. Creswell (Judith), Jon T. Creswell (Nancy), Ronald Creswell (Darlene) all of Abbeville and Marty Creswell (Vivian) of Greenwood; daughter-in-law, Nancy Craven Creswell of Greenwood; son-in-law, Ronnie Cowan of Abbeville; brother, Butch Mar-

tin (Snow) of Greenwood; a sister, Claudette Stevens of Greenwood; fifteen grandchildren and blessed with many great and great-great grandchildren.

A service to celebrate the life of Margaret Mulholland will be 2:30PM, Friday, July 2, 2021 in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Zack Little officiating.

The family is at their respective homes.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Mulholland, may be sent to South Side Baptist Church, 505 West Greenwood Street, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

Ferguson

Judith Young Ferguson, 80, of Abbeville, wife of the late Wendell Ferguson, died Friday, June 25, 2021 at Abbeville Area Medical Center. She was born in Abbeville to the late Robbie and Fannie Lou Wells Young.

Mrs. Ferguson was a 1959 graduate of Abbeville High School and a dedicated member of the Abbeville Church of God. She retired after many years of employment with the Fovil Plant. Spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren, brought her happiness. Mrs. Ferguson was blessed with a compassionate heart and enjoyed being

a caregiver for those who needed a special touch.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a brother, Bobby Young and two sisters, Thelma Lou Campbell and Velma Lawton.

Mrs. Ferguson is survived by her son, John Ferguson (Vickie); two grandchildren, Lacey Ferguson Dixon (Steve) and Nicole Ferguson Summey (Ryan); four great-grandchildren, Abigail, Bryson, Brody and Caden; and a sister, Joyce E. Young Hedden (Ted) all of Abbeville.

The family received friends from 10:00-11:00 AM on Monday, June 28, 2021,

at Harris Funeral Home. Funeral services began at 11:30 AM in Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville Chapel. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

The family is at the home of John and Vickie Ferguson in Abbeville.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Ferguson, may be sent to the Abbeville Church of God, PO Box 26, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

Griffin

Clifton Michael "Clif" Griffin, 41, resident of 121 College Ave. went to be with his Lord Sunday June 27, 2021.

Born in Greenwood, SC he was a son of Mike and Carlene Talbert Griffin.

Clif loved hunting, fishing, making hash for benefits, cooking, spending time with family and friends. He also enjoyed weekend work with his friend Daryl "Duck" Dodgen and the auction family. Clif was a friend to all. If you ever needed anything you could pick up a phone and call him and he would be right there to help anytime day or night. He was also a past Master of the Clinton Lodge #3 AFM in Abbeville, SC. He was a member of Congregational Holiness Church.

Survivors include: His par-

ents Mike and Carlene Griffin of Abbeville, SC; two sisters Missy Purdy (Mark) and Carrie Griffin (Chris Roberts) all of Abbeville, SC; nieces Jessica Gary (AJ), Libba Hayes and Rebekah Williams (Cody); nephew James Purdy; special friend Laura Ouzts; Light of his Life and Granddaughter Haley Grace Simmons; numerous cousins and unmeasurable amount of friends.

He was preceded in death by: Maternal Grandfather James Talbert; Paternal grandparents Asa and Earline Griffin; uncles Tony Talbert and Darrell Talbert.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday July 1, 2021 at 4:00 PM at Grace United Methodist Church with the Revs. Jason Wilson and Willie McCurry officiating. The burial will follow in

Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. The family is at the home of his parents Mike & Carlene Griffin 126 College Ave. Abbeville, SC.

The family will receive friends Thursday afternoon from 2:00 until 4:00 PM at the church prior to services.

Memorials in memory of Clif may be made to Grace United Methodist Church, 145 Grace Drive Abbeville, SC 29620 or to Congregational Holiness Church, PO Box 946 Abbeville, SC 29620.

Online condolences may be made to the Griffin family by visiting www.chandler-jacksonfh.com

The Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is assisting the Griffin family.

Templeton

David Theodore Templeton, 93, resident of the Abbeville Nursing Home, former resident of East Epworth Camp Road, Ninety Six, SC, widow of Hazel Marie Abercrombie Templeton, died on Saturday, June 26, 2021, at Abbeville Nursing Home.

Born in Laurens County, on May 10, 1928, he was the son of the late Charles Matthew and Hattie Mae Patton Templeton. After graduation from Ford High School in 1945, he enlisted and served in the Navy as a Fireman First Class aboard the USS Princeton during World War II. In 1949, he and Hazel married, started their family, and in 1956 began their ministry in the United Methodist Church. David graduated from Newberry College and Emory Seminary. He faithfully served as a full-time Methodist minister for 42 years, followed by 10 years in various temporary appointments



David T. Templeton

after he and Hazel retired to the Epworth community. His passion was leading others to the Lord and taking care of his family.

David was predeceased by his wife, Hazel; two sons, John David Templeton and Scott Douglas Templeton; and sister, Margaret Templeton Lashley.

Surviving are his daughters, Gail (Ronnie) Hitchcock of Abbeville, Jane Calhoun of Greenwood, and Lynn (Buddy) Rush of Hodges;

daughters-in-law Holly Templeton of Simpsonville and Kathy Templeton of Pelion; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; a niece, Pat Lashley Collins of Chapin; and a special cousin, Audrey Blackwell of Laurens.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday 12 PM at Oakbrook Memorial Park with Rev. Mike Evans and Rev. Brett Collins (great nephew) officiating.

Families will be at their respective homes.

The family expresses their grateful appreciation to the staff of Abbeville Nursing Home for taking care of our precious Daddy for the past 4 years.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests memorial donations be given to the church of your choice.

For online condolences please visit www.blythfuneralhome.com.

Blyth Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the Templeton family.

The family received friends following services at the graveside,

Memorials in memory of Charlotte may be made to Abbeville Pentecostal Holiness Church, 109 Barnett St. Abbeville, SC 29620.

Online condolences may be made to the Scoggins family by visiting www.chandlerjacksonfh.com

The Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is in assisting the Scoggins family.

Bryant

On Friday, June 25, 2021, John "Pat" Bryant, entered eternal rest at the age of 57 at Self Regional Healthcare.

Pat was born on September 18, 1963 in Abbeville, SC to Thelma Kennedy Bryant and the late John Thomas Bryant. He attended Calhoun Falls High School and furthered his education in welding at Job Corp in Kentucky. Pat worked many years at the WestPoint Stevens Plant in Calhoun Falls and was employed with Sage Automotive until he became ill.

He had a passion for hip hop music. Pat was always the life of the party. He also loved to gather with family and friends. Pat rode his bicycle everywhere and enjoyed sitting on his front porch.



John 'Pat' Bryant

Those left to cherish his memories, his mother, Thelma; his children, Patrick Bernard Bryant of the home, Brandon and Rhashad Thurmond of Calhoun Falls and Brittany Bryson (David) of Spartanburg; a brother, Fredrick Thomas of Abbeville; and four sisters,

Melissa Bryant of Abbeville, Felissa Bryant of Calhoun Falls, Gloria Richardson of Columbia and Denise Bryant of Abbeville.

The family received friends from 1:00PM to 3:00PM on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at the Harris Funeral Home – Abbeville Chapel. Funeral services were 3:00PM, Tuesday, in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. Johnny Waller officiating.

The family is at the home in Calhoun Falls.

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 Bryant family.

Brown

Mr. Claude 'Vernon' Brown, 89, of Highway 72 West, Calhoun Falls, SC, husband of Imogene Segars Brown, passed away on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at Self Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Brown was born in Calhoun Falls on July 29, 1931, son of the late Larry Brown and Rebecca Clyde Mattox Brown. He was a graduate of Calhoun Falls High School and a member of Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church. Vernon was retired from the textile industry, having worked at Flexible Tubing in Abbeville and the Calhoun Falls Mill. He was an avid guitar player and enjoyed teaching people how to play.

In addition to his wife of 58 years, Imogene, he is survived by his daughter, Debo-



Claude 'Vernon' Brown

rah and Preston Evans of Tignall, GA; grandsons: Tony and Beverly Evans of Cookeville, TN, Chad and Kristina Evans of Iva, SC, and Brent Evans of Augusta, GA; great-grandchildren: Bree Plesko and Chase Plesko; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his

siblings: David Brown, Lucille Martin, Sara McNair, Clark Frost, Larry Brown, Jr., Louise Chambers, J.E. Brown, Ruth Jordan, and Bobby Brown.

Funeral services celebrating his life were held on Monday, June 28, at 4 o'clock from the graveside in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. The Rev. Larry Hargrove officiated.

The family received friends at Berry Funeral Home from 3:00-5:00p.m. on Sunday, June 27.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the charity of one's choice.

Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.berryfh.com.

Berry Funeral Home & Crematory of Elberton, GA was respectfully in charge of arrangements for Mr. Claude 'Vernon' Brown.

Scoggins

Charlotte Campbell Scoggins, 88, resident of 2935 Cedar Springs Rd. widow of Alvin Scoggins passed away Saturday June 26, 2021 at Abbeville Area Medical Center.

Born in Abbeville, SC she was a daughter of Claude and Lillie Pruitt Campbell.

Charlotte was a retired textile employee with Abbeville Mills for over 42 years. She enjoyed reading and watching Atlanta Braves baseball. She was a member of Abbeville Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Survivors include: her daughter Claudette Whiten (Dale) of Abbeville, SC; a granddaughter Angie Robinson (Chad) of Abbeville, SC and three great-grandchildren Ian, Bronwyn and Jered.

Graveside services were conducted Tuesday June 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens with the Rev. Jerry Catoe officiating. The family is at the home of her daughter Mr. & Mrs. Dale Whiten, 2935 Cedar Springs Rd. Abbeville, SC.

New football coach
Owens developing
talent at CF Charter

By Henry E. Green
Juwan Owens, the new Calhoun Falls Charter head football coach, lives in Spartanburg, but he has plenty of family connections to the Abbeville/Greenwood area. “I’m originally from Greenwood,” he said Thursday. “I have a lot of family from the Greenwood area. My dad’s side of the family is from Abbeville. I’m very excited about being back in the area.” Owens graduated from Emerald High School, where he graduated in 2012. During his days at Emerald he played

football for the Vikings from 2009 to 2012. “I played defensive back and running back,” recalled Owens. His athletic talents extended beyond football. “I was a three sport athlete at Emerald.” He made the All Region team in track, and he wrestled as well. Owens carried his love of football to the next level, as he played defensive back for the football team at Lime-stone College. He has come to Cal-houn Falls Charter from Gardner Webb, where he was an assistant defensive backs coach.

The job at Calhoun Falls represents his first head football coaching job, a job in which he is working hard to make Calhoun Falls Charter relevant. “I’m trying to build a championship atmo-sphere here,” he said. That involves building relationships with the kids, and developing their talent. The Flashes started their summer work-outs last week, and the new coach was asked whether his team will be run-oriented, or oriented toward the pass. “We’re going to try to mix it up,” he said.



Clay Page (left) and his band performed at Freedom Blast, recently held in Calhoun Falls. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

‘Attitude’ workshop being planned

“How to Maintain a Pos- munity Foundation on workshop.
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of a Zoom workshop which noon to 1:30 p.m. evenbrite.com and search
is being presented by the Clemson educator Wilder the title of the workshop
Freshwater Coast Com- Ferreira will be leading the and register online.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Trustees of Abbeville County School District will conduct a hearing on its Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Fund Budget at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at the School District Administrative Office Building, 400 Greenville Street, Abbeville, South Carolina.

2020-2021 — Total Budgeted Revenue and Expenditures - \$27,069,715
2021-2022 — Total Budgeted Revenue and Expenditures - \$27,933,616

The budget for FY 2021-2022 is 3% more than the 2020-2021 operating budget, primarily due to state mandated teacher salary increases.

193.4 mills were levied for school operations for FY 2020-2021.

The estimated amount of local tax collections is \$7,429,320.

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Legals

NOTICE OF SALE
NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2020-CP-01-00052 BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for EquiFirst Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-3 vs. Johnnie Ford, the undersigned Master In Equity for Abbeville County, South Carolina, will sell on July 12, 2021 at 02:00 PM, or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the Courthouse, City of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:
A LOT OF LAND TO-GETHER WITH A DWELL-ING HOUSE AND OTHER

IMPROVEMENTS THERE-ON SITUATE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FRONTING AP-PROXIMATELY 74.9 FEET ON THE NORTHWESTER-LY SIDE OF CAMBRIDGE STREET AND EXTENDING BACK THEREFROM BY THE SOUTHWESTERN BOUNDARY LINE NORTH 49 DEGREES 52 MIN-UTES WEST A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 295 FEET TO LANDS OWNED BY ABBEVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 60; AND EXTENDING BACK FROM CAMBRIDGE STREET BY THE NORTHEASTERN BOUNDARY LINE NORTH 44 DEGREES 36 MINUTES WEST A DEPTH OF AP-PROXIMATELY 295 FEET

EAST NOW OR FORMERLY BY ESTATE OF SARA B. COLEMAN; SOUTHEAST BY CAMBRIDGE STREET; SOUTHWEST NOW OR FORMERLY BY GERTRUDE S. AND J.L. SPROUSE, JR.; AND NORTHWEST BY ABBEVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 60.
THIS IS THE SAME PROP-ERTY CONVEYED TO JOHNNIE FORD BY DEED OF RUTH WALDHAUS, DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 IN BOOK 246 AT PAGE 110 IN THE RECORDS FOR AB-BEVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.
CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 107 Cambridge

St, Abbeville, SC 29620
TMS: 109-09-05-009
TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master In Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evi-dence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but in the case of non-compli-ance to be forfeited and first applied to the costs incurred by the Plaintiff related to the sale and the balance then applied to the Plaintiff’s debt in a manner suitable to the Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days,

then the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and condi-tions on some subsequent Sales Day. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.9% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions, easements and restrictions of record and any other senior

encumbrances.
In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.
The Honorable Roy Hemphill
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Brock & Scott, PLLC
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Columbia, SC 29210
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371PC with the Probate Court of ABBEVILLE COUNTY, the address of which is 903 WEST GREENWOOD ST., SUITE 2300 ABBEVILLE, SC 29620, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, which-ever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371PC) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.



Estate: Willie Lee Hamilton
Date of Death: 3/5/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100151
Personal Representative: Jannie M. Hamilton
Address: 93 Horse Farm Rd. Iva, SC 29655
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Estate: Robert Robinson, Jr.
Date of Death: 5/20/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100153
Personal Representative: Robert Alexander Robinson
Address: 118 Dutchman Rd. Abbeville, SC 29620
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Estate: Shannon Malone Sutherland
Date of Death: 5/15/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100154
Personal Representative: Shana Jane Hall and Sydney J. Harrison
Address: 288 Adger Lane, Abbeville, SC 29620 and 105 Andrews Ave. N. Greenwood, SC 29646
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Estate: Georgia Anna Wiles Ware
Date of Death: 4/26/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100155
Personal Representative: Susan A. Ware - Snow
Address: 531 Orr Road, Easley, SC 29642
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Estate: Nina Louise Winger
Date of Death: 5/21/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100159
Personal Representative: William Stephen Winger
Address: 73 Bramblewood Cove Abbeville, SC 29620
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Estate: Raymond Pearson Brewington
Date of Death: 4/26/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100160
Personal Representative: Kathy Brewington Turner
Address: 248 Golden Acres Dr. Honea Path, SC 29654
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Estate: Joe G. Charping
Date of Death: 06/04/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100162
Personal Representative: Steven Charping
Address: 64 Whip-o-will Road Abbeville, SC 29620
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Estate: Loretta Young Charping
Date of Death: 09/06/2020
Case Number: 2021ES0100163
Personal Representative: Shelby Dixon
Address: 64 Peach Orchard Road Calhoun Falls, SC 29628
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Estate: James W. Scoggins
Date of Death: 05/20/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100164
Personal Representative: Jimmy Scoggins
Address: P.O. Box 53 Lowndesville, SC 29649
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Estate: Shirley Mae Wilson
Date of Death: 06/06/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100165
Personal Representative: Richard Lee Canter
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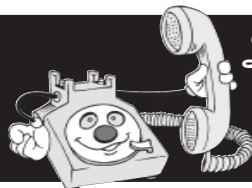
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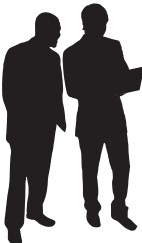
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