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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."

## Commerce in the Falls

People come from far and wide to annual CF town-wide yard sale

By Henry E. Green

Wayne Whidby of Calhoun Falls remembered how the Press and Banner took a picture of an enormous pumpkin he grew.

The pumpkin is long gone, but Whidby was on hand Saturday, when Calhoun Falls had its annual town-wide yard sale.

He is indeed a longtime Calhoun Falls resident. "I've been here 50 years," he said.

Whidby held up a package of vinyl records—remember those?—but the records represented just a few items of what he had to sell.

In addition to "Adventures in Stereo," he was selling cassettes, CDs, an oil drum, antiques, and general merchandise.

The Calhoun Falls resident was one of the many vendors with tables set up on Savannah Street in Calhoun Falls.

Bargain hunters had a plethora of items from which to choose.

And you didn't have to live in Calhoun Falls to set up shop as a vendor. Mike White lives in Abbeville, but

he was selling everything from a dishpan to a trailer tire. "We're cleaning out the shop," he said.

Automobiles and golf carts made their way up and down the busy thoroughfare, and the sidewalk was crowded with people looking for a bargain—or just looking.

You met people like sisters Sarah Holland of Calhoun Falls, Chris Butler of Gainesville, GA, and Alicia Holland of Gainesville, GA.

The yard sale, of course, was not restricted to Savannah Street. If you were driving from Abbeville over to Calhoun Falls, you could see that a number of people who lived along the highway setting out tables with things to sell.

And while Saturday was the main day of the yard sale, it was by no means the only day. Some people began selling things earlier in the week.

The yard sale had its die-hard fans. You had people like Roger and Yvonne King of Iva.

"This is our 32nd year (of coming to the yard sale)," said Roger. "We like it."

The visitors came from near and far. "We love it," said Debbie Bell. "We came all the way from Greenville."

And then there was Tim Blackmon of Dewey Rose, GA, who was offering for sale produce, antiques, rope, signs, cast iron—and guitars.

Presented by the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce, the weekend featured an entertainment component.

Friday night, the Flashback Band performed in downtown Calhoun Falls, covering everyone from Van Morrison to K.C. and the Sunshine Band.

Also Friday night, the Calhoun Falls Personality of the Year Award was presented to Bebe Wesson by Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland.

Presented by The Press and Banner, the Personality of the Year provides a way to honor outstanding members of the Calhoun Falls community. (See related story.)

On Saturday, the fun continued, with a dance company from McCormick, and a DJ.



During the Springtime in the Falls festival this past weekend in Calhoun Falls, Calhoun Falls mayor Terrico Holland presented Bebe Wesson with the Calhoun Falls Personality of the Year Award. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Wesson CF Personality of Year

By Henry E. Green

Bebe Wesson has been selected as Calhoun Falls Personality of the Year.

Wesson was nominated by Ken Tinsley of Calhoun Falls, who praised her for her work ethic, a work ethic sharpened by circumstances that were not always the easiest, and he praised her for her support of the Calhoun Falls community as well.

Bebe, said Tinsley, was raised by her grandparents, and at an early age she took on the hard work of farm chores, from tending cows and pigs to driving a tractor.

"Her love of nature created a person that loved all of God's creatures and was constantly challenged to provide care and compassion to us human creatures as well," Tinsley wrote.

Her grandmother passed away when she was very young, and after her grandfather became ill, she became his care-giver for a

number of years.

"This independent living and care of her grandfather, the continuing work on the farm, and making it on her own did not deter her from pursuit of life with vigor," Tinsley wrote.

Her interest in caring for people led her to become involved in emergency medical services.

"Time found her going to school to continue to advance herself professionally, farming, raising cattle, raising two children, working as a nurse, establishing and operating Calhoun Falls Rentals to assure the CF State Park Campers had a source of golf carts, kayaks and other equipment to make their stay fun, all at the same time," Tinsley said.

Selected to serve on the Abbeville Area Medical Center Foundation Board, Wesson has been prominent in EMS activities in Calhoun Falls, and currently serves as president of the

Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition, helping to coordinate LRRTC events such as the Lake Russell Hustle, the Paddle Fest, Freedom Blast and the Fall Jubilee.

"Very few have given so much of themselves to assure that the Town of Calhoun Falls continues to enjoy quality outdoor events," Tinsley said.

Wesson was recognized Friday night during the Calhoun Falls Springtime in the Falls festival, when she was presented with a plaque by Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland.

(See related story.)

Established in the early 1960s, the Personality of the Year program has included winners ranging from clergymen to political figures.

It is presented by The Press and Banner to honor outstanding members of the Calhoun Falls community.

## Two bodies found at apartment complex

Authorities are investigating a recent shooting at Oakland Apartments in Abbeville which resulted in one death.

Abbeville County Coroner Dr. Mark Dorn announced in a press release that his office had been notified by the Abbeville County Emergency Dispatch Center to respond to a victim of a May 24 shooting at 200 Virginia Drive, Oakland Apartments in Abbeville, SC at 0037 hours.

First responders from Abbeville EMS, Abbeville Fire Department, Officers from Abbeville City Police Department and Abbeville Sheriff's Office responded to

the scene and found a male with life threatening injuries from what appears to be a single gunshot wound to the chest on preliminary examination.

Life saving measures were administered but the victim succumbed to his injuries, the Police stated.

The victim was identified as Jahvious Devonta Strong-Smith, 26 years old, the Coroner reported.

According to the Abbeville Police, Strong Smith (DOB 12/05/1995) lived at 108 Bintage Road, Greenwood.

"The incident remains under investigation," according to the Police news release. "Investigators are

asking anyone with any information about the incident to please contact Investigator Young at 864-378-6507.

An autopsy is scheduled for this week at the Abbeville County Forensic Center, the Coroner said.

Abbeville City Police Department investigators along with the Abbeville County Coroner's office continue the investigation.

**Late breaking news**

Authorities announced Tuesday that a second body had been found at the apartment complex where the first body was found, according to WYFF-TV. No other details were available at press time.



The townwide yard sale in Calhoun Falls featured vendors and bargain seekers. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## High schools planning graduations

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville High School, Dixie High School, and Calhoun Falls Charter will all have graduations this coming weekend.

Dixie and Calhoun Falls Charter will have their programs on the evening of Friday, May 27, and Abbeville will have its program the next day.

The Calhoun Falls Charter graduation is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Fulmer Stadium, and 19 students are set to receive diplomas.

Laura Beth Pickens will deliver the valedictory address,

and Tanner Alewine, the salutatory address.

Antiwan Tate, Executive Director of My Brothers Keeper Alliance of South Carolina, will be the guest speaker, said Lori Lindler, the assistant principal at Calhoun Falls Charter.

In the event of rain, the program will be held in the Calhoun Falls Charter gym.

The Dixie graduation program, meanwhile, will be held at the Galloway Center on the Erskine College campus at 6 p.m.

"The top four graduates will speak," said Dixie media spe-

cialist Kimberly Ware. "The speakers will be: Savannah Wojtkowski, William Wieters, Jeffery Branyon, and Bradley Ware."

The next day--Saturday, May 28--AHS will have its graduation program at Lander University at 10 a.m., and 110 students are slated to receive diplomas, said AHS principal Scott White.

The honor speakers will include first honor speaker Sydney Dawson, second honor speaker LizziAnna Price, and third honor speaker Drew Beauford, according to reports.

# AHS valedictorian wants to be nurse

By Henry E. Green

Sydney Dawson is the valedictorian for the Abbeville High School Class of 2022.

The daughter of Stacey and Andrea Dawson of Abbeville, she has during her days at AHS been involved in a number of activities and organizations, such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Beta Club.

She was selected for Palmetto Girls State the summer of her junior year, and she is a member of Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society, and has participated on the academic team as well.

"I took dual enrollment classes with Piedmont

Tech," she added, Those classes included Spanish, English, and Public Speaking, and a music appreciation class as well.

"I've also been working at Savitz Drugstore the past two years," she said.

Sydney will deliver the valedictory address at AHS graduation, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, at Finis Home Arena on the campus of Lander University.

She will be one of three honor speakers at graduation. The others are Lizzi Anna Price and Cameron Drew Beauford, she said.

Sydney plans to attend Lander University and major in nursing.

Yes, she wants to be a nurse. "I think I want to do labor and delivery," she said.

Sydney enjoys life outside school as well. "I like to spend time with my friends and family," she said. Sydney has one brother--12-year-old Zach.

"I like to play outside with our new puppies Gunner and Taurus," she added.

She is quite certain about her choice of nursing as a career path. "I've always had a desire to help others," she said, noting that she wants to make a difference in the world, and nursing is a way to do just that.

"I think that's something God called me to be," she said.



Sydney Dawson is the valedictorian for the Abbeville High School Class of 2022. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Pickens is CF Charter valedictorian

By Henry E. Green

(The following is first in a series.)

The Calhoun Falls Charter Class of 2022 valedictorian is Laura Beth Pickens.

Pickens, who will provide a valedictory address at Calhoun Falls Charter graduation later this year, has been involved in a host of extracurricular activities at Calhoun Falls Charter.

She played on the volleyball and softball teams, and has been active in the Calhoun Falls Charter FFA chapter, for which she was the chapter reporter her junior year. As a senior, she is serving as the chapter president.

A member of the Beta Club

for three years, she has engaged in service projects for the school, and was on the yearbook committee her sophomore year. The in-service projects included the following:

--Farm City Day, where she helped with sales, presentations, and photos

--Lake Cleanup, where she went with a group of students to clean up Lake Hartwell

--School cleanup, where as a member of Beta Club she and other students completed this as a service project

--She has served at events at the Blue Hole with school programs: July 4th Freedom Blast and Paddlefest

She plans to attend VOX School of Discipleship and then transfer to Anderson University.

Pickens plans to study psychology, on her way to becoming a school guidance counselor. "I love psychology and I really like the school atmosphere," she said.

"I want to be able to help people who are struggling and give them the comfort they deserve."

This year's Calhoun Falls Charter graduation is set for Friday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Fulmer Stadium, according to information from the school.



Laura Beth Pickens is the valedictorian for this Calhoun Falls Charter Class of 2022. (Contributed photo)

# All in the family Dixie valedictorian Bradley Ware following in his sister's footsteps

By Henry E. Green

(The following article is one in a series.)

Bradley Ware is this year's Dixie High School valedictorian.

Ware is the president of Dixie high school FFA, and last year he was president of the Dixie student body.

"I've been a member of the cross country team," he said. "We've won two state championships."

He has been active in

Dixie organizations, such as FBLA, Beta Club, and National Honor Society. Mathematics is his favorite subject.

"I'm going to Clemson this fall for civil engineering," he said.

Civil engineering is a field which appeals to him because he is interested in construction.

Then, too, a number of members of his family have entered the field, and they

have enjoyed it immensely. The son of Kimberly and Brad Ware, Bradley is looking to follow in his sister's footsteps.

His sister Makinsie was last year's Dixie valedictorian.

He also has a sister Ryleigh, a freshman at Dixie.

Bradley plans to stay close to home after graduation from college.

"I plan to live in Abbeville County," he said.



Bradley Ware is the valedictorian for the Dixie High School Class of 2022. (Contributed photo)



Jeffery Branyon was recognized as Dixie High School's salutatorian for the Class of 2022 during the recent Dixie High School academic banquet. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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# Abbeville County awaits Memorial Day holiday

By Henry E. Green

Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, May 30. Yes, it's the unofficial beginning of summer, even though summer does not begin until June 21.

But Memorial Day means far more--it is a day to remember the people who have lost their lives in the service of the United States armed forces.

Memorial Day started out as a holiday to honor those who lost their lives during the Civil War.

Today it is a federal holiday observed on the last Monday in May. From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30 according to Wikipedia.

On Monday, May 30, American Legion Post 2 will have a Memorial Day program in front of the Abbeville County Courthouse at 10 a.m., according to Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield.

Later in the day, American Legion Post 72 will have a Memorial Day program at the Veterans monument in

Calhoun Falls at 11 a.m. Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland will be the guest speaker.

In the event of inclement weather, the program in Calhoun Falls will be held at the Calhoun Falls Civic Center, said Post 72 commander Mike Brandt.

Monday will be a holiday in the Abbeville County School District, and offices with the City of Abbeville, Town of Due West, Abbeville County, and Town of Calhoun Falls will be closed as well.



This group of Westwood Elementary School fourth graders visited the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House in Abbeville Friday morning. Dating from 1888, the house is one of Abbeville's historic structures. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Grant to probe water, sewer feasibility

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County recently received a Rural Infrastructure Authority regional planning grant, with an eye to studying area water and services and their potential.

The grant is for \$100,000, to conduct a study to see how regional water and sewer providers can work together better.

"I'm excited about it," said Patrick Jackson, general manager with the Starr Iva Water and Sewer District.

"I really appreciate that they worked with us on it," said Jackson.

Jane Hannah, office manager with the Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership, explained, "It's a regional water and sewer feasibility study."

Abbeville County has a utilities commission, and the entities represented include the City of Abbeville, the Donalds Due West Water and Sewer Authority, the Town of Calhoun Falls, the Town of Due West, the Starr Iva Water and Sewer Authority, Abbeville County, and McCormick County.

The utilities commission will use the money from the

grant to conduct a study, with an eye toward getting water and sewer service to the areas that do not have it.

"It's a very long goal," she said. "This is just the first step of it."

The grant is slated to pay for the study, including the hiring an engineering firm to conduct it.

The entire process is intended to be completed within one year.

"For this grant no match is necessary," she said. Abbeville County received word on May 16 that the grant had been awarded.



Ruth Merritt was the keynote speaker at the Abbeville County Adult Education graduation program. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville County Adult Education held its graduation program recently at South Side Baptist in Abbeville. Adult Education coordinator Deborah Ayers read out the names of the graduates as they walked across the stage and accepted their diplomas from Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary (right). In the background was Abbeville County School District Director of Special Services Dr. Skip Hopkins. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Adult Education has graduation program

By Henry E. Green

Never stop learning, That seemed to be the message when Abbeville County Adult Education held its graduation program Thursday night at South Side Baptist Church Family Life Center in Abbeville.

Seventy three year old Abbeville County Adult Education GED graduate Ruth Merritt was the keynote speaker for the occasion, delivering an inspirational speech based on a passage from the Book of Exodus.

God spoke to Moses from a burning bush, after Moses had fled from Egypt, after murdering an Egyptian.

"God spoke to Moses from an unexpected source," Merritt said. Sometimes God does similar things in our lives.

"Just like Moses, we've got to be willing to investigate," she said.

In the case of Moses, the message from God was a good one, as He was preparing the Israelite for

leadership.

"Don't give up on what God wants you to do," she told the audience.

Merritt herself did not give up on adult education She was one of 11 graduates walking across the stage Friday night.

You are never too old to learn, the 73-year-old Merritt seemed to say. A minister and author, she also sings, and she thanked members of her family and her church who were in the audience to support her.

Piedmont Technical College representative Adrian Rogers also spoke to the graduates about the GED by 23 program offered by PTC.

The diplomas were presented by Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary, Ayers, and Dr. Skip Hopkins, the Abbeville County School District Director of Student Services.

The evening was also bittersweet, as Adult Education Coordinator Deborah

Ayers, who is retiring this summer, was recognized for the 31 years she has given to Adult Education.

"This lady is unbelievable," Dr. Gary said of Ayers. The staff presented her with a gift, and embraced her warmly.

Ayers introduced Brandi Sears, who will be the new Adult Education Director.

"Our staff is the best in the nation," Ayers said. The instructors included Debbie Cape, Cathy Parnell, and Jenny Seawright, along with Pam Randolph, the College and Career Navigator, and Merry Cox, who supervises testing.

Providing the invocation was South Side Baptist pastor Zack Little.

Adult education, Ayers is fond of saying, is all about second chances.

Sometimes we intend to finish our education--and life gets in the way.

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# Hedden named Star Student at AHS

By Henry E. Green

Hannah Beth Hedden was named the recipient of the West Carolina Telephone Star Student at the Abbeville High School academic banquet on Tuesday evening of last week -- May 17 -- and she chose math teacher Crystal Brown (left) to be the Star Teacher.

Held at the Erskine College dining hall, the banquet provided an opportunity to recognize Abbeville High School students who had displayed academic excellence.

The honor speakers will be Drew Beauford, third honor speaker; Lizzanna Price, second honor speaker, and first honor speaker Sydney Dawson.

The students who had the highest academic averages in their respective classes included Emma Horne for the freshmen, Garianna Burton for the sophomores,

and Addison Nickles for the juniors.

Other students who had achieved academic excellence in their respective classes also were recognized as well.

Serving as emcees for the occasion were guidance counselor Philip Bannister and English Department chair Elizabeth Henderson. "I encourage you to be lifelong learners," White told the students.

The principal went on to praise parents for the pivotal role they play in education. "It can't be done with students and teachers alone," he said.

At the close of the program, Abbeville High School band members played the AHS alma mater.

The academic banquet was just one of a number of activities planned in the weeks leading up to graduation on May 28.

On Thursday, May 19, seniors in their caps and gowns were slated to walk the halls of Long Cane Primary and Westwood Elementary, returning to where it all began in terms of their school years.

They were then slated to have their graduation picture taken, and Thursday night AHS was set to have Senior Night at Grace UMC. "It's kind of an all around student award," said White Wednesday about the Star Student Award.

The award is based on a number of criteria, including academic achievement, test scores, extracurricular activities, according to White. "It's always awarded to a member of the graduating class," he said.

Hedden played volleyball, and was also in the Beta Club and student council during her days at AHS.



Hannah Beth Hedden (right) was named the recipient of the West Carolina Telephone Star Student at the Abbeville High School academic banquet on Tuesday evening of last week -- May 17 -- and she chose math teacher Crystal Brown (left) to be the Star Teacher. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Board picks up pieces

By Henry E. Green

Where do we go from here?

That seemed to be the question on the minds of the Abbeville County School District trustees Tuesday night in the wake of the May 17 referendum in which voters in the Abbeville County School District overwhelmingly rejected funding for proposed upgrades at Dixie and Abbeville high schools and at the Abbeville County Career Center.

(Precinct by precinct totals can be found to the right of this article.)

The trustees had a lengthy discussion about what to learn from the experience.

"We need to figure out what we're going to do," said trustee Keith Dunn, characterizing the referendum vote as a "thrashing."

The voters, he indicated, "are telling this board something."

"We need to be united in whatever we do," trustee Marvin Peoples said.

The board agreed ultimate-

ly to authorize Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary to contact the firms of Thompson Turner and/or LS3P to look at other options, now that the referendum had failed.

In other matters, Kathryn Riddle of Abbeville during the public input segment proposed instituting a Junior ROTC program in the schools, as it would provide focus and direction for young people, and she also praised the Montessori style of teaching.

The trustees agreed to the administration's recommendations and resignations, including five continuing contracts and three letters of agreement.

The board discussed second reading of Policy IKE, concerning promotion, retention, and acceleration of students.

The board also passed first reading on Policy EBCB, concerning safety plans and drills, and passed first reading on Policy BD, concerning organization of the school board, including

adding a parliamentarian to the slate of board officers.

There was also a budget update, including a proposal to have first reading on the budget in a special meeting on May 31, and the board agreed.

There were updates on maintenance, finance and curriculum.

The trustees also heard a presentation from AHS principal Scott White, assistant principal Brenda Jackson and guidance counselor Philip Bannister on the school's ninth grade academy.

Given that students who fall behind in the ninth grade are not in a good position to graduate, the academy blends elements of middle school and high school to help students progress, and it has met with immense success.

The board also listened to a Gold Star Highlights presentation, which will be discussed in next week's issue.

	General Obligation Bonds Question 1			General Obligation Bonds Question 2		
	VOTE FOR 1			VOTE FOR 1		
	Yes In Favor of the Question	No, Opposed to the Question	Total Votes Cast	Yes In Favor of the Question	No, Opposed to the Question	Total Votes Cast
Abbeville No. 1	109	219	328	105	212	317
Abbeville No. 2	72	76	148	69	77	146
Abbeville No. 3	47	110	157	44	107	151
Abbeville No. 4	31	120	151	29	120	149
Antreville	38	317	355	35	313	348
Broadmouth	4	72	76	7	68	75
Calhoun Falls	23	321	344	20	318	338
Cold Springs	37	197	234	35	195	230
Donalds	25	144	169	24	143	167
Due West	76	344	420	73	331	404
Hall's Store	1	0	1	1	0	1
Keowee	27	283	310	32	277	309
Lowndesville	17	186	203	16	183	199
Lebanon	31	158	189	29	157	186
Smithville	18	93	111	17	89	106
Failsafe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provisional	0	0	0	0	0	0
Failsafe Provisional	4	9	13	3	11	14
<b>Totals</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>2,649</b>	<b>3,209</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>2,601</b>	<b>3,140</b>

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Food staples collected from the greater Calhoun Falls community displayed an outpouring of generosity. All collected will be donated to the local food pantry. Many thanks to everyone! In the photo stands: Willie 'Jacob' Boyd, Rural Carrier and Justin McCurry, city carrier. (Photo contributed)

# UCMAC has successful food drive

**By Henry E. Green**  
The United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County (UCMAC) was the beneficiary of a food drive by U.S. Postal Service letter carriers.

The food drive, part of a national effort, collected non-perishable items through a format whereby you could leave items in your mail box for letter carriers to pick up earlier this month.

The letter carriers carried the food to the Abbeville

Post Office, where UCMAC volunteers sorted out canned goods and "dry" goods, and then everything was delivered to the UCMAC food pantry at Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville.

At Main Street, Boy Scouts from Troop 62 helped unload the trailers worth of food.

The food drive collected about 2,100 pounds of food, said UCMAC volunteer Ray Peck.

"We were quite happy with the amount of food collected," he said.

Ten letter carriers brought in food from throughout Abbeville County.

UCMAC, an all-volunteer organization, has a food pantry system that is one of three ministries the organization operates.

The others include an emergency assistance ministry and a free medical clinic.

# Farmers market vouchers set for seniors

**By Henry E. Green**  
Piedmont Agency on Aging is once again looking to distribute farmers market vouchers to seniors, said Becky Wilson, meal ministry director for the agency. "It's something we do every year," she said Wednesday. It is all designed to provide fresh fruits and vegetables for senior citizens who are 60 years and older at the time they apply.

Working with South Carolina Department of Social Services, the agency looks to provide vouchers which can be used at any farmers market or farm stand.

The commodities may be purchased only from farmers who are authorized to accept vouchers, and these

farmers will have signs up to say they accept them.

The vouchers may NOT be used in grocery stores, she said.

The seniors receive \$25 worth of vouchers, contained in little booklets, and they do not necessarily have to be used in Abbeville County.

Free to seniors who meet income requirements, the vouchers must be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables.

"We have two different days that we we'll be distributing them," he said.

The first will be June 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at South Side Baptist Church in Abbeville.

The second day will be June 8 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

at the Calhoun Falls Civic Center in Calhoun Falls.

There does not have to be just one set of vouchers per household--husbands and wives can have vouchers of their own, for example.

A senior who comes to apply needs to have a photo ID, and the vouchers may be used through mid-October, said Wilson, who noted that there are similar programs in other parts of the state.

"It's kind of meant to help the farmers and the seniors," she said.

For more information on the program, one may call either the Abbeville Senior Center at 366-9666 or Wilson at 223-0164, extension 7.

# PTC Going No Cost for Tuition and Fees this Fall

**Submitted by Kristine Hartvigsen**

Piedmont Technical College (PTC) already has offered no cost for tuition and fees for spring and summer 2022. Now the college is extending that option for students who enroll this fall.

"We want our students to see their tuition balance covered for as long as we can secure funding to sustain it," said PTC President Dr. Hope E. Rivers. "Many students benefitting from this option have been readmitted students who came

back to college to resume their education after it was interrupted by cost or other life issues. The college has seen an incredible 80% increase in readmitted students. The No Cost Option is perhaps the strongest way Piedmont Tech degrees and certifications can be accessible to the entire community."

All South Carolina residents are eligible for the No Cost Option. To qualify, they must apply to PTC, complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), and provide

required documentation to support their application.

PTC is able to offer this option because of additional state, federal, county, PTC Foundation, and community funding. As such, the No Cost Option is available only for a limited time.

Those with a desire to start or continue their college education should act now, because this option is not guaranteed beyond the fall semester.

For more information, visit [www.ptc.edu/free](http://www.ptc.edu/free).

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## Bell Toll Ceremony May 2022 Honoring Deceased Veterans

Terry McCord	77	USAF
Danny Earl Turner	67	US Marines
Joseph Frank Wright	68	USAF

The Abbeville County Veterans Organizations jointly sponsor a Bell Toll Ceremony on the last Friday of each month. The veteran's names that have passed away in Abbeville County during the month or anyone who was missed in the previous month will have their names read. This includes men and women from Abbeville County who live in other areas. The names will also include any military service member from South Carolina who was killed while on active duty. As each name is read, the Liberty Bell replica, "Big Bob" is struck once as a token of our respect and appreciation for each Veteran who served and for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Please join for this solemn ceremony on the Abbeville square at 1 pm, May 27th. Also, all veterans are welcomed to the American Legion meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6PM.

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# Rotary Club awards four scholarships

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Rotary Club has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to four deserving young people about to go on to college.

Home-schooler Michaela Dean, Abbeville High School's Talissa Cannady, Dixie's Landon Mitchell and Calhoun Falls Charter's Laura Pickens all were all recognized as recipients of Rotary Club scholarships during the May 19 Rotary Club meeting at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville.

Landon Mitchell is bound for Rice University in Texas. He has committed to play football for Rice, and he plans to study business

as well.

Laura Pickens plans to attend the VOX School of Discipleship.

Cannady plans to study business at Limestone, and Dean plans to study business at North Greenville University.

"We got 17 applications (for scholarships)," club president Lou Paradis said.

This year the club has expanded the scope of its application process. In the past, Abbeville Rotarians presented scholarships to worthy graduates of Abbeville and Dixie high schools and Calhoun Falls Charter.

This year, the club expanded the application range

to include the Mennonite schools and the home-school community, Paradis noted at a recent club meeting.

The club, in addition to its scholarship program, has a cornhole tournament which helps fund the scholarships, and in early December Rotarians have the Reindeer Run, which proceeds going to help fund the Christmas Angel Tree bicycle fund.

Then there is the Rotary Bowl, held annually at Hite Stadium in Abbeville.

A day of recreation league football, it typically pits Abbeville teams against those of surrounding communities.



The Abbeville Rotary Club recently presented scholarships to four young people bound for college. Club president Lou Paradis (far left) recognized scholarship recipients (from left) Laura Pickens, Talissa Cannady, Michaela Dean, and Landon Mitchell. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# 'The Lord's work'

## Abbeville Christian Men lend a hand

By Henry E. Green

Faith without works is dead, the Book of James will tell you.

The Abbeville Christian Men (ACM) must have read that New Testament epistle, as they seem to be living up to it.

ACM is a community wide group of men who come together in prayer, fellowship and ministry within our area," according to ACM literature.

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church, 194, Highway 20, Abbeville.

"We encourage you to join the newly restructured group as they share devotions, embark on new projects, and help our neighbors in need.

"Everyone is welcome--

please know you need no affiliation with any denomination nor church to become a vital part of Abbeville Christian Men."

The group began at Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church, said organization member Robert Hedden.

The group then worked to get other churches involved, and as of Monday, the all volunteer organization includes 20 to 25 members, including men from Grace United Methodist, South Side Baptist, First Baptist, Upper Long Cane Presbyterian, Hodges Presbyterian, and Little Mountain Presbyterian.

"We're really just getting started," he said.

Melvin Clark of Abbeville is the president of the organization, which has already been busy.

"We've built three handicapped ramps," said Hed-

den.

The group has also installed a hot water heater, he said, noting that some referrals come through United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County, and many come through word of mouth.

The group will supply the labor, and often will ask the homeowner to purchase the materials if the homeowner is able to do so.

The Abbeville Christian Men installed a window air conditioner in the home of a UCMAC client recently--an air conditioner which UCMAC provided.

"The Abbeville Christian Men installed one of our 5000 BTU window air conditioners in a home of one of our patients," UCMAC executive director Bill Boone said.

"We're just trying to do the Lord's work," Hedden said.



Abbeville County Forest Landowners Association sponsored prizes for Abbeville County 4-H winners of the 2021 4-H Wildlife Food Plot Project. Harper Koerber, Abbeville County Cloverbud Division winner. Jenny Mountford, Abbeville County 4-H agent. Ellie Redding, Abbeville County and South Carolina State 4-H Junior Division winner. Rick Willey, SC 4-H Program, and Thomas Kirby, President of Abbeville County Forest Landowner Association. (Photo by Jaime Pohlman)

# Wildlife Food Plot Project

Submitted by Jenny Mountford

One of the many natural resources related projects that South Carolina 4-H offers annually is the Wildlife Food Plot Project. This project is a hands-on, environmental education program and a competitive, independent-study project that allows youth ages 5 through 18 an opportunity to establish, maintain, and observe a wildlife food plot. Youth learn concepts of wildlife conservation, plant identification, and habitat management and can put that knowledge into real-life practice on plots of their own.

Throughout the project, youth maintain their project record book with all the tasks they do, observations and information they learn. The food plots are judged in the winter, and the record books

are submitted for competition at the county, regional and state levels.

During the 2021 project experience, there were seven Abbeville County youth that participated. Of those participants, Harper Koerber and Ellie Redding were the county winners in their age divisions.

This was Harper's first 4-H project, and he was awarded as the winner of the Abbeville County Food Plot Project, Cloverbud Division. Ellie Redding, a seasoned 4-H member, has participated a few times in the wildlife project and was awarded as the Abbeville County and the South Carolina 4-H State Winner, Junior Division.

Recently, Harper and Ellie received their 4-H awards that the Abbeville County Forest Landowners Association generously sponsored for the Abbeville County youth winners. Presenting

the awards from the Abbeville County Forest Landowners Association was Thomas Kirby, President. Additionally, Rick Willey, of SC 4-H Program presented Ellie with a State 4-H award sponsored by the National Deer Association.

We are proud of all the youth for their contributions to learn about wildlife habitat and become better stewards of our natural resources, and their excellent 4-H project work. The 2022 project begins with registration in August and food plots being planted in the fall.

Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service offers its programs to people of all ages, regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital or family status and is an equal opportunity employer.

## Letter to the Editor

To the political-minded:

To make a Republican mad, tell him a lie.

To make a Democrat mad, tell him the truth.

—Mr. Mike Allen

## Community Calendar

### Hospital board to meet

The Abbeville Area Medical Center Board of Trustees meeting is slated for Tuesday, May 31, at noon at AAMC and virtually.

For more information, one may call 366-5011.

## Correction

In an April article on the history of the Spring Festival, it was incorrectly stated that Julye Harris was the second Spring Festival chairperson.

Harris was the third, and Joyce Cooper the second.

The Press and Banner regrets the error.

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# Library to house telemedicine center

**By Henry E. Green**

The Abbeville County Library will be home to a new telemedicine center, providing a valuable asset in the field of medicine in the Computer Age.

A collaboration between the Abbeville County Library System, WCTEL the Veterans Administration, and several veterans groups, the center will consist of dedicated space inside the Abbeville County Library where people can meet with their physicians via computer.

An individual can set a virtual appointment with a physician or physician's assistant, using the telehealth center at the library, saving time and travel expense, said Abbeville County Library System Director Mary Elizabeth Land.

While it is open to anyone, veterans "are especially welcome to make use of this resource."

"We are so pleased to be partner with WCTEL and the Veterans Administra-

tion to bring this resource to the Abbeville County community. Telehealth is the future for preliminary medical appointments, and we know that this ability will be an asset to individuals," Land went on to say.

It is all free to those who use it, she said.

At the ribbon cutting for the telemedicine center Friday morning, WCTEL CEO Jeff Wilson spoke, as did WCTEL chairman of the board Wes McAlister provided remarks as well.

"Today is not about us," Jeff Wilson told the audience. "It's about our veterans."

McAlister asked the veterans in the audience to raise their hands.

"It is to benefit you," he told them.

Veterans, in fact, were among the inspirations for the establishment of WCTEL.

During World War II, many residents living in the rural portions of this area wanted to know how their sons and daughters serving in the

military were doing.

The desire for effective and timely communication helped lead to the formation of WCTEL in 1952.

"It is a historic day for Abbeville, Greenwood and the surrounding area," he said.

More than 331,000 veterans live in South Carolina, and 40 percent of them are age 65 and over.

Stephen Taylor, communities affairs manager, praised Land, and invited her to speak.

"We are absolutely excited about this project," Land said.

Dr. Ruth Mustard, associate director for patient care services with the Columbia VA health care system, was similarly enthusiastic.

"We are most appreciative of this wonderful partnership," she said. "This is a fantastic day for the veterans."

For more information, one may call the Library at 459-4009.



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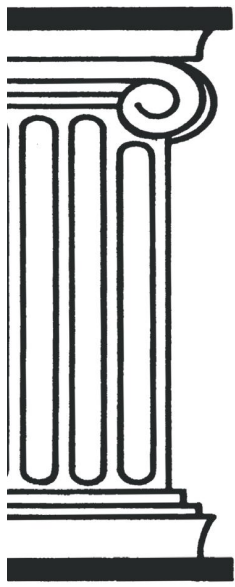


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Our hopes and prayers are that you will experience continued success as you commence the next phase of your lives. Truly this is a commencement, for most of you will now assume new and additional responsibilities—either as you continue your education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

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

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

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

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## Animal shelter

# County takes steps to curb overcrowding

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County animal shelter is taking measures to stop overcrowding at the facility, said Ann Davis, president of the Greater Abbeville Humane Society Monday.

"The shelter is so overcrowded right now," she said. "They're stopping any further intake of animals for while, but we're encouraging adoptions."

How long the intake will last she does not know, but she does know that it will take effect immediately.

Davis said that the shelter and the Greater Abbeville Humane Society will be working together to resolve the problem of overcrowding.

She and Abbeville County Director David Garner discussed the problem at a recent meeting, whose other participants included Shelter Interim Director

Stephanie Cocchia, and the shelter's volunteer coordinator Carol Gray.

The shelter, which is operated by Abbeville County, is beset by a number of problems, in addition to the overcrowding.

The facility is understaffed, she went on to say. "We do need part-time people," according to Davis.

As for the overcrowding, the facility was built for 23 dogs, and now it has 16 cats and kittens, and 33 dogs.

The animals coming into the animal shelter come by way of being picked up by the animal control officer, and sometimes members of the public pick strays up and bring them in.

"It is NOT closed for adoption," said Davis. "They ARE open for adoption."

The facility is also open in case people want to foster an animal.

The plan is to stop the

animal intake "until we get the population down to capacity," she said.

If people want to adopt rescue dogs, this is the time to do it, said Davis, adding that the same goes for cats "We've got some gorgeous kittens right now," she said.

She praised Abbeville County Director David Garner, noting that he and Abbeville County have been very responsive to the Society's efforts to make the shelter a better place.

"We're trying to work together to improve conditions at the shelter," she said.

For more information on working at the shelter, one may call 378--5026.

To adopt, one may go by the shelter, which is located at 79 Old Calhoun Falls Road in Abbeville, on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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# Prayer

**Luke 1:13 "But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John."**

Once upon a time a little boy asked his mother for a baby brother. She told him that he would have to ask his father. So, the little boy asked his father for a baby brother. The father told him that he would have to ask God. So the little boy prayed every night for several weeks and when nothing happened, he quit praying. By and by his mother got pregnant and went to the hospital to have the baby. Lo and behold, she had twins. The father did not tell his son that his mother had twins, he just took him to the hospital to find out as a surprise. When they got to the room the mother pulled back the cover on her right side and there was a spanking new baby boy. Then she pulled the cover back on her left side and there was another spanking new baby boy. Her son's eyes were a huge as saucers. He stood there speechless for a few moments then blurted out: "Dad, aren't you glad I quit praying when I did!"

In Luke 1:13 an angel announced to Zacharias that his prayer had been heard and his wife was going to have a son. At this time Zacharias and Elisabeth were way up in years past the childbearing age. I can't help but believe that they had stopped praying for a child long ago. No doubt they had given up on having a child but the angel was very specific about it—even to the point of giving the child's name—John.

When was this prayer heard? I believe it was heard when Zacharias first prayed it years ago. God heard it and answered it then—He just didn't tell Zacharias about it. No doubt both Zacharias and Elisabeth had prayed many a prayer for a child before they gave up, figuring it just was not God's will. But God had heard and God was going to answer it when the time was right.

God hears every one of our prayers. He may delay an answer but we need to realize that delay does not mean denial.

Why did God delay the answer? The time was not right. The child that they would have would be the

forerunner of the Messiah. If God had answered their prayer when they were younger their child would not have had that privilege. Verse 15: the angel told Zacharias that John would be great in the sight of the Lord. Vs. 16: the angel told Zacharias that John would turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. God's delay had a higher purpose than what they had prayed for. His answer was far better than any answer they could imagine.

What did Zacharias do? Verse 23-24 tell us that when Zacharias' days of ministry were accomplished he went home to his wife and she conceived. Zacharias believed what the angel told him and he went home and acted on that promise. After all those years of waiting he finally received the answer to his prayer.

God answered in His timing, in His own way, and for a higher purpose.

Keep that in mind when your prayers are seemingly going unanswered.

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# FBLA teams to go to Chicago conference

By Henry E. Green

Both Dixie High School and Abbeville High School will be sending teams to an FBLA conference in Chicago this summer.

Thirteen Dixie students received state awards and qualified to participate in competitions at the FBLA National Leadership Conference to be held in Chicago June 28-July 3, 2022, according to reports.

Abbeville's FBLA chapter

will also be represented in Chicago this summer for the National Leadership Conference.

"We had seven members to qualify at the State Leadership Conference," according to AHS FBLA advisor Felicia Thomas-Adams. "Each member will compete in their event at the national conference."

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# House Week in Review

**Rep. Craig A. Gagnon, District 11--SC House of Representatives**  
**May 12, 2022**

When the clock struck 5 pm this last Thursday, Sine Die went into effect, marking the "official" end of the 2021-2022 Legislative Session. Sine Die is Latin for "Without Day". It describes an adjournment when the date to reconvene is not specified. However, the Sine Die Resolution passed by the Legislature this year (which is a necessary component for Sine Die in SC) specifies that certain items may be addressed after this date. Several items were put into the resolution including a provision that allows us to return to debate legislation in reaction to a decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. If, as anticipated, the *Dobbs* case overturns *Roe v. Wade* and pushes decisions on abortion to the states, the General Assembly can return to revisit the Fetal Heartbeat Bill. Also listed is the finishing the budget and addressing gubernatorial vetoes, voting on conference reports and special resolutions.

The House spent 27-plus hours on the floor in just three days this last week. There was no shortage of work to do. Up until the last minute, many of important bills were pushed across the finish line.

## Budget & Tax Cuts

The House budget centered around 4 R's: increasing Reserves, Roads and infrastructure, Raises for teachers and first responders, and over \$1 billion in tax Relief.

## Raising Reserves

Raising our state general reserve fund was a priority for us this year, which helps prepare us in the face of financial uncertainty. I voted for a bill that will gradually raise reserves from 5% to 7%. It also increases capital reserve funds from 2% to 3%. Altogether, South Carolina will save 10% of revenue per year. This is yet another bill that will go to a conference committee for refining before being approved and sent to the Governor. If this bill passes, South Carolina will be in the top six states for budget reserves.

## Military Retirement Income Tax Eliminated

The 'Workforce Enhancement and Military Recognition Act' is legislation that I was very proud to be a part of. This bill eliminates state income taxes on retirement income for military personnel in South Carolina. I could not be more thankful for the veterans of our state

and was pleased to see this legislation ratified on Thursday and then signed by the Governor.

## Election Integrity

I recently reported how the Senate killed the House's strong and bipartisan election reform bill that passed the House unanimously back in March. Being one of the most important and crucial pieces of legislation to go through our General Assembly this year, the House put the election reform language back in 8 more bills. This aimed to give the Senate 8 more chances to pass the important reforms to our election system.

Finally, thanks to the work of House leadership and election reform champions, the Senate agreed to a bill which included much of the House's election integrity language without a "poison pill", and Governor McMaster signed the bill into law.

The bill is an overhaul of South Carolina's current election system. The protections include:

- Increases identification requirements on mail-in ballots; Modifies reasons for mail-in absentee voting
- Creates an 'Early Voting' system, which extends two weeks before an election for all qualified voters
- Outlaws County Election Commissions from receiving funds from third-party groups like the ACLU or Facebook
- Streamlines the election systems throughout the state so that a vote in York County is counted the same as a vote in Berkeley County
- Allows random Election audits to be conducted of precincts and must be made public
- Requires annual maintenance of the voter registration list using Bureau of Vital Statistics information
- Cleans up voter rolls by requiring the DMV to provide the Election Commission with a list of non-residents
- Increases voting machine security, requiring them to not have internet or wireless connection capability
- Prevents ballot harvesting by limiting the number of absentee ballots a person can return to five

These changes to our election system make it easier to vote and harder to cheat in South Carolina.

**Critical Race Theory**  
 One piece of legislation that came up again this week was a bill to keep the despicable tenets of "Critical Race Theory" indoctrination out of our classrooms and to give parents more insight into what their children are being taught. The original House bill never made it out of the Senate, so the original language was amended onto a Senate Bill and sent

back for approval.

**Saving Women's Sports**  
 On Tuesday, my colleagues and I approved the Senate's tweaks to S.685 that requires student athletes to only compete in sports based on their biological gender.

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## 2021 Water Quality Report Donalds - Due West Water Authority System #SC0120001

We are pleased to provide you with this year's Water Quality Report. We want to keep you informed about the water and services we have delivered to you over the past year. Our goal is to provide to you a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. The Donalds-Due West Water Authority purchases surface water from Belton-Honea Path Water Authority that comes from the Saluda River and the City of Abbeville that comes from Rocky River/Lake Russell.

A Source Water Assessment Plan has been prepared for our system. If you have any questions about this report, our source water assessment, or concerning your water utility, or if you do not have internet access, please contact Matt Cox at 864-379-2226. We want you, our neighbors and valued customers, to be informed about your water utility. Feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings on the last Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Donalds-Due West Water Authority office.

This report shows our water quality and what it means. Donalds-Due West Water Authority routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes and chemicals. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It is important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

The table below shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2021. In this table you will find the following terms and abbreviations:

- Action Level (AL)** - the concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.
- Parts per million (ppm)** or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Maximum Contaminant Level** - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. MCLs are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use.

### TEST RESULTS

#### Donalds-Due West Water Authority (SC0120001)

Lead and Copper — Inorganic Contaminants							
Contaminants (unit of measure)	ALG	AL	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL (Yes/No)	Sample Date	Typical Source
Copper-action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.136	0	No	2021	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead-action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	2.0	0	No	2021	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfectant and Disinfection By-Products							
Contaminants (unit of measure)	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect in Your Water	Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Typical Source
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	0.8 RAA	0.28-1.0	No	2021	Water additive used to control microbes
HAA5 [Haloacetic Acids] (HAA5) (ppb)	No goal for the total	60	33 LRAA	19.5-53.9	No	2021	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	No goal for the total	80	56 LRAA Highest LRAA at DBP20	12.5-93.7	No	2021	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Chemical Constituents — City of Abbeville (SC0110001)							
Contaminants (unit of measure)	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect in Your Water	Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Typical Source
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.45	0.45-0.45	No	2021	Runoff from fertilizer use. Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium (ppm)	NA	NA	5	5-5	No	2021	Naturally occurring.


Chemical Constituents — Belton Honea Path (SC0410011)							
Contaminants (unit of measure)	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect in Your Water	Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Typical Source
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.45	0.45-0.45	No	2021	Runoff from fertilizer use. Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	4	4	0.34	0.34-0.34	No	2021	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	NA	NA	5	5-5	No	2021	Naturally occurring.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring, or man-made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

#### If you have special health needs--

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

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



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# Obituaries

## Dudley

Barbara Pressley Dudley, 87, of Abbeville, SC, wife of Donald Dudley, died Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at Oaks of Greenwood. She was born in Abbeville County to the late Charles Leroy Pressley and Alice Link Pressley.

A graduate of Abbeville High School, Class of 1952, and the Atlanta Business School, Mrs. Dudley retired from the Gwinnett County, GA Probate Court as an administrative associate. A successful gardener, she enjoyed sharing the fruits of her labor. In addition, Mrs. Dudley expressed her talents by painting beautiful artworks. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Dudley was preceded in death by a sister, Ellen Woods.

She is survived by her hus-



**Barbara Pressley Dudley**

band of 69 years, Donald; her children, Keith Dudley (Karen) of Jefferson, GA, Deborah 'Debbie' Daly (Eric) of Abbeville, SC, Terri Fisher (Tom) of Anderson, SC and Alice Eberhardt (Steve) of Abbeville, SC; two sisters, Dorothy Dudley of Orangeburg,

SC and Elizabeth Bradberry (Ansel) of Abbeville, SC; seven grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

A service to celebrate Mrs. Dudley's life was 2:00 PM, Friday, May 20, 2022, at Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville Chapel with Rev. Jason Wilson officiating. The family received friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Dudley, be sent to Grace United Methodist Church, 145 Grace Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com).

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

# Obituaries

## West

Fred Devereaux West, III, 74, of Simpsonville, SC, passed away on Sunday, May 22, 2022, with family at his side. He joined his parents in heaven where he is in the presence of Christ the Lord.

Fred was born in Abbeville, SC in January 1948. He graduated from Abbeville High School and Lander College. He loved this country and proudly service in the US Army Reserves for six years.

He was happily married to Melinda Dodd West for 35 beautiful years. Melinda is heartbroken by this loss but rejoices that Fred is with the Lord, and she will rejoin him in time. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Shannon West, his beloved parents; his father, Fred Devereaux West, Jr. and his mother, Nell Tatom West. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his siblings Lamar T. West of Abbeville, SC, Marynell West of Ninety-Six, SC, John Riley West (Lynne) of Abbeville, SC; his brother-in-law Robert Dodd of Phoenix, AZ, his sister-in-law Jennifer Sage (Steve), of Peachtree City, GA, his father-in-law John Dodd of Peachtree City, GA, and his mother-in-law, Lucy Dodd Graves, of Peachtree City, GA. Additionally, Fred had life-long friendships with many cousins. Each of these people was incredibly dear to Fred. He was blessed by a large, fun, loving, and close family.

Fred loved and was



**Fred Devereaux West, III**

loved by so many nieces and nephews: Ed (Jess) Greene, Steven (Kristin) Greene, Zach (Sarah) West, Chris (Hanna) West, Cady Nell (David) Keener, Tatom (Catherine) West, Mattie Dodd, Gianna Dodd, Drew Sage, and Emily Sage.

Fred was a natural extrovert who enjoyed the company of many friends and colleagues. He excelled in sales and business development for decades.

He attended and worshiped our Lord at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. We greatly appreciate the support and prayers of Pastor Steve Saxe. Fred had dozens and dozens of people who prayed for him, and he and Melinda were uplifted and sustained by these prayers.

Fred was blessed with so many friends, but especially James, Dave, Dennis, Cary, and Ray.

The family is enormously thankful for so many people who helped Fred after he was diagnosed with cancer in 2019; to start, Stephan

Dyar, MD, and Jewell Wilson, RN, of St. Francis Cancer Center. Their expertise, care, and affection for Fred were awesome and unrelenting. He had almost three bonus years after his diagnosis. Every single person he encountered at St. Francis Cancer Center made the treatment process less difficult. During the final days of his time on earth, he was lovingly and beautifully cared for by Open Arms Hospice and McCall Hospice House.

During the last three months of his earthly life, he and Melinda were supported by so many friends without whom this season would have been so much more difficult. We want to acknowledge them... Rob, Carla, Mike, Dianne, Amy, Lisa, Jill, Ross, Vanessa, Freda, James, Holly, Corrine, Bill M (cousin), and Bill G (cousin).

Services for Fred will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2022, at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 1601 N Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC, 29609. Viewing is from 1:00-1:45 PM, and the service is at 2:00 PM.

If you wish to make a memorial, the family would be honored if you made it to McCall Hospice House.

Arrangements are being made by Thomas McAfee Funeral Homes—Southwest at 1601 North Pleasantburg Drive, Greenville, SC 29609.

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# Obituaries

## Loftis

Mrs. Laura Jean Shaw Loftis, 83, of Highway 72 West, Calhoun Falls, SC, wife of 65 years to the late Clifford Grady Loftis, entered into rest peacefully on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at Abbeville Nursing Home in Abbeville, SC, with her family by her side.

Jean was born in Belle Glade, FL on October 10, 1938, daughter of the late John Lester "Pete" Shaw and Nancy Vera Sanders Shaw. The family moved to Calhoun Falls when Jean was a child and she lived the remainder of her life there. She was a 1956 graduate of Calhoun Falls High School and retired as payroll clerk from WestPoint Stevens. Following retirement, Jean served faithfully beside Cliff at the Calhoun Falls Funeral Home.

A dedicated and devoted member of Northside Baptist Church, Jean was involved with many church activities as long as her health permitted. She loved all things Calhoun Falls and proudly served on the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce for many years. With Cliff in the driver seat, Jean worked tirelessly delivering Meals on Wheels and with the Calhoun Falls Food Bank. She was also a member of the Calhoun Falls School Reunion Committee and of the Calhoun Falls Golden Age Group.

Jean devoted her time to her neighbors, friends, and family. She could often be



**Laura Jean Shaw Loftis**

found visiting with shut-ins and nursing home residents, always with a meal in hand and a smile on her face. Jean received great satisfaction in helping others, whether it be taking some one to an appointment or simply being a listening ear.

She was most proud of her family. She was an honorable wife who spoiled and doted on Clifford fiercely and a sacrificial mother who was Danny's and Delaine's biggest cheerleader. She looked forward to Friday afternoon trips to Georgia that resulted in Rose and Hank coming to Calhoun Falls for the weekend.

Jean leaves behind a legacy of life and devotion to her family: children and their spouses, Danny and Deanna Loftis of Vanna, GA and Delaine and Timmy Haynie of Lake Seclusion, SC; grandchildren, Rose Loftis of Athens, GA and Hank Loftis of Vanna, GA; and

grandpup, Marley Haynie of Lake Seclusion, SC.

Mrs. Loftis lay in state on Saturday, May 21, from 1:00-3:00p.m. at Berry Funeral Home for those wishing to pay their respects and sign the guestbook.

The family was at the residence and received friends on Sunday, May 22, from 2:30-3:30p.m. at the Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church. Funeral services celebrating Jean's life followed at 4 o'clock in the church sanctuary with the Rev. Jim Howard, the Rev. Mike McMinn, and Tanner Moore officiating. Interment followed in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens with Tony Alewine, David Bell, Wayne Dodd, Tombo Fields, Tanner Moore, and Daniel Strawhorn serving as pallbearers. Tim Dixon, Tim Rhodes, and Charles Strawhorn served as honorary pallbearers. A reception followed the service at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville, SC.

Flowers were accepted and contributions may be made in her memory to Meals on Wheels.

Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at [www.berryfh.com](http://www.berryfh.com).

Berry Funeral Home & Crematory of Elberton, GA was respectfully in charge of arrangements for Mrs. Laura Jean Shaw Loftis.

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# Post 2 makes donation for Ashley Bond

**By Henry E. Green**  
American Legion Post 2 has made a donation to help a young lady from Abbeville who is scheduled to compete in the Special Olympics.

That young lady is Ashley Bond, who will be leaving June 3 for Orlando, Florida to participate in the Special Olympics national games.

Athletes from throughout the United States will be participating in the games, and Ashley will be competing in bocce ball.

Ashley is expected to be one of 5,500 athletes and coaches at the Games, along with more than 10,000

volunteers and 125,000 family, friends and spectators.

This will not be the first time Ashley has been to the Special Olympics. Her first trip was in 2014, when she went to New Jersey to compete in the national games.

It all makes Ashley very happy, as she indicated Wednesday night at the American Legion Post 2 meeting in Abbeville.

Ashley and her parents, Ed and Gloria Bond of Abbeville, were guests of honor at the meeting, where Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield presented Ashley with a purse.

He invited her to look inside, where there was a supply of cash.

"This was a total surprise for us," Gloria Bond, Ashley's mother, told the veterans. "We really, really appreciate it."

Greenfield said after the meeting that a total of \$1,310.00 had been given to Ashley for her trip.

"We started by having a donation jar at meetings last year and each meeting thereafter," Greenfield went on to say, adding that Post 2's Terry Simmons and Jeff Smith also raised money from selling barbecue plates.



Ed and Gloria Bond and their daughter Ashley were guests of honor at a recent American Legion Post 2 meeting, where Ashley was presented with a donation for her upcoming trip to Florida, where she will compete in the Special Olympics. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Ashley Bond of Abbeville is headed to the Special Olympics games in Orlando, Florida in June. She was presented recently with a donation from American Legion Post 2 to help with the trip. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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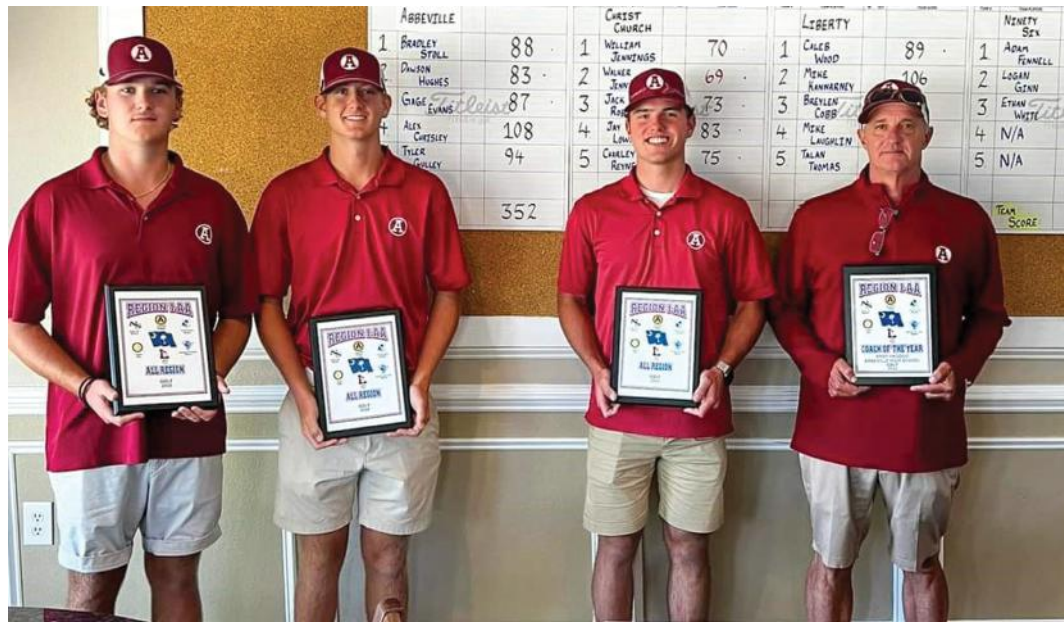
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Abbeville High School Golf Team (All Region pic - l to r) Dawson Hughes, Bradley Stoll, Gage Evans, and Coach Andy Hagood. (Photo contributed)

## AHS golf team finishes in Top 10 in state

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville High School recently completed an immensely successful season, with the Panthers going undefeated during the regular season and finishing in the top 10 in the state tournament, said AHS golf coach Andy Hagood.

During the regular season, "we went 19-0 which breaks the old record of 18-0" in 2008, he said. "It's been a long time."

In the Region tournament, AHS finished as a runner up to Christ Church, which Hagood praised as one of the best teams in the state.

Gage Evans made All Region, the first AHS golf team freshman to make All Region in 20 years, according to Hagood.

Dawson, Bradley and Gage were All-Region and Hagood was Region Coach of the Year.

The runner up finish in the

Region tournament allowed the Panthers to go to the state tournament in Cheraw, where AHS finished eighth in the state.

Though it was a Top 10 finish, Hagood had been expecting bigger things. Last year, the team finished fourth in the state.

However, this year the team had to face extreme heat on a course that was very hilly, in a tournament that featured 12 teams and 12 individuals--a total of 72 players.

Concerning the ingredients in the Panthers' success, Hagood underscored the team's cohesiveness and its work ethic.

"They've been together for awhile," he said. "They play as a team."

If someone is having a bad day, the other team members will pick up the slack.

And the Panthers' work ethic is excellent as well.

"They work hard," said Hagood, noting that they practice and practice--and practice.

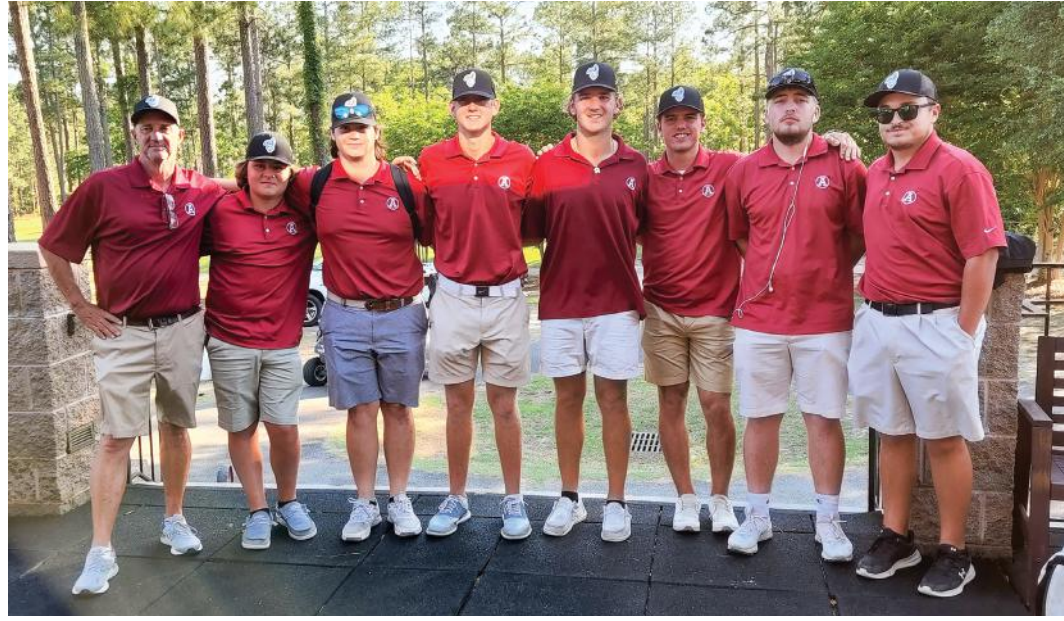
"We're losing three seniors this year," he said. Those seniors include Bradley Stoll, Dawson Hughes and Alex Chrisley.

"Next year will be a rebuilding year," he said. "I do have one seventh grader (Jacob Beasley). I've got him another five years."

Former AHS golf star D.J. Freese has been serving as an assistant coach this year.

This year's team included nine players, and Hagood took five players--Tyler Gulley, Bradley Stoll, Gage Evans, Dawson Hughes, and Alex Chrisley--along with alternate Tony Chupp to the state tournament.

Hagood is in his second year as head coach, but he modestly indicated that a coach is only as good as his players.



Abbeville High School Golf Team (l to r) Coach Hagood, Tyler Gulley, Tony Chupp, Bradley Stoll, Dawson Hughes, Gage Evans, Alex Chrisley, Assistant Coach DJ Freese. (Photo contributed)

## Lomax, Cannady AHS Athletes of Year

By Henry E. Green

Jeremiah Lomax was named the Male Athlete of the Year and Talissa Cannady the Female Athlete of the Year for Abbeville High School during the AHS athletic banquet Monday night at the Erskine College dining hall.

Approximately 500 people packed into the Erskine dining hall to hear recognition of the best efforts of Abbeville High School student-athletes for 2021-22.

Both Cannady and Lomax are multi sport athletes. Lomax delighted Panther football fans this year when he, as a member of the AHS football team, had a string of "pick sixes" on defense.

Cannady, meanwhile, excelled in such sports as softball and girls basketball, and both Lomax and Cannady won All Region honors.

The recognition of the Athletes of the Year came near the conclusion of the banquet, which also featured recognition of student-athletes within the various AHS sports.

Serving as emcees were Benji Greeson and Lee Collins, who read aloud the names of student-athletes who had distinguished themselves in the various

sports, and who were presented with awards ranging from Team Above Self to Most Valuable Player.

Those sports included volleyball, JV volleyball, girls cross country, boys cross country, competitive cheer, varsity sideline cheer, JV sideline cheer, tennis, varsity football, JV football, varsity boys basketball, JV boys basketball, varsity girls basketball, basketball cheer, wrestling, academic team, varsity softball, JV softball, varsity baseball, JV baseball, C team baseball, golf, boys track, girls track, girls soccer, and boys soccer.

Lions Club Players of the Month were also recognized.

Senior athletes and scholar-athletes were also recognized, as was Addison Nickles, who won a state championship in his wrestling classification.

Other awards went to AHS baseball coach Daniel Little, Coach of the Year; Volunteer of the Year, Anna Pursley, and Business of the Year, Hite and Stone.

Scholarships were also presented, including the Panther Pride Scholarship, given in memory of the late Mike Culbreth, to Drew

Beauford, and the All About the A Scholarship to Rusty Chappell.

Rusty Chappell also won the Glenn Ferguson Award, and Darrell Calhoun the De-Juan Sanders scholarship.

Four AHS coaches won Region Coach of the Year honors for their respective sports--Chris Guire for girls soccer; Doug Belcher for boys basketball; Jamie Nickles for football, and Andy Hagood for golf.

The AHS academic team, which finished as a runner-up in the WPEC division, was recognized as one of the top five teams in the state in 1A and 2A. The team was a newcomer to recognition in the athletic banquet.

Altogether as many as 150 awards were presented, and closing remarks were provided by AHS principal Scott White, who thanked those who made the banquet possible. Among them were AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson, the coaches and the athletes.

He reminded the athletes that small children are likely to look up to student-athletes as their heroes.

"You have no idea who's watching you," he told them.

Talissa Cannady was recognized as the AHS Female Athlete of the Year for 2021-22. She is shown here with AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



## Hornets fall to McBee, conclude season

By Henry E. Green

Dixie fell to McBee in softball playoff action 6-4 Wednesday afternoon in Due West, and with the loss the Lady Hornets were eliminated from the playoffs.

The Lady Hornets, who had won the Region championship during the regular

season, were playing McBee in an elimination round.

Dixie had lost to Lewisville on Monday of last week in the playoffs.

The Lady Hornets finished with a 25-6 record, and in addition to winning the Region, Dixie won the 1-A

District 1 title, according to published reports.

In other Hornet athletic news, Dixie held its athletic banquet last night at the Erskine College dining hall, to honor the best efforts of Dixie student-athletes for the 2021-22 school year.

## Dixie High shines in state track meet

By Henry E. Green

Dixie High School did very well indeed in the state track meet held at Lower Richland High School in Columbia on Thursday, May 19.

Clara Angel won the state title in the 800 meter event, and Neeley Bell the 3200 meter state championship, according to Dixie High School principal Paul Prescott.

Neely, said her father Paul Bell of Due West, was the state runner up in the javelin, and the 1600 meter event.

The Hornet track team is under the guidance of Dr. Joel Boyd.

"Dixie did have a great state track meet last week," Boyd said by e-mail. "We finished with two state champions: Neely Bell in the 3200 m and Clara Angel in the 800 m. Neely Bell also finished as the state runner-up in the javelin and the 1600 m. Our boys 4x800 relay finished in 3rd place and qualified as all-state based on their finish time. We had jumpers, throwers, sprinters, and distance athletes competing at the state meet for our well-rounded team. Our boys team finished in 8th place and our girls finished in 5th place overall. This

was an outstanding year for Dixie track and field with 7 school records being broken on the year, with three of those being at the state meet."

The new school records included the following:

Eric Sheppard--400 m hurdles (1:03.70\*)

Spencer Wieters--1600 m (4:42.34)

Sierra Way--pole vault (6-6)

Clara Angel--800 m (2:29.88\*)

Neely Bell--1600 m (5:39.45\*), 3200 m (12:13.01), and javelin (92-4)

Jeremiah Lomax was recognized as the AHS Male Athlete of the Year for 2021-22. He is shown here with AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



# Legals

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE  
 IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
 C/A NO.: 2022-CP-01-00075

**SUMMONS AND NOTICES**

(Non-Jury)  
 FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

U.S. Bank National Association,

Plaintiff,  
 v.

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

Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer

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

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for Plaintiff.

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

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

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

**LIS PENDENS**

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

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

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

AND

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

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

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

**NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:**

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

**ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY**

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

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

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

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

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 Phone (803) 454-3540 Fax (803) 454-3541  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 5/25, 6/1, 6/8

# Legals

**NOTICE OF SALE**

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: American Advisors Group vs. Joseph Allen Gambrell; Michael Stephen Gambrell; The United States of America acting by and through its agency The Department of Housing and Urban Development; C/A No. 2015CP0100261, the following property will be sold on June 6, 2022, at 2:00 PM at the Abbeville County Courthouse to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville, being shown and

designated as 15.22 acres, more or less, as shown on a survey entitled "James Allen Gambrell" prepared by Farmer & Simpson Engineers, and being dated July 12, 1972 of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County, SC in Plat Book 45 at Page 34; and having the metes and bounds, courses and distances as upon said plat appear. Reference being invited to heretofore referenced plat for a more particular description of the above 15.22 acres, more or less.

AND

All that certain piece, parcel

or tract of land situate, lying and being in the State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville, being shown and designated as 0.17 acre, more or less, as shown on a Plat prepared for American Advisors Group, prepared by Chao & Associates, and being dated April 28, 2020 of record in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County, SC in Plat Book 79 at Page 88; and having the metes and bounds, courses and distances as upon said plat appear. Said plat is incorporated herein by this reference for a more complete and accurate description, all measurements being a little more or less.

Derivation: Book 285 at Page 143  
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 TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails,

or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.06% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Abbeville County Clerk of Court at C/A #2015CP0100261.

**NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.**

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 Attorney for Plaintiff  
 Roy R. Hemphill  
 P.O. Box 100200 Master in Equity for  
 Columbia, SC 29202-3200  
 Abbeville County  
 (803) 744-4444  
 017108-00104  
 Website: www.rogerstownsends.com (see link to Resources/Foreclosure Sales)  
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# Classifieds & Legals

## Job Opportunity

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Applications may be picked up at Due West Town Hall, located at 103 Main St., Due West, SC. Applications are accepted at Due West Town Hall, Monday through Friday, during normal business hours of 9:00 am until 5:00 pm. (Office closed from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 pm daily)  
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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, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371PC) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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 Date of Death: 2/14/2022  
 Case Number: 2022ES0100121  
 Personal Representative: Charles Hazley Combs  
 Address: 37 Fletcher Dr. Donalds, SC 29638  
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Estate: Harry Josh Wharton  
 Date of Death: 4/18/2022  
 Case Number: 2022ES0100125  
 Personal Representative: William H. Wharton  
 Address: 313 May Mac Rd. Anderson, SC 29626  
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Estate: Bobby Earl McClain  
 Date of Death: 4/8/2022  
 Case Number: 2022ES0100126  
 Personal Representative: Myrtice B. McClain  
 Address: 39 Brock Circle Honea Path, SC 29654  
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Estate: Nancy Diane Fleming  
 Date of Death: 02/08/2022  
 Case Number: 2022ES0100127  
 Personal Representative: Charles D. Fleming  
 Address: 304 Clear Dawn Drive Easley, SC 29640  
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Estate: James Wesley Bannister  
 Date of Death: 03/19/2022  
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Estate: Richey Clyde McClain  
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 Case Number: 2022ES0100134  
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Estate: Hobart David Erickson, Sr.  
 Date of Death: 4/28/2022  
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