



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



Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees member David Brooks was recognized during the Jan. 25 school board meeting for his 10 years of service on the board. Congratulating him were Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lori Brownlee-Brewton (left) and Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Calendar debated

By Henry E. Green

A proposed School District calendar A first reading at last week's School District Board of Trustees meeting, and passed by the narrowest of margins-5-4.

Trustees were given two options for a school district calendar for school year 2022-23. One option, Option B, had a starting date of August 1 for the school year--that would be the first day of school for students.

The other option, Option A, included a date of the middle of August for the first day of school for students--a date more in line with district calendars of the past, a District source said.

Voting in favor of A were Joe Bryson, Adam Rich, David Brooks, Keith Dunn and Marvin Peoples.

Voting in opposition were James Tisdale, Brad Evans, Tim Rhodes and Glynda

Bryson.

There was some opposition to the proposed starting date of August 1. There was some feeling that some people might have summer plans that an August 1 starting date might affect.

There was also some feeling that more input on a proposed calendar needed to be secured. The calendar is typically formulated from the input of District teachers. Should input from the community--parents, for example--be secured as well, some trustees wanted to know.

Calendar B was the choice for 66 percent of District teachers, said Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary Tuesday.

“That is why the District administration made the recommendation, because they listened to their teach-

ers,” he said.

The school calendar must pass through a second reading to take effect. Either must be approved on both readings before it can take effect, he said.

The school board trustees unanimously approved the administration's recommendations regarding personnel, giving approval to one continuing contract, one induction contract, and one release from a contract.

The trustees also approved second reading on Policy GDBC, regarding overtime, Policy GCCA, regarding leave.

Also at the meeting, Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary told the trustees that the District had received a favorable report from the accrediting organization COGNIA.

\$58 million in construction options discussed by trustees

By Henry E. Green

Is Abbeville County School District on the road to a referendum?

The trustees heard, during their January 25 meeting, a report from Ginny Kirk of Thompson Turner, a construction firm, and Scott May of LS3P, an architectural firm, on proposed renovations to various District schools.

May, representing the architectural firm of LS3P, provided a set of recommendations to address capital improvement needs identified at the high schools.

May said his firm recommended building a new academic wing at Dixie to accommodate as many as 300 students and to take in as many as 22 classrooms. Other recommendations for Dixie would include expanding the cafeteria.

Another recommendation calls for an aging portion of the school to be demolished.

At Abbeville, the plan is to build a two story academic wing, which would have stairs and an elevator.

Both schools, in the proposals submitted by LS3P, would get running tracks.

Finally, a new firefighting lab would be built at the Career Center, as well as an administration building.

May explained that currently administrative offices are “buried” in the middle of the main building.

The new administration would also include space for Project Lead the Way, a pre-engineering program.

There was also a recommendation to build tracks at both high schools, and to build a new gym at each

school.

Ginny Kirk of Thompson Turner, meanwhile, talked about funding options in terms of a referendum.

The trustees discussed what should be on the referendum. Should the referendum be restricted to purely academic needs, or should they include the tracks and gyms.

The proposed scope of work at Dixie High School includes the following:

--Add new middle school wing for 300

--Replace existing kitchen/dining room

--Add new high school regulation gym and seating

--Renovate existing locker rooms

--The existing systems energy performance contract is not affected.

The anticipated scope of work at Abbeville High School includes the following:

--Demolish classroom wings

--Demolish kitchen and dining room

--Construct new two story classroom wing

--Construct new kitchen and dining room

--Construct new high school regulation gym

--Renovate existing locker rooms

--Construct new weight room

At the Career Center, the anticipated scope of work, includes the following:

Add new fire-fighting lab building.

Add new administration offices.

--Add new Project Lead the Way lab

--Modify pavement and

site work

--Repair roof canopies
--Repair leaking veneer walls

The total budget for all the projects comes to \$58,900,000, according to figures from Thompson Turner and LS3P.

That includes academic wings at AHS and Dixie, new cafeterias and kitchens at the high schools, work at the Career Center, tracks at Dixie and AHS, and locker rooms and gymnasiums at Dixie and AHS.

The price tag for academic wing additions at AHS and Dixie would be \$33, 200,000; cafeterias and kitchens at the two schools, \$9, 200,000; work at the Career Center, \$4,600,000; tracks at Dixie and AHS, \$1,600,000, and locker rooms and gymnasiums at the two schools, \$10, 300,000.

However, Kirk stressed, “These are NOT final numbers.”

What would be on the referendum, should it come to pass, is still to be determined. May provided the board with various options as what would be included in the work, and the trustees discussed what should be on a referendum ballot. Should academic features be given priority, for example?

The board directed Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary to contact Francenia Heizer, a Columbia attorney, to help formulate a possible referendum question. The board, meanwhile, is planning to have a special called meeting to discuss the matter further.

Career Center gets Resource Officer

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Career Center now has a School Resource Officer, thanks to a grant from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, said Dr. Skip Hopkins, the District's director of student services.

The School District and the Sheriff's Office applied together for the grant, which takes in \$295,000.

“You have to apply annually,” he said. “It is a year to year grant.”

This grant pays the salary for the Career Center SRO, and benefits, and pays also for upgrades to the vehicles of a number of SROs.

The Abbeville County School District's School Resource Officers were

recognized at the Jan. 25 meeting of the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees.

The SROs include Charles Parker of the Abbeville County Career Center, Seth Scott of Abbeville High School, Abby Green of Cherokee Trail Elementary, Mike Bannister of Diamond Hill Elementary, Tommy Clamp of Dixie High, Aaron Aldridge of John C. Calhoun Elementary, Will Poteat of Long Cane Primary, Levi Bell of Westwood, and Jonathan Pratt of Wright Middle School.

The SROs posed for a group picture, as part of the Gold Star Highlights segment of the meeting, in which students and teach-

ers and board members are recognized for various accomplishments.

In other news, the trustees heard an audit report on the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Auditor Josh Garvin of the firm of Manley Garvin said that the District had been given an unmodified or “clean” opinion on its financial statements, the highest opinion that can be given.

The District had a healthy fund balance, he indicated, noting that the District had slightly more than four months of operating expenditures.

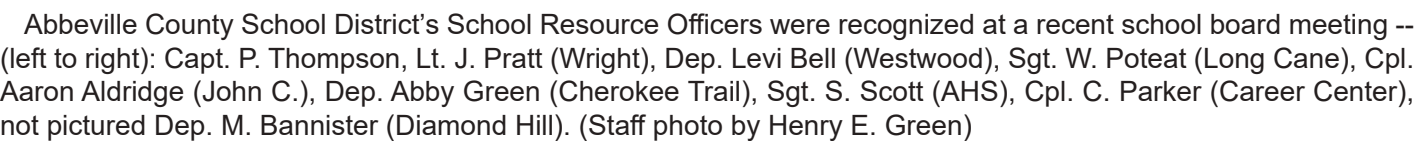
“You’ve done an excellent job of managing your expenditures and your revenues,” he told the trustees.



State Senator Mike Gambrell (right) recently recognized Donalds firefighter Hobart “Hobie” Erickson, who recently turned 95. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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In other festival news, the Swingin' Medallions, long-time Festival mainstays, will be performing at the Hogs and Hens festival in October.



Rotary

Howie brings history of college to life

By Henry E. Green
Tom Howie of Abbeville grew up in what used to be the home of the president of Harbison College. The college, which used to be located on the outskirts of Abbeville, is long gone, but Howie, who lives in Abbeville, brought it back to life during a presentation at a recent Abbeville Rotary Club meeting. Harbison, he said, started out as Ferguson-Williams Academy, located on Ellis Avenue in Abbeville and established in 1885 as institution of higher learning for African Americans. Ferguson Williams was housed in a building which later became a hospital and now is an apartment complex. The Academy moved out to a new location on the outskirts of Abbeville in 1898, and soon acquired the name Harbison College, after a philanthropist named Samuel P. Harbison, a philanthropist from the Philadelphia area. Thomas Amos was appointed president, and he went on to raise considerable amounts of money

for the college, whose new location was on Greenville Street. Harbison College had six buildings, including Pinehurst Cottage, which today is the only building left standing from the college, whose land began at what is now College Avenue. At its peak, Harbison had 200 boarding students, 150 day students, and seven faculty members. "They raised all their own food," said Howie. The college included four brick buildings--Ferguson Hall, a girls dorm; Phipps Hall, a boys dorm; Harbison Hall, the main building, including classrooms, a dining hall and a library, and the president's home. The college thrived for a number of years, but there was racial tension beginning about 1906. Dr. Amos resigned and was replaced by C. M. Young, Howie continued. Harbison was beset by two fires--one in 1907, which was determined to be accidental, and the second in 1910. The second conflagration resulted in three fatalities


and a number of injuries, and arson was definitely suspected. Abbeville citizens staged a rally of support for the school and put up a cash reward for those responsible. The Harbison board of directors closed the Abbeville campus and moved the school to Irmo in 1910, on the outskirts of Columbia. The school became Harbison Agricultural and Industrial Institute in 1929, and Harbison Junior College in 1946. The institution was beset by fires in 1941 and 1953, and in 1958, amid declining enrollment and a lack of accreditation, the college closed in 1958, Howie continued. Much has been written lately in The Press and Banner about Harbison Cemetery, which is located on Highway 20 near the site of Harbison College, and for which a historical marker is to be unveiled on Feb. 18. Although the cemetery and the college share a name, "the cemetery was not on the college land," he said. "It was not physically connected to the college."




Tom Howie of Abbeville spoke to fellow Abbeville Rotarians recently about Harbison College. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

District to embark on bleacher project

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County School District will embark on a plan to upgrade bleachers at the Abbeville High School and Dixie High School stadiums, and thus resolve what has become a safety issue. Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary told the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees that the visitor's bleachers at Dixie are not compliant with safety standards and have to be removed. They will be replaced with the current home bleachers, Dr. Gary said Thursday. New bleachers will be constructed on the home side. AHS home stands will be upgraded, with new seats for the home side, and the middle two sections will have seats with back rests. The visitors bleachers will be replaced, with ADA compliant bleachers that are high enough for spectators to see the field. The AHS work is expected to cost \$216,000, and at Dixie the work will cost \$366,000, the Superintendent continued. The projects should be completed by the end of the school year, and work will be shared by District personnel and Southern Bleacher Company, which has a home office in Texas, and a regional office in South Carolina. The money for the projects will come from the District's capital improvement funds, the Superintendent continued. "It will not affect any sporting event," he said, regarding the planned work at Dixie and AHS.



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CF drug bust could be town’s biggest

There was a drug bust in Calhoun Falls recently—one that authorities say could be the biggest in the town’s history-- according to a news release from the Calhoun Falls Police Department.

Two individuals, a driver and passenger in an automobile bearing a Georgia license plate, were placed under arrest and faced charges of possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and trafficking methamphetamines, according to the news release

On Jan. 22, 2022, at approximately 11:08 P.M. in the town limits of Calhoun Falls, Calhoun Falls Police Officer Brady Cox was on routine patrol on Hwy 72, and noticed a white Toyota Corolla traveling west on Hwy 72 coming from Georgia, according to the Calhoun Falls Police.

Cox noticed that the white Toyota Corolla had a defective tag light, and the officer then conducted a legal traffic stop on the Toyota.

The final stop was at Medic 3 on Hwy 72 westbound. The officer was assisted by a police Investigator Jordan Smith. Both officers then made contact with the driver, who was identified by her Georgia license as Angelica Roman.

The investigator asked if she had anything inside the car that is illegal and the driver stated that, to her knowledge, there was not. Investigator Jordan, Smith and Officer Brady Cox advised they smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from the white Toyota Corolla.

Smith asked the passenger and driver to exit the vehicle because he had probable cause to search due to smelling the strong odor of marijuana.

Smith conducted a search of the vehicle. The law enforcement officer located 1,328 grams of methamphetamines which is well over a kilo with a street value of over \$48,000, the press

release continued.

Smith, once locating the methamphetamines, advised an officer to detain both the driver and passenger. The investigator then continued his search and located more drugs in the form of marijuana weighing 1,004 grams which is over a kilo of marijuana with a street value of \$20,000.

These individuals were advised of their rights and advised they were under arrest and transported to the Abbeville County Detention Center to be booked.

According to the jail log from the detention center, Roman is 26 years old, and the passenger is a juvenile.

“This is the biggest bust in Calhoun Falls history,” said Interim Calhoun Falls Police Chief Treaco Hoover. “There is a message for the drug dealers and traffickers. If you think about bringing this poison through our town, don’t, because we will be out and we will catch you.”



Hobart Erickson, 95 years young, was recognized at the Donalds fire department with a birthday party recently. Here he is with Donalds fire chief Ronnie Vaughn (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Excellent genes Donalds fire fighter Hobart Erickson still going strong at age of 95

By Henry E. Green

What can you say about a man who, at the age of 95, is still active in the ranks of local firefighters?

Well, first, you can say his name is Hobart “Hobie” Erickson of Donalds, who was honored Saturday evening at the Donalds Fire Department for his devotion to fighting fires--and his upcoming 95th birthday.

Indeed, Erickson, with 65 years of service, is the oldest serving member of the South Carolina Fire Fighter Association, according to Josh Holzheimer, first vice president of the Association.

The approximately 50 people in attendance enjoyed a hamburger dinner, and Erickson was presented with a huge birthday cake during the program, for which Donalds fire chief Ronnie Vaughn served as master of ceremonies.

Dignitaries were on hand to present Erickson with various plaques and certificates.

State Sen. Mike Gambrell, who represents State Senate District Four in the South Carolina State Senate, presented him with a certificate on behalf of the Senate.

“We thank you for all you do for us,” said Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams to Erickson.

Former Donalds fire chief Dwayne Hershberger recalled Erickson’s advice. “Firefighting is common sense,” he recalled Erickson telling him. “If it doesn’t make sense, don’t do it.”

“This is a great accomplishment,” said Andy McAbee from Safe Industries of Easley, which works with the fire department on various equipment needs.

They all sang “Happy Birthday” to the main who has been a mainstay of the department, which Vaughn said has approximately 20 members.

Erickson, who turned 95 on Monday, took it all in stride. Originally from Denville, N.J., Erickson started his

career in fire fighting in the Garden State, before moving down south because of the “cost of living.”

He has lived in Donalds 36 years, and has been in the Donalds fire department 35 and one half of those years.

He still drives a truck for the fire department, where he says he has found a cherished sense of brotherhood.

“This is one big happy family,” he said.

He and his wife Lois, who hails from Denville as well, have been married 48 years, and it was to Lois that he paid tribute for his success and his longevity in the realm of helping keep his community safe.

“I’ve got a good wife that stands behind me,” he said.

In fire fighting he has found his calling. “I enjoy every bit of it,” he said.

Vaughn said Monday that Hobie still is a fire truck driver for the department. “Any call that we have he responds to,” he said.



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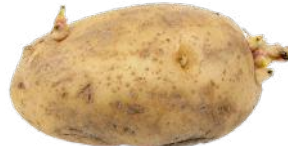
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A Potato



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Performing arts board making plans

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville Community Performing Arts (ACPA) is planning a number of theatrical productions for the Opera House for 2022, helping bring Abbeville's community theater to life. ACPA chairperson Jodi Miller, a Lake Secession resident who is originally from Michigan and who has a wealth of theatrical experience, recently provided a description of some of the things coming up for the first part of the year. The ACPA has not yet finalized its 2022-23 season, so that theatrical events beyond the summer are to be announced. On March 1 and March 2, there will be auditions for the spring show, "Catfish Moon" directed by Bess Parker. "The show is takes place on a creaky old dock," said Miller. "There are three life-long friends, Curly, Gordon,

and Frog who come together on Cypress Lake, located somewhere in the south." A story about life, love, loss, and friendship, the play will be shown on April 8, 9, 10, 15, and 16. Then, on March 17, there will be a fundraiser/raffle and Opera House open house. "The Board of ACPA will be holding a raffle fundraiser and open house for the community to see the Opera House renovations, meet the board, learn about the ACPA, and support the ACPA by participating in the fundraiser," Miller said. "Refreshments will be served throughout the evening." On June 14 and 15, there will be auditions for the summer show, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," directed by Brad Christie. "The play is based on Rob-

ert Fulghum's best-selling books," said Miller. "It is a funny, insightful, heartwarming look at what is profound in everyday life. The play is characters telling their own delightful stories which celebrate our very existence, from the whimsy of childhood to the wisdom of old age." The show dates are July 22, 23, 29, 30, and 31. According to the City of Abbeville's Website, the ACPA is "tasked with facilitating theatrical performances at the Opera House as well as other community oriented events in tandem with the professional acts brought in by the City's community development department. "In a broader context, the ACPA will act as another engine to the economic and cultural development of the City of Abbeville," the City continued.



A memorial to a Vietnam War hero who had gone missing in action in that conflict had been situated on the grounds of the Abbeville County Museum, until a group of local Legion members and friends moved it to his hometown of Donalds. They included (from left) Jeff Smith, Lewis Jackson, Terry Simmons, Jimmy Ashley, Jenny Kelly, and Terry Greenfield. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Are COVID numbers for District improving?

By Henry E. Green
The COVID numbers for the Abbeville County School District seem to be getting better, according to Jan. 26 numbers provided by Dr. Skip Hopkins, the District's director of student services. Number of students currently testing positive--Long Cane Primary, two; John C. Calhoun Elementary, 0; Westwood Elementary, one; Cherokee Trail Elementary, three; Diamond Hill Elementary, one; Wright Middle, one; Abbeville High, eight,

and Dixie High School, three. Number of staff members currently testing positive--Long Cane Primary, one; John C. Calhoun Elementary, zero; Westwood Elementary, one; Cherokee Trail Elementary, one; Diamond Hill Elementary, one; Wright Middle School, one; Abbeville High School, one, and Dixie High School, zero. According to Hopkins, so far this school year, the number of students testing positive at District schools has

varied from 136 at Abbeville High School to 27 at John C. Calhoun Elementary. The number of staff members has varied from 30 at Abbeville High School to 22 at Long Cane Primary. The numbers, Hopkins told the board, represent an improvement over recent weeks. The District recently had two "virtual days" in which students stayed home and received instruction via computer, in response to COVID.

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Stella is definitely a people kind of dog. Her main focus in her life is to always be where people are. If she isn't near people, she isn't her fun, sweet and loving self. Instead, you will find her patiently waiting for the next person to come into her view. I have yet to meet a dog more chill than Stella. Stella came in with her brother, Scooby who is also featured this month. She isn't quite as big as her brother, but she isn't small either. Although she could afford to gain a few more pounds. Stella is an altered 18-month-old Hound/ Shepard mix female. Come out to the Abbeville County Animal Shelter to meet Stella in person and get ready for all the sweet loving you could ask for!

**Pet of the Month**



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Munchkin is an altered 6-month-old grey/ white tabby domestic short-haired kitty cat. Munchkin came to us with her brother, Smokie. Smokie is an altered 6-month-old black/white tuxedo domestic short-haired kitty cat. They may look nothing a like, but they have a strong bond as together is all they have ever known. They were found roaming the streets and taken in by a family who fostered them together as baby kittens. Due to some medical issues, the foster family had to return these sweet babies. While in the foster home, Munchkin and Smokie had 6 other feline foster brothers and sisters. They loved their big family. We here at the shelter are hoping these two can leave together, but at the end of the day, a loving home is more important to us. Come out to the Abbeville County Animal Shelter and visit this loving brother and sister combo. You can never have too many kitties!

Abbeville County Job Fair Provides Local Career Opportunities for Job Seekers

by Jennifer Waters

Abbeville County residents can learn about opportunities to work in their home county at a drop-in job fair Thursday from 10 to noon.

Held at the County administrative offices 903 W. Greenwood Street (the former Abbeville Hospital location), the event will highlight full- time jobs with benefits.

The county website has job listings for law enforcement/ corrections, emergency services, and public works. Applications will be accepted at the event and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

County Director David Garner says the county needs good workers to fill positions left by retirees.

He thinks that working for the county may be a good fit for those who are commuting out or those who are tired of a routine job. According to census statistics, about half of Abbeville residents leave the county bumping the average commute time to nearly 30 minutes.

His workers echo his thoughts. Assessment Specialist Taylor Morris states that she enjoys working local rather than commuting

because, “My home is within 15 minutes of my job as well as my family and friends. I feel like I have more time outside of work to enjoy doing things that I love and spending time with the ones I love most.” Taylor claims that switching to a county job was the right decision for her at the Abbeville Assessor Office.

Others find county jobs rewarding. There is no such thing as a routine day for 911 dispatchers and the stakes are high.

“A skilled operator can be the difference between life and death,” said Kayla Rhodes, 911 Dispatcher. She added, “Although I love helping people in general, I especially enjoy working locally because I know it’s my neighbors, my friends, my family, and my community that I’m serving,” Kayla said.

The employment opportunities can be financially rewarding too, especially when considering benefits. Public Works director Robbie Hanna advises job seekers to look at the whole package. “The County offers insurance, retirement and paid time off.” New hires with businesses might have to go through a staffing agency or wait until they complete probation to get insurance. She thinks the ability to learn new things every day and help people makes work enjoyable.

Detention Officer Jonathan Thompson says “Working locally helps businesses in the area.”

Garner encourages potential workers to come to the event and ask questions. Picking a career can change the rest of your life. A new hire might take an entry level job and through training or apprenticeship programs obtain a higher-level position or advancement in their department.

There is no registration for the job fair. Applications will be available and job seekers can also bring a resume. The job fair will be in the conference room adjacent to the SC Works office. SC Works has a database of local jobs and can help job seekers obtain marketable skills. SC Works is open each Tuesday from 9 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm.

County job are listed at <https://abbevillecountysc.com/human-resources/>.

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Obituaries

Wilson



James Bruce Wilson, age 86, of Abbeville, SC, passed away Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at Rainey Hospice House.

He was born June 1, 1935 in Greenville, SC, and was the son of the late James Dennis Wilson and Naomi Neal Wilson.

Growing up, Bruce and his family were members of Overbrook Baptist Church and later, he was a member of El Bethel Baptist Church in Greer where he served as a deacon and enjoyed singing in the church choir. Bruce was a great baseball pitcher and enjoyed playing on the church team. He was also quite the slingshot marksman when he was a kid.

Bruce was a veteran of the United States Navy earning the rank of 3rd Class Petty Officer and serving aboard the USS Coral Sea from 1954-1956. His tour of duty included the Mediterranean Sea and while in port, he enjoyed sight-seeing. During the Korean Conflict, he served over the ship's



James Bruce Wilson

Gunfire-Control Radar System. He served in the Navy Reserves from 1952-1960. After his discharge from the Navy, he enjoyed traveling all over the world. He was a Quality Control Supervisor with Homelite and John Deere and retired after 32 years. Bruce enjoyed bowling with his work league, deer hunting, and taking his 2 beagles rabbit hunting. In his later years he was an avid fisherman on Lake Secession going out most mornings with his lake buddy, Larry Walker.

He is survived by his

beloved wife, Gloria Jean Arnold Wilson; son, James Allen Wilson (Jan) of Belton; daughter, Karen Raines (Danny) of Travelers Rest; grandson, Jamie McMillan (Rachel); and great grandson, Dominic McMillan.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Dennis Neal Wilson.

The family received friends Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 2:00-3:30 pm at The McDougald Funeral Home. The funeral service began at 4:00 pm in the Chapel. A committal service with military honors will be held at a later date at M.J. Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Campbell Patriots Post 184, P.O. Box 364, Anderson, SC 29622.

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great-grandchildren.

The family received friends 1:30PM – 2:30PM, Monday, January 31, 2022, in Sharon United Methodist Church. Funeral services began at 3:00PM in the church sanctuary. Burial followed in the church cemetery with military honors.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mr. Cann, may be sent to Sharon United Methodist Church Building Fund, 246 Sharon Church Road, Abbeville, SC 29620

The family is at the home of his daughter, Patricia Randall, Abbeville, SC.

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

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

Cann



Allen Cann, 87, of Abbeville, husband of Joyce Harrison Cann, died Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the Abbeville Nursing Home. He was born in Calhoun Falls to the late J.O. and Sara Hall Cann.

Mr. Cann was a graduate of Greenwood Business College. He honorably served his country with the United States Army. Employed with the former Bigelow Sanford Mill in Calhoun Falls, Mr. Cann retired from the Rocky River Plant after many years of service. He was a member of Sharon United Methodist Church and the Men's Club of the church.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Cann was preceded in death by two brothers, Alton Cann and David Cann; two sisters, Alice Price and Juanita Fisher; and a grandson, Justin Randall.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Joyce; his



Allen Cann

children, Richard Cann, Terri C. Sheppard (Jim) and Patricia C. Randall (Franklin Lewis) all of Abbeville; two sisters, Mary Frances Clark of Florida and Lillian Hayes of Abbeville; eight grandchildren, Obie Cann (Jessica), Savannah Cann, Timothy Cann (Megan), Ronnie Cann (Lisa), Noah Cann, Troy Sheppard, Brett Sheppard (Kaitlyn) and Brad Randall (Tonya); and sixteen

Young



Dr. E. Reynolds Young, Jr., 95, of Flat Rock, NC, formerly of Due West, SC, husband of Cecil McEachern Young, died Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at his residence. He was born in Due West, SC to the late Edwin R. Young, Sr. and Ivy Boyd Young.

Like Abraham, he "breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people" (Genesis 25:8). Like Abraham, he followed God all his long life, and like Abraham, he "directed his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord." He was such a blessing to all those God brought into his path around the world, always praying and pointing others to the Lord Jesus Christ by both his words and actions.

Dr. Young attended Clemson College prior to serving his country during WWII in the United States Army Air Corps. A 1949 graduate of Erskine College, he received his Doctorate of Medicine degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1954. Dr. Young served as an ARP missionary to Pakistan from 1959 - 1972. He and his wife relocated to Due West, SC in 1972 to care for his mother and opened



Dr. E. Reynolds Young, Jr.

his urological practice in Abbeville, serving the people of Abbeville County until 1985. Dr. Young returned to the mission field in East Africa from 1985 - 1989. Later that year, he was elected Moderator of the ARP Synod. He worked from 1992 – 1997 as medical officer at SC Department of Corrections. Dr. Young was an elder in the ARP church, a Gideon, Rotarian, member of the American Urology Association, SC Urology Association and Pinecrest A.R.P. Church. He was active in the Alliance of Loyal Laity in the ARP church and on the board of Directors of both World Witness and the Rafiki Foundation.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Eloise Young Aultman and Eula Young

Oates.

Dr. Young is survived by his wife of 68 years, Cecil, of Flat Rock, NC; children, Dr. Edwin R. Young, III (Steve) of New York City, Mayhoward Young Johnston (Terry) of Roanoke, VA, Jennifer Young Jurkowski (Rev. Bryan) of Greenville, SC, Mason Pressley Young (Jane) of Marietta, GA, Cecile Young Whitten (Nat) of Brandon, MS and Dr. Matthew Donald Young (Cindy), of Montreat, NC; seventeen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren with one on the way.

A service to celebrate Dr. Young's life will be at 2:00PM, Saturday, February 5, 2022, in Due West A.R.P. Church, 112 N. Main Street, Due West, SC 29639 with Rev. Bryan Jurkowski and Rev. Rhett Carson.

In lieu of flowers, contributions, in memory of Dr. Young, may be sent to World Witness, 918 S. Pleasantburg Dr #218, Greenville, SC 29607 or the Rafiki Foundation, PO Box 1988, Eustis, FL 32727.

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

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

Obituaries

Bowie

Charles W. 'Billy' Bowie, Jr., 68, of Abbeville, husband of Debra Bowie, died Thursday, January 27, 2022, at Continue Care Hospital, Palmetto Health Baptist in Columbia. He was born in Abbeville to the late Charles W. Bowie, Sr. and Margaret Latham Bowie.

A 1971 graduate of Abbeville High School, Billy was employed with Flexible Technologies as a quality technician, retiring after 29 years of service. His favorite place to relax was the mountains, especially in Maggie Valley, NC. An enthusiastic reader, Billy spent many happy hours with his books. A dedicated member of the Congregational Holiness Church, he taught the Auditorium Sunday School



Billy Bowie

class.

Billy is survived by his wife of 46 years, Debra, of the home; a daughter, Niki Bowie; and a brother, Mike (Cindy) Bowie all of Abbeville.

A service to celebrate Billy's life was 4:00PM,

Sunday, January 30, 2022, in Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville Chapel with Rev. Ray Massey officiating. Masks were requested. The family received friends following the service outside the funeral home chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions, in memory of Billy, be sent to the Congregational Holiness Church, PO Box 946, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

Price

Tolly Harrison Price Jr., 93, of Abbeville, husband of the late Julia Ferguson Price, died, Thursday, January 20, 2022, at the Iva Nursing Home. He was born in Abbeville, SC to the late Tolly Harrison Price, Sr. and Iva Simpson Price.

A 1945 graduate of Abbeville High School, he was employed with Milliken & Co. – Abbeville Plant, retiring after 45 years of dedicated service. Mr. Price enjoyed farming and gardening.

He is survived by his children, Tolly H. 'Pete' Price, III (Cindy) of Abbeville, Wanda Stein (Jim) of Mount Pleasant, SC, Pat Boyd (Jimmy) of Abbeville, SC and Kathi Price of Columbia, SC; six grandchildren, John Boyd (Stephanie), Renee Lumpkin (Stacy), Julie Mooney,



Tolly Harrison Price, Jr.

Diana Green (Johnny), Suzanne Price and Tolly H. Price, IV (Lindsey); eight great-grandchildren, Drake Boyd, Sara Lumpkin, Dustin Lumpkin, Amanda Boyd, Anna Mooney, Ryan Green, Price Mooney, Aubrey Green; and a great-great granddaughter, Riley.

Graveside services were 2:00PM, Monday, January 24, 2022, in Long Cane Cemetery. The family received friends following the graveside.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mr. Price, may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, Attn: SC Gift Processing, 4600 Park Rd, Ste 250, Charlotte, NC 28209 or the Greater Abbeville Humane Society, Attn: Barbara Freese, 200 Greenville Street, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

Jones

Nancy Lee Jones, 96, of Calhoun Falls, SC, wife of the late Willie Jones, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. She was born in McCormick County, SC to the late Robert Clayton and Gennie V. Norris Clayton.

Mrs. Jones was a graduate of McCormick County Schools and attended a trade school. She was a member of Glovers AME Church in Calhoun Falls, where she led the choir. Mrs. Jones loved the Lord and her mission in life was to lead others to Jesus Christ.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Willie Thomas Jones and Rufus Lee Jones; daughter, Regina J. Sanders; brother, Robert 'Bob' Clayton, Jr.; sister, Ella V.



Nancy Lee Jones

Clayton; two grandchildren, Nathaniel Jones and Steven Jones; and son-in-law, George Lewis.

Mrs. Jones leaves to cherish her memory three daughters, Brenda Lewis (Teddy), Claudine J. Murray (Perry) and Ophelia Lewis all of Calhoun Falls, SC; a daughter-in-law, JoAnn Jones of Promised Land, SC; a grandson who was


reared in the home, Michael Lewis; ten grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

The family received friends 12:30PM - 1:30PM, Saturday, January 29, 2022 in Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville Chapel, 302 N. Main Street, Abbeville, SC 29620. Funeral services began at 2:00PM in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Johnny Waller officiating. Burial followed in Glovers AME Church cemetery.

The family is at her daughter's homes in Calhoun Falls, SC.

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Scott, Colleagues Introduce Bill to Preserve FDIC Independence

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-S.C.), Pat Toomey (R-Penn.), and Ted Cruz (R-Texas) will introduce legislation to reform the governance of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The bill is designed to better insulate the agency from political interference and preserve its independence.

The FDIC Board Governance Reform Act removes the director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and Comptroller of the Currency as permanent members of the FDIC board of directors and replaces those seats with two presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed board members. The bill also establishes lifetime service limits for FDIC board members and places clear boundaries on how long a board member may continue to serve after their Senate-confirmed term has expired.

“Any threat to the independence of the FDIC is a direct threat to the agency’s ability to carry out its nonpartisan mission of maintaining stability and public confidence in our nation’s financial system,” said Senator Scott. “This bill will prevent a repeat of recent attempts to politicize the independent and historically apolitical practice of federal bank regulation. By protecting the independent status of the FDIC, we will preserve the

unbiased oversight of the banking industry.”

“The recent hostile takeover at the FDIC has done lasting damage to the long-standing principle that financial regulators should operate free from partisan politics,” said Ranking Member Toomey. “By removing the Comptroller of the Currency and CFPB Director from the FDIC board and imposing term limits on all board members, our legislation will restore the independence and integrity of the FDIC.”

“The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is an independent agency created to maintain stability and confidence in the American financial system,” said Senator Cruz. “The recent hostile takeover attempt of the FDIC by members of the Board of Directors, CFPB Director Rohit Chopra, Acting Comptroller Michael Hsu and Director Martin Gruenberg, whose term has been expired three years, perfectly demonstrates the immediate need for Congress to reform the FDIC board in order to depoliticize and restore public confidence in the agency. I am proud to partner with Senator Scott in introduction of the FDIC Board Governance Reform Act to ensure the FDIC can fulfill its Congressional mandate without political takeovers that threaten the independence the agency was

built upon.”

Co-sponsors of the FDIC Board Governance Reform Act include Senators Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.).

- Background
- The FDIC Board Governance Reform Act amends the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to remove the comptroller of the currency and CFPB director as ex officio members of the FDIC board of directors.
 - Under the new legislation, the president would appoint all five board members, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The comptroller of the currency and CFPB director are explicitly ineligible to be appointed by the president as board members.
 - The bill also limits board members from serving more than 12 years total, not including in holdover status following the expiration of the appointed term.

- Further, it limits the period a board member may serve in holdover status to the earlier of:
 - the appointment of a successor on the board; or
 - the end of the next session of Congress following the expiration of the board member’s appointed term.

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January 27, 2022

On Monday, January 24th, I attended the Anderson County Annual Fire Chief’s Banquet. During the Awards Presentation, Collin Sutherland of the Iva Fire Department was named “Fireman of the Year”, the Piercetown Fire Department received the “Courage and Lifesaving” Award, and Terry King received the “Training Award”. A “Lifetime Achievement Award” was presented to Glenn Holiday in recognition of his 27 years of volunteer service to the Anderson County Fire Protection Commission, 18 of those as Chairman.

On Tuesday, the Senate finished deliberations on the reform of the Certificate of Need program. The bill received third reading and was sent to

the House, retaining the amendment to require the Certificate of Need program for nursing homes/facilities.

The leadership at Tri-County Technical College sponsored a Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday morning for the Anderson, Oconee and Pickens County Legislative Delegations. I then chaired a subcommittee meeting of the Banking and Insurance Committee.

On the floor of the Senate, we began the debate on the Compassionate Care Act, S.150. This legislation provides for the sale of medical cannabis products and the conditions under which they can be sold. The explanation of the bill and the questions continued into Thursday, and will be taken up again on Tuesday, February 1st.

Thursday night, I attended the State of the Town Meeting for Honea Path,

presented by Mayor Christopher Burton and the Honea Path Council. Friday morning I attended a broadband announcement in Anderson County, and later the “State of the Economy” with Dr. Scott Baier of Clemson University. I was honored on Saturday to attend the 95th birthday celebration for Hobart Erickson. Fireman Erickson has worked with the Donalds Fire Department for over 65 years, and we greatly appreciate his service.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I can be reached at my district address, Post Office Box 194, Honea Path, S. C. 29654, 864-844-3614; or at my legislative office in Columbia, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, S.C. 29202, 803-212-6032, or through my email address: Mike-Gambrell@scsenate.gov.



Former US Congressman
Exposed Deep State Agenda

By Geoff Hult

Men and women working in and for the US government in any capacity are rewarded for their allegiance to deep state policy and philosophy. Those in opposition will find shut doors in their career paths, their characters smeared in the media, and sometimes experience “accidental” and premature deaths. One such rare politician with the stomach to speak truth and expose this system for what it is is former US Congressman from Georgia, Lawrence Patton McDonald.

Larry McDonald entered Congress in January, 1975. Although he was a Democrat, he was considered the most conservative member of Congress of either party. McDonald was a cousin of General George S. Patton, of whom the 1970 film “Patton” is based on. Ron Paul described McDonald as “the most principled man in Congress.” McDonald was the most outspoken opponent of communism in Congress and initiated Congressional investigations into the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). The Council on Foreign Relations is the very heart of the American deep state. Formed in 1921 by Edward Mandell House, who was also president Woodrow Wilson’s handler, the CFR is the promotional arm of the world’s ruling class in America and the strongest expression of the Illuminati in America. CFR member Hillary Clinton is on camera admitting the CFR runs the US government and that this is the source from which she receives her “advice” on how to proceed on anything political.

Navy Admiral Chester Ward was a CFR member but later became one of its biggest critics and wrote in his 1975 book “Kissinger on the Couch” the following: “Once the ruling members of the CFR have decided that the US government should adopt a particular policy, the very substantial research facilities are put to work to develop arguments, intellectual and emotional, to support the new policy, and to confound and discredit, intellectually and politically, any opposition.”

And elsewhere in the book: “The CFR has the goal of submergence of US sovereignty and national independence into an all powerful one-world government...this lust to surrender the sovereignty and independence of the United States is pervasive throughout most of the membership...in the entire CFR lexicon, there is no term of revulsion carrying a meaning so deep as ‘America First.’” Now perhaps it makes more sense as to why the conditions of the country are steadily going downhill and have been for a while. It’s by design.

In May of 1983, Larry McDonald was on the television show Crossfire with Pat Buchanan and CFR member Tom Braden. McDonald deftly handled Braden’s attempts at mocking McDonald’s assertions of a worldwide conspiracy in which the CFR plays

a major role. McDonald explained to the audience that the objective is to bring about gradual transition of our society to a dissolution of US sovereignty and a steady move to the left on the political spectrum. McDonald stated: “There is an elitist core in this country that has dominated American society, and dominated the State Department for the last 40 years.” That would mean since the 1940s from McDonald’s perspective. When McDonald speaks about dominating American society, this means in every aspect from the sophisticated



Lawrence Patton McDonald

ed propaganda that people see and hear in the media, to what is taught in the education system, to the engineering of wars and conflicts abroad, to the orchestration of terrorism to advance the agenda, to the orchestration of the assassination of critics, to the orchestration of social trends and movements, as well as the orchestration of social unrest domestically. Most people don’t realize the influence shadow groups like the CFR have on their thinking and belief systems. Regarding assassinations and terrorism, the FBI’s job is to commandeer the “investigation” and promote the narrative that had already been determined by the deep state.

On September 1st, 1983, just a few months after McDonald’s appearance on Crossfire, he was on Korean Air flight 007 from New York City to Seoul, Korea by way of Anchorage, Alaska. Yes, he was really on a flight numbered 007. Inexplicably, the flight carrying 269 passengers veered 200 miles off course into Soviet airspace and according to official history, was shot down by a Soviet interceptor killing everyone on board. However, McDonald’s press aide, Tommy Toles, was informed by the US embassy in Korea that KAL 007 had landed on Sakhalin island. As well, the Japan Civil Aviation Bureau informed the FAA that KAL 007 had landed on Sakhalin island and confirmed McDonald was on board. A few hours later after these reports was when the media’s story came out about KAL 007 being shot down which is what the history books state. The Israeli Research Centre for Prisons, Psychprisons, and Forced

Labor Concentration Camps of the USSR concluded that the plane did indeed land and that Lawrence Patton McDonald was disappeared into the Soviet prison system. Either way, a genuine American hero was lost that day and his voice was silenced.

Larry McDonald famously stated in 1976: “The drive of the Rockefellers and their allies is to create a one-world government, combining super capitalism and communism under the same tent, all under their control...Do I mean conspiracy? Yes, I do. I am convinced there is such a plot, international in scope, generations old in planning, and incredibly evil in intent.” David Rockefeller confirms in his book “Memoirs” on page 405 that he and his family are indeed part of a secret cabal conspiring with others around the world to bring about a one world system politically and economically. Ponder on McDonald’s words of there being a conspiracy that is international in scope, generations old in planning, and incredibly evil in intent. Do people of their own accord have the capacity or wherewithal to orchestrate and execute such a thing transcending generations? I say no, and propose that this is a spiritually directed conspiracy against humanity and is exactly what is described in the Bible regarding the “beast” and the end times. The system that McDonald articulated is prophesied in Scripture as the fourth beast, or fourth kingdom:

“This is what he said, ‘The fourth beast is the fourth kingdom on earth, which is different from all other kingdoms and it devours all the earth, tramples it down and crushes it.’” (Daniel 7:23)

The way in which this beast is different from all the other beasts before it is that this conspiracy and world system (fourth beast) is international in scope, rather than being a localized empire.

This world government system is already in place but evidently has not reached its final stages yet; but we seem to be quickly approaching that time. Is it a coincidence that a worldwide pandemic provides the perfect opportunity to bring about draconian change in society and force anyone who doesn’t believe in the solution (a biological weapon masquerading as a vaccine), out of society? The pandemic is a viable vehicle to bring in what they refer to as “The Great Reset.” To paraphrase George Orwell, we live in an age of deceit in which telling the truth is a revolutionary act that gets people put in prison, labeled a domestic terrorist, or killed.

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“Seek YaHuWah, all you meek ones of the earth, who have done His right ruling. Seek righteousness, seek meekness, if so be that you are hidden in the day of wrath of YaHuWah.”

(Zephaniah 2:3)

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This flag ta the Abbeville County Museum was presented to the City of Abbeville by Abbeville, France, following World War II. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

City to city

Abbeville County Museum contains artifact from Abbeville, France

By Henry E. Green

Jenny Kelly has a story to tell—a story about Abbeville. And Abbeville.

Kelly, from the Abbeville County Historical Society, has been working diligently to publicize the treasures of the Abbeville County Museum.

Among those treasures is a medallion from Abbeville's namesake in France.

Kelly provided newspaper clippings from The Press and Banner and from the Anderson Independent—clippings which together tell a story of gratitude from the people of France to the people of America.

According to The Greenville News, the mayor of Abbeville, France, sent in 1945 a medallion bearing a bronze coat of arms to the mayor of Abbeville.

The mayor of Abbeville just happened to be Fred West, the grandfather of the present owners of The Press and Banner—Lamar and John Riley West.

The medallion, accompanied by a letter of greeting from the mayor of Abbeville, France, was brought to America by Captain Ned Mabry, according to the

article.

The letter read, "The Mayor of the city of Abbeville, France, sends his cordial greetings to the population of Abbeville, South Carolina, and expresses the wish to see tightened ties which bind the two sister towns together across the sea."

Established in 1184, Abbeville, France, is located on the Somme River, and the town was bombed by the Germans during World War II, according to the Greenville News.

Also in 1945, Abbeville, South Carolina, sent out a message to Abbeville, France.

Anderson-based radio station WAIM, in compliance with a request from the Overseas Branch from the Office of War Information, "recorded a talk made in French telling the people of Abbeville, France, about the Abbeville here in South Carolina, named for the French city."

The talk was made in French by Professor H.A. Spann, "professor of French at the Boys High School (in Anderson)." The record was immediately flown to New York,

"and from there it will be flown across the Atlantic."

The script was written by Mayor West, who, the article noted, was also editor of The Press and Banner.

In that script, Mayor West described the sympathy which residents of Abbeville, South Carolina had for their sister city when Abbeville, France, was bombed.

West goes on to describe the history of his town and the role the Huguenots played in the settlement of it.

John de la Howe named Abbeville, South Carolina for his native city in France, West said.

Present-day Abbeville, the mayor continued, was a thriving community.

West concluded the script on an optimistic note:

"But all know that the roots from which came the first Huguenots to settle here are firmly fixed in the soil of France and Abbeville as will all France look to the future with confidence and the knowledge that tyranny and fear will be banished and that freedom and peace will prevail; that France will again be great with a new strength, a new hope and a greater destiny."

SC Statehouse Reports 2022-The House of Representatives

House week in review

Rep. Craig A. Gagnon, District 11--SC House of Representatives January 27, 2022

This past week, there was a noticeable uptick in activity on the floor as some bills are making their way out of Committee.

The House concurred (I voted to concur also) in Senate amendments to S. 865, legislation to adopt the 2020 US Census results and establish the election district boundaries for each member of the United States House of Representatives from South Carolina.

The House did not concur (I voted to non-concur) in Senate amendments to H. 3255, a bill revising qualifications and other provisions governing the licensure and regulation of real estate appraisers to bring these state provisions into alignment with federal standards. I voted to non-concur as well.

The House approved (I voted in the affirmative) and sent to the Senate H. 3464, the "Seizure Safe Schools Act." The bill requires the establishment of

seizure action plans in public schools and provides requirements for such plans and their implementation.

The House amended and gave second reading after much debate (I voted for this bill) to S. 203. This bill allows School District trustees who willfully commit or engage in an act of malfeasance, misfeasance, chronic unexcused absenteeism, conflicts of interest, criminal misconduct in office, or persistent neglect of duty in office, or are adjudicated medically incompetent or medically incapacitated, are subject to removal by the Governor upon any of the foregoing causes being made to appear to the satisfaction of the Governor.

There was another bill of note in House subcommittee this week:

S. 290 – Repealing the Certificate of Need (CON) requirements. This bill has passed the Senate and is now in the House Ways and Means Committee. This bill removes the requirement that a new health care facility must "ask permission"

though DHEC in order to build their facility near an existing facility. This bill has pros and cons, however, I cannot commit to this bill at this time due to possible amendments.

I also attended the Ways and Means Education subcommittee meeting this week when the Governor's School for Agriculture was presenting its budget requests. Despite the difficulties there the past few years, I am hopeful that they will soon turn the corner on these and become the School that fulfills the needs of our state. There is great potential there and I am committed to help make it come to fruition.

As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve you in Columbia. If you need help navigating state government, or have any thoughts or concerns about what we are doing, please do not hesitate to contact me at home at (864) 366-4112 or in Columbia at (803) 212-6934 or by email at craiggagnon@schouse.gov.

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Varsity boys basketball

Cavaliers defeat Abbeville, 65-50

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville High lost to Christ Church 65-50 in varsity boys basketball action Friday night in Abbeville.
Playing before a standing-room only crowd, the Cavalier avenged a defeat only days earlier in Greenville at the hands of the Panthers.
The victory left Abbeville and Christ Church tied for first place in their Region.
The Cavaliers handled the AHS press relatively efficiently, and rebounded well, too.
The only weakness in the Christ Church arsenal, it appeared, was at the free throw line, where the Cavaliers missed far more free throws than they made.
The game was something of a defensive struggle,

with the Cavaliers' defense limiting the home team's shooting from the field.
Neither team sizzled from the field in the early going, as Abbeville led 10-9 at the end of the first quarter.
It was in the second quarter that the Cavaliers began to take control, extending their lead to as many as eight points, before AHS staged a mini-rally, and Christ Church led 24-22 at the half.
In the second half, AHS came out with determination, tying the score 24-all on a lay-up, and then going ahead 27-24 on a three-point play.
Several minutes later, Christ Church reclaimed the lead, 29-27, on a three point play, and it proved to be the gateway to a third quarter which was extremely prof-

itable for the Cavaliers, and disastrous for the Panthers, with the visitors extending their lead to double digits.
Christ Church led 49-36 at the end of the third quarter.
Leading the way in scoring for AHS was Jeremiah Lomax, with 12 points.
"We had too many turnovers, too many missed free throws," he said.
AHS was slated to travel to Ninety Six last night, and then to Greenville Technical Charter Friday night.
The first round of the playoffs begins on Feb. 17, said Belcher.
If both Christ Church and Abbeville continue their winning ways in the Region, the two will play at a neutral site on Feb. 14 to determine the Region's first and second place teams.

Abbeville High School varsity boys basketball coach (standing, in suit) exhorted his team during the Panthers' game with Christ Church. Alas, the Panthers lost to the Cavaliers 65-50. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Christ Church (in dark uniforms) defeated Abbeville High (in white) recently in varsity boys basketball action. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

CF Lady Flashes pick up two victories

By Henry E. Green
The Calhoun Falls Charter girls basketball team continued its excellent season this past week.
The Lady Flashes defeated McCormick 45-25 in McCormick on Tuesday, Jan. 25, and leading the way for Calhoun Falls Charter was Autumn Thomas, with 19 points, followed by Anastasia Gillam, with 16.
Calhoun Falls Charter had a slow start, but led at the half 19-9, and made some adjustments after halftime on defense, and the offense began to roll, with 22 points in the third quarter.
The Lady Flashes used an effective press, which caused a number of turnovers.

the half, and going into the fourth quarter, led 37-36.
"They (High Point) actually took the lead by six points in the fourth quarter," he said.
"We were down 54-53 with nine seconds left on the clock and then Jasmine Cade got fouled and went to the line for two shots."
"She hit both shots, that gave us the lead 55-54 with nine seconds."
High Point got the ball and drove down the court but the Flashes' Alexis Sanders blocked the shot, but the visitors got rebound and shot it and missed.
Then Shamyia Hudson got the defensive rebound, and time ran out for the win.
The Lady Flashes were led by Gillam with 23 points,

followed by Thomas with 10, the coach continued..
"We beat the Number Four team in the state," he said, noting his pride in his team, and noting also that with the victory the Lady Flashes' record improved to 9-1 overall, and 7-1 in the Region, with the Lady Flashes tied for first place with High Point in the Region standings.
The Lady Flashes are now ranked seventh in 1-A in the state, Cade said.
Last night the Lady Flashes were slated to go to Whitmire, and tonight to travel to Ware Shoals.
Friday night, Calhoun Falls Charter will host Ware Shoals at 6 p.m.



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Amanda Hershberger Moss (left) learned how to play the bagpipes at an early age. She and her sister Katherine (center) learned from their grandmother Virginia Ferguson (right). (Photo courtesy of Amanda Moss)

Touch of Scotland

Amanda Hershberger Moss has been playing bagpipes for years

By Henry E. Green

Amanda Hershberger Moss may work part-time in the funeral home business, but she definitely knows how to give any occasion a life of its own—simply by knowing just how to breathe.

Amanda, you see, plays the bagpipes, and it is not uncommon to see her play at various occasions.

Amanda says she “plays as much as possible, primarily at weddings, funerals, and local community events,” and she is scheduled to play at the 262nd anniversary of the Long Cane Massacre on Sunday, February 6 at Lower Long Cane ARP Church.

She brings a little touch of Scotland to a community that is already replete with reminders of the country we associate with kilts, Scotch whiskey—and golf.

Pick up the phone book and look at the plethora of Campbells, McNeills, McNeils, Fergusons... you get the picture.

Amanda learned from her grandmother, the late Virginia Ferguson, how to play the bagpipes, and we

asked her for some tips on playing.

“The beginner instrument, the practice chanter, is similar to that of a recorder where you learn the notes, grace notes, and other ‘embellishments’ of the instrument before you even think of picking up the actual bagpipes,” she said.

“When you’ve graduated from the practice chanter and/or you’re tall enough to handle them, that’s when you can move up to the pipes. Instructors around the country, including our grandmother, always used to say, ‘it takes a few years to become a good beginner,’ as it is no easy feat.”

So it’s not easy...

“Learning to play the bagpipes has some difficulties, to say the least. There are the physical aspects of it... the skill of keeping the drones from falling off your shoulders and coordinating the breathing with playing the notes all while keeping the bag full of air with the pressure from your arm that the bag is under. Along with the physicality, one without a

lot of patience will not do well learning the pipes! As was mentioned, it takes many years to become a good beginner, and without dedication and perseverance, it may not happen!”

Amanda lives in Greenwood with her husband J.B., but she was born and reared in Abbeville.

She works part-time with Harris Funeral Home as a licensed funeral director and embalmer, and she also works full-time with Blanchard Caterpillar, based in Greenville.

Amanda has been playing bagpipes since the age of six. “You don’t play songs on the bagpipes,” she said. “You play tunes.”

The most requested tune is “Amazing Grace,” and other favorites include “Scotland the Brave,” and “Highland Cathedral,” used mainly for weddings.

There are no flats or sharps in bagpipe music, according to Amanda.

“It’s very specific as to what you can play on the pipes,” she said.



The Abbeville High School band used to have a bagpipe contingent. Here are the pipers marching in a parade. (Contributed photo)

Online workshop slated

The Freshwater Coast Community Foundation is planning to present an online workshop, “Essential Business Management Skills” on Feb. 16 at noon.

The workshop is slated to be conducted by Wilder

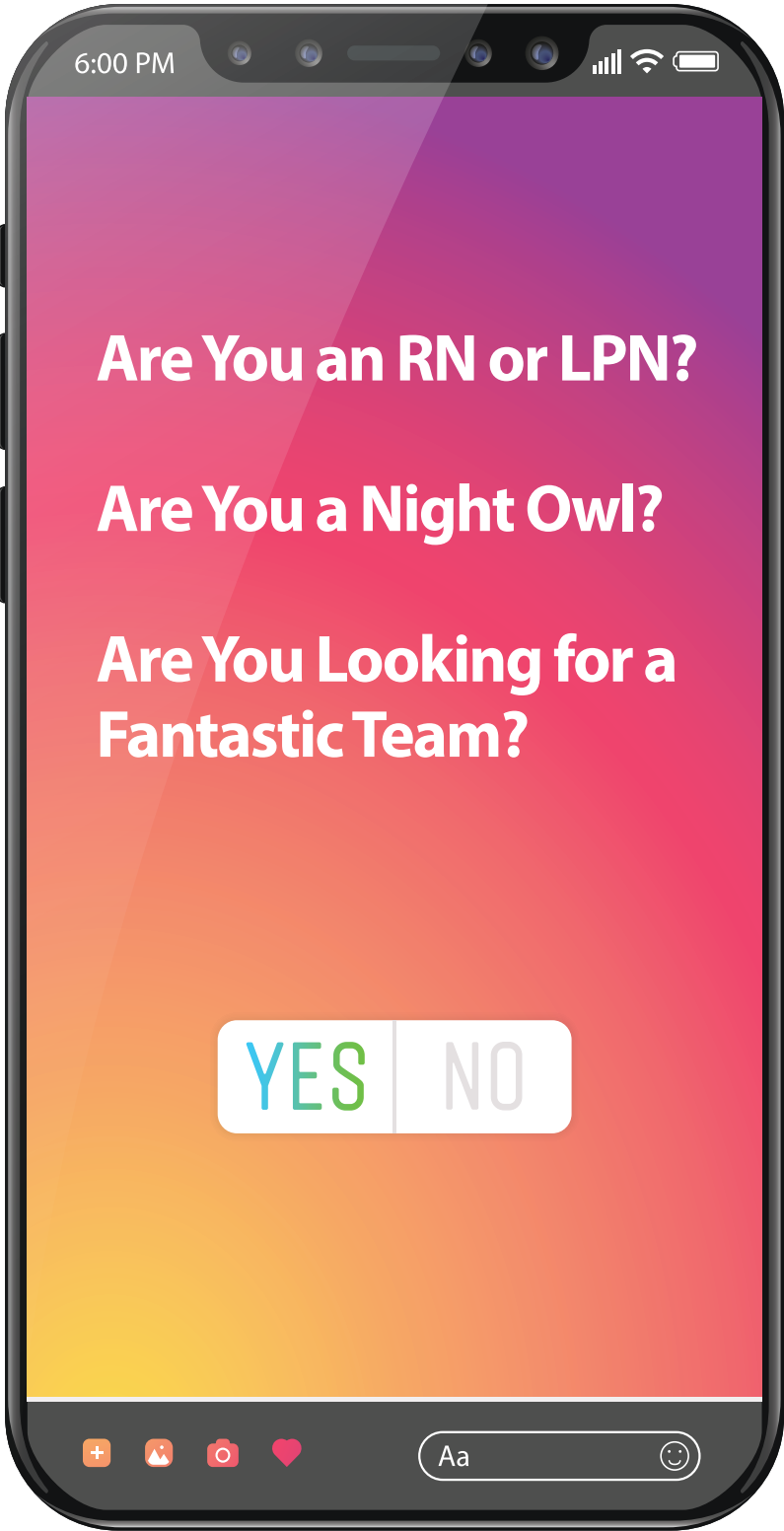
Ferreira, who has taught a number of workshops relating to effective business management.

“It’s one of many workshops that Wilder has conducted or sponsored that

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