



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

Vaccination process hitting speed bump

By Henry E. Green

The number of positive coronavirus cases in Abbeville County continues to rise steeply, and the vaccination process appears to have hit a speed bump.

As of Monday, Jan. 18, at 1:30 p.m., Abbeville County was home to 1,130 positive cases and 21 people had died, according to data from DHEC.

Among Abbeville County's neighboring counties, Anderson had 14,614 cases and 304 deaths.

Greenwood had 5,125 cases and 98 deaths, while Laurens had 4,609 cases and 98 deaths.

McCormick County had 541 positive cases and eight deaths.

In the state as a whole, there were 354,895 cases, and 5,662 deaths.

Nationwide, there were about 24 million cases, and nearly 400,000 deaths.

In the midst of a pandemic which seems to be getting out of control, the news that vaccines are now part of the

picture offer hope, "and not a minute too soon," as was said recently on the nightly news.

While vaccines offer hope, and rightly so, the "roll out" can be exceedingly frustrating.

Meg Davis, the Abbeville Area Medical Center's marketing, foundation and volunteer services director, shared the following Jan. 15 message from the South Carolina Hospital Association:

"This morning we were advised by DHEC that hospitals will receive significantly less vaccine next week than they requested. The state expects to receive the same amount of Pfizer vaccine next week that we have been getting, but hospital requests this week totaled four times that amount. Hospitals will receive 100 percent of the second doses they requested, but only 20-25 percent of the first doses they specified."

"South Carolina's hospitals are aggressively ramping up

vaccination efforts through walk-in events, online appointments, and mass vaccination sites. Unfortunately, we have learned that next week, we will only receive a quarter of the initial doses that we requested from DHEC. We will continue to do everything in our power to accelerate the distribution of these vaccines as part of the state's vaccination plan. We need more vaccines from Washington in order to get the job done."

Davis, meanwhile, asked for patience from the community.

"Appointment information will be released on AbbevilleAreaMC.com and on the hospital's Facebook page [Facebook/AbbevilleAreaMC](https://www.facebook.com/AbbevilleAreaMC) as soon as we determine when we will receive our vaccine supply and how much," she said.

"We ask everyone's patience as work to provide a smooth and efficient vaccination process."



A chicken in a mailbox? This painting demonstrates the humor found in much of the work of McCormick County artist Jeffery Callaham. A selection of Callaham's work is on display at the Welcome Center in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Guild exhibit highlights Callaham's art

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Artist Guild is having a special exhibit at the Welcome Center on Abbeville's Court Square for February, which is African-American History Month, according to Guild treasurer Jane Agan.

The exhibit has already been set up, and will run through February, she said.

The art was all done by McCormick artist Jeffery Callaham, who recently conducted a workshop for the Guild.

The paintings are all done in his distinctive style, which was described in a flyer sent

out by the organization.

"Vibrant" is a word which indeed comes to mind when viewing his paintings, which largely depict the joy and the vitality of life, and the humor as well.

The exhibit features everything from a chicken in a mailbox to musicians doing their thing to a man playing golf—all in vivid colors.

"I tell stories with my painting, so everything usually begins with a story that I remember from my early years, growing up in rural South Carolina," he is quoted as saying. "I am the story-teller artist."

The Guild, which has about 35 members and which was established in 2002, is a nonprofit organization which promotes the arts in Abbeville County, and its projects are partially funded by a grant from the South Carolina Arts Commission, Agan continued.

Future workshops include ones to be taught by Alice Lewis, about painting with tissue paper, and in April, there will be a ceramic pottery class, and a paper-making class to be taught by Cecily Ferguson in May, Agan continued.



The Abbeville Artist Guild is presenting the display of Jeffery Callaham's work at the Welcome Center on Abbeville's Court Square. This painting is part of the exhibit. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Ken Bolton (left) of the Renaissance in Due West was recently inducted as a new member of the Abbeville Rotary Club. He was welcomed by Rotary Club president John Andrew Bishop (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Special Calhoun Falls election set for April

By Henry E. Green

A special election to fill the unexpired term of the late Wayne Pless on Calhoun Falls Town Council will be held on Tuesday, April 6, according to the Abbeville County voter registration office.

The filing period begins on Wednesday, February 24

at noon, and will last until Friday, March 5 at noon.

Those persons wishing to file as candidates for the seat may do so during this time, during normal operating hours, at the Abbeville County voter registration office in the Abbeville County Administrative Complex in Abbeville. The filing fee

is \$50.

Calhoun Falls town council elections are nonpartisan.

The winner of the election will serve the remainder of the term of Pless, who passed away on January 8.

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

Council to discuss mask ordinance

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville City Council will have a special meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. to discuss having a mask ordinance for the City of Abbeville, given the rising number of COVID cases in the Abbeville community, said Abbeville City

Manager Blake Stone.

At the meeting, which will be held at the Abbeville City Council chambers in the Opera House, input from the public will be encouraged, and City Council will vote on the matter, which would involve having to wear a face covering in

public within the city limits of Abbeville.

The coronavirus has been surging in Abbeville County in recent weeks.

Ordinances require two readings, and Council could vote on first reading Tuesday.

US Senate

Senator Scott's statement on the Impeachment

Senator Tim Scott
Today, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) released the following statement on the House Democrat-led articles of impeachment: "President Trump has eight

days left in his term and has promised a smooth and peaceful transition of power. The Democrat-led impeachment talks happening in the House right now fly in direct opposition to what

President-elect Joe Biden has been calling for all year. An impeachment vote will only lead to more hate and a deeply fractured nation. I oppose impeaching President Trump."

City planning clean-up for March of 2021

By Henry E. Green
Saturday, March 20 has been set as the tentative date for a City-wide clean up in the City of Abbeville, according to Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone. Mayor Trey Edwards broached the subject at the

Jan. 12 Abbeville City Council meeting, and Stone said Wednesday that the plan is to go to designated streets where there appears to be a need for trash pick up. Edwards told Council at the meeting that the Greenwood-Abbeville Jaycees

have expressed an interest in helping out. It is expected to be an all-volunteer event, with City residents welcome to join in, Stone indicated. More information will be released closer to the clean-up date.



Social distancing, helping to curb the spread of COVID-19, was in practice during the AHS-Ninety Six varsity boys basketball game recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



AnMed Health COVID-19 Vaccinations

Submitted by Lizz Walker

Per the state's most recent guidance for the roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccine, AnMed Health has begun scheduling appointments for residents over age 70. Our established patients in this age group will receive instructions via MyChart for scheduling an appointment at our Civic Center vaccination clinic. Walk-ins are not accepted at this time. Patients who do not have a MyChart account can set one up by visiting <https://MyChart.anmedhealth.org>. We anticipate that initial appointments will fill up very quickly, and we are committed to making additional

appointments available as soon as we receive more of the vaccine. We appreciate your patience as we manage this limited supply. Those eligible for vaccination may also visit scdhec.gov/vaxlocator for information about additional sites offering the vaccine.

We are excited about this important step toward a return to more normal conditions. However, as the vaccination roll-out continues, we ask residents to continue wearing a mask in public, socially distancing, and washing hands often.

Those eligible for the vaccine with specific questions about scheduling, visit Covidvaccine@anmed-health.org.

Commentary - Deep State Wins!

Lamar T. West, Sr.

Donald Trump was, and will always be known as, the "People's President." He communicated with the people and for the most part did not allow the so-called "press" to filter or translate what he had to say or where he stood on an issue. We often hear that some football coaches are a "Player's Coach." Well, Donald Trump was the "People's President."

The "Deep State" Republicans and Democrats alike never wanted Donald Trump to become president. Why? Because he is not bought and paid for like they are by the bureaucracy! Over the past five years, we have discovered a lot concerning the FBI, CIA and the Justice Department. We mostly learned what we really already knew: they are all corrupt. We have all thought about and talked about their possible corruption, but now we know without a doubt that their corruption exists.

Before Donald Trump was elected, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States of America plotted to discredit Donald Trump. In so doing, they only discredited themselves. Donald Trump said, "Bring it on," as he knew he had done nothing to warrant any investigation into him or his campaign.

The FBI and CIA started a little late, simply because they believed the so-called "press" who did not think Trump could win the presidency.

Once President Trump was elected, our government wasted over \$30 million and ruined countless lives trying to prove something that they knew did not exist. They used the FBI to break down doors and the Justice Department to prosecute with planted evidence or no evidence.

The so-called major "news" outlets were probably the reason President Trump was elected (the "press" kept telling us he could not be elected, but they kept him in the limelight). The people knew if the "press" did not like Trump and the Congress of the United States did not like Trump, he would probably be the best person for the job. The people were right.

Once he was elected, neither party wanted to work with him. They wanted him to fail (and, in turn, they wanted the United States and you and I to fail). Once they realized Trump was a serious and effective president, some joined in to help or take credit for the turnaround he had promised. Trump showed us the billions, even trillions of dollars that were leaving the United States and going to communist China. Trump stopped what he could, but then the powers that be (aka the "Deep State") was losing kickback money and investments in communist China. If you look at any photo ops in which Xi Jinping appeared, he was always smiling, giving us the impression he knew Trump would not be re-elected and Congress would once again shaft the people of the United States and line their own pockets.

Did Democrats and Republicans work together on America's infrastructure? NO! Until the Communist China Virus showed up, we had no idea Congress could work together on anything. They may have passed a few laws to save some creek snails, but they agreed on nothing of real importance.

Whether the Federal Reserve printing money and loaning that to the US Treasury, followed by the government mailing everyone a soon-to-be worthless check, well... We can discuss that another time.

We are talking millions, billions and trillions of DOLLAR\$ like they are nothing, and undoubtedly that amount is nothing to our elected Congress and deep state bureaucracy.

If the United States was a business, we would have gone bankrupt back in the late 1960s.

Trump was elected by the people and for the people to try to expose and fix our problems. He had NO help. Why? Because over 90% of all government related officials are as guilty as SIN.

A Republican controlled House and Senate did absolutely nothing during the IRS scandal. Sure, they held a few hearings, but nothing was done to change anything. Why? Because if you expose one sin, you have to expose another, and if you expose a Democrat, you have to expose a Republican. This lets you know they can work together because they do it to cover each other's wrongdoings.

The Republicans had control of everything during Trump's first two years in office and they did NOTHING.

If Trump wanted something done, he had to sign an executive order, meaning that order can be reversed and changed as soon as Biden takes office.

Deep State wins!
We can see the Deep State did not have time to stop Trump the first time he was elected because they did not think he

would be elected. When 2020 arrived, (and just to prove a point) they nominated the most inept ticket to ever be put forth before the American People and put them in office.

The "fixing" of the 2020 election started in 2016 once Trump was elected. Democrat and Republican alike did not want Trump in the White House.

South Carolina did her part which, of course, backfired. Democrats and Republicans both came out, supported and voted for Biden, knowing the National Democratic Party would not support an old white man as their nominee. After all, they are the so called "Progressive" party. Progressive, meaning the federal government will have complete control. If you think 535 people know what's best for 330 million people, then God help you. Progress and CONgress are polar opposites. Fittingly, Congress is also a term used to describe a large number of baboons.

The minimum wage, for example, is \$15 an hour. That was mandated by Congress and made into a federal law in metropolitan areas and in states such as California which is 3,000 miles from South Carolina. That amount is probably not a living wage. In South Carolina, two people in a household making \$15 an hour and working full-time with benefits is survivable. A 1,500 square foot house in Abbeville, SC (depending on location) may sell for \$100,000. If you watch any of the DYI TV shows usually filmed in Texas or California, a 1,500 square foot house is \$700,000. I'm not sure what a pressman earns in Texas, but if it's anything close to what they make in South Carolina, they cannot afford a \$700,000 home.

There is no business I know of that would not love to pay everyone working for them \$25, \$50 or even \$100 per hour, but a business/corporation can only charge for their products or services that which the market will bear. The auto industry seems to be able pay a good hourly wage. In 1960, the average price of a car was \$2,750 dollars. In 2020, the average price of a new car is \$40,000 dollars. The average price of an automobile is a little over 15 times its price in 1960. Minimum wage was \$1.00 per hour in 1960 and now the federal government wants it to be \$15 per hour. Uncle Sam wants us to be able to keep up with the Joneses.

Back to the election. If the 2020 election is a true and fair election or representation of how the majority of the American voting population feels and Joe Biden, Kamala Harris and the Democratic party know best, then I am more fearful than if this was a rigged election. As it stands, Joe Biden does hold the office of President of the United States of America, although it may need to be called "The United Metropolitan Areas of America."

The Republican Party does not seem to want control. They seem to want to be the "we told you so," or the blame party. So if everything goes to **** in a hand basket, the Republicans can say, "we told you so" while not doing a thing but drawing a salary.

If you look at the support Trump had at every stop, rally or event you would think he would have won the election by a landslide. To think that people would endure the heat, cold, rain and even risk COVID-19 and not turn out to vote is simply preposterous.

Unfortunately, there is absolutely nothing that we can do now with the exception of RED STATES upholding their State laws and defying new federal regulations.

Once we learn to live with the "new normal" of COVID-19, and if Biden does not give in to China to line his and his family's pockets, we should be able to get through the next four years.

The United States is the longest running Democratic Republic on this planet. Don't think we can't go bankrupt or fail. All other Democratic Republics have failed long before they reached 244 years of existence. We hear or read about the second coming of Jesus Christ, the rapture and the tribulation. The United States could fail long before the return of Jesus Christ.

God may have already turned his back on what once was called and considered a Christian Nation. Now a great many of our nation's laws are in direct defiance of God's laws. Why would He protect a nation which defies Him? If we have learned anything from history and the Bible, we should know that God has and will destroy a nation which defies Him.

How do we the people effectively take control of a runaway government? We all know that if we ran our households the way our so-called representatives run our government, we would not have a household to run.

God knows all, and we don't, so only God really knows the meaning of Joe Biden's reign. God help us all.

Pet of the Month Meet Ava! This beautiful girl was found without a home back in Aug. 2020. She is a mixed breed, 5 yr. old around 40 lbs. Ava is the perfect size dog for any home and family. She is dog friendly and loves to be outside and show off her sweet smile and cute ears. Her beautiful blue and white coloring will have you melting. Please come give her a chance. Adoption Fees are only \$25 thru Nov. with support of Greater Abbeville Humane Society. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

Pet of the Month Winnie is the cutest 3 mo. old kitten. She is domestic short-hair with a beautiful tricolor. She is litter trained and it would be a shame for her to grow up in the shelter. She has big beautiful eyes and the playfulness of a kitten. You will love her as soon as you meet her. Make Winnie a part of your family for the new year. Come take her home today. Adoption Fees are only \$15 thru Nov. with support of Greater Abbeville Humane Society. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

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City pondering upgrade of mini-parks

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville is considering renovation of equipment at its mini-parks.

The City is in the process of adding this to its capital improvement plan, said Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone.

The City currently has four or five "active" mini-parks, and the playground equipment tends to be older, and Mayor Trey Edwards wondered if the playground

equipment could be upgraded.

Stone said that he is currently in the process of getting estimates on how much the upgrade would cost.

The mini-parks are small parks typically used by youngsters.

Edwards mentioned at the Jan. 12 City Council meeting his desire to see the mini-parks upgraded.

Council member Faye Thomas asked during the

City Council meeting why the City had not been keeping up the parks.

"It's a monetary issue," Stone said. "It's money. That's been the issue."

The City Manager suggested during the meeting that the City could apply for a PARD grant from the state of South Carolina to help fund an upgrade of the mini-parks.



These AHS cheerleaders entertained the crowd during a break in the action of the AHS-Ninety Six varsity boys basketball game recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

School District building 'mini-lobbies' at schools

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District is in the process of installing "mini-lobbies" at a number of District schools, according to Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary.

Mini lobbies have been completed at Long Cane Primary, Diamond Hill Elementary, Cherokee Trail Elementary and Wright Middle School, the Super-

intendent said.

These mini lobbies provide an extra measure of security, as well as energy conservation.

The effort is in line with the District's capital improvement plan.

Also in line with that plan is the demolition of press boxes, concessions buildings and restrooms at the Abbeville and Dixie high school stadiums, to make way for new facilities.

Dixie High School already has a mini-lobby.

The construction of the mini lobbies is costing approximately \$11,000 per lobby, Dr. Gary continued.

The money is coming from the District's capital improvement fund.

Work is slated to be done on AHS, John C. Calhoun Elementary and Westwood Elementary later this year on the mini-lobbies, Dr. Gary continued.

Spearman announces legislative priorities

By Henry E. Green

State Superintendent Molly Spearman has announced the South Carolina Department of Education's legislative priorities for 2021, in anticipation of the 2021 General Assembly session.

--These include the following, according to a news release from the South Carolina Department of Education:

--Ensuring the safety and wellness of students and educators

--Recruiting and retaining teachers

The pandemic has intensified the teacher shortage crisis in South Carolina, according to the Department of Education.

--Guaranteeing that every

South Carolina student has access to "robust college and career readiness opportunities"

--Expanding early learning and literacy

--Maximizing district efficiency

The announcement of the priorities comes as the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees begins the process of formulating a budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Since the state of South Carolina provides much of the funding for Abbeville and other school districts in the Palmetto State, local officials will be watching the General Assembly closely with regard to legislation regarding education.

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Change in date Football teams to be honored

By Henry E. Green

The proclamation banquet for the Abbeville Youth Athletics football teams and the Abbeville High School football team has been moved from Jan. 23 to Saturday, Feb. 20, and the location will stay the same -- the Abbeville Civic Center -- said Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone.

"It was just a scheduling conflict," he said.

Mayor Trey Edwards will be there, presenting proclamations to the winning teams.

Food will be available.

The gathering will be an opportunity to honor four teams -- the 8U, 10U, and 12U teams, and the AHS varsity football team -- all of which won state championships.

Members of the teams and their families, and cheerleaders and their families, are all invited to attend the event, which will begin at 1 p.m.

More than 100 people are expected to attend the event.



During the Jan. 12 Abbeville City Council meeting, Abbeville City Attorney Tombo Hite (far right) swore in (from left) Ed Strickland, Carolyn Brownlee, and Bill McNeil to new terms as City judges. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Bailey Bill encourages building rehabilitation

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville's historic buildings could benefit from a state program, Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone told City Council at Council's Jan. 12 meeting. The Bailey Bill program provides an avenue to encourage sensitive rehabilitation of historic buildings, Stone told Council in a memo.

building value invested back into the building before the work would be eligible and approved. The assessed value of the property would be abated for the next 10 years. Eligible properties must be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and/or located in the City of Abbeville Historic District. State law requires that

determining the eligibility and approval of projects will go through a municipal committee. The program was enacted in 1992, according to the City Manager, who said that an ordinance is expected to be drawn up for Council's consideration at its February meeting, to allow the City's participation in the program, if Council so chooses.

Spring Semester begins at Lander University

Submitted by Jeff Lagrone
With students returning to campus after an extended winter break, Lander University is abuzz again. "The best part of being back is the time spent just chilling with my dormmates," said David Jeffrey, a junior biology major from Irmo. Bree Kelly, a junior English major from Carrollton, Ga., sounded a similar note. "The best part about being back on campus is getting to reconnect with everyone I missed while being away

over winter break," she said. Kelly has a hectic schedule this semester. In addition to serving as a presidential ambassador, she also works for The Lander Foundation and Alumni Affairs, and is taking six English classes. "So far, I am enjoying them and the challenge that they bring," she said. Katie Walenceus, a sophomore music education major from Greenwood, said she is excited to be taking an applied percussion and brass class from Professor of Music Dr. Reed Gallo and

Adjunct Professor of Music Matthew Jones. She has spent the first week of the spring semester "collecting my applied lessons schedule, and catching up with my roommate," she said. Walenceus was asked what she is doing to stay safe during the pandemic. "I've been trying to study in my dorm instead of in the library, paying close attention to washing my hands, and keeping my distance in our classrooms," she said.

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Community Calendar

Hospital board to meet
The Abbeville Area Medical Center board of trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 25. Due to the current COVID stats, this meeting will be held electronically. **UCMAC encouraging people to fill out survey**

The United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County is welcoming county residents to fill out a survey on the need for public transportation in Abbeville County. "An electronic version of the survey is available and we need to get as many

responses as possible," said UCMAC executive director Bill Boone. Boone encouraged people wishing to complete the survey to reach out to the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6ZH9FSL>

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City Council forms nominating committee

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council, following an executive session, voted at the Jan. 12 Council meeting to create a nominating committee to choose members of a performing arts board to plan events at the Opera House. "They will be selecting a slate of candidates that will be voted on by Council," said Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone.

The slate will include seven people and possibly two alternates.

The committee, composed of Council members Jason

Edwards, Benji Greeson and Louise Aikens, will choose the slate from the 15 applicants for the board.

The applicants were given a chance to introduce themselves during the Jan. 12 meeting, and 10 people showed up, and spoke about their background and why they would be willing to serve, Stone continued.

The seven people chosen will work with Brad Christie, appointed by Erskine to serve on the board, and Darren Gray, appointed by the Abbeville County School District to serve on it,

and Abbeville City Council member Jason Edwards, appointed by his fellow Council members to serve on the board.

"This is my 30th year with the college," Christie, an Erskine professor, told Council. Christie has acted in Opera House productions, and directed them as well, and he called the Opera House an "extraordinary gift."

Council is expected to vote on the slate of candidates at its February meeting, Stone said.

US House of Representatives

Duncan Opposes Impeachment Resolution

Submitted by Congressman Jeff Duncan

Congressman Jeff Duncan (SC-03) released the following statement after voting no on the resolution to impeach President Donald Trump:

"We are yet again witnessing a brazenly partisan attempt to remove President Trump from the White House with seven days left in office. This has been a primary goal of Democrats since the President took his oath of office on January 20, 2017. This rushed, political stunt made a mockery of what the impeachment

process should be—solemn and methodical. There were no hearings, no witness statements, and no evidence presented to Members of Congress. Why? Because it's a race against the clock—Democrats have one week to appease their radical base. Why else? Because the evidence and timeline would suggest the violence was already in motion before the President's speech—not incited by it.

"I have never witnessed such hatred for one person, Donald Trump, as I have seen these last four years.

The left has tried to remove him from office since 2017 through the fake Russian collusion hoax, the 2019 shampeachment, and the 25th Amendment resolution attempting to blackmail the sitting Vice President. They should be embarrassed. The nonstop hysteria is incredible to witness.

"At its core, this impeachment isn't about the violence we saw last week—which I unequivocally and fully condemn. It's about achieving their longtime aspiration at the expense of further dividing our nation."

What Being a Peace Corps Volunteer is Really Like

(StatePoint Media)

For many, Peace Corps service is a first step toward a career or the continuation of a life's work.

"The idea of the Peace Corps -- that volunteers could serve their country for the cause of peace by living and working in other countries -- struck a chord with thousands of Americans in the early 1960s. That enthusiasm continues today," says Peace Corps director, Jody K. Olsen.

But what's the experience really like? As the agency explains, selected volunteers are placed overseas in service in one of six sectors. Here's a bit about each, as well as volunteer insights:

- Agriculture volunteers work with farmers and families to increase food security and adapt to climate change while promoting environmental conservation.

Anna Brettman volunteered in a Zambian village helping secure equipment needed to keep cattle disease-free. She says, "It will take time for the farmers to grow their herds again, but this should provide support for years to come."

- Community Economic Development volunteers work with development banks, nongovernmental organizations and municipalities to promote local economic opportunities. They teach skills and work with entrepreneurs to develop and market their products.

"My business career took me to countries where I saw firsthand what many political and class systems do, and more importantly don't do,

for the majority in need. The agency gave me the opportunity to do something meaningful," says Ken Kodoma, who volunteered in Namibia facilitating business workshops.

- Education is the Peace Corps' largest program area. Volunteers may inspire



Photo Courtesy of the Peace Corps

students in elementary, secondary, or post-secondary schools, work as resource teachers or teacher trainers, or develop libraries and technology resource centers.

"I taught mathematics, biology and citizenship, led science clubs, helped increase literacy and worked with my Cameroonian counterparts in developing a book for math teachers," says Jomara Laboy Rivera, a returned volunteer who now works in the Peace Corps' Office of Programming and Training.

- Environment volunteers lead grassroots protection efforts and strengthen understanding of environmental issues, empowering communities to make their own conservation decisions.

"In the Pacific, residents deal with the effects of climate change, such as large storms, and also see ocean pollution, coral bleaching and coastal degradation up close. I liked using my creativity to spread awareness about Tonga's waste problem to help come up with solutions there,"

says Breanna Kazmierczak, a volunteer who served in Tonga.

- Health volunteers promote nutrition, maternal and child health, basic hygiene and water sanitation, malaria prevention and work in HIV/AIDS education and prevention programs.

"Working with the municipal water authority, we came up with a plan to maintain or improve water quality in 15 communities. Most communities wanted help in treating water to prevent parasitic infection and exploring better usage and storage techniques," says Nicole Bryer, who volunteered in northern Peru.

- Youth in Development volunteers promote youth engagement and active citizenship, including gender awareness, employability, health, environmental awareness, sports and fitness programs and information technology.

"I helped with the film club at the youth center, which combined fun with opportunities for growth. We encouraged the youth to analyze the works we watched and gave them an opportunity to write and produce their own work," says Dominick Tanoh, who volunteered in Morocco and also ran soccer and basketball workshops.

To learn more about the different Peace Corps volunteer sectors, visit www.peacecorps.gov.

While there's no one, defining Peace Corps experience, all volunteers immerse themselves in communities abroad, building friendships and working locally to address pressing challenges.

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Emergency ordinance due to pandemic

By Henry E. Green
 The emergency ordinance which Abbeville County Council passed recently is in response to the continuing coronavirus pandemic. The ordinance, which Council adopted on Monday, Jan. 11, will expire "on the 61st day following the effective date thereof." The coronavirus "is escalating" and "severely threatens" the County's public health, safety and welfare," the ordinance states. "Local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare and to mitigate the effects of such events," the

ordinance continues. The ordinance declares a state of emergency, and authorizes the County Director to take the steps necessary to carry out the ordinance. These actions include, but are not limited to "developing, modifying and implementing a continuity of operations plan, and directing or redirecting personnel or functions of County departments and agencies for purposes of facilitating or performing County services and protecting the health and safety of County employees and the public so long as this State of Emergency exists."

"It allows us to modify the operations of the County" to protect the safety of the public and the County employees," said County Director David Garner Friday. Redirecting employees could mean asking them to "tele-commute," or scaling back the number of employees physically present at County facilities. This is the third Emergency Ordinance passed by County Council in response to this pandemic. The last two were approved consecutively last year at the outset of the pandemic, Garner continued.

City considering series of town hall meetings

By Henry E. Green
 The City of Abbeville is planning to present a number of town hall meetings, Mayor Trey Edwards told Abbeville City Council recently. The plan is to provide an opportunity for people to gather and to discuss City-related topics. Edwards said that City Council members are encouraged to attend the meetings, which are expected to be held at the Abbeville

Civic Center. The meeting schedule is to be announced, according to Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone. The Mayor is expected to lead the meetings, which will be open to all Abbeville residents. The purpose of these gatherings is to "offer more avenues of civic engagement with their government," Stone continued. By law, if more than 50

percent of the City Council members attend, the gathering it would qualify as a City Council meeting, and it would have to be more formal and more structured, subject to the same rules and regulations as a regular City Council meeting, with an agenda, for example, Stone said. Whether the topics to be discussed will be pre-arranged is yet to be determined.

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5. Epsom or Evian-les-Bains
8. Mexican money
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13. Biblical pronoun
14. Competitive musher, e.g.
15. Sainly glow
16. From the sky and often damaging
17. Early anesthetic
18. *Halftime show performer
20. Photo editing option
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22. Chi forerunner
23. *Team with most consecutive Super Bowl appearances
25. Swindles
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30. Slanting characters
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34. Travels by air
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37. Southeast Asia org.
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39. Wb, pl.
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42. Substitute, two words
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46. Hitherto
47. Winter "fever"?
49. Brown on "Doctor Who"
51. *He has most Super Bowl appearances as a coach
55. Plural of #38 Across
56. Norse deity
57. Joie de vivre
58. *3-time Super Bowl champ, Russ

DOWN

1. Thai currency
2. Wet nurse
3. Rub the wrong way
4. Gardener's little helper
5. British soldier's parade hat
6. *P in PAT
7. "___ Lang Syne"
8. *Team with most Super Bowl appearances
9. Reverberating sound
10. Slowly leak
11. NHL great
13. Opposite of atheist
14. Short version
19. ___ Island off Manhattan
22. Nervous twitch
23. Knockout
24. Below, prefix
25. *Player with most Super Bowl points scored
26. Warm down-slope wind
27. Distress signal
28. Phoenix team
29. Flock members
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32. Tennis shot
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48. Spy's other name
49. Feline vibration
50. Albany-Buffalo canal
51. Cowboy's necktie
52. Pelvic parts
53. Big letters
54. Proposal joint
55. "I" mania

59. Pasturelands
60. Ready for picking
61. Black and white treat
62. *Another form of Super Bowl entertainment
63. Command, with "at"

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School board has budget workshop

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees had a budget workshop Thursday evening.

The board discussed fundamentals of school finance for the new board members.

Also, Dr. Mason Gary, the Abbeville County School District Superintendent, gave an update on the District's capital improvement plan.

Meanwhile, concerning the process of formulating

a budget for the 2021-2022 school year, the board is still awaiting "hard and fast" numbers from the state.

There have been proposals on the state government level, but nothing has been approved.

The District, like other school districts in South Carolina, receives much of its funding from the state, as much as 80 percent of it comes from the state, with 20 percent coming from local sources.

Thus, the District is in

something of a holding pattern in terms of formulating a budget for 2021-2022.

The State House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee is proposing a step increase for teachers, said Dr. Gary.

In addition, Molly Spearman is proposing a number of items as well.

However, these proposals must be approved by the General Assembly, the Superintendent continued.

Financial Aid tip of the month, Federal student aid programs can help pay college costs

Submitted by Tim Ballard, KHEAA

The federal government offers many financial aid programs to help students and families pay for college. Applying for those programs means submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly referred to as the FAFSA. These brief summaries from KHEAA describe the more common federal grant and loan programs that can help you get the student aid you need.

Grants generally do not have to be repaid, but loans do. More about these

programs can be found at studentaid.gov. The major programs are:

Federal Pell Grant: Pell Grants provide up to \$6,345 per year for undergraduates with financial need. That amount is expected to increase for the 2021-22 school year.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant: These grants provide up to \$4,000 per year for undergraduate students who have exceptional financial need.

Direct Loans: These loans are available to undergraduate, graduate and

professional students. The amount students are eligible to borrow depends on their year in school.

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The old Palmetto Bank building at the corner of Highway 72 and South Main in Abbeville was recently demolished to make way for a new Hardee's building. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

District launching demolition process

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District is in the process of replacing press boxes, restrooms and concession areas at the stadiums of Dixie and Abbeville high schools, according to Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary.

The first step is to demolish the existing structures.

"We received nine bids

for the demolition," said Dr. Gary.

The District accepted the bid of Covan Insulation, an Abbeville County in the Honea Path area, at \$20,090.

The press boxes, concession areas and restrooms will all be demolished, to make way for new facilities to come later.

The construction of new facilities will be a separate project, and Gary is hoping

to have new facilities in place by August of this year.

In addition, new washers and dryers have been purchased for Dixie and Abbeville high schools, for athletic use, to replace older models.

This is all in line with the District's capital improvement plan, the Superintendent indicated.

Nourishment

UCMAC food pantry system relies on nucleus of dedicated volunteers

By Henry E. Green

The UCMAC food pantry distributed 57,425 pounds of food during calendar year 2020, UCMAC food pantry director Mike Shirley noted at a recent UCMAC board meeting.

The pantry takes in two branches--one in Abbeville and the other in Calhoun Falls--and the number reflects the total for the two branches combined.

The food pantry system makes use of approximately 20 volunteers.

For the year, 2,297 families made use of the pantry system. That translated into 4,261 individuals.

The food is free to those who meet qualifications of need.

The Abbeville pantry is open every Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and the Calhoun Falls pantry every

first and third Thursday of the month from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Shirley continued.

Recipients may receive food once a month. The food package includes beef stew, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, mixed fruit, green beans, corn, grits, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans and rice.

"We have churches assigned to each commodity," he said.

For example, First Baptist Church of Abbeville supplies spaghetti sauce, and the Haigler Street Church of Christ supplies green beans, as does Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

"Our churches supply the products very religiously," he said.

"Some churches donate money, and that is fine as well," he said.

The Second Harvest food bank, based in Anderson County, donates food to the UCMAC food pantry system, and they also sell to UCMAC at a minimal price.

UCMAC also works with area grocery stores to secure food, Shirley said.

"We do have an agreement with Aldi, over in Greenwood," he said. "We also buy food as needed from Ingles to supplement the donations."

He praised the work of the volunteers, noting that UCMAC is an all volunteer organization.

The food pantry system is one of three component ministries of UCMAC. The others include a medical clinic and an emergency assistance ministry, both of which Shirley praised as important assets to the community.

Obituaries

Wilson

Doris Thomas Wilson, 90, of Abbeville, wife of the late John Henry 'Bowie' Wilson, died Sunday, January 17, 2021 at the Hospice House in Greenwood. She was born in Iva to the late George Diver 'Div' Thomas and Leila Mae Turner Thomas.

Mrs. Wilson was a 1948 graduate of Lowndesville High School and member of Providence Presbyterian Church. A dedicated nurse for 46 years, she retired from Abbeville Memorial Hospital after 23 years and Abbeville Nursing Home after 23 years of service. Mrs. Wilson enjoyed attending the Lowndesville Community Center Dance Nights, listening to country music, and watching her soap operas.



Doris Thomas Wilson

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, George D. 'Rooster' Thomas and a sister, Sarah Henderson.

Mrs. Wilson is survived by her son, John H. 'Buddy' Wilson (Kathy) of Abbeville; a brother, James Earl 'Judge' Thomas (Barbara Jean) of Lake Secession; a sister-in-law, Miyuki Shieata

'Mike' Thomas of Lowndesville; three grandchildren, Chris Wilson (Anna), Kimberly Ann Smith and Amy Tucker (Wayne); four great-grandchildren, Libby Gragg (Tony), Drew Wilson, Colton Smith, and Trent Tucker; and two great-great-grandchildren, Kyle and Amelia Gragg.

Graveside services will be 2:00PM Wednesday, January 20, 2021 in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens with the Rev. Scotty Willoughby officiating.

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

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Dorn

Phyllis Leaman Dorn, resident of Abbeville Nursing Home, died Tuesday, January 12, 2021. She was 92 years old. Mrs. Dorn was born to the late Cecil Frederick Leaman and Frances Wescott Leaman of Torquay England. Mrs. Dorn met her future husband, the late Otis M. Dorn, in England during World War II while his company was doing maneuvers at a lodge in Bishopsteignton. She traveled to America in October 1946 for a five-day journey on the ship "Queen Elizabeth" landing in New York. She married Mr. Dorn at John de la Howe School and they celebrated their 34th anniversary before he passed away in January 1981.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Dorn was preceded in death by sons, Terrence Philip Dorn, Lewis Frederick Dorn, and a sister, Doreen L. Mackenzie. She is survived by her children, James Dorn (Debbie) of London, KY, Jean Dorn Able (Johnny) of Abbeville,



Phyllis L. Dorn

Robert Dorn (Reba) of McCormick, Steve Dorn (Shelia) of Plum Branch, Michael Dorn (Rhonda) of Calhoun Falls, and a brother, Lewis Leaman (Angela) of Newton Abbot, England. She is survived by eleven grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Mrs. Dorn was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker, but later worked outside the home in textiles and as a counselor/houseparent for the Abbeville Boys Cottage at John de la Howe where she served for 10 years. She was a

member of the Willington Presbyterian Church for 48 years and faithful participant in the Presbyterian Women's Circle serving as vice moderator for 20 years. Mrs. Dorn was a kind, loving person and will be remembered for her gracious spirit, even while her health declined. The family would like to thank the Abbeville Nursing Home staff for their nurture and care given to Mrs. Dorn during her extended period of long-term care.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, Jan. 16 at the Plum Branch Cemetery with Rev. Lee P. Kennerly officiating. Visitation will be held after the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions be sent to the Willington Presbyterian Church, c/o Clerk of Session, 1299 Simpson St. Ext., Calhoun Falls, SC 29628.

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This election will be held between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM on the 9th of March 2021.

Any person wishing to register to vote in the City of Abbeville Special Election must do so no later than February 5th in person, February 7 on-line. All mailed voter registration application must be post marked no later than February 8th. Voters must reside within the City of Abbeville district 3 boundaries in order to qualify to vote in this election.

Anyone wishing to be a candidate in said election must file to do so with the Abbeville County Registration & Elections office located at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex at 903 West Greenwood Street, Suite 2500, Abbeville, SC 29620 from Wednesday, January 13th at 12:00 noon and close on Friday, January 22nd at 12:00 noon.

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At 2:00 p.m. on Election Day, the Abbeville County Election Board may begin the examination of the absentee return envelopes at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex at 903 West Greenwood Street, Suite 2500, Abbeville, SC 29620

On Thursday, March 11th, 2021, the Abbeville County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all ballots challenged, if any, in this election. This hearing will be held at 11:00 A.M. at the Abbeville County Voter Registration and Elections Office, Abbeville County Administrative Complex, Abbeville, SC.

Voting precinct for said election is:

Precinct Name	Precinct Voting Location
Abbeville 3	Abbeville County Administrative Complex 903 West Greenwood St Abbeville SC 29620



Abbeville Area Medical Center Providers Support Senior Citizens, Angel Tree. For the 21st consecutive year, Abbeville Area Medical Center Providers helped make Christmas bright for some less fortunate members of the community. More than \$3,200.00 was collected to purchase gifts for children supported by the Main Street United Methodist Church Angel Tree project and senior citizens supported by DSS. Caption: Dr. Keith Scott, AAMC Chief of Staff (right) presents a check to Lori Glace, Angel Tree Coordinator (left) on behalf of many AAMC providers to support the Main Street United Methodist Church Angel Tree Program. (Photo contributed)

Community invited to participate in Lander's first Race and Identity Dialogue sessions

**Submitted by
Graham Duncan**

Lander University will hold the first virtual session of its Race and Identity Dialogue series on Thursday, Jan. 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The first session is an introduction to the series, entitled "Prejudice, Privilege and Power." Speakers will include Dr. Shaunette Parker, visiting lecturer of psychology; Dr. Zach Rubin, assistant professor of sociology; and The Rev. Alexis Carter Thomas, adjunct instructor of religion. Lander's Race and Identity Dialogue series is supported by funds from the National Endowment for the Human-

ities through a grant from South Carolina Humanities. All sessions are free and open to the public, as well as members of the Lander University community. Participants should register for the session ahead of time, which will allow them to access readings and other materials for their review ahead of time.

To register for the session, please visit www.lander.edu/ridialogue. Once registered, the Crowdcast platform will allow participants to add the event to their personal electronic calendars.

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The mission of South Car-

olina Humanities is to enrich the cultural and intellectual lives of all South Carolinians. This not-for-profit organization presents and/or supports literary initiatives, lectures, exhibits, festivals, publications, oral history projects, videos and other humanities-based experiences that reach more than 250,000 citizens annually. South Carolina Humanities receives funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities as well as corporate, foundation and individual donors. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of community leaders from throughout the state.

Legislative summary

**Senator Mike Gambrell
Legislative Summary
January 15, 2021**

The General Assembly returned to the State House on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 for the first year of the 124th Session. The Senate began with the election of officers, once more electing Senator Harvey Peeler as the President of the South Carolina Senate. More than 450 bills and resolutions were introduced for the first time, and assigned to the appropriate committees. Having attained significant seniority in the South Carolina Senate, I was able to move to the Senate Finance Committee. I look forward to participating fully in the many responsibilities of this vital committee. At the close of our first day, the Senate adjourned out of respect to the memory of those who have lost their lives due to COVID-19.

On Wednesday evening, Governor Henry McMaster

gave the annual State of the State address. He spoke of the losses, hardships and difficulties South Carolina has encountered as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and of the hope the vaccine roll-out holds for reducing the spread and severity of this terrible illness. He spoke of the national unrest and violence that was so widespread last year, and of the industry growth and expansion South Carolina can expect in this new year. He closed by referencing something he said in his Inauguration two years ago, and which he said is more appropriate now than it was then. "We are not competitors; we are all on the same team. A team with different jerseys representing different ideas, philosophies, perspectives and experiences — but a team nonetheless — committed to doing what we think is best for the future prosperity, success, health and happiness of over five

million South Carolinians. South Carolina is not a building, not a monument, not a flag or words on paper — South Carolina is her people — and it's been that way for over 300 years."

In an important step this week, South Carolina announced that citizens over the age of 70 may begin making appointments for the vaccine. For more information on this development, please visit the DHEC COVID-19 site, which is updated daily. <https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine>.

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.

County Council tables water study resolution

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County Council has tabled for further study a resolution taking in a proposal for a study of the County's water resources.

Alliance Consulting Engineers has proposed to provide a County-wide Water and Limited Wastewater Infrastructure Evaluation and Planning Study for Abbeville County.

Council voted unanimously at its Jan. 11 meeting to table the resolution.

This County-Wide Water and Limited Wastewater Infrastructure Evaluation and Planning Study would identify and prioritize nec-

essary improvements and provide a basis for regional collaboration.

Alliance Consulting Engineers would include preliminary cost estimates as well as assist in pursuance of grants and funding opportunities.

The compensation for the completion of this study would be \$60,000.

The resolution would authorize the County Director to enter into a contractual agreement with the firm for services related to the study.

Asked about the tabling, County Director David Garner indicated that it was done in order to provide

time for the new members of County Council to study the proposal.

Alliance Consulting Engineers is based in Columbia, with offices in Greenville as well.

The proposal would take in a study of the County's water resources, and a limited review also of the County's wastewater treatment capabilities,

Sometimes grant monies are tied in to studies of water resources for water projects, according to Stephen Taylor, economic development director for Abbeville County.

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Level/Salary Range:	\$18.00 - \$26.00	Position Type:	Full Time
HR Contact:	Jo Elliott	Date Posted:	January 11, 2021
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Coaching legend Johnny Goodwin of Abbeville was named last year to the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association 2020 SCACA Hall of Fame, placing a new milestone on an illustrious career, as described in a Press and Banner story. (Contributed photo)

Highlights of the Abbeville High School Wrestling Team

Submitted by
Bill Glace,
AHS Wrestling Coach

To say that this season has been interesting for the Abbeville Wrestling Team would be an understatement. Just like all other aspects of life, there have been a lot of changes that our wrestlers have had to overcome and persevere through this season, but the Panthers have dealt with each obstacle in stride. Below are just a few of the highlights so far for this season.

Brittany Gordon competed in the Greenwood All-Girls Tournaments on December 18. She wrestled 3 matches and had a record of 1-2 with her first-ever win coming by pin. She placed 3rd in her weight class.

The Panthers went to the

Greenbrier Invitational on January 8th and 9th and competed as a team on Friday and as individuals on Saturday. On Friday night, Bentley Saxon, Mason Price, Drew Patterson, Michael Gordon, Parker Humphreys, Addison Nickles and Luke Evans all contributed wins for the team score. Addison Nickles went 4-0 and Luke Evans went 5-0 respectively on Friday night. On Saturday, Parker Humphreys and Mason Price both compiled a record of 2-1 to finish 3rd in their respective weight classes.

On January 13, the Panthers wrestled Crescent at home. The big wins on varsity came from Brady Crabb and Addison Nickles who both pinned their opponents late in the third period though the Panthers fell to Crescent as a team in

the end. Another highlight for the Abbeville Wrestling team came from the three middle school wrestlers, as all three of them pinned their opponents in their matches. Their names are Walt Smith, Brittany Gordon and Kaijah Wanto.

The next match for the Abbeville Panthers will be when they face the Dixie Hornets on January 20th. This will be our final home match of the season and it will also be senior night where we will recognize our two seniors, Brady Crabb and Luke Evans, for all of their accomplishments throughout their high school career.

The match will be at Abbeville High School starting at 6:00 pm. Tickets are available only at <http://spicket.events/abbeville> beginning at 8 am on January 20.

CF Charter girls press on after quarantine

By Henry E. Green

Despite dealing with COVID concerns, the Calhoun Falls Charter varsity girls were undefeated in Region play at press time, according to Calhoun Falls Charter girls varsity coach Joseph Cade..

Last week, the girls did not play at all, because they

were under quarantine, due to COVID concerns.

Calhoun Falls Charter, which came off quarantine on Thursday, on Jan. 14, was scheduled to play at McCormick last night.

The Calhoun Falls Charter varsity girls team lost to Brashier Middle College on Saturday, Jan. 9. The

score was unavailable at press time.

Calhoun Falls Charter is scheduled to host McCormick in girls action on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m., Cade said Monday.

"We are four and four overall, and 2-0 in the Region," he said.

Fleet Men's Basketball announces schedule changes

Submitted by
Erskine Athletic Department

The Erskine College men's basketball team has paused all team activities due to COVID-19 complications until further notice.

The following games will be postponed:

Monday (Jan. 18) – vs Southern Wesleyan University

Tuesday (Jan. 19) – @ Emmanuel College

Saturday (Jan. 23) – @ Chowan University

The following game has been canceled:
Thursday (Jan. 21) – vs Allen University

Follow us on social media at the links below as well as check erskinesports.com for all the latest schedule and game changes for the coming semester.

The Fleet (0-1) dropped their season opener at Lees-McRae College on January 13, 109-77.



Logan Clamp prepares to face off with his opponent from Crescent. (Photo contributed)



Brittany Gordon pins her opponent from Crescent. (Photo contributed)

Double fun Abbeville High boys, girls demolish Ninety Six in basketball action

By Henry E. Green

Both the Abbeville High School boys and the AHS girls were victorious in basketball action Friday night against Ninety Six at the AHS gym.

The Abbeville High School girls defeated their Ninety Six counterparts to the tune of 45-30.

The Lady Panthers improved to 5-3 with the win, said Julius Crawford, who is in his second year of coaching the varsity girls team.

"It was a total team effort tonight," said Crawford, praising both the defensive and offensive efforts the

girls displayed.

Crawford is pleased with his team at this point in the season. "They're working hard," he said.

The Panther boys team followed with a decisive 67-34 victory over the Wildcats.

Led by Rhasheed Davis and his 17 points, the Panthers improved to 1-2 with the win. The two losses were to Crescent and Christ Church, said AHS varsity boys basketball coach Doug Belcher.

The coach noted that the AHS boys basketball team began their season's action the week after the state

championship game in football, in which Abbeville defeated Marion on Dec. 18.

Friday night, the Panthers appeared to be in command in just about all phases of the game, stealing the ball seemingly at will.

Blessed largely with a height advantage, the Panthers would often get multiple shots at the basket.

All of these factors played a part, and AHS led 20-3 at the end of the first quarter, and 41-8 at the half, and 53-18 at the end of three quarters, and the home team made a number of substitutions.



Abbeville High School (in white) defeated Ninety Six in varsity boys basketball action recently in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Sweet and sour

Buckeyes finally beat Clemson, before getting rolled by Tide

By Henry E. Green
Satisfaction.
The Rolling Stones used to sing about it.
And it is something that Buckeye Nation may have attained on the football field.
Someone suggested that while Ohio State, while enduring a devastating loss to the Alabama Crimson Tide in the recent national championship game for college football, received a measure of satisfaction leading up to it.
In this case, "satisfaction" may be synonymous with "payback", as in the thrashing that the Buckeyes delivered to Clemson in a playoff game leading up to the championship contest, And it WAS a thrashing--49-28. We imagine that the entire state of Ohio must have been caught up in ecstasy after the Scarlet

and Gray crushed a team to whom they had been considered underdogs.
A rivalry had developed over the years, with the two teams meeting in national playoff games. Clemson had emerged victorious every time--until this year.
The picture is bigger, though. Clemson defeated OSU back in the 1970s in the Gator Bowl, where the great Woody Hayes lost his temper and punched a Clemson player.
We know the rest of the story. Ohio State had little choice but to give Woody his walking papers, providing a tragic end to an otherwise illustrious coaching career.
The bad experience which the Buckeyes had at the hands of Clemson soon extended to the entire Palmetto State. Approximately 20 years ago, the University

of South Carolina defeated Ohio State in two consecutive bowl appearances.
All of this does not take away from Alabama's 52-24 victory in the national championship game. The Tide had a particularly productive second quarter, and never looked back.
For what it's worth, the Buckeyes had met the Tide before in a playoff game leading up to the 2014 national championship game. Ohio State whipped the Tide 42-35 in the playoff game, and then went on to crush the Oregon Ducks in the national championship game--back during the Urban Meyer era.
Revenge, they say, is a dish best served cold. In this case it was served in the dead of winter, with no microwave in sight.



Team Photo from Saturday at the Greenbrier Invitational. Left to right: Bentley Saxon, Michael Gordon, Mason Price, and Parker Humphreys. (Photo contributed)

Dixie to host Southside Christian

By Henry E. Green
The Dixie High School varsity boys basketball team was scheduled to visit Calhoun Falls Charter this past Friday night, but the game was cancelled due to COVID issues, said Dixie head coach Josh Harbert, who is in his first year of guiding the Hornets.
The Hornets at press time Monday morning were 3-5

on the year, and 1-3 in the Region, Harbert said.
"We beat Whitmire, and lost to Southside Christian and lost at home to McCorrick," he said.
Dixie was slated to play at High Point last night, and is slated to host Southside Christian Friday night. The girls will play beginning at 6 p.m., with the boys to follow.
"We're having a solid year,"

said Harbert. "We're young." The best players so far have been Max Peeler, a junior guard, and Keon Bates, a senior forward, the coach continued.
Max is averaging about 14 points a game, and Keon is averaging 10 points a game.
The rest of the team provides a "good supporting cast," he said.



Mason Price and his opponent from Crescent locked up. (Photo contributed)



Logan Clamp defending against his opponent from Crescent. (Photo contributed)



Brittany Gordon with her medal from the Greenwood All-Girls Tournament. (Photo contributed)

Legals

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SUMMONS

Laphonia Mars Oglesby v. Jeffery Scott Oglesby

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Erskine Athletics Releases Fan Policy Update

Submitted by **Erskine Athletics Department**
The Erskine College athletics department has decided to allow only essential game personnel into Belk Arena for the beginning of the women's and men's basketball seasons.
The decision to limit capacity inside Belk Arena was developed with the safety of Erskine student-athletes, coaches, and athletic staff

in mind and will be re-evaluated at the end of January. Attendance policies for all road contests against Conference Carolinas (Conf. Carolinas Policy Page) and non-conference opponents will be at the discretion of the host institution and fans are encouraged to check with the host institution for any restrictions on attendance.
All Flying Fleet basketball home games will be streamed on the Fleet Sports Network as part of

the Conference Carolinas Digital Network. Events can be viewed using streaming devices such as Roku, AppleTV and Amazon Fire.
The Erskine College women's basketball regular season begins with a Conference Carolinas matchup with Converse College on Wednesday, January 13 while the Erskine College men's basketball season begins Saturday, January 16 hosting Southern Wesleyan University at 4:00 PM.

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