



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

Best friends

Shirley Huston volunteers at Abbeville County animal shelter

By Henry E. Green

If a dog is man's best friend, the volunteers at the Abbeville County animal shelter may be among a dog's best friends.

Shirley Huston of rural Abbeville County is a volunteer at the animal shelter, where she walks dogs, cleans up, and helps with transport of the canines.

She has been an animal shelter volunteer about six years, having started at the old City of Abbeville shelter, and then she moved on to the County shelter when it opened in June of 2019.

What does she enjoy about being a volunteer?

“Being with the dogs,” she said.

She sees all types of dogs as a volunteer. “Quite a variety,” she said.

Currently, the shelter is home to a variety of pooches--a husky, shepherd mixes, terrier mixes, hound mixes, and a dachshund.

“Some of them--you can't really identify the breed,” she said.

She has been a dog lover all of her life.

“I've had English mastiffs for 36 years,” she said.

Currently, she has a rescue mastiff at home, and a rescue lab mix at home as well--both of which came from shelters.

“I foster dogs from the shelter also--occasionally,” she said.

In fostering a dog, you provide a safe home environment for a shelter canine for any length of time, “and it greatly benefits the dog to get them out of the shelter for awhile.”

“The shelter is always in need of volunteers,” she said. That includes people to walk the dogs and play with them.

“There's always clean up chores, too,” she said. That includes laundry, such as towels and blankets, and

washing food bowls.

“Currently there are six active volunteers and 22 dogs at the shelter,” she went on to say. “The volunteer goal is to schedule two volunteers each day so all dogs can be leash-walked or exercised.”

“Time away from the confinement of the kennel is vital to the dog's well-being. Fostering dogs from the shelter is also a tremendous benefit to the canines. Fostering allows the shelter staff to learn important things about the animal, including how well they interact with people, pets, and in other environments. It also permits the shelter animal to escape the stressful shelter and enjoy human interaction, while freeing up much needed shelter space.”

For more information, one may call the Abbeville County animal shelter at 366-6639.



Shirley Huston recently talked about the pleasure she finds in serving as an animal shelter volunteer. Here are Keith Adams, Abbeville County animal control officer, Huston, and Copper, a two-year-old beagle mix, available for adoption. (Photo courtesy of Shirley Huston)



Linda Ramey (left) and Nancy Erwin (right) were among the volunteers who helped out with the Abbeville community cleanup recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Food distribution planned for Thursday

By Henry E. Green

A food distribution is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 25 beginning at 10 a.m., at the Abbeville Shopping Center, on the Highway 28 Bypass in Abbeville, according to Abbeville County School District Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lori Brewton.

The Abbeville County School District will be joining forces with Farmers to Family, which delivers boxes of free food to people in rural communities, according to Brewton.

Representatives of the Abbeville County School District will be distributing the food boxes, along with

students from the FFA chapters at both Abbeville and Dixie high schools.

“We will begin distribution at 10:00 AM and continue until we run out of boxes,” she said.

“We are excited to be able to partner with an organization focused on feeding families in rural communities.”

The March 25 distribution will be the latest in a series of food distributions in which the School District has collaborated.

A free food distribution was held in Abbeville on Feb. 18, on a rainy, rainy Thursday in the parking lot of what used to be the Bi-Lo store on Highway 72.

Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary said following the Feb. 18 distribution that 1,150 boxes were given out. “We distributed that many in two hours,” he said, noting that he was very pleased with the operation. “The flow went very well.”

The Superintendent went on to thank the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office.

“They did all the traffic control,” he noted.

The coronavirus pandemic has amplified food insecurity in many parts of the community, highlighting the significance of free food distributions.

TLC

Abbevillians join forces to take on litter in recent community cleanup

By Henry E. Green

Newlyweds Matt and Erin Gambrell had been married a week when they were spotted on Harrisburg Street in Abbeville Saturday morning.

They were picking up litter along the side of the road, as part of the Abbeville community cleanup that day.

Matt, who is also an Abbeville City Council member, and Erin, were just two of the many volunteers who gave of their time to help beautify their community.

It was a project in which the City of Abbeville joined forces with a number of community groups to pick up trash along designated thoroughfares in Abbeville County's county seat.

On Washington Street, for example, you could find Nancy Erwin and Linda Ramey picking up trash across the street from Abbeville High School, and Ramey called on Abbevillians to do their part to keep the city looking good.

James Jackson, a City Council member, was part of a group cleaning up a stretch of highway, and they picked up about 25 bags. “We cleaned up Haigler Street from North Main all the way to 28 (Highway 28 Bypass),” he said. “There were 14 volunteers with us.”

Altogether, about 70 people took part in the cleanup, and they picked a total of approximately 40 bags of trash, Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone said. The Boy Scouts, the

Greenwood Abbeville Jaycees, City Council members, and City of Abbeville staff were just a few of the groups involved.

“It was a good event,” he said.

Palmetto Pride provided bags, gloves and Abbeville Hardware helped with some equipment as well, said Stone.

“It was definitely needed,” he said of the cleanup, noting that the cleanup provided “TLC” to Abbeville streets. “There was definitely a severe amount of litter.”

“We really appreciate everybody who came out,” he said, noting that it displays the love that so many Abbevillians have for their community.

Abbeville City Council member Matt Gambrell and his wife Erin took part in the Abbeville community cleanup on Saturday, March 20. Here they are on Harrisburg Street. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Commentary

Commentary Submitted to:

Lamar T. West, Sr.

“So, here’s some interesting info on the Keystone pipeline... The irony is that the Keystone pipeline from Alberta, Canada to Port Arthur, Texas ALREADY delivers more than 550,000 barrels of oil per day. So, what did President Biden cancel?”

Oil production in Alberta will double in the next decade and the current pipeline is at full capacity. The plan was to add an additional pipeline next to Keystone called Keystone XL, increasing capacity by an additional 830,000 barrels of oil each day.

Without the added capacity, the oil will be loaded onto tanker trucks and transferred to rail for its journey to the refineries on the Gulf Coast. This will increase the cost consumers pay for gasoline and emit more than a million tons of CO2 each year. The risks of environmental devastation are increased exponentially when you carry oil on our highways and through densely populated cities. Each year there are 500,000 trucking accidents in the U.S.

The higher environmental and economic costs will result in higher oil prices that benefit countries like Rus-

sia, Iran, and Venezuela. By preventing the expansion of the Keystone, the American people are basically funding their enemies.

The REAL reason Democrats oppose the Keystone XL is that they want the oil to get more expensive to hasten the adoption of solar, wind, and other ‘renewable’ energy sources, which will cost more to produce than oil.

Hopefully, saner heads will prevail, and the courts will side with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and TransCanada in their lawsuit against President Biden. In the meantime, thousands of high-paid union jobs will be lost and thousands more won’t be created.

Also worth noting is that it doesn’t end oil transportation. It just forces oil companies to spend more money shipping oil on Warren Buffet’s rail lines.

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A number of Abbeville Rotarians gathered in the parking lot of the Abbeville Shopping Center recently to clean up the stretch of Highway 28 Bypass they have adopted. Ready for the trash pickup were (from left) Rotarians Lou Paradis, Bill Boone, Tracy Best, Bill Lesesne, Gary Best, Scott White, Jimmy Wilson, Darren Lewis, and Tom Howie. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Is county’s rate of cases slowing down?

By Henry E. Green

The number of COVID-19 cases in Abbeville County continues to rise, although at a slower pace, it appears.

According to DHEC figures from the early afternoon of Monday, March 22, Abbeville County has 1,985 confirmed positive cases of the virus, and 30 confirmed coronavirus-related deaths.

Among Abbeville’s neighboring counties, Anderson County had 18,972 confirmed positive COVID cases, and 452 coronavirus-related deaths.

Greenwood County had 6,983 cases, and 146 deaths, while Laurens had 5,990 cases and 141 deaths, and McCormick 767 cases,

and 17 deaths.

The state had a total of 459,772 cases, and 7,969 confirmed coronavirus-related deaths.

As of Monday, March 1, Abbeville County had a total of 1,919 confirmed positive cases, and 29 coronavirus-related deaths, according to DHEC.

AAMC Foundation Bash to be virtual

By Henry E. Green

The AAMC Foundation Benefit Bash will be a virtual event this year, and will be held April 30 through May 8, said Meg Davis, the AAMC marketing, Foundation and volunteer services director.

For years, the bash, a fund-raiser for the Foundation, had been held “in person” at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville.

Attracting hundreds of people, the event would feature a silent auction as well as a live auction, as well as dinner and music.

Last year’s “in person” event was canceled due to COVID, but a virtual bash was held later in the year.

“We raised more than \$33,000,” Davis said.

The virtual event last year featured both a silent auction and a live auction, with the live auction hosted by Roddy Gray and Brad Evans. Live auction items included a trip to Panama City, FL, a home rental at Edisto Island, an autographed Clemson and Georgia footballs, a recliner, and many more.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization which seeks to provide funding for two health care career scholarships, and to support programs and equipment purchases for the hospital system.

“Anyone can bid, and we’ll be posting the link to the auction soon,” she said.

The Foundation is seeking auction items, donations and sponsorships.

For more information, one may call Davis at 366-3364.

Council ordinance to change meeting day

By Henry E. Green

A proposed City ordinance to change the day of the monthly Abbeville City Council meeting is slated to come before Council this week.

The ordinance would change the day for regular monthly City Council meetings.

Currently, City Council holds regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

The ordinance, as amended by City Council, would change the day to the first

Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

The Mayor asked for the postponement to allow for the District Three election to conclude, so that the newly elected City Council member from that district could vote on it too, said Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone Thursday.

City Council has already passed first reading on this proposed ordinance, in February, and it needs to pass through a second reading before becoming law.

The proposed ordinance

was originally proposed by City Council member Benji Greeson.

The proposed ordinance was slated to be on the agenda for a special City Council meeting this past Monday, March 22, Stone said.

John Sutherland won the special election held on March 9 to fill the vacant City Council District Three seat.

Stone said Thursday that Sutherland would be at Monday night’s meeting, and would be sworn in at that time.

Absentee voting starts for CF special election

By Henry E. Green

Absentee voting is now available for the upcoming special Calhoun Falls Town Council election planned for Tuesday, April 6, said Kim London, Abbeville County voter registration and elections director.

Absentee voting opened on Monday, March 15, and will continue until Monday, April 5, at 5 p.m.

To vote absentee, one may

visit the voter registration office in person, and vote absentee, or may call the office, and request a ballot by mail.

“We also have curb-side voting,” for voters who are unable to leave their vehicles, London continued.

The office is located on the second floor of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex.

The election will be to fill

the unexpired term of Wayne Pless, a Calhoun Falls Town Council member who passed away in January.

Three candidates have filed for the seat, including Howard Harmon, LaSean Tutt, and Courtney Cade.

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

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Matrimonial memories

A wedding dress is donated to the Abbeville County Historical Society

By Henry E. Green

Ah, but what stories a simple piece of fabric could tell! Two ladies recently donated to the Abbeville County Historical Society a wedding dress that had been in their family for more than a century.

Vernette Johnson of Grovetown, GA, and her cousin, Marie Wells of Columbia, donated a wedding dress that had belonged to an ancestor.

"It has been in my mother's family all these years," Johnson said.

Her great-great aunt was Mary Frances Coleman, who married on Jan. 11, 1911 A. Eugene Newell of the Cold Spring community of Abbeville.

The marriage took place in Abbeville County, although the exact location is not

known.

The dress, meanwhile, is made of cotton, embellished with lace and embroidery.

Johnson and Wells made the donation to Bill Rogers, the acquisitions chairman of the Society at the Society's headquarters, the McGowan Barksdale House, in Abbeville, Wednesday afternoon, and they also donated to the Society wedding photos of Mr. and Mrs. Newell.

Johnson and Wells together they talked about the pieces of information they had gleaned about the couple, who were thought to have lived in a rural part of the county.

The wedding dress will join a number of vintage clothing items in the possession of the Society, Rogers said.

The McGowan-Barks-

dale-Bundy House, meanwhile, was donated to the Society in 1989, and today the house is the Society's headquarters.

"I am "the Society's Curator/Acquisitions Chairman and anyone interested in donating an item can reach me at 864-828-0462," said Rogers.

"We are interested in old documents (maps, letters, wills, etc), old books, old photos, paintings, antiques including furnishings and household, clothing, railroad items, military items and basically any items related to all of Abbeville's history. We have the main house and three cabins that items could be displayed in. What a great way to preserve Abbeville history and also recognize your family and ancestors!"



Vernette Johnson (left) of Grovetown, GA, and her cousin, Marie Wells (center) of Columbia, donated to the Abbeville County Historical Society a wedding dress that had belonged to an ancestor. Accepting on behalf of the Society was the organization's acquisition chairman Bill Rogers (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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County spared twister's wrath

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County dodged the proverbial bullet Thursday in terms of inclement weather.

The county, along with much of the rest of the state, was under a tornado watch Thursday, meaning that conditions were right for the formation of a tornado.

It was all in connection with a storm system which had produced numerous tornadoes in Alabama and Mississippi.

It was a storm system that had been moving east, but South Carolina was largely spared any damage.

Here in Abbeville County, there was rain, and Abbeville County School District schools were closed for the day, while the District announced an eLearning Day. (See related story)

Abbeville County Director David Garner said Friday that he did not know of any tornadoes that touched down here, or any injuries or property damage.

To many an Abbeville County resident, "tornado" is a word laden with dread, as "twisters" have made their mark at various points in Abbeville County's history.

There have been some memorable storms of the type that call to mind Dorothy's adventures in "The Wizard of Oz."

In March of 1973, a tornado caused damage in Abbeville and Calhoun Falls, and there were a number of fatalities as well, for example.

In April of 2009, the "Good Friday" storm caused extensive damage in places such as McGowan Avenue in Abbeville, although there were no fatalities.

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'In person' to return

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County School District is expected to return to in-person learning for the coming school year, according to a recommendation from Dr. Mason Gary, Abbeville County School District Superintendent Tuesday night. The District established iTECH Academy this year as an alternative to in-person instruction, in the wake of the COVID pandemic. The administration made its recommendation for in-person learning following a survey by the District, said Dr. Gary. Also announced was a slate of new positions to be paid for, not with local tax dollars, but through federal funds for coronavirus relief. These included everything from a transportation director for the District, who will help coordinate school bus transportation and provide training, and reading coaches - just to name a few. The board also Tuesday

night approved locally board approved courses, including service learning, and world languages. Some courses are state approved, explained Dr. Gary before the meeting. Others that deviate from the state curriculum need to be approved by the school board before they can be instituted. There was also a report on the 135th day of school, providing a profile of the District, with its approximately 2,920 students. There was also a report on the possibility of establishing an ROTC program in the School District. Only eight percent of the middle and high school students appeared to show an interest in the program -- not enough to lay the foundation for a program. There is a timeline for progress on various projects at Dixie and Abbeville high schools, projects including new press boxes at the high school stadiums, new

concession buildings, and restrooms, and team rooms. The District's plans to submit plans to the state's Office of School Facilities by March 31, and there would be a bidding process as well. Once the bid is awarded, construction could begin after April 15, with the construction process to be completed in three and one half months. In other matters, the first day of school for students for the 2020-2021 school year is slated to be August 17. The trustees passed second reading on Policy GC-CAB, dealing with staff leave related to COVID-19. The trustees passed second reading on Policies IHAK (character education) and IHAN (driver education). The policies have all been updated. The trustees also approved personnel recommendations from the administration.



The Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce is planning to present an Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 27, at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls beginning at 11 a.m. An Easter egg hunt is one of the highlights of the event. One of the Easter egg hunts of the past is shown here. (Photo courtesy of Mindy Rogers)

District students have eLearning Day

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County School District schools were closed Thursday in anticipation of inclement weather, but, as noted by District director of instruction and accountability Brandi Sears, the learning continued. Schools had an eLearning day Thursday, and students did their school work via computer, she explained. "We announced it (plans for eLearning) on Wednesday due to the high threat

of severe weather," Sears said. Students used their electronic devices, known as "chrome books" to complete assignments, and the eLearning Day went smoothly, she said. "We're grateful now for the ability to use eLearning", he said. "eLearning is a great gift." eLearning has been around for a number of years, with schools in a number of neighboring counties using

it, but the Abbeville County School District was not able to take advantage of it before this current school year. The difference is that the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees agreed for the District to acquire chrome books. The inclement weather, meanwhile, did not materialize. "eLearning is a great gift," Sears said.

Honea Path man faces drug charges

By Henry E. Green
A Honea Path man faces drug charges after a March 4 traffic stop on J.T. Ashley Road in Honea Path, according to an Abbeville County Sheriff's Office incident report.

Delonte Bickham, 27, of 800 Brooks Street, Honea Path, faces charges of possession of methamphetamine, third offense; Possession with Intent to Distribute marijuana, first offense; felon in possession of firearm, possession of

stolen pistol, and DUS first offense, the Sheriff's Office reported. Officers began a search of the vehicle after noticing a strong odor of marijuana emanating from it, according to the report.

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MARK 11: 1-17 (NIV)

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⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"
"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

¹² The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. ¹³ Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs.

¹⁴ Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it.

¹⁵ On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, ¹⁶ and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. ¹⁷ And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'"

"Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." ... BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, indeed, the King of Israel!"

John 12:13 (KJV)

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City Council votes to change meeting day

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council met Monday night in a special meeting and voted unanimously to change its regular monthly meeting day from the second Tuesday of the month to the second Wednesday of the month.

The meeting time will stay the same--7 p.m.

The decision followed a lengthy discussion among Council members. Council had previously passed first reading on an ordinance to change the meeting day to Monday, and Monday night's meeting was scheduled to include second reading on the ordinance, but City Council member James Jackson said that that change would not be agreeable to everyone.

"I don't want to hurt anyone," he said.

Council member Chris Crawford noted that he teaches at Piedmont Tech on Mondays and Thursdays. Greeson, meanwhile, had a business conflict with Tuesdays.

The discussion then turned to a search for another day.

Friday was not a suitable choice for everyone, but no one seemed to have a problem with Wednesday.

Council member Faye Thomas made the motion to change the day to Wednesday, and Council approved the amendment, and then approved the ordinance as amended.

The new format will take effect next month, City Manager Blake Stone said.

Also Monday night, new City Council member John Sutherland was sworn in by City Judge Bill McNeil.

Sutherland will represent City Council District Three on Council. He will fill the unexpired term left by Trey Edwards when Edwards was elected Mayor of Abbeville.

Sutherland won a special City Council election on March 9 to fill the term.

Also, City Council passed first reading on an amendment to a City Council measure to encourage rehabili-

tation of historic properties.

Also, Council voted to reappoint Dave Bacon to the Planning Commission, and tabled two other appointments to that Commission.

Bacon was present at the meeting Monday night, and told Council he would be willing to serve again if reappointed.

The other appointments were to fill the terms of Jason Walker and Betty Simpson, who according to the City did not wish to serve again.

No one on Council had nominations for those two slots Monday night, and the matter was tabled.

Council also discussed the community-wide clean up in Abbeville on Saturday.

"It was a very good turnout," said Mayor Trey Edwards of the volunteers who came out to pick up trash along with streets in the Abbeville community.

"It was a good day," he continued, noting that a clean up could be done periodically in the future.

Obituaries

Sorrow

Eunice Wooten Sorrow, 92, of Abbeville, wife of the late George D. Sorrow, Sr., died peacefully on Saturday, March 20, 2021 at the Hospice and Palliative Care House of Greenwood.

She was born in Caroleen, NC to the late Paul M. and Minnie Randall Wooten.

Mrs. Sorrow retired from Prince Brothers Real Estate after 20 years of dedicated service. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Abbeville, Loyal Workers Sunday School Class, the Tweenagers and the Amy Long Circle Group.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Glenn Taylor, four brothers, Clyde, Bostic, Glen and Thurmand Wooten, four sisters, Ruth Compton, Hazel Peace, Flossie Stastny and Mary Helen Calliham.

Mrs. Sorrow is survived by her two children, David



Eunice Wooten Sorrow

Sorrow, Jr. (Linda) of Abbeville, SC and Kathy Sorrow Taylor of Columbia, SC; a brother, Marvin Wooten of Anderson, SC; two sisters, Betty Wilson (Bill) of Greenwood, SC, and Paulette Looney of Anderson, SC; a sister-in-law, Olivia 'Libby' Wooten of Anderson, SC; two grandchildren, Amy Hannah (Michael) and Will Taylor (Alison); four

great-grandchildren, Liam, Olivia, Maren Taylor and Mason Hannah.

Graveside services were at 2PM Tuesday, March 23, 2021 in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens with the Rev. Jimmy Tucker officiating.

Those wishing to pay their respects visited Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville, Tuesday, March 23 from 8:30AM to 1:00PM.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Sorrow, may be sent to the Abbeville First Baptist Church, Building Fund, PO Box 825, Abbeville, SC 29620 or to the Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave, Greenwood, SC 29649.

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 Sorrow family.

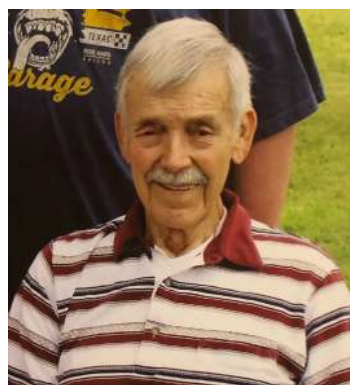
Obituaries

Voyles

William F. 'Billy' Voyles, Sr., 80, of Abbeville, husband of the late Mildred 'Mickie' Ware Voyles, died Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at his home. He was born in Spartanburg to the late William Martin and Kate Chumley Voyles.

Mr. Voyles honorably served his country in the United States Army. Formerly employed with Bloomsburg Mill for 32 years, he retired from Flexible Technologies after 18 years of dedicated service. A member of the Dew Drop Lodge #266 AFM in Antreville, Mr. Voyles was a Mason and Hejaz Shriner. Involved with the Abbeville Shrine Club, he presided as President from 2015 - 2016. Mr. Voyles was a member of Little Mountain Presbyterian Church.

In addition to his wife and



William F. 'Billy' Voyles, Sr.

parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Mark Shane Voyles and a sister, Brenda Smith and her husband, Don.

Mr. Voyles is survived by his son, William F. 'Frankie' Voyles, Jr. (Chasity); a sister, Diane Voyles Loftis (Jerry); five grandchildren, Breana Voyles McClain (Jacob), Ashstan Elise

Voyles (Ben), Trace Voyles, Katelyn Elise Voyles and Brady Shane Voyles; three great-grandchildren, Cohen Robert McClain, Briggs Austin McClain and Micha Shane Voyles; and a special friend, Nancy Price.

The family received friends 10:00AM - 11:00AM, Saturday, March 20, 2021 at Little Mountain Presbyterian Church. Funeral services began at 11:30AM in the church sanctuary. Burial followed in Little Mountain Presbyterian Church Cemetery with Masonic Rites.

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

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Calhoun Falls plans to reopen Blue Hole

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Town Council met Monday and voted to re-open the Blue Hole recreation area and various Town facilities, in a move to relax COVID-19 regulations in keeping with the Governor's moves for statewide opening, according to Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris Cowan.

"We're going to open up the Blue Hole and the rental facilities on April 1," said Cowan Tuesday.

The rental facilities include the Ellison Center, the Calhoun Falls Civic Center, and the Blue Hole picnic shelters.

The vote to reopen was 4-0, with Cowan, Mindy

Rogers, Wane Postell and Johnny Gilchrist voting in favor.

"We will not be opening our main lobby again until May 1," the Mayor said, referring to the main lobby in the Civic Center, which is also Town Hall.

The Mayor says that by that time most of the Town employees have had their COVID shots.

The main lobby is a place where Calhoun Falls residents play their utility bills.

Cowan said that the Governor had moved to relax a number of COVID restrictions throughout the state, and the Mayor added that he did not renew the Town's mask mandate. One major

factor was the impact of the COVID vaccines in the community

Council also passed Resolution 2021-02, dealing with Dominion LED Street light conversion.

Dominion Energy has a program to convert the Town's street lights to LED lights, which are more efficient, and with the resolution the Town agreed to the program, the Mayor indicated.

Council passed Resolution 2021-03, a leasing agreement on the Old Hickory Point building.

The Town is going to lease the building to a fishing-related business, Cowan said.

Bernard recognized

By Henry E. Green

Kathy Bernard, the Abbeville County School District's director of special services, was recognized at last night's Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees meeting.

Bernard was recognized during the meeting's Gold Star Highlights segment, a time set aside during the meeting to highlight accomplishments of District students and staff.

The special services director was praised for having coordinated a recent COVID

vaccination clinic for District employees, as described in last week's Press and Banner.

The Abbeville County School District collaborated with Abbeville Area Medical Center to present the clinic.

The vaccinations took place the week of March 8-12, at various sites throughout the District, Bernard said recently.

Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary said Monday that 162 employees were given the first dose

Second shots in the vaccination process are scheduled for March 31 and April 1, Bernard has said.

The special services director has said that AAMC personnel visited individual schools as well as the District Office to make the clinic a reality.

Bernard was also recognized during the Gold Star Highlights segment for her work in tracking virus cases within the District, said Dr. Gary.

Anderson man charged after shooting

By Henry E. Green

An Anderson man faces charges of attempted murder and possession of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime following an incident on Cambridge Street in Abbeville, according to an Abbeville Police Department incident report.

Jontavious Lamar Blakeley, 28, of 143 Strawberry Place, Anderson was arrested on March 16, after an incident on March 15 at 1108 Cambridge Street, according to the report.

On March 15, City police officers were dispatched to an apartment at 1108 Cambridge Street in reference

to a shooting that had just taken place.

The caller had said that someone had shot a man who was now in her apartment. Dispatch noted that the shooter was no longer on the scene and that there was a victim with a gunshot wound, the report continued.

An officer, upon arrival, made contact with the victim, and found a gunshot wound on the victim's right thigh, with what appeared to an exit wound above his right knee, was discovered.

The officer asked the victim what happened, and he replied that "an unknown male

shot at him from the grass to the right of the apartment."

The woman who lived in the apartment said that the victim and another man had gotten into an argument earlier in the evening.

The woman said that she had gone inside the apartment to do something and when she came out she heard the gunshots, and she went on to say that the victim then "ran in the apartment and told her to call 911 because he was shot", the report continued.

EMS arrived on the scene and transported the victim to Self in Greenwood.

In December 2019, the three men were responsible for victimizing dozens of people during a string of at least five separate armed robberies spanning Abbeville and Greenwood counties. The three men went into several businesses, including Quick Way in Abbeville and Quick Credit and Lee's Nail Salon in Greenwood. In each of the instances, the three men held their victims at gunpoint while they stole everything of value the victims had on their persons. One of the victims was a child under the age of 10 who had her money stolen along with the adults.

Deputy Solicitor Yates Brown prosecuted the case for the state with the assistance of 8th Circuit Investigator Chris Wilkie and 8th Circuit Victim Advocate Sarah Parris. Raheem Lukie was represented by Aaron Taylor of the Greenwood County Bar. Kevis Hawkins was represented by Michael Gambrell of the Greenwood

County Bar. Ry'shed Lukie was represented by Tristan Shaffer of the 8th Circuit Public Defender's Office.

Solicitor Stumbo praised the work of his staff along with the stellar investigative work done by Inv. Duane Balchin of the Abbeville Police Department, Capt. Martin Haralson and Sgt. William Kay of the Greenwood Police Department, and Inv. Matthew Womack of the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office, to achieve the convictions and lengthy prison sentences.

"I couldn't be more pleased to send three violent criminals to long prison sentences during our first week of court operations resuming," Solicitor Stumbo said. "Our law-abiding citizens, including children in this case, deserve better than armed criminals traumatizing them with the selfish acts committed here. We hope this sends a clear message that we will not tolerate this type of violent behavior in our communities any longer."

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Four County landmarks featured in book

By Henry E. Green

Four Abbeville County business landmarks are featured in a book called *Our Vanishing Americana: A South Carolina Portrait*.

The book, which came out last year, includes color photographs of Due West Supply Company in Due West, the Pettigrew Hardware and Supply in Calhoun Falls, the Manning Barbershop on Highway 72, and Roughhouse Hot Dogs in Abbeville.

The book includes iconic small business landmarks

from throughout South Carolina, ranging from hardware stores to barbershops.

The book, with text by Cele and Lynn Selden, is described on the Internet as a "coffee table style book with over 200 pages of colorful photos of general stores, hardware stores, 'fillin' stations," groceries, barbershops, drug stores and restaurants.

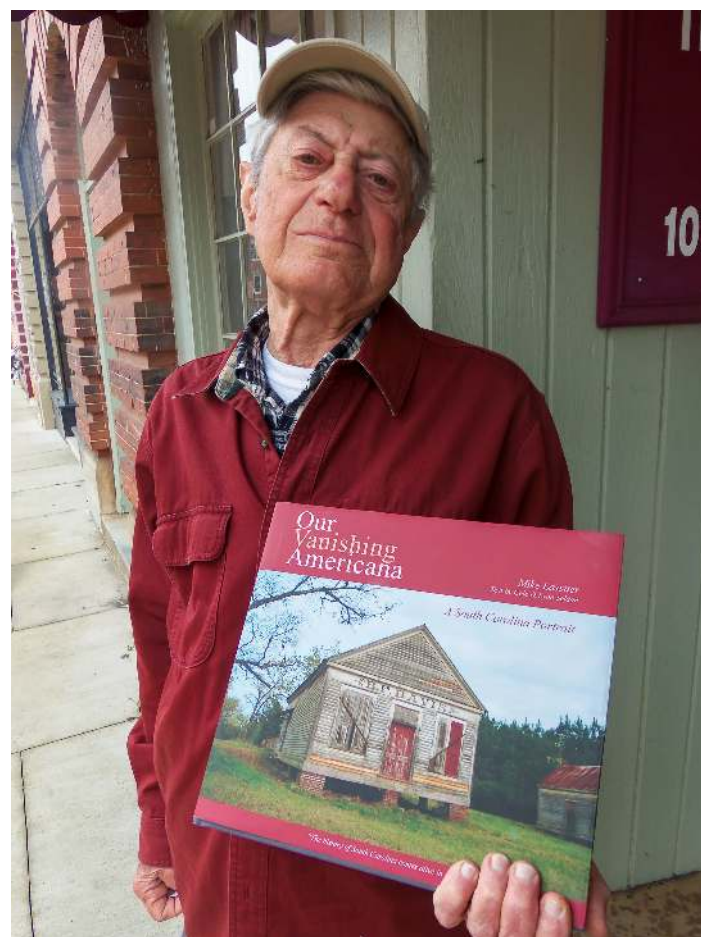
The photographs are the handiwork of a North Carolina based lawyer and photographer Mike Lassiter, who put together a similar

book about the Tarheel State.

Cele and Lynn Selden wrote introductions for the nine chapters in *A South Carolina Portrait*.

"We contributed the introductory text in each chapter, featuring personal stories and anecdotes from some of the fascinating people and places Lassiter met and experienced during his travels to each county in the state," they said in www.lowcountryweekly.com.

Millen Ellis of rural Abbeville County holds a copy of *Our Vanishing Americana*, which contains color photographs of some of Abbeville County's landmark businesses. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



CF Personality of Year competition planned

By Henry E. Green

It's time once again for the Calhoun Falls Personality of the Year competition, putting the spotlight on individuals who, through their hard work, make life in Calhoun Falls just a little better.

Every year The Press and Banner presents the Personality of the Year competition to recognize these exceptional individuals.

People are welcome to send in nominations to The Press and Banner, and those nominations will be reviewed by a panel of judges chosen by The Press and Banner.

The judges will select a winner, who will then be recognized at the Calhoun Falls Springtime in the Falls

festival in mid-May. The recipient is expected to be presented with a plaque.

The Personality of the Year competition, which dates back to the early 1960s, took a hiatus last year because of COVID, but the plan is for it to resume this year.

Lynne Hester of Calhoun Falls was the last recipient. She was presented with the award in 2019, in recognition of her accomplishments in 2018.

This year's recipient will be honored for their work during the calendar year 2020.

Nominations may be mailed or emailed to The Press and Banner. If they are mailed, they need to be typewritten.

The mailing address is PO

Box 769, Abbeville, S.C. 29620.

The e-mail address is henry@bannercorp.net.

The award is slated to be presented on the evening of Friday, May 14, at 7 p.m. on Cox Avenue, during the opening night of the Springtime in the Falls festival.

All nominations need to be turned in by April 23.

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

The individual nominated must be someone who has a Calhoun Falls address, and must be someone who has made a positive difference in the Calhoun Falls community.

UCMAC to reopen Lowndesville pantry

By Henry E. Green

The United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County plans to reopen the Lowndesville food pantry under UCMAC supervision, according to Mike Shirley, UCMAC food pantry director.

UCMAC has food pantries in Abbeville and in Calhoun Falls, and the one in Lowndesville would provide a third branch, covering the Lowndesville area of Abbeville County.

The Lowndesville pantry is currently closed, but there are plans to reopen it in April,

Shirley continued.

April 21 is the target date for the reopening, and the plans are for the pantry to be open once a month, on the third Wednesday of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon, Shirley continued.

It will be staffed with UCMAC volunteers, under the supervision of a coordinator to be announced, he continued.

The Lowndesville food pantry is located in a building beside the Lowndesville Pentecostal Holiness Church, Shirley went on

to say.

The building belongs to the church, whose pastor is Rev. Scotty Willoughby.

The food recipients at the Lowndesville pantry will have to be Abbeville County residents, and will have to reside in the Lowndesville area, Shirley continued.

To receive food, one must meet UCMAC guidelines, and the food will be free, he went on to say.

For more information, one may call Shirley at 379-2386.

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Entrepreneurs to be focus of online class

By Henry E. Green

So you want to be an entrepreneur?

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"How to Become An Entrepreneur" will be held on-line on March 26 at noon.

The free class is being sponsored by Clemson Extension, Freshwater Coast Community Foundation, Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, WCTEL, and Small Business Development Center.

One may sign up for it on [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), <https://www.eventbrite.com>.

[come/how-to-become-an-entrepreneur-tickets-145126000775](https://www.eventbrite.com)

The instructor will be Wilder Ferreira, a Clemson University Cooperative Extension educator who is also the Director of the Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development.

He briefly described what he hoped to accomplish in the class.

"In this workshop, we will cover:

- How to become an entrepreneur
- How to get funding
- How to incorporate your

business

- How to find help."

Asked to define "entrepreneur", he quoted [investopedia.com](https://www.investopedia.com) and replied: "An entrepreneur is an individual who creates a new business, bearing most of the risks and enjoying most of the rewards.

"Entrepreneurship is the formalization of a business idea, which aggregates capital and labor in order to produce goods or services for profit, generating economic wealth, growth, and innovation."

Community Calendar

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.

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

Sunrise service canceled

In response to the COVID-19 virus situation, the Session of Long Cane ARP Church has decided to cancel its usual Sunrise

Easter Service.

There will still be a worship service on Easter Sunday on April 4 at 10 a.m.

"No breakfast will be served afterwards," a spokesman said.

Pottery Workshop planned

The Abbeville Artist Guild is having a ceramic/pottery workshop on Saturday, April 24, 2021. Ashton and Nick Rice from In The Potter's Hands will be the instructors and will show how to make a clay item either by using the hand-built method or by using a potter's wheel.

Using the wheel is an extra fee. This class is geared for beginners, but it could

be a refresher class for the more experienced artist.

The workshop will be held at the Abbeville Civic Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The cost is \$30 for hand-building and \$50 for using the potter's wheel (\$80 for both). All supplies will be provided. Bring your lunch as the guild will not provide refreshments due to COVID. Email the guild to register at abbevilleartistguild@gmail.com or call Jane Agan at 366-5881.

Hospital board to meet

The Abbeville Area Medical Center Board of Trustees is scheduled for Monday, March 29, 2021 at noon.

SC Statehouse Reports 2021-The House of Representatives

House week in review

Rep. Craig A. Gagnon, District 11--SC House of Representatives March 16, 2021

After a marathon debate on the floor lasting over 6 hours last Wednesday, the House passed the first major Second Amendment legislation in over 25 years. The bill (H.3094) called "Open Carry with Permit" puts SC in line with 45 other states' firearm legislation. I was a co-sponsor and voted in favor of the bill. It now moves on to the Senate.

On the floor, I supported the following:

H.3105, the "South Carolina Religious Freedom Act." This legislation deems religious services in houses of worship as essential services during declared states of emergency. As such, they would be allowed to continue operating throughout the duration of it. Any houses of worship denied their right to worship in these conditions could seek declaratory and injunctive relief as well as their compensatory damages for pecuniary and nonpecuniary losses.

H. 3991, a bill establishing provisions for deterring catalytic converter theft operations in which these automobile parts are cut from underneath vehicles and sold for the valuable metals that they contain. The legislation provides that it is illegal for anyone other than a licensed and permitted secondary metals recycler to purchase or otherwise acquire a used,

detached catalytic converter or any nonferrous part of a catalytic converter.

H. 3900, a joint resolution that authorizes certain podiatrists to administer premeasured doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The House concurred on Senate amendments and the bill will go to the Governor for his signature.

H. 3291, a bill establishing an additional method of posting notice of trespassing on a property. As an alternative to the posting of 'No Trespassing' signs, the legislation establishes a procedure that allows trespassing notice to be posted on tracts of land by marking immovable, permanent objects along the boundary lines with purple paint.

H. 3694, a bill that was amended and allows the use or aid of bait during bear hunting season to address the unwanted growing population. The bill allows for baiting bear in Georgetown, Horry, Marion and Williamsburg counties in Game Zone 4.

H. 3884, a bill that authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to use an electronic lien system to transmit and receive certificate of title for businesses and lenders engaged in the sale of watercraft.

H. 3957, legislation revising the catch and size limits for flounder. Due to the decline in the population of the flounder on the coast, this bill decreases the catch limit from ten to five per person

and decreases the boat limit from 20 to 10. The catch size increases from 15 to 16 inches.

H. 4027, a bill that updates the service area map of Renewable Water Resources (ReWa), formerly the Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority. In addition, the bill increases the governing commission membership for Greenville County from seven to eight and decreases the Spartanburg County commission from two to one member.

This week, the House will debate the South Carolina State budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. We will debate and vote on the budget recommended by the House Ways and Means Committee. Once the House approves, the budget will move to the Senate where they, in all probability, will amend it. It will then come back to the House where it will probably not be concurred on. It will then go to a Conference Committee and then back to each Chamber for a final vote. After all that, it will be sent to the Governor for his approval.

As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve you in Columbia. If you need help with any state agency, 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 craig@gagnon@schouse.gov.

Letters

Letter to the Editor

In today's drug crisis, deaths happen every single day and it's really easy to scroll through your Facebook feed and see all of these mass-overdose situations and memorials and think "at least it's not my kid." But what you have to realize is that the person who died **was** someone's child. You can only sit back

and think it'll never happen to you or your family for so long until it does.

If there's one thing I'm completely certain of, it's that no family **ever** really recovers from losing a child to addiction. No family ever fully recovers from losing a child, in general—not just from a drug overdose. It's an unnatural sequence in that children are supposed to bury their parents, not the

other way around. When parents have to bury their children it's as if a piece of them is lost forever. A gaping void of emptiness is left behind that is never again filled. The sad part of the whole drug epidemic is that more families than ever before have had to endure that type of eternal heartache and loss.

Jason Good

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6. Credit card acr.
9. Just in case
13. Yemeni's neighbor
14. Scheduled to arrive
15. *First full-disk image of it was taken in 1966
16. Alleuviated
17. Wildfire remains
18. One born to Japanese immigrants
19. **"Catch-22" author
21. *Oscar-winning leading lady of "Mary Poppins"
23. Green or black beverage
24. Piercing woodwind
25. Mom in U. K.
28. ____ and drab
30. Good-for-nothing
35. *TV's Batman, ____ West
37. Figure skater's jump
39. Make happy
40. Hitchhiker's quest
41. **"Wilt the ____" of pro basketball
43. Femur, e.g.
44. Cut it out
46. Away from port
47. Largest organ of human body
48. Like anti-cruelty society
50. Same as #42 Down
52. Even, to a poet
53. Roaster's spot
55. *It's the loneliest number
57. *Sam Walton's company
61. *Haircut popularized by the Beatles
64. Relating to axis
65. PC brain
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69. Threshing hand tool
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71. Dostoyevsky's novel, with The
72. Seaside bird
73. Tibetan ox
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2. Same as ayah
3. Four six-packs
4. Genuffed
5. Sashayed
6. Month of Purim
7. Abscess contents
8. Repair
9. Bear's den
10. Gaelic tongue
11. Meat and potato dish
12. Not that
15. Take to one's heart
20. ____ Grey and James ____ Jones
22. Noggin or dome
24. #24 Across players
25. * ____ on Washington
26. Farewell in Paris
27. Address to a woman
29. Just a little
31. Young socialites, for short
32. Call forth
33. *Barbara Eden starred as one
34. *First American astronaut to orbit the Earth
36. Table in Spanish
38. Type of bargain
42. Best not mentioned
45. Ultimate goal
49. Slightly pointed on a Hobbit
51. Pro bono
54. Scratchy's nemesis
56. Chopin piece
57. Drift
58. Rod for a hot rod
59. One with pants on fire?
60. Street in Anytown, USA
61. Darkness or gloom
62. Relating to ear
63. Poverty-stricken
66. Cause of Princess' downfall
68. Pig's home



Bell Toll Ceremony March 2021 Honoring Deceased Veterans

Marion Thomas "Bubba" Hall	72	US Air Force
Rayford Carroll Waters	95	US Navy WWII
Sylvester Woods	80	US Army
Thomas "Jack" Dunlap	79	US Army
William F. "Billy" Boyles	80	US Army

The Abbeville County Veterans Organizations jointly sponsor a Bell Toll Ceremony on the last Friday of each month. The veterans names who have passed away in Abbeville County during the month or anyone who was missed in the previous month will have their names read. This includes men and women from Abbeville County who live in other areas. The names will also include any military service member from South Carolina who were killed while on active duty. As each name is read, the Liberty Bell replica, "Big Bob" is struck once as a token of our respect and appreciation for each Veteran who served and for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Please join for this solemn ceremony on the Abbeville square at 1 pm, March 27, 2021. Also, all veterans are welcomed to the American Legion meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Supper is served at 5 PM and the meeting is at 6 PM.

Vintage Market now open in Abbeville

By Henry E. Green
A new business has opened in an old building on Abbeville's Court Square. Abbeville Vintage Market and More is located in the building that was for years home to Edith's, at the corner of Abbeville's Court Square and South Main. Phyllis Davis of Abbeville

and her daughter Kerri Davis are the owners of the Vintage Market, and Kerri recently described what the new business has to offer. "We have vintage antiques, gifts, jewelry, with more to come," she said. "We have the entire top floor." Kerri and her mother have every intention of filling that

top floor with items. The store, which has multiple vendors, is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., she said. The Market has been open approximately one month. "This is our fourth week," said Kerri Friday.



Abbeville Vintage Market and More has opened on Abbeville's Court Square. Phyllis Davis of Abbeville and her daughter Kerri Davis own the store. Here is Phyllis standing in front of an Easter tree at the store (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Outside the box S.C. Department of Agriculture seeks entrepreneurs in agriculture

By Henry E. Green
A program offered through the South Carolina Department of Agriculture seeks entrepreneurs in agriculture. The Agribusiness Center for Research and Entrepreneurship at the South Carolina Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for its 2021 Advanced Entrepreneurship program through May 3 of this year. Applicants selected will have the opportunity to make their case before a panel of judges in June, competing to be awarded up to \$25,000 for their company or product. The Advanced Entrepreneurship application requires a business plan and a prototype or sales history for the applicant's company or product, and applicants must be South Carolina residents. For more information, one may visit acre-sc.com or

contact Kyle Player at 803-734-2324 or kplayer@scda.sc.gov. "South Carolina lost 414 farms between 2012 – 2017," said Jeremy Ward of the Entrepreneurship Center of the South Carolina Department of Agriculture. "We at the SCDA believe that this decrease represents a threat to the long-term health of rural South Carolina." The program has an Abbeville County connection. "It is a business plan competition, where they will mentor you to write a business plan to compete for a \$25,000 grant," said Wilder Ferreira. "I served as one of the judges last year." Ferreira had positive memories of the experience. "It was very exciting to judge 16 business plans—none from Abbeville. "We judge based on the market need for the product or service, the benefits for consumers, the price and

profit, the financial understanding of the entrepreneur, and where the money would go. "There were ideas such as: a goat operation, a vineyard, a honey farm, medicinal plants, hosting honeybees, a sweetgrass farm, and a community-oriented farm. "The \$25,000 was divided among 5 winners." Ferreira is a Clemson University educator who works closely with the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation. Ferreira is no stranger to efforts to enhance the entrepreneurial spirit in Abbeville County, having been the instructor for many workshops dealing with business management. He has also been instrumental in organizing farmers markets in Abbeville County, and has been a coordinator of business plan competitions among area high school students.

Trinity to conduct Holy Week services March 28 - April 5

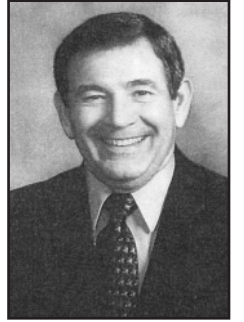
Submitted by **Dick Haldeman**
Abbeville's Trinity Episcopal Church will conduct Holy Week services Sunday, March 28, through Saturday, April 3, preceding the Easter Sunday celebration in the historic church April 4. The schedule of services will include:
March 28, 11 a.m., Palm Sunday, in the church.
March 31, 6 p.m., Tenebrae, in the church.
April 1, 7 p.m., Maundy Thursday, in the church.
April 2, 12 noon, Stations of the Cross; 7 p.m., Good

Friday service, both in the church.
April 3, 11 a.m., service in the Prayer Labyrinth; 7 p.m., Easter Vigil service, beginning outdoors.
April 4, 11 a.m., Easter Celebration, in the church.
Rev. Alice Haynes, Rev. Ken Tucker, and Trinity member Dr. Robert Elsner, a candidate for Holy Orders, will lead the services. These describe God's plan from the time of Creation and lead the congregation through Christ's arrival in Jerusalem to His institution of the Last Supper and His Trial, Crucifixion, and Resurrection.

All members of the community are invited to join the Trinity congregation in these services, being held again after the pandemic forced their cancellation in 2020. During the past year the congregation has constructed the Prayer Labyrinth and moved services back into the historic church building, now undergoing restoration. Because the Trinity building seats 300 persons, a large congregation is able safely to worship there while observing masking, distancing and other pandemic safety precautions.

a Word from "THE WORD"

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Enoch's Testimony

Hebrews 11:5 "By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, and was not found, because God had taken him, for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

English author Rita Snowden tells of a visit to a village near Dover. As she sat drinking tea at a sidewalk cafe, she suddenly felt as if she was surrounded by thousands of flowers. A wonderful aroma drifted through the street. She asked the cafe owner where the sweet odor was coming from. He told her a perfume factory was located close to the cafe, and the townspeople were carrying the aroma as they came home from work at the end of the day. "It was obvious by the way they smelled where they worked—they could not hide it, the smell of perfume lingered on them. Enoch's testimony that he pleased God was like that perfume—his communion with God left an aroma on him that was unmistakable. Enoch's testimony was that he pleased God. Let me say three things about Enoch's testimony. First of all, that Enoch pleased God was visible. It was obvious to the folks around him. Our text says that "...he did too see death and was not found..." God translated him instantly from mortality to immortality. Enoch was suddenly gone and he was not found—that means that people looked for him, in other words he was missed. His leaving left a hole in the neighborhood. Why was he missed? Because he had the testimony that he pleased God. Enoch walked with God and his walk with God was visible to those around him. He stood out as distinctive and had the blessing of God's

presence on him. God's presence on Enoch made people notice him and when he was no longer with them, they missed his presence. Are you living in such a way that people know that God's presence is with you? Would you be missed if God were to suddenly take you home? I have heard it said that you can tell a great deal about a person by the number and type of people who attend his funeral. Second, the testimony of Enoch was verbal. Jude 14-15 has this to say about Enoch. "Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men saying, Behold the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Enoch witnessed to his ungodly generation. He prophesied of the judgment of God to come on his ungodly generation. I believe that Enoch was prophesying about the flood that was going to come but his wicked generation would not listen. In fact, they spoke harshly against Enoch. But even though they would not listen to Enoch and spoke harshly against him, they missed him when he was gone. Enoch is a picture of the rapture—God took Enoch out of the world before He poured out His judgment—God will take His children out of this world before He pours out His

final judgment. Christians won't be on this earth when the great tribulation takes place. Third, Enoch's testimony was victorious—he was translated—he was changed instantly and brought into God's presence. 1 Corinthians 15:50 "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption (51) Behold I tell you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—(52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." Like Enoch was instantly changed from mortality to immortality, so will we be if we are alive when Jesus comes. Enoch's translation is a picture of our translation from mortal to immortal if we are alive when Jesus returns. What sweet victory when Jesus comes! But I want to call your attention to one other thing—Hebrews 11:5 informs us that Enoch pleased God before he was taken. Before he was taken, he walked with God, before God took him he was a man of faith. It is too late to trust Christ once you are standing before Him. If you don't have the testimony that you please God, it is not too late, you can turn to Him now in faith and trust Christ as your savior. When a person trusts Christ, that pleases God.

Pet of the Month Meet Pluto. This sweet guy has been at the shelter since Aug. 2020 and really needs a new home. Pluto is very social and loves people and other dogs. He is a 2 y.o. mixed breed, neutered & heartworm neg. The stars will align when you meet Pluto. Come to the shelter and meet him today. You will not be able to resist his loving personality!
Adoption Fees are only \$25 thru Mar. 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 Come meet Possum with his cute brown ears. This sweet boy is a mixed breed, around 6 yrs. old and is neutered. He has the sweetest demeanor and loves the outdoors. He is good on a leash and is dog and people friendly. He has been at the shelter since Sept. 2020. Come meet Possum and take him home with you today!
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Sports & Recreation



Calhoun Falls Charter Boys Track finishes with a 7th place tie at Shumpert's IGA Pelion Invitational 2021.

Out of the 12 teams at the invitational, the boys track and field team finished 7th place in a tie with Fairfield Central. The Blue Flashes performed well despite it being cold and windy. Camden Durant finished 2nd place in the Javelin with a throw of 115'-3" and Quade Lindler finished 3rd place in the 800 meters with a time of 2:10. Coach Rogers said "I thought our guys performed well. We still have a lot to work on but, that comes with time. For the past week I have been reminding my athletes to focus on (The Grind, The Hustle and The Heart) and that's what they did! We will head back to the lab on Monday to prepare for the week." The track team travels to Laurens High School on 03/24/2021 with a 5:00 PM start time. (Photo contributed)

AHS softball team planning Senior Night

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville High School varsity softball team will have Senior Night on Wednesday, March 31, at Buddy Collins Field on the Wright Middle School campus in Abbeville, according to Lady Panther fan Melanie Smith.

The Lady Panthers will

host St. Joseph's beginning at 6 p.m., in a non-Region contest.

Before the game, the seniors on the AHS team will be recognized. The seniors include catcher Kristen Smith, pitcher Reghan Steifle, and utility player Emily Sloan.

The Lady Panthers will

play on Thursday their first Region game, traveling to Ninety Six

The junior varsity game will begin at 5 p.m. and the varsity at 7 p.m., Smith continued.

The Lady Panthers are coached by Tim Collins.

Erskine Baseball swept, drop home series against Belmont Abbey

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

DUE WEST, S.C. – The Erskine College baseball team (12-10, 9-5 CC) was swept by Belmont Abbey College (15-8, 14-6 CC) at Grier Field on Saturday afternoon. Erskine lost Game 1, 12-3, and the Crusaders sealed a series victory with an 8-3 win in Game 2.

Belmont Abbey has a 33-28 advantage over the Fleet in the all-time series, and the Crusaders have now won 14 of the past 18 meetings.

Belmont Abbey exploded for six runs in the first two innings and broke the game wide open with a six-spot in the fourth inning to take a 12-0 lead. Erskine got on the board with two-run home run from Livan Reinoso in the sixth inning, but it was too little, too late for the Fleet as they dropped the first game of the doubleheader 12-3.

The Crusaders again scored early in Game 2 and led 3-0 after the first two innings. Reinoso again opened the scoring for the Fleet with an RBI single in the third and a Dalton Reeves solo home run in the next inning got Erskine back within a run. But Belmont Abbey answered with a pair of runs in the fifth and led 5-2 at the halfway point of the fourth and final game of the series. Both bullpens settled in until the Crusaders got some insurance with a three-run top of the ninth inning. The Fleet did not go quietly as Trevor Lesane had a run-scoring single in the bottom half of the inning, and Erskine had two runners on, but a groundout ended the Fleet's hopes as Belmont Abbey won Game 2, 8-3.

Livan Reinoso was 2-for-4 including a two-run blast in the sixth inning.

Trevor Lesane was 2-for-3

with a run-scoring single and was the only Fleet player with a multi-hit game. Lesane also had a multi-hit performance in Game 1 of the series on Friday.

Erskine continues a very busy week of conference play with a doubleheader on Wednesday at Barton College (8-9, 7-5 CC) at 3:30 p.m. These are makeup games after rain postponed the first two games of the Barton series back in late February. Erskine won both games against the Bulldogs the following day, including a 23-8 rout in Game 2.

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Lander Baseball Takes On North Greenville at Fluor Field

Submitted by Zack Bennett

On Tuesday, March 30, the Lander Bearcats face the North Greenville Crusaders at Fluor Field, home of the Greenville Drive. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and game time is 6:00 p.m.

Come out to support the

Bearcat Baseball team for a game filled with promotional giveaways, free food and special alumni connections. Join Lander alumni to cheer on your Bearcats as they take on the Crusaders. Adult ticket includes a game ticket, hot dog meal, beverage and a beer ticket.

Adult tickets are \$25, child

(ages 4-15) tickets are \$10 and ages three and under are free. You can purchase tickets online at www.givnglander.edu/events/baseball.

Information about Fluor Field can be found at www.milb.com/greenville/ballpark/fluorfieldguide.

Rocky Top and back Dixie soccer team visits Tennessee to take part in tournament

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School varsity soccer team recently participated in a tournament, the Smokey Mountain Cup, in Tennessee, according to Dixie soccer coach Brian Gamble.

"The Tennessee trip was a lot of fun for the kids," he said.

The Hornets lost to Gatlinburg-Pitman 8-0 on the first night of the tournament, and then rebounded to defeat Concord Christian, from Knoxville, 2-0, with Andrew Nickles scoring two goals.

On Saturday, the Hornets lost to Faith Academy, from

Mobile, Alabama, 3-0.

This week, Dixie will host Southside Christian today, with the junior varsity at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity at 6:30 p.m., and on Thursday the Hornets travel to play High Point Academy at Chesnee at 5:30, he said, noting that both Southside Christian and High Point will be Region games.

"We have been taking some growing pains this season with having to play quite a few younger players and we've had a few starters with a few nagging injuries," said Gamble. "We can hopefully get better. Our

JV team is off to a good start and they are 5 and 0."

Meanwhile, in other Hornet spring sports news, the Dixie High School softball team currently sports a record of 4-2, as of Tuesday morning according to Ben Snipes, the Dixie High School softball coach.

The Dixie JV softball team lost 4-2 at Westside Monday and the varsity lost by a score of 6-13, he said.

"We start region play today versus High Point Academy at home," said Snipes Tuesday.

Erskine Football announces Saturday's Game with North Greenville as Scrimmage

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

The Erskine College football game versus North Greenville University on Saturday will be conducted as a scrimmage.

The teams will face off for the controlled scrimmage beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday with the contest concluding no later than 7 p.m.

The game will not have a live video broadcast nor will live statistics be kept or reported.

North Greenville just recently updated its fan policy and at this time there has not been a final decision made about fan attendance. To view NGU's full fan attendance policy, click here.

The Flying Fleet are coming off their first home game in 70 years in which they fell 24-13 to Shorter University.

The Flying Fleet (1-2) are set to host Edward Waters College (1-1) the following Saturday, March 27 at J.W. Babb Stadium in Greenwood.

The meeting will be the

second of the spring season as the Flying Fleet look to knock off the Tigers who won 21-20 in Jacksonville on March 6.

Tickets for next Saturday's game can be purchased on

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Abbeville Councilmember Louise Aikens graduated from the Municipal Elected Institute

Submitted by Casey Fields

Councilmember Louise Aikens from the City of Abbeville graduated from the Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government. Graduates received their certificates during the Municipal Association of South Carolina's virtual Hometown Legislative Action Week.

Established in 1986, the institute is a program of the Municipal Association of South Carolina that gives municipal officials a strong foundation in the operation of local government. Participants learn about the role of elected officials as well as administrative staff. Municipal officials also learn about the relationships between local, state and federal

levels of government. The institute includes two day long sessions and three morning sessions.

"For more than 30 years, the Association has encouraged local elected officials to participate in the institute, whether they are newly elected or have served for a while," said Urica Floyd, staff associate for distance learning of the Municipal Association. "This institute gives elected leaders with diverse personal and professional backgrounds an understanding of how to run a local government effectively."

Officials participate in more than 25 hours of classroom work in order to graduate from the institute. The topics covered during the sessions include the SC Freedom of

Information Act, ethics and accountability, budgeting, planning and zoning, human resources and economic development.

The Institute draws its faculty from recognized local government leaders in South Carolina and other states, state officials, faculty and staff of the state's colleges and universities, as well as other guest lecturers. The institute also offers credited, on-demand courses.

The Municipal Elected Officials Institute of Government is one of many educational and training opportunities that the Municipal Association offers for the elected officials and staff serving cities and towns. Learn more at www.masc.sc (keyword: education and training).



"On March 13th, Due West Robotics sent out an army of 28 kids and parent volunteers to clean up the highway our FIRST robotics teams adopted," according to Due West Robotics president Charles Angel. "This quarterly project was inspired by SC Lt. Governor Pamela Evette with guidance from the Due West Lions Club - special thanks to Col. Simpson." (Photo courtesy of Charles Angel)

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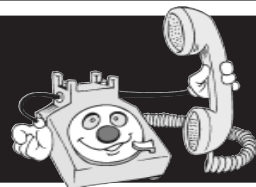
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Mad, mad month

March of 2020 marks somber anniversary in pandemic's history

By Henry E. Green

The month of March marks the one year anniversary of the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, a pandemic which has not left Abbeville County untouched.

Although the pandemic is definitely not over, the opportunities to be vaccinated against the coronavirus offer a large dose of the H word—as in HOPE.

That is something that seemed to be in short supply last year at this time. A recent article in a daily newspaper took a look at the crystal moment when we knew the pandemic was for real.

For some, it was the closing of the restaurants to in-door dining, a closing that had a broader repercussion.

It wasn't just the enjoyment of food, but the social interaction that went with it.

How many friendships are formed, or become even stronger, over French fries and a half rack of ribs?

The month of March introduced us to the world of social distancing, but it was the month of April which might have been, in terms of sheer terror, the worst.

The vaccine was still months away, and there was, for many, a feeling of uncertainty. With that feeling there was an effort to keep up spirits, especially for the health care personnel.

It was in the spring of last year that there was a parade at Abbeville Area Medical Center, a parade featuring first responders in a procession in front of AAMC, where medical personnel cheered them on.

It was in April that the state announced that schools would remain closed for the

rest of the academic year.

Outside of Health Related Home Care on West Pickens, you could find the banner "Heroes Work Here," and there was a fly-over of planes at AAMC in honor of people working in the front lines to fight the pandemic.

Local restaurants took free meals to the medical personnel at AAMC.

If you went home and watched the nightly news, you were struck by the desolation caused by the virus in places like Italy and Spain—and New York.

That was then. This is now.

The restaurants are open again to indoor dining, as a number of states ease regulations designed to curb the spread of the virus.

Dr. William "Bill" Boone, executive director of the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County, reflected on the course of the pandemic.

"What did you think when everything started shutting down in March of last year?" he was asked. "And did you think when it started it would last as long as it has?"

Boone, who resides in Abbeville, replied:

"As a scientist, I knew the coronavirus could be bad, but I was hoping for the best. I never would have dreamed that the scientists and physicians could develop a vaccine so quickly. When one thinks how long it has taken in the past for vaccines to be developed, this was phenomenal. I just wish people would understand the potential consequences of the variant strains that continue to arise and the continued need for wearing masks, social distancing, and avoiding large crowds."

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