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



Curtis the Camel paid a visit to downtown Abbeville recently, and drew smiles, raised eyebrows, and cameras wherever he went. Robert Stoll said he bought Curtis from a couple in Louisiana, and the expectations are that he will be used to in the upcoming "Walk through Bethlehem" at Cold Spring Mennonite Church. Here is Robert Stoll showing off Curtis in front of The Press & Banner. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Community dinners spice up Thanksgiving

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County was home to a number of community Thanksgiving dinners on Thursday, Nov. 24.

At Main Street United Methodist Church, a community dinner tradition experienced a revival.

"We fixed 500 plates, because that's all the plates we had," said Buddy Agan of Abbeville, who was one of those assisting with the dinner. The format was "Take out" only at Main Street, but some of the food prepared at the Main Street kitchen was taken to the Abbeville Church of God for people wanting a "sit down meal."

The dinner was coordinated by Amanda Morgan of Abbeville Area Medical

Sister.

Agan has been assisting with the meal for many years. It was established by June and Rayford Prince, and was a part of the Thanksgiving scene for many years before it went on hiatus due to a number of factors, including COVID.

This year, Abbeville Area Medical Center has collaborated with a number of organizations and volunteers to bring it back.

Agan, meanwhile, was in the Main Street kitchen on Thanksgiving Day, helping prepare such goodies as string beans, turkey, dressing, macaroni and cheese.

The desserts were all donated by different individuals from the community.

"Everything was good, and a good time was had by all," said Agan.

A community Thanksgiving dinner was held at the Erskine College dining hall on Thanksgiving Day—a Thanksgiving tradition in Due West for many years.

"There were approximately 550 people who attended, and 125 meals delivered to shut ins, in the surrounding area," said Sharon Bradley, one of the organizers of the event.

"We appreciate the support from local businesses and churches," she said. "The success of the dinner is owned in large part to all of the many volunteers who came out to help."

## Whole lotta Santa

Christmas parades will feature bands, floats, candy, and Mr. Claus

By Henry E. Green

The Christmas season is moving into high gear, with parades galore this weekend, and Mr. Claus decidedly ready for his close-up.

The sweet tooth of many will be satisfied with showers of candy.

The Due West Christmas parade will start things off on Friday, Dec. 2 at 5:15 p.m.

Lineup will be on Beulah Street as early as 3 p.m., and the parade will go from Beulah to Main Street, and then to Washington, to end up at Washington Street.

Following the parade, there will be a traditional "tree lighting ceremony," in conjunction with the Due West Lions' Tree for Life project.

The Calhoun Falls Christmas parade will be begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, said Rebeca McCaslan, the executive director of the Calhoun Falls Chamber of

Commerce, which will be presenting the event.

The lineup will be at 1 p.m. on Savannah Street in front of the old grocery store, and the parade will go down Savannah Street on its way to the pavilion.

Bebe Wesson, the Calhoun Falls Personality of the Year, will be the grand marshal, and the parade will end in front of the farmers market pavilion "where we will have our annual Christmas market," she said.

Miss South Carolina will be handing out trophies for best parade entries, said McCaslan, who has high hopes for the parade.

"It's going to be a fun one," she said.

The Donalds parade, meanwhile, will be presented by the Donalds Fire Department and the Town of Donalds, and will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, said Fire Department chief

Ronnie Vaughn.

Lineup will be at 1 p.m. on Tribble Street off Highway 184.

The parade will proceed through Donalds before breaking up at Dunlap Park.

One of the fire trucks which will be in the parade will lead off the parade in memory of the late Hobie Erickson, who passed away earlier this year after a career of nearly 66 years as a fire fighter, said Jessica Vaughn, the parade coordinator.

The Dixie High School band will perform, and fire departments and EMS will be represented.

The Donalds parade is known as the parade of candy, because of its abundance of the sweet stuff.

The Hardwood Cruisers will be leading off the parade with the annual blanket drive, in which blankets are given to people in need.



Members of the Creative Garden Club helped refurbish the urns on Abbeville's Court Square recently. Taking part were (from left) Michelle McMurtury, Terry Taylor, Jolee Beaver, and Elaine Nixon. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Creative Garden Club plants Arbor Day event

By Henry E. Green

The Creative Garden Club will present an Arbor Day program in Chestnut Street park in Abbeville on Friday, Dec. 2, at 4 p.m., and the public is invited, said Elaine Nixon, club president.

"We'll be planting a tree," said Nixon. The tree will be a forest pansy redbud, and will be planted in the fenced garden at the corner of the park.

Some area Boy Scouts

are expected to assist in the planting, Nixon went to say.

Arbor Day is a holiday that celebrates trees. J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day in 1872, and the first Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska on April 10, 1872, with the planting of as many as one million trees, according to Wikipedia.

Today, Arbor Day is celebrated throughout the world, from Brazil to Chile.

Today different states celebrate Arbor Day on different days, based on the best tree planting times in their areas. In South Carolina it is celebrated on the first Friday in December.

Nixon, meanwhile, is welcoming the community to attend the program on Dec. 2.

"The Creative Garden Club invites you to be present," she said.

# State Football Championship

Class AA





The City of Abbeville had a Christmas tree lighting recently on Abbeville's Court Square. Here is the City's tree in all its lighted glory. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Small Business Saturday setting tone

**By Henry E. Green**  
Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving, helped set the tone on Saturday, Nov. 26, for a busy holiday season. "Small Business Saturday is one of the most important days of the year to shop small and make a big impact," said Anna LaGrone, executive director for the Abbeville County Chamber

of Commerce. According to [sba.gov](http://sba.gov), it is a day "to celebrate and support small businesses and all they do for our communities." "The weekend as a whole was good," said merchant Jessica Brown of Jessica's Closet on Abbeville's Court Square. "We had a great weekend with local support. "We appreciate everybody

who came out to support local small businesses, "she went on to say, noting that she actually saw more people on Friday after Thanksgiving than on Saturday.

From 2020 to 2019, American Express reported about \$120 billion spent for Small Business Saturday nationwide, according to [sba.gov](http://sba.gov)

## a Word from "THE WORD"



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### The Living Word

**Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."**

Charles Spurgeon, often referred to as "the prince of preachers," made this comment about the Bible: "Cut the Bible into a thousand pieces, every piece would live."

What an appropriate description of Hebrews 4:12. When I read this verse two thoughts jump out at me. Number one is that the word of God is alive. Verse 12 declares that the "word of God is living..." that means it is characterized as being alive. The word of God comes alive in our hearts when we read it. The word of God cannot be separated from God Himself. God is life and His word is life. God spoke and the world was created. The word "powerful" means energy. The word of God has energizing power.

The word of God pulsates with power—it is not a dead book, but a living book and a book that gives life to those who read it.

Secondly, the word of God is awesome. Look at what the word of God does—it is "sharper than any two edged sword." The word of God is awesome in its power. The word "sharper" literally means "to cut." The word of God has a cutting edge. The word of God is awesome when you read it and it cuts into your life—it cuts through the hardness of our hearts and cuts out the sinful things that don't need to be there. The word of God is awesome as it pierces your very soul. The word of God is like a sharp needle. It pierces the surface of our hearts and it pierces our

defenses, it pierces our prejudices, it pierces our hypocrisies, it pierces our self-righteousness.

The word of God discerns our thoughts. The word "discern" means "to sift and to analyze evidence and come to a conclusion." As we read the word of God it sifts our thoughts, it analyzes our thoughts and our motives to see if our thoughts and intentions are godly.

The word of God knows all about us and rips the masks right off of us and reveals who we really are. Now that is truly awesome. The more you read the word of God, the more you want to read it.

As you read the precious word of God, take some time to apply its teaching to your everyday life.

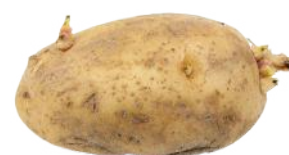


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# Holland wants raise for CF town employees

By Henry E. Green

The Town of Calhoun Falls has been allocated \$6,000 disbursed by Abbeville County as part of an allocation from the State of South Carolina, and the Town plans to use it to fund the purchase of playground equipment for the Ellison Center and possibly development of Town owned land on Anderson to help develop a park, said Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland Tuesday.

County Director David Garner said Tuesday that every municipality in the County received \$6,000, as part of an allocation from the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

Calhoun Falls Town Council met Monday night, and Holland mentioned the award, and he also told Council he would like to see all Town employees get a pay raise.

The raise is needed to help the Town retain good employees.

"We want to keep good people," he said.

Holland wanted to go into executive session to discuss the possibility of giving employees a raise but he conferred with Calhoun Falls Attorney Kevin Sturm, who advised him not to do it.

The amount of the raise was not discussed.

No action was taken, but further discussion is expected, possibly at a special called meeting to be scheduled later.

Holland on Tuesday praised the work of Council

members Howard Harmon and Johnny Gilchrist, as well as Wane Postell, for their excellence.

He also congratulated Council member Christine Long on her victory in her election to County Council.

Holland also broached the subject of selling some Town-owned land, including the property on which the town landfill used to be located.

Second reading on a measure amending the powers and duties of the Mayor was delayed.

Holland also said that a fire truck is being assembled for the Town, which purchased the vehicle in recent weeks. He also expressed plans that the exterior of the Town Hall can be painted.

During the public comment period, Holland and Floyd Tillman engaged in a heated discussion, and Tillman indicated that he had questions about how the Town's money is being spent, and he questioned how transparent the Town has been.

"Y'all don't consult the mayor," he told Holland.

The mayor, meanwhile, indicated that he did not like Tillman's tone, but he said Tillman could come and speak to him in his office.

"I'm not hard to find," he said.

Also Monday night, the Mayor thanked County Council, in its role as the County Transportation Committee for agreeing to fund road projects in Calhoun Falls.

Holland noted that the Cal-

houn Falls Charter School has a new School Resource Officer. The name of the new SRO is Aaron Thompson, a Charter School spokesperson said Tuesday.

Holland also said that a rental agreement for people wanting to use Town facilities has been updated, and he once again talked about plans for developing property on Anderson Street into a park. "It will be great," he said.

In addition, playground equipment is on its way to the Ellison Center, he added.

Holland is also hoping to upgrade bathrooms at the Blue Hole recreation area.

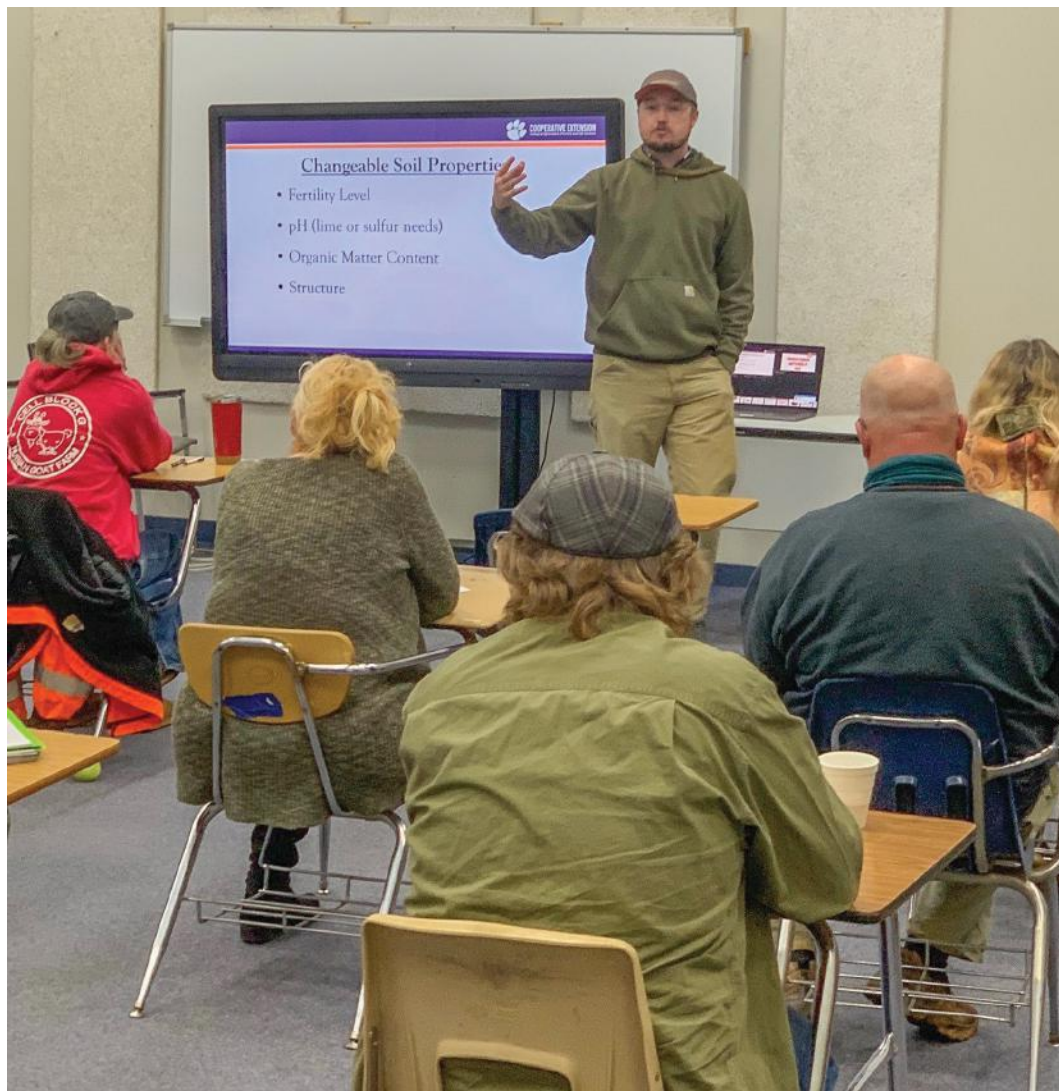
"This is an administration that speaks to all of Calhoun Falls," he said, adding that the administration is not neglecting any area.

During the public comment section, Brett Harrison of Calhoun Falls, a heating and air contractor, expressed interest in purchasing some of the town-owned land on which the town's old landfill is located, and he expressed interest also in working on the HVAC systems at the Ellison Center.

Council took this as information.

There were also committee reports on the various town departments. In a report on sanitation, the Mayor reported, "Our limb truck is down. Bear with us. We're trying to get it fixed."

Council members Christine Long and Wane Postell were absent from the meeting.



Clemson Extension Agent Adam Gore (standing) taught a workshop recently at Calhoun Falls Charter in "Growers 101" -- teaching people how to grow vegetables, for example, successfully, and the various factors, such as soil, involved. Also serving as an instructors was Wilder Ferreira. (Contributed photo)

# Society to present Victorian Christmas

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Historical Society will present a Victorian Christmas on Friday, Dec. 2, and Saturday, Dec. 3, at the McGowan Barksdale Bundy House in Abbeville.

This will be a two night event with candle light tours of the historic McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy house, according to the Society.

Tours begin at 6 p.m. sharp and will continue every 30 minutes until 8 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided by Daily Bread Bakery.

Tickets will be available at the door. They are \$5 for adults, and children 10 and under will be admitted free.

Located on North Main Street, the house dates from 1888. Designed by Atlanta architect G. L. Norman, the house is built in the Queen Anne style. It was donated in 1989 to the Abbeville County Historical Society.

The home was built by Brigadier General Samuel

McGowan, who served as a Confederate soldier in the Civil War and following the war was a justice on the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Later in its history, the house was also the home of World War II general William E. Barksdale, the last owner to reside in the house.

Because two generals lived there, the house is often known as the Generals' House, according to the Society.

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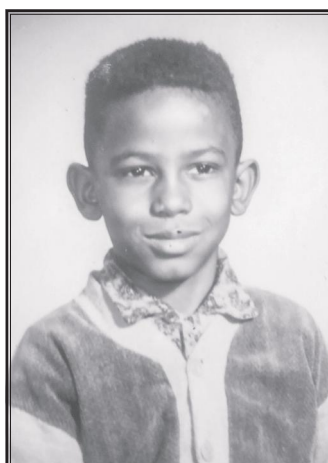


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## Harvey

Rebecca H. Harvey, age 73, of Lowndesville, SC, passed away Sunday, November 20, 2022, at AnMed Health Medical Center.

This hazel eyed fetching beauty was born on November 12, 1949, in Abbeville County and was a daughter of the late Howard Hall and Ruth Franks Hall. She was married to Thomas Frank Harvey until his death in 1994.

Rebecca was a graduate of Calhoun Falls High School Class of 1967 and was the Salutatorian of her class. She was known for her exquisite style, wore only Chanel No. 5, and was a great pianist who



Rebecca H. Harvey

loved Chopin. Rebecca was a devout Christian and loving mother to her children.

She is survived by her son, Collin "Brent" Harvey (Jan); daughter, Alicia J. Harvey; and grandchildren, Jana Harvey and Thomas Harvey. The family will host a memorial service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Smyrna United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 100, Lowndesville, SC 29659. May we all pray for those that suffer with mental illness.

Condolences may be left for the family by visiting WWW.MCDOUGALDFUNERAL-HOME.COM.

# Obituaries

## Smith

After 95 years of a full life devoted to her family, friends, and church, on Saturday, November 19, 2022, Alpha Kathryn Shuler Smith passed away peacefully at Hospice Care of the Piedmont in Greenwood, South Carolina. She was born on September 29, 1927, to Matilda Kathryn Davis and Conrad Kemmerlin Shuler in Due West, South Carolina. Alpha was baptized at the Due West ARP Church by Dr. Jamie Pressley on December 23, 1928. She grew up in Due West and attended local schools. Alpha sang in the school and church choirs and played the piano. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Bible from Erskine College in 1948.

After college, Alpha moved to Ft. Ogden, Florida to begin her teaching career. She taught school for a year before meeting her future husband, Gilbert Alexander Smith, a law student at the University of Florida. In 1949, Alpha and Gilbert were married in Gainesville, Florida while he finished law school. Alpha lived in many towns throughout Florida as Gilbert was relocated to represent the Florida State Road Department and Florida Turnpike Authority. In 1960, Alpha and the family moved to Bradenton where Gilbert went into private practice. She resumed teaching school again when her youngest child began kindergarten. During the teachers' strike in 1968, Alpha taught full-time at Manatee Elementary School. Later, she also served as a substitute teacher at Palma Sola Elementary. Alpha was extensively in-



Alpha Kathryn Shuler Smith

involved in the community, mostly with the organizations her children were involved in, including Palma Sola Presbyterian Church (Sunday School, Bible School), Brownies, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts (den mother), Boy Scouts, and Parent Teacher Associations. She also sang in the choir at the church and served in many leadership positions including as an Elder and Clerk of the Session. Alpha was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Manatee Chapter, and Service Club of Manatee County. After living in Bradenton for 38 years and after Gilbert retired as a circuit judge, they moved back to her birthplace, Due West, and bought back the farm where she grew up. Once there, Alpha got back involved in the community. She was a faithful member of the Due West ARP Church and was involved in many programs. Alpha was a charter member of the Due West Lions Club. She became an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, John Bowie Chapter, Due

West Book Club, and Erskine College Alumni Association.

In addition to her parents, Alpha is predeceased by her husband, Gilbert, her brother, Conrad P. Shuler, and sister, Simmie Cheatham. She is survived by four children: Kembra Louise Smith, Gilbert Alexander Smith, Jr. (Anita Barry), Brooks Stanhope Smith (Martha Salas) and Kace Leigh Smith (Mark Fulghum), four grandchildren: Kembra Kathryn Landry (Stephen Keck), Justin Stanhope Smith, Shannon Kirsten Gettinger (Hunter) and Amy Hendrix along with two great grand-children, Sophie Hendrix and Zeppelin Lief Gettinger. She is also survived by Thomas Hendrix and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Alpha was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and her life revolved around her family and church. She loved living in Due West and entertaining at Mount Shuler. She loved people, wanted to serve God, and was blessed with many friends. A funeral will be held on December 3, 2022, at 11:00 AM at the Due West ARP Church, 112 Main Street, South Carolina, 29639. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Alpha Smith Scholarship, Erskine College, 2 Washington Street, Due West, South Carolina, 29639.

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

Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Abbeville, South Carolina is assisting the Smith family.

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- (4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
- (5) The name of the applicant and the address of the business to be licensed.

Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-0907; or email to [ABL@dor.sc.gov](mailto:ABL@dor.sc.gov)

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12. Spiritual leader
13. \*\*ing Up with Marie Kondo"
14. Great reviews
15. Related
16. Double reed woodwind
17. Fourth deck
18. \*\*The \_\_\_\_\_, MTV's trailblazing reality show
20. Affirm with confidence
21. I to Greeks, pl.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ Baba
23. Powerball and such
26. Swaggering show of courage
30. Spermatozoa counterparts
31. Based on two
34. Has a mortgage
35. \_\_\_\_\_ dog, gin and grapefruit juice cocktail
37. DNA transmitter
38. \*\*"The Real Housewives" is full of this type of conflict
39. Write on a tombstone
40. Unwholesome atmosphere
42. Hairpiece, slangily
43. Stitched again
45. Unit of electric current flow
47. Solemn pledge
48. Like nose during hayfever
50. Uncouth one
52. \*\*"Who \_\_\_\_\_ a Millionaire?"
56. Front of cuirass
57. Sixth month of civil year
58. "Jack and the Beanstalk" instrument
59. Travesty
60. Italian money
61. \*\*"Vanilla Ice Goes Amish" and "Cleveland Hustles" state
62. \*\* \_\_\_\_\_ house Masters" on Animal Planet
63. \*Not Khloé or Kourtney
64. Common allergens

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2. Gospel writer
3. "Tosca" song, e.g.
4. Like sunroom, hopefully
5. Balance in the sky
6. \*\*"Pop \_\_\_\_\_" and "American \_\_\_\_\_," pl.
7. Gave the once-over
8. \*\*"Outwit, Outplay, Outlast" show
9. Not active
10. Point of entry
11. Sixth sense
13. Foot, to a child
14. Aussie bear
19. Buzz Lightyear's buddy
22. Brow shape
23. \*\*"The Biggest \_\_\_\_\_"
24. Egg-shaped
25. Same as talcums
26. Civil rights concern
27. In the know
28. Raise objections
29. Missouri River tributary
32. Like a desert
33. Crime scene evidence
36. \*Singing competition (2 words)
38. Curses
40. Feline sound
41. "I think I can, I think I can...", e.g.
44. "For better or for \_\_\_\_\_"
46. "Monty \_\_\_\_\_'s Flying Circus"
48. r in a circle, pl.
49. Deprive of weapons
50. \*Star of wilderness reality shows, \_\_\_\_\_ Grylls
51. Fairytale beast
52. Street-crossing word
53. Hawaiian island
54. Londoner, e.g.
55. Narrative poem
56. Back of a boat

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Abbeville Rotarians visited Erskine recently and listened to an address by Erskine president Dr. Steve Adamson. Following the meeting, Abbeville Rotarian Brad Evans (left) engaged the president (right) and Beth Boyd (middle), Erskine Director of Special Gifts and Events, in conversation. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Turnout was light for Council runoff election

**By Henry E. Green**  
Turnout was light in the Abbeville City Council District 4 runoff election last week, as incumbent Chris Crawford held off challenger Deanna Ashley, according to unofficial vote totals supplied by the Abbeville County voter registration and elections office. Deanna Ashley got 52

votes, and Crawford 61, according to these vote totals. Many of those who cast ballots voted during the early voting period, with 30 votes for Ashley coming in during the early voting period, and 40 for Crawford coming during that time, according to unofficial vote totals.

The runoff was made necessary because none of the three candidates in the Nov. 8 District 4 election -- Ashley, Crawford, and Venture Belton -- received a clear majority. Ashley and Crawford were the top two vote-getters.

City Council elections are nonpartisan.

# City provides tips on saving energy

**By Henry E. Green**  
Small changes to reduce electric usage can save money, according to the City of Abbeville.

Energy saving tips are available from the City of Abbeville utilities office.

Among them:

- Keep outside AC/heating units free from leaves, dust, and other debris
- During the winter months, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable when home-- the recommended setting is 68 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Unplug unused appliances and electronics
- Take shorter showers
- Use the microwave in-

stead of the oven or stove if possible

- Change light bulbs to LEDs
- Repair broken or cracked windows
- Caulk and weather strip around doors, windows, and seams that leak air
- Repair loose duct work
- Do not peek in the oven while baking, as this can drop the temperature 25 degrees Fahrenheit, making your oven use more energy to get the temperature back up.

The City also has a hand-out providing some of the reasons electric usage varies month to month and between customers

Space heaters can make a difference, for example. According to the City, just one 1,500 watt space heater running all day can add approximately \$100 to a utility bill each month.

The age and size of the home can also make a difference, as can malfunctioning appliances such as a water heater leak or a broken thermostat.

The number of electronics and how they have been used or left plugged into an outlet can be a factor as well. Examples may include game consoles, cell phone chargers, computers, and coffee makers.

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During the Gold Star Highlights segment of the November school board meeting, Dixie High School FFA students Carson Wilson, Mary Katherine Hannah, Emalie White, and Rozlyn Partain talked about their chapter's recycling program. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Curtis comes to town

### A camel visits downtown Abbeville

**By Henry E. Green**  
One hump or two?  
That may or may not be the question you ask Curtis the Camel, who paid a visit to downtown Abbeville Wednesday morning.  
Curtis does happen to have one hump--dromedary camels have one hump, and Bactrian camels have two--but the bigger question may be, "What in the world is he doing in Abbeville County?"  
For the answer to that question, you may want to ask Robert Stoll, who said he bought him from a couple in Louisiana.  
Curtis is seven feet tall, Stoll will tell you. "We give him the good, good hay and sweet feed to go with it," he said.

Stoll bought him because he thought he would make a nice addition to "Walk Through Bethlehem", a Christmas pageant which has been performed at Cold Spring Mennonite Church every year for the past several years.  
"We've had him since September of last year," said Robert.  
Curtis, when he is not performing, stays at the Strawberry Patch on the outskirts of Due West. The nine year old animal will be included in the Due West Christmas parade this year, said Stoll, who noted wryly that he is still in the process of training him.  
And yes, you can ride him, but he will not necessarily

enjoy the experience. Curtis will not bite or kick, but he will growl in a most ominous way.  
So it was that this friendly neighborhood critter associated with desert caravans was brought down to downtown Abbeville in a trailer on the morning of Wednesday, Nov. 23.  
Stoll, assisted by his daughter Emily, walked him over to Court Square, and all during the trip Curtis was met with smiles, raised eyebrows, and many, many cameras.  
"Can y'all get a giraffe next?" said merchant Andrew Hartsfield tongue in cheek.



Curtis the Camel, the prized possession of Robert Stoll of Abbeville County, paid a visit to downtown Abbeville recently, and among those making his most memorable acquaintance was Lamar T. West of Abbeville. West, the Banner Corporation president, is shown getting to know Curtis. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Lions conduct vision screenings at schools

**By Henry E. Green**  
Abbeville Lions performed vision screenings on 690 students recently at Long Cane Primary, Wright Middle School, John C. Calhoun Elementary, and Westwood Elementary, according to Abbeville Lions Club secretary treasurer Rick Pressly.  
It was all done during the week of Nov. 16 "We started on Monday and finished on Thursday," he said.  
Assisted by school nurses, the Lions used what is commonly called the SPOT camera, which performs the screenings very quickly indeed.

"It's done in the blink of an eye," he said.  
The vision screenings tested the students for six vision disorders--screenings which were conducted in tandem with hearing screenings performed by nurses.  
There were also health science students from the Abbeville County Career Center on hand.  
If a screening found a vision disorder, a print out would be made of it, and the nurse would give it to the family of the student.  
Pressly said that he was accompanied by Lions San-

dy Knox, Charles Crowther, and Lanny McKay.  
Lions will be conducting screenings at Diamond Hill and Cherokee Trail elementary schools on Nov. 29 and Nov. 30, he said.  
The screenings, which are all free to the students, are in keeping with a long tradition among Lions--namely, vision conservation  
In the 1920s, Helen Keller, speaking to a Lions convention in Ohio, called on her listeners to be "knights" for the blind, and since that time Lions seem to be following her advice.



New and newly-elected trustees were sworn in recently at a recent Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees meeting, by Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary (center, standing). He swore in (from left, standing) Lisa Alewine, Tim Rhodes, Charles Angel, James Tisdale, and Brad Evans. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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Ava Ware of the Iva area recently killed her first deer. Ava, a fourth grader at Iva Elementary, is the daughter of Mitch and Stephanie Ware. (Photo courtesy of Rita Gamble)

## S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce announce 2023 Tax Rate Cuts for South Carolina Businesses

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster and S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) Executive Director Dan Ellzey have announced that South Carolina's unemployment insurance (UI) tax rates will decrease or remain the same for all employers in 2023. This is the tenth year in a row that the agency, the General Assembly, and the governor's office have been able to maintain or lower UI business tax thanks to prudent planning. According to a recent news release from the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce.

"Today's announcement will save South Carolina's businesses millions of dollars, allowing them to create new jobs for people and invest more in their companies and communities," said Governor Henry McMaster. "South Carolina is booming and employers are excited to do business in our state. The strength of the unemployment insurance trust fund demonstrates the wise decisions we've made that have helped us maintain one of the strongest economies in the nation."

With a strong balance of approximately \$1.4 billion, South Carolina will:

- Set tax year 2023 rates to raise approximately the same level of revenue as 2022 and 2021.
  - Rates will either be the same or lower than the prior three years.
  - No tax rate class will experience an increased tax rate for 2023.
  - Rates will be lower for rate classes 2-19 by an average of 15.5% compared to 2022 levels.
  - Not require any solvency surcharge due to the sufficiently high trust fund balance.
  - Maintain a balance that ensures the state could withstand a moderate economic contraction.
- "Strong economic and wage growth have helped keep the Trust Fund at or above its statutorily re-

quired balance," said S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce Executive Director Dan Ellzey. "For a decade our agency has been able to maintain or lower tax rates and our UI Trust Fund balance is now at a record high. Our unemployment rate continues to be near record lows and substantially below what economists have typically considered "full employment." Estimates are that revenue needs for 2023 will be approximately \$10 million lower than the estimate for 2022, which will mean additional tax savings for most tax rate classes."

Each year, the agency estimates the unemployment benefits that will be paid in the following year and sets the tax rate to ensure that the trust fund has the revenue to make the payments. The process to determine the tax rates involves an extensive analysis of the economy, the current level of the UI Trust Fund, expected unemployment, estimated benefits that will have to be paid, and revenues that will need to be generated to pay such benefits.

"Our agency is always looking for ways to build the workforce, help fill current jobs, and support employers. In addition to having record employment in 2022, South Carolina's average hourly earnings have been growing, up more than \$3.00 an hour since January of 2020," continued Ellzey. "If you are a new employer, the maximum tax you would pay per worker has decreased by 73.9% in the past decade."

That is substantially lower than both North Carolina and Georgia. And, in that same time period, the number of South Carolina businesses liable for UI taxes has increased 36.7% which helps abate tax charges for everyone."

During the Great Recession, South Carolina borrowed nearly \$1 billion from the federal government in order to continue to provide unemployment

benefits. The agency was able to pay off the loan early, saving businesses roughly \$12 million in interest. After the loan was paid off in 2015, the Legislature passed new regulations requiring DEW to rebuild the trust fund within five years to a level that would cover potential benefit needs of a typical recession cycle without borrowing from the federal government. The agency completed the rebuild effort in 2019.

Although most pandemic unemployment benefits were paid through federal programs such as Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), the trust fund balances of states were also depleted as UI payments were dispersed. Twenty-three states borrowed money from the federal government to help support UI benefits when claims rose exponentially across the nation, but South Carolina was not one of them. Because of the forethought of the General Assembly and the Governor's Office, \$836.4 million of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act money was applied to the balance of South Carolina's Trust Fund. This allowed the state's businesses to recover faster from the pandemic and shift our efforts from unemployment to reemployment.

Although tax rates for most tax classes are lower than their 2022 levels, individual businesses may still move between classes based on their unemployment claim activity. All businesses with charges against their accounts are provided a "charge statement" quarterly to review and have 30 days to protest any charges that they do not believe should be on their account.

Tax rate notices will be mailed to businesses on Thursday, November 10, but employers can log into their State Unemployment Insurance Tax System (SUITS) account beginning Monday, November 7, to see their 2023 tax rate.

## US House of Representatives Rep. Duncan Leads in Demanding South Carolina Schools Cut Ties with the South Carolina Association of School Psychologists & Affiliates

Submitted by Congressman **Jeff Duncan**

Washington, D.C.— Congressman Jeff Duncan led a letter with U.S. Representatives Nancy Mace, Ralph Norman, William Timmons, and Joe Wilson, to South Carolina Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman asking her to require all South Carolina public schools and school districts to immediately terminate

any association with the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), and their state-based affiliate the South Carolina Association of School Psychologists, after the organization recently sent congressional offices a letter opposing H.R. 9197, the Stop the Sexualization of Children Act.

"Explicit sexual content should not be a part of our children's public education, and NASP's desire to push this agenda raises concerns

about their resources and training materials being used in our schools," the lawmakers wrote in the letter.

"We ask that your office require that all public schools and school districts terminate any association with NASP and their South Carolina affiliate, as well as ensure that none of their training materials or resources are being utilized in South Carolina's schools."



This message in a yard on Church Street in Abbeville says it all for the Christmas season -- and it lights up at night! (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

To the Town of Calhoun Falls:

We the people of Calhoun Falls should be regularly advised of any contract or agreements that the town makes with any entity on our behalf. Timely communication is very important...

Knowledge is power! It's our right to be

included in any decisions being made on our behalf. If council members continue to historically keep 'us' out of the loop, how is that representative of a constitutional city government? It's one-sided.

When we are ill-advised or purposely unadvised, that says to our community that we don't have any ties or say so as to what goes

on in building up our town. That clearly is not a fair deal for 'all' the residents of Calhoun Falls.

After all, we are taxpayers. We need to know clearly how our resources are being used and in a TIMELY MANNER. With that being said, WE EXPECT CHANGES IN THE STATUS QUO!!!

Respectfully Yours, Floyd Tillman

## Sheriff Ray Watson

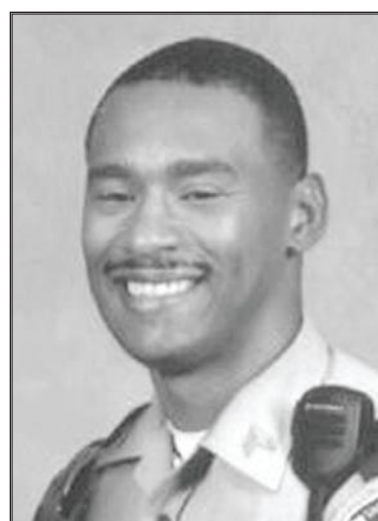
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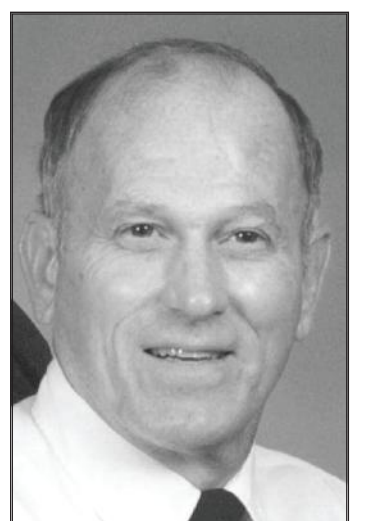
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## Scott, Daines, Colleagues Demand Assessment of Reckless Spending

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-S.C.) and Steve Daines (R-Mont.), members of the Senate Committees on Finance and Banking, along with a group of their colleagues, sent a letter to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) demanding a swift and thorough assessment of the short- and long-term effects of the Democrats' reckless spending and inflationary policies on the nation's fiscal future.

“We write to obtain CBO's assessment of the effects of rapid acceleration of interest rates on net interest costs of servicing the \$31-trillion-plus, and growing, federal debt, and effects of the runaway 40-year high consumer price inflation that has been hammering American families and eroding workers' paychecks,” the senators wrote.

“Given the upcoming two-day meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee on November 1st and 2nd, at which it is widely expected that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates by at least 75 basis points, please reply as soon as possible after November 2nd so

that lawmakers and the public can be equipped with the most accurate data possible when making policy decisions,” the senators continued.

Senators Scott and Daines were joined by Senators Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Pat Toomey (R-Pa.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), John Thune (R-S.D.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), and James Lankford (R-Okla).

## US House of Representatives Rep. Duncan Leads in Establishing Nuclear Energy Blueprint for Nation

Submitted by Congressman Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C.—Today, Congressman Jeff Duncan released a Blueprint for Nuclear Innovation and Competitiveness to help chart the course for the nuclear energy agenda in the next Congress and facilitate policy discussions among both lawmakers and industry leaders. The blueprint highlights policy priorities in the nuclear energy industry in the realm of fuel, licensing and NRC modernization, financing, and spent nuclear fuel.

“The United States has the technological and engineering capabilities to be the world leader in nuclear energy, and we must modernize our current system to ensure the United States' nuclear dominance,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan. “For the United States to maintain a geopolitical advantage and strong national defense, the ability to provide affordable and reliable energy to consumers, and meet climate goals of the 21st century, it is essential to advance the nuclear industry by streamlining and modernizing regulatory hurdles that disincentivize private sector investment.”

“As it now stands, our adversaries like Russia and China are outpacing the United States in nuclear energy development. Advancing our nuclear industry should be a priority in the next Congress, and the

nuclear energy blueprint will start the conversation on what needs to be done to ensure our dominance in the nuclear energy industry,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan. “Nuclear energy is affordable, reliable 24/7/365, and is the number one source of emission-free power. Nuclear will play an integral in our energy future, and the Nuclear Blueprint will no doubt help pave the way for a more robust future for nuclear energy. I am grateful for Republican Leader Cathy McMorris Rodgers' leadership in uniting the Energy and Commerce Committee on this issue, and I look forward to what we will accomplish in the 118th Congress.”

Comments on the Blueprint from Other Leaders in Nuclear Energy Policy: “When it comes to providing reliable and affordable energy, nuclear energy is undeniably one of our most efficient and cleanest options. As we strive to bring down prices and increase America's energy security, it is critical that we invest in nuclear as a key piece of an 'all-of-the-above' energy portfolio,” said Congressman Jay Obernolte.

“As we approach the start of the 118th Congress, the potential opportunity to enact much-needed nuclear-related policy on a bipartisan basis has never been greater,” said Congressman Byron Donalds. “The need to establish American nuclear

leadership worldwide directly impacts our country's national security, and manifesting America First nuclear energy policies is a step in the right direction to signify American energy independence and global dominance. We must roll back the burdensome, expensive, and unnecessary nuclear-related red tape while simultaneously promoting innovation and participation in the nuclear industry as a whole. If so, the United States will once again regain its prominent international leadership role as our country and the rest of the world prepare for the next Nuclear Renaissance.”

“As demand for nuclear energy grows across the country, it's critical to have leaders like Jeff Duncan working to advance the conversation on nuclear's essential role in our carbon-free future,” said Beverly Marshall, Vice President of Government Affairs, Nuclear Energy Institute

“We are at the beginning of realizing advancements in nuclear technology in this country that could only be dreamed about just a few years ago, which is why it's so important to have leaders like Jeff Duncan work to advance the conversation for how we can expand the use of nuclear power throughout the United States,” said Bud Albright, President and CEO of the United States Nuclear Industry Council.

## US House of Representatives

## How we can restore an energy future that keeps the lights on

Submitted by Congressman Jeff Duncan & Jay Obernolte

Reliable and affordable energy should be a fact of life in our country. And for most of America, it is. But under California's Green New Deal experiment, reliable power has become uncertain, with millions of people experiencing emergency power usage warnings across the state last month. The state itself forecasts a potential shortfall of 1,700 to 5,000 megawatts of power this year, with that shortfall expected to increase through at least 2025.

This is the ultimate outcome of the Green New Deal—a policy platform that picks winners and losers in clean energy and forces rapid changes without first building the infrastructure necessary to accommodate demand. GND policies also fail to take into consideration the full life cycle costs of renewable technologies. While the goal of sustainable, cleaner energy is one we all share, our country needs an all-of-the-above energy plan that unleashes American innovation, capitalizes on the potential of nuclear energy, and expands domestic energy production to secure America's energy independence.

Domestic energy production, including oil and coal, is important because the United States is able to produce it in a cleaner way than any other country in the world. In the year before President Joe Biden took office and halted the sale of new oil leases on domestic lands, the U.S. was a net oil exporter for the first time in its history. The natural gas we export to Europe is 41% cleaner than current Russian natural gas pipelines to the same destination, and the light crude oil we produce in Wyoming has 50% lower life cycle emissions than heavy crude oil produced in Venezuela. Domestic production is good for our planet, our economy, and our allies across the globe who want to import American energy.

Our country has always been at the forefront of developing cutting-edge renewable energy solutions. The most advanced solar, wind, hydro-power, and nuclear energy ideas were born here, providing abundant opportunities to export our innovation to the

world. However, new technological breakthroughs take time. Government policies that force rapid transitions to only certain forms of energy forgo the benefits of an open marketplace to support the most efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable technologies, and they threaten our ability to keep the lights on.

This is exactly what has happened under GND policies in California and what could happen nationwide as the federal government imposes progressive energy policy changes on the public. Already, energy prices across the country have skyrocketed, domestic production has declined, reliance on dirtier foreign energy has increased, and America has become less energy independent and less secure.

Progressives' refusal to embrace nuclear energy is especially crippling. Despite being the most reliable and highest-producing form of zero-emission energy, U.S. nuclear electricity generation decreased in 2021 for the second consecutive year, producing 1.5% less energy for American households than it did in 2020. When California retired the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in 2013, the state's total power availability dropped significantly and now powers an estimated 300,000 fewer homes even after the state “replaced” the plant with new natural gas-fired power plants.

That single nuclear station provided about 20% of the total power for southern California on a land mass of only 84 acres. By contrast, the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System, the largest and most innovative solar plant in the world, takes up 3,500 acres of what was once pristine wilderness in California's High Desert to produce 1.8 gigawatts less than the nuclear station. With modern technology, we could put roughly five nuclear plants in that same space and produce enough power to sustain the entire state.

South Carolina, on the other hand, leads in an all-of-the-above energy solution by using clean energy sources like nuclear energy. South Carolina's Oconee Nuclear Station became the second nuclear station in the U.S. to have its license renewed by the Nuclear Regulatory Com-

mission for an additional 20 years. It is clean, safe, and reliable and produces enough emission-free energy to power more than 1.9 million homes. In South Carolina, the nuclear energy sector provides half the state's total electricity, 95% of the state's total carbon-free power, and employs thousands of people in highly skilled and highly paid jobs.

In total, the U.S. avoided more than 476 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions in 2021 through our use of nuclear energy. That's the equivalent of removing approximately 100 million cars from the road, more than all other clean energy sources combined. Nuclear must remain part of our energy matrix for both energy security and emission reduction purposes.

In Congress, we are fighting for American energy independence as part of our Commitment to America. We understand that the Biden administration's ban on new oil and gas leases has led to skyrocketing energy prices that hurt American families who work hard every day to put food on the table and keep gas in the car. We also realize that America needs a regulatory environment that encourages long-term investment in energy production and an end to the regulatory war on pipelines and the supply of capital for energy projects. We are working to stop the assault on American energy and unleash domestic production.

With an all-of-the-above energy policy, we can ensure the public always has access to reliable, affordable, and clean energy. We must unleash American energy production and create a regulatory environment that encourages innovation in the energy sector, not one that deters it. Only by doing so will we bring energy prices down and make American energy independent again.

Jay Obernolte is a U.S. representative for California and serves on the committees on natural resources, budget, and science, space, and technology. Jeff Duncan is a U.S. representative for South Carolina and serves on the House energy and commerce subcommittees on energy, environment and climate change, and communications and technology.



## Scott Applauds FHFA Efforts to Expand Homeownership

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) released a statement on this week's announcement by Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) Director Sandra Thompson that the Agency validated and approved both FICO 10T and VantageScore 4.0 for use by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the GSEs) and will eventually require lenders to deliver both credit scores with each loan sold to the GSEs.

“A lot has changed about the world in the two decades since the GSEs' accepted scoring model was last updated – including tremendous technical

advancements in credit modeling technology and significant changes to consumer consumption trends – and this announcement marks an important step in helping make our country's housing system more fair for everyone without lowering the bar for qualification,” said Senator Scott. “Homeownership is a central part of the American Dream, and I am optimistic that the changes outlined by FHFA today will responsibly assist millions of hardworking, qualified, and creditworthy people across the country to accomplish that goal.”

Background: In 2017,

Sen. Scott partnered with Senator Mark Warner (R-Va.) to introduce the Credit Score Competition Act, which directed the FHFA to create a process by which credit scoring models can be validated and approved for use by the GSEs when they purchase mortgages.

The bill was ultimately part of the bipartisan financial regulatory tailoring package, S. 2155 — the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act, which was signed into law in May 2018. FHFA began efforts to implement Sen. Scott's legislation shortly afterward.

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# ABBEVILLE PANTHERS





The Saluda Tigers (in white jerseys) had had a potent running game, but that rushing attack was thwarted during the Panthers' victory over the Tigers in Abbeville recently in the Upper Savannah championship game. (Photo by Andy Johnston).

## Robert Scott claims victory in Week 13

By Henry E. Green

The Contest Winner for Week 13 is Robert Scott of Abbeville, according to Contest Editor Lamar T. West.

"Rivalry week comes to a close with several upsets in the mix," said West. "Robert Scott missed only three picks."

"His victory was secured as he correctly picked the Gamecocks of the University of South Carolina to be victorious over the Tigers of Clemson University.

There were three entries missing only four picks -- Carey Stewart, Jason R. Simmons, and Brant Anderson.

"As the football contest seems to be very popular, we are going to publish one more week," West said.

This week will include games played on Friday so entries should be mailed or emailed to [lamar@bannercorp.net](mailto:lamar@bannercorp.net) by Friday 5 PM. There will be four pro games as well as the Army/

Navy game.

The Army/Navy contest will not be played until Saturday, December 10, and the winner will not be announced until Wednesday, December 14, West went on to say.

"Good luck on the last College Football Contest of 2022!"

As the winner for Week 13, Scott can preside over a week which Carolina fans will remember for a long, long time, as the Gamecocks claimed a 31-30 victory over Clemson in Death Valley, no less!

Fans of the Chickens are still in ecstasy over a game in which Carolina snapped a seven-game losing streak, had a winning streak of their own, with five consecutive victories over the Tigers.)

We must admit that when Carolina quarterback Spencer Rattler threw a pick-six early in the game, at least one Gamecock fan sighed and turned off the television in disgust, seeing it as a

sign of things to come -- a particularly evil omen.

"O ye of little faith," he told himself later, getting into that Sunday School mode. Rattler redeemed himself as Carolina fought back, staked out a lead -- albeit a slender one -- and held on for dear life.

And the next day, a friend made an interesting observation. South Carolina, he said, may have found its own version of Dabo Sinyey - in the form of Shane Beamer.

Who could argue? Both have a youthful enthusiasm that is truly infectious, an enthusiasm that almost certainly carries over -- at least on a good day -- to the players, and definitely to the fans.

The Gamecocks finished their regular season on a happy note, and the Tigers finished theirs with dashed hopes for the playoffs.

AHS to play for state championship

## AHS wins Upper State Championship!

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville defeated Saluda Friday night at Hite Stadium in the Upper State championship game to advance to the state championship game this coming Friday in Columbia at the Benedict College stadium.

AHS will now face Oceanside Collegiate in the state championship game, which is slated for 2 p.m. at Charles W. Johnson Stadium on Two Notch Road in Columbia.

Abbeville head football coach Jamie Nickles said following the game that Oceanside has a spread offense, and a team that is loaded with talent.

Friday night, the Tigers led 16-6 at halftime before Abbeville exploded in a barrage of scores during the second stanza.

The game was "touch and go" in the early going. In the first quarter, Saluda returned an Abbeville punt for an apparent touchdown, that was called back when the Tigers were called for an illegal block.

The Tigers settled for a 38 yard field goal, and a 3-0 lead.

Abbeville answered with a 12-play touchdown drive that started at its own 20 and ended with a seven-yard scoring run by Antonio Harrison. The PAT was no good, but Abbeville led 6-3.

The Tigers then answered

with an 80-yard, 15-play drive in which Saluda blended the and the pass, and ended with a two yard touchdown run. The PAT attempt was no good, and the Tigers led once more, 9-6.

The Tigers added another touchdown after they took over at the Abbeville 44, following a Panther punt. Four plays later, Saluda found the end zone with a touchdown pass, and the Tiger, with a successful PAT, led 16-6.

Following the interception off a Panther pass, the Tigers staked out a position at the Saluda 42. This time the Panther defense stiffened, and Saluda ended up attempting a field goal of approximately 50 yards -- an attempt which was unsuccessful.

The game was truly a tale of two halves, as the Panthers in the second half took control.

The turning point may have come early in the third quarter, when the Tigers, facing a fourth and one around midfield, went for the extra yardage, and came up short, and Abbeville took over on downs.

The Panthers took full advantage with a six play drive that ended with a 30-yard touchdown scamper by Zay Rayford. With the PAT good, the Panthers cut the Saluda lead to 16-13.

Later in the third quarter,

Damarcus Leach picked off a Tiger pass, leading to the go-ahead Panther touchdown.

AHS now led 20-16, and it was a lead Abbeville would never relinquish.

The Panthers, starting at their own 41, bulldozed their way to another touchdown, with A. Patterson finishing things up with a 23-yard touchdown run. With a successful PAT, Abbeville led 27-16.

Abbeville then thwarted a Saluda drive when the Panthers stopped the Tigers on a fourth-and-one situation about midfield, and Patterson put the finishing touches on a touchdown drive with another fine run by Patterson. With a successful PAT, Abbeville led 34-16.

Damarcus Leach snagged another Saluda pass and returned it 10 yards for another Panther touchdown, and Abbeville led 41-16.

Jackson Uldrick intercepted yet another Tiger pass, setting up Abbeville with a first and goal at the Saluda 10, and the Panthers, with the victory already sealed, took a knee.

Following the game, Abbeville head football coach Jamie Nickles was understandably pleased.

The recipe for the victory?

"We just played Abbeville football," he said.



Antonio Harrison (2) was one of the stars for Abbeville High School Friday night during the Panthers' victory over Saluda. (Photo by Andy Johnston)

## CF claims honors in cross country

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Charter is excelling in cross country, according to Calhoun Falls Charter principal Kalan Rogers.

"We had our Region meet on Oct. 29 at Emerald," he said.

Quade Lindler finished first, Javarius Jones finished fourth, and Wyatt Fisher finished eighth overall at the Region meet.

All three of those athletes were named to the All Region team.

Lindler was named Boys Cross Country Athlete of the Year.

On Nov. 4, those three young men participated in a state qualifying event in Newberry, and they all qualified for the state meet. At the state meet, which was held at the Sandhills Research Center in Co-

lumbia, the Flashes' Quade Lindler finished fifth overall, running a time of 17 minutes and 22 seconds.

Quade also named to All State team for Class 1-A. Last year, he was state runner up in cross country.

Coach Ron Sullivan is the Calhoun Falls Charter boys cross country coach, Rogers said.



Three Calhoun Falls Charter athletes have accomplished much in cross country. Quade Lindler (right) finished first, Javarius Jones (center) finished fourth, and Wyatt Fisher (left) finished eighth overall at the Region meet held recently. All three of those athletes were named to the All Region team. Lindler was named Boys Cross Country Athlete of the Year. (Photo courtesy of Kalan Rogers)

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# AHS sends contingent to North-South game

**By Henry E. Green**

The North South game, also known as the Touchstone Emergency Cooperatives Bowl, will be played on Dec. 10 in Myrtle Beach, attracting some of the most talented high school senior football players, including some from Abbeville County.

Abbeville High School's Ty Cade will be a linebacker for the North Squad, and Addison Nickles, also of AHS, will be a kicker for the North.

Ty Cade has also found success as a running back

for AHS, and has become a scoring threat for the Panthers.

Addison Nickles, meanwhile, is a reliable kicker for AHS, adding his own considerable share of points with PATs and field goals.

AHS offensive coordinator Gil Cade will be on the coaching staff of the North.

All three were recognized at the November Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees meeting, along with AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles, who was honored for having reaching the 200-win pla-

teau in his coaching career. Nickles has been AHS head football coach since 2004.

The Panthers were Region champions this year, and at press time they were in the state playoffs.

This will be the 75th year for the North South game, which began in 1947 as part of a state coaches clinic in Columbia, according to the website.

The game was played in the summer for many years, and Columbia, Easley, Clinton, and Summerville have all hosted it, according to the website.



During the Gold Star Highlights segment of a recent Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees, (from left) Abbeville County School District Superintendent Mason Gary and board chairman Tim Rhodes welcomed AHS Panther football kicker Addison Nickles, AHS linebacker/running back Ty Cade, AHS assistant coach Gil Cade, and AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles. Nickles was honored for having reached his 200th victory in his coaching career, while Ty Cade and Addison Nickles are going to play in the "North South" game, and Gil Cade is going to help coach the North squad. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Abbeville High School Panthers (in dark jerseys) clinched the Upper State championship Friday night at Hite Stadium with a victory over Saluda (in white). AHS will now take on Oceanside Collegiate in the state championship game this coming Friday night in Columbia. (Photo by Andy Johnston)

# Dixie girls cross country team named state runner-up

**By Henry E. Green**

The Dixie High School girls cross country team had another successful season this year, and finished as Class A State runner up, according to Dixie High School girls cross country coach Cayce Prescott.

Prescott listed some of the highlights of the season:

--In two races the team achieved a perfect score of 15 which means the first

5 finishers were all Dixie runners

--The team was named the Abbeville/Greenwood County Champions

--The team was named the Class A State Runner-Up

--Four girls were awarded All-State status: Ansley Prescott, Clara Angel, Rachel Prescott, and Ashten Stoll

The top seven runners who competed in the state

championship race were Ansley Prescott, Clara Angel, Rachel Prescott, Ashten Stoll, Ellie Redding, Nicole Hershberger, and Alia Hershberger. Ashten Stoll finished second at the State meet.

"We are still a young team," said Prescott. "The top seven runners are all 10th grade and younger. We only have one graduate--Neely Bell."



Altavious Patterson (35) was one of the Panthers scoring touchdowns for AHS during Abbeville's victory over Saluda recently. Patterson celebrated as Panthers Tony Chupp (52) and Jae Harris (70) looked on. (Photo by Andy Johnston)

# U.S. Army Corps Hosts Youth Waterfowl Hunts at Richard B. Russell Lake

**Submitted by US Army Corps of Engineers**

CALHOUN FALLS, S.C. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, is organizing youth waterfowl hunts at the Richard B. Russell Project to take place during the months of December and January for youth participants ages 9-16.

Hunters will be selected by random drawing, and those selected to participate will be contacted with tentative hunt dates. The drawing for the first hunt takes place Friday, Dec. 2. To register for the drawing, hunters must call Brandon Dickey at 800-944-7207, ext. 3408, at the Russell Project Office no later than Dec. 1 at 4 p.m.

A parent or guardian must accompany all youth hunters, and will be permitted to hunt

and shoot waterfowl, too.

All hunters, the youth and their parents/guardian, must check in at the lake project office at 4144 Russell Dam Drive, Elberton, Ga., and must be licensed in accordance with existing Georgia Hunting Regulations, including the Migratory Bird Hunting License and have state and federal waterfowl stamps. All state regulations and bag limits will be strictly enforced.

"The Georgia Migratory Bird Stamp is required for all migratory bird hunters (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe, coots, rails, or gallinules) who are 16 and older, even if a hunting license is not required," according to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division, website. "This stamp is how Georgia participates in the federal Harvest In-

formation Program (HIP), and hunters must obtain a new Georgia Migratory Bird Stamp each season. A Federal Duck Stamp is still required for hunters ages 16 and older if hunting duck and geese. Resident youth hunters, ages 15 and under, get a Youth Sportsman's License."

For information about obtaining a hunting license, visit Hunting License Info or Georgia DNR Licensing. For hunting regulations, visit Migratory bird hunting. To learn more about hunting waterfowl, visit Waterfowl Hunting 101.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371PC with the Probate Court of ABBEVILLE COUNTY, the address of which is 903 WEST GREENWOOD ST., SUITE 2300 ABBEVILLE, SC 29620, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371PC) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Ella Louise Gladden  
Date of Death: 08/07/2022  
Case Number: 2022ES0100291  
Personal Representative: Danielle Cyrus  
Address: 36 Avondale Dr. Donalds, SC 29638  
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Estate: Martha Ann Campbell  
Date of Death: 11/5/2022  
Case Number: 2022ES0100294  
Personal Representative: Kevin L. McKee  
Address: 630 Circle Rd. Greer, SC 29651  
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Estate: Barbara B. Stovall  
Date of Death: 10/29/2022  
Case Number: 2022ES0100295  
Personal Representative: Curtis Wilson  
Address: P.O. Box 71, Iva, SC 29655  
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Estate: Savannah Leann McCall  
Date of Death: 7/21/2022  
Case Number: 2022ES0100286  
Personal Representative: Katelyn Danielle Gray  
Address: 503 Good Hope Church Rd. Starr, SC 29684  
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Estate: Beverly Lynn Houston aka Lynn Houston  
Date of Death: 10/27/2022  
Case Number: 2022ES0100297  
Personal Representative: Donald Howard Houston  
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## Legals

### NOTICE OF FILING WITH FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

The City of Abbeville, SC (City) hereby provides notice of its filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) of (1) the Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Abbeville Hydroelectric Project (Project) (FERC No. 11286), (2) the Pre-Application Document (PAD) for the Project, and (3) a Re-

quest to use the Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) under 18 CFR Section 5.3. The Project is located on the Rocky River in Abbeville and Anderson counties, SC. The Project has an installed capacity of 2.6 MW. Lake Secession is a 1,362-acre impoundment formed by the Abbeville/Rocky River Dam. The filing date of the NOI, PAD, and request to use the TLP is November 29, 2022. The NOI provides notice of the City's intent to apply for a new license for the Project.

The PAD summarizes relevant and available information regarding the Project's description and operation along with discussions of the potential effects of continued Project operation on environmental and cultural resources. The request to use the TLP is based on the belief that the TLP will be the most appropriate process due to the manageable timeframes involved, cost savings, and because the City believes existing environmental information

in the vicinity of the Project is sufficient to address most resource issues. The City invites resource agencies, Native American tribes, and members of the public interested in the proceedings to participate in the relicensing and to comment on this notice and related matters. Mailings on this Project can be sent to the attention of Tim Hall, Director Public Utilities, City of Abbeville at the following address: 306 Cambridge St, Abbeville, SC 29620. After the PAD

is filed with FERC, it will be available for inspection and reproduction at the address included above. Comments on the use of the TLP are due to FERC and the City no later than 30 days following the filing of the request to use the TLP. Comments on use of the TLP must reference the Project number (P-11286) and should address, as appropriate to the circumstances of the request, the: (A) Likelihood of timely license issuance; (B) Complexity of the resource

issues; (C) Level of anticipated controversy; (D) Relative cost of the traditional process compared to the integrated process; (E) The amount of available information and potential for significant disputes over studies; and (F) Other factors believed by the commenter to be pertinent. Respondents must submit comments to the Secretary of the Commission in accordance with filing procedures posted on the Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

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## Legals

### NOTICE OF SALE

**BY VIRTUE of a decree** heretofore granted in the case of: American Advisors Group vs. Joseph Allen Gambrell; Michael Stephen Gambrell; The United States of America acting by and through its agency The Department of Housing and Urban Development; , C/A No. 2015CP0100261, The following property will be sold on December 5, 2022, at 2:00 PM at the Abbeville County Courthouse to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the State of

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

AND

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

being a little more or less.

Derivation: Book 322 Page 574  
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TMS/PIN# 032-00-00-061

SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, ABBEVILLE COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the pur-

chase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 5.06% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judg-

ment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Abbeville County Clerk of Court at C/A #2015CP0100261.

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

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017108-00104  
Website: [www.rogerstownsends.com](http://www.rogerstownsends.com) (see link to Resources/Foreclosure Sales)

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## Legals

### NOTICE OF SALE

#### 2022-CP-01-00148

**BY VIRTUE of a decree** heretofore granted in the case of: US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust against Judith A. Norman and Discover Bank, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Abbeville County, will sell on December 5, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the County Courthouse in Abbeville, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit:

A lot of land, together with a dwelling house and other improvements thereon, situate in the City and County of Abbeville, South Carolina, known, designated and more particularly described

as Lot No. 107 Northside Heights Subdivision, and being more particularly described on a plat thereof made by J. Rivers Mabry, RLS, from a survey made April 1, 1966 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County in Plat Book 14 at Page 269, to which reference is hereby made for a more particular description thereof.

Being the same property conveyed to Martha M. Norman, Martha Linda N. Wiley, Judy N. McNair, and George R. Norman, by deed from the Estate of George T. Norman; thereafter, Martha N. Wiley, Judy N. McNair, and George R. Norman conveyed their interest in the subject property to Martha Sue Norman by deed dated August 27, 1974 and recorded in Deed Book 120 at Page 103 and by deed dated May 30, 1975 and recorded June 18, 1975

in Deed Book 119 at Page 268; thereafter, Martha Sue Norman died intestate on February 16, 2004, leaving the Property to her heirs at law or devisees, namely, Linda Norman Wiley, Judy Norman McNair, and George Randall Norman, by Deed of Distribution dated January 14, 2005, and recorded January 18, 2005 in Deed Book 248 at Page 383; thereafter, Linda Norman Wiley and Judy Norman McNair conveyed their interest in the subject property to G. Randall Norman by deed dated February 4, 2005 and recorded February 11, 2005 in Deed Book 248 at Page 817; thereafter, George Randall Norman aka G. Randall Norman aka George Norman died testate on November 8, 2015, leaving the Property to his heirs at law or devisees, namely, Judith A. Norman, by Deed of Distribution dated December 6, 2016, and

recorded December 6, 2016 in Deed Book 322 at Page 79.

TMS No. 108-08-03-009 Property Address: 507 Sunset Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said

defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.5000%.

**THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.** No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will

not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

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

**ATTENDEES MUST ABIDE BY SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A MASK OR OTHER FACIAL COVERING.** Any person who violates said protocols is subject to dismissal at the discretion of the selling officer or other court officials.

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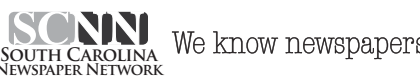


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