



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



American Legion Post 2 held a Memorial Day program in front of the Abbeville County Courthouse recently. At the conclusion of the program, Post 2 first vice commander George Key (left) and local AMVETS commander Lewis Jackson placed a wreath at the foot of the veterans monument between the Courthouse and the Opera House. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

County voters to go to polls for primaries

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County voters will go to the polls Tuesday for Republican and Democratic party primary elections.

Early voting opened Tuesday, May 31, and will run through Friday, June 10, Abbeville County voter registration director Randy Curtis said Wednesday.

“Anyone can vote early, he said. “They don’t have to have a reason.”

Voting will be done in the County complex on the second floor, at the voter registration office.

“All the voter has to do is bring a photo ID,” he said.

The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and voting is done during business hours.

There are two County Council seats that are contested in the primaries, Curtis continued.

On the Democratic ticket for County Council District Two, Dale K. Gilchrist and Christine W. Long will face off.

The winner will face Republican Bebe Wesson in November.

On the Republican ticket for County Council District 7, Brian McClain will face incumbent Drew Simpson.

There is no Democratic

opposition in November in District 7.

Brandon Johnson, In County Council District 1, is running unopposed on the Republican ticket, and there is no Democratic opposition.

While early voting will be done at the voter registration office at the County Complex, on election day voters will cast their ballots at their normal polling places.

If anyone has a question about where to vote, they may go to scvotes.gov or call the voter registration office at 365-2400, extension 53, Curtis continued.

Accident claims life of pedestrian

A fatal collision on U.S. Highway 178 in Abbeville County on the evening of June 3 claimed the life of a pedestrian, according to Abbeville County Coroner Dr. Mark Dorn.

The accident involved a pedestrian fatality that occurred at 750 Highway, 178 North in Honea Path at

the Upper Abbeville Sports Complex near Huggins Garment Road, according to a June 4 news release from the Coroner.

“According to the driver of the first vehicle, the male victim had abruptly crossed the road in front his vehicle and was struck,” according to Dorn. “A second vehicle

was also involved in the incident.”

Neither driver was injured, the Coroner continued.

The victim has yet to be identified, Dorn said.

The Abbeville County office of the Coroner along with South Carolina Highway Patrol is investigating the incident, Dorn said.

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet recently in Lowndesville, and Henry E. Green, Features Editor with The Press and Banner, was named to the Abbeville County Hall of Fame. Green (left) posed with the award with Chamber president Joshua Baughman (right). (Photo courtesy of the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce)



The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet recently at the Lowndesville Community Center in Lowndesville. Matt and Erin Gambrell received Business of the Year honors for their restaurant Two Brews, and Matt Gambrell (left) accepted the award from the Chamber executive director Anna LaGrone. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Chamber holds annual awards banquet

By Henry E. Green

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet Friday night in Lowndesville, and the evening featured the presentation of awards and honors.

This year’s Chamber scholarship recipients were recognized. They included Bradley Ware of Dixie High School, and Sydney Dawson, and Gabriella White of Abbeville High School.

All three are members of the Class of 2022, and all graduated last month from their respective high schools.

In addition, two individuals were named to the Abbeville County Hall of Fame. Tony Southard, an Abbeville businessman who gave back to the community in various

ways, was posthumously inducted into the Hall of Fame, and his widow Amy Southard was recognized, and she accepted the award on his behalf.

Henry E. Green, Features Editor with The Press and Banner, was also inducted into the Hall of Fame. Mary Elizabeth Land of Abbeville was the speaker who presented the award.

Business of the Year honors went to Matt and Erin Gambrell, for their restaurant Two Brews, which is located on Abbeville’s Court Square and is known for its diverse array of delicious doughnuts.

Ambassador of the Year honors, providing recognition for an outstanding Chamber volunteer, went to Karen Sherwood.

Outgoing board members were also recog-

nized, including Joshua Baughman, John Andrew Bishop, Kathy Bauman, Todd Darragh, and Amy O’Quinn.

Joe Thomas received a new Chamber award, the Executive Award, which recognizes service to the Chamber and service to the community.

Providing entertainment were vocalist Nicole Quinn and guitarist Bryan Norris.

Quinn and Norris, who performed at the Abbeville Spring Festival last month, performed a variety of songs, stretching the musical vocabulary from “Summertime” from Porgy and Bess to the Beatles’ “Let It Be.”

The banquet was held at the Lowndesville Community Center, which was in years past a school.

Community farmers markets now open

By Henry E. Green

Farmers markets are now open in Abbeville, Calhoun Falls and Donalds, offering fresh fruits and vegetables in keeping with a summertime tradition.

Wilder Ferreira of Clemson Extension provided a profile of the schedule for the three markets.

The Calhoun Falls market, housed in the town’s farmers market pavilion, is open on Thursdays from 3

.m. to 7 p.m.

The Donalds farmers market, meanwhile, is open on Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., in the Donalds city hall pavilion. The Donalds market is in its first year of operation.

Finally, the Abbeville farmers market is being held at the Livery Stable on Fridays from 7 a.m. to noon.

All three markets are expected to stay open throughout the summer, until the

beginning of October.

Nancy McCannon is coordinating the Calhoun Falls market, William Scoggins the Donalds market, and Tim Hall the Abbeville market.

For more information on the Calhoun Falls market, one may call 844-2301, for the Donalds market 992-3650, and Abbeville 391-1103.

Joe Thomas (left) was presented with the Executive Award during the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet, held this year in Lowndesville. He was presented with the award, given to an individual in recognition of service to the Chamber and the community, by Chamber president Joshua Baughman (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville high School graduate Sydney Dawson was presented by Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce executive director Anna LaGrone (right) with one of the three Chamber scholarships. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

RYLA being held at Erskine this week

By Henry E. Green

Coming off a hiatus due to COVID, RYLA is being held at Erskine this week, sharpening the leadership skills of outstanding high school students from throughout the Palmetto State.

RYLA is the acronym for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary coordinates the program, whereby students stay on the Erskine campus for a week of activities which for many participants provide unforgettable and positive experiences.

This year's gathering is described as the "38" annual week-long motivational, leadership training, and free enterprise seminar for rising high school juniors and seniors," according

to information supplied by Program Coordinator Mark Peeler.

RYLA begins with registration at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday and ends with a brunch on the following Saturday morning.

"This seminar is designed to help the delegates develop sound leadership techniques for their daily use in school and extracurricular activities, as well as in life.

The benefits of attending RYLA are significant, according to Peeler.

They include "personal growth and development through interaction with peers and outstanding business, political and community leaders. Each delegate will receive a \$5,000 per year RYLA scholarship

at Erskine College upon acceptance, renewable for up to four years."

This year the Abbeville Rotary Club is sponsoring five delegates--home schooler Claren Johnston, Daniel Davis of Shiloh Christian, Shamyahudson of Calhoun Falls Charter, Elliott Clark of Dixie High School and Jonah Cooley of Abbeville High School.

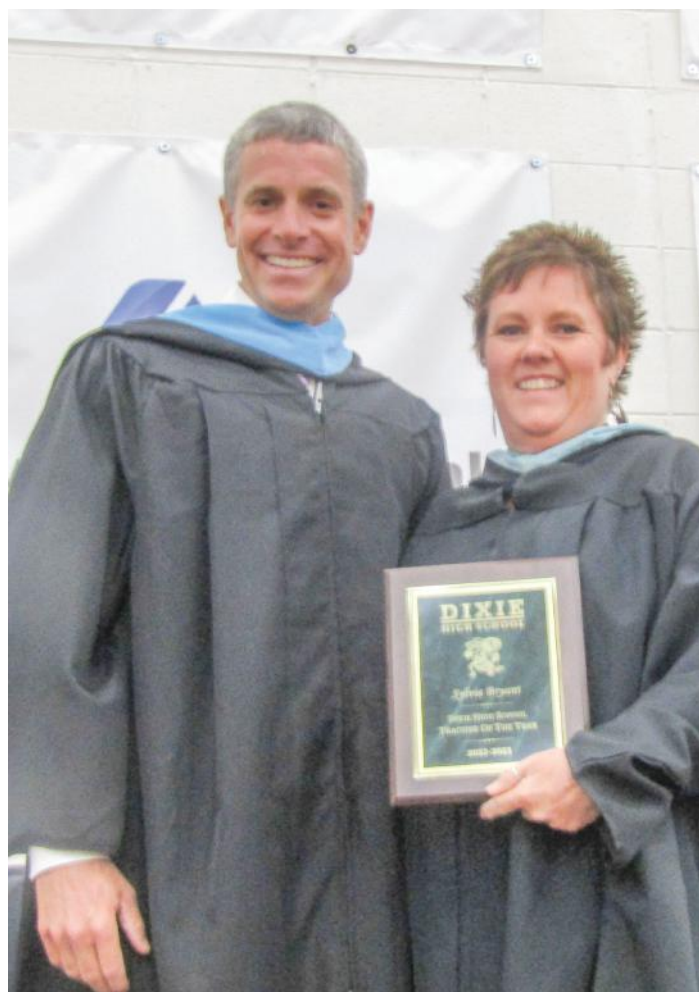
They will be among 58 students, from throughout Rotary District 7750, taking in much of western South Carolina, in attendance this week for RYLA.

The Abbeville Rotary Club will be meeting on Thursday, June 9, at Erskine in conjunction with RYLA.

Karen Sherwood (left) was recognized as Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce Ambassador of the Year recently during the Chamber banquet held in Lowndesville. Presenting her with the award was Chamber president Joshua Baughman (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Laura Beth Pickens provided the valedictory address at the Calhoun Falls Charter graduation recently. (Contributed photo)



Dixie High School principal Paul Prescott (left) presented Sylvia Bryant (right) with the Dixie Teacher of the Year award during the Dixie graduation program held recently at the Galloway Center on the Erskine campus. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Little River Electric Cooperative, Inc.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Title:	Groundsman (Apprentice Lineman)	Job Category:	Non-Exempt
Department/Group:	Operations	Job Code:	55-6621
Location:	Abbeville, SC	Travel Required:	Occasional
Level/Salary Range:	\$16.00 - \$20.00	Position Type:	Full Time
HR Contact:	Tecie New	Date Posted:	June 2, 2022
Posting URL and our Employment Application:	http://www.lreci.coop (Look under Employment)	Posting Expires:	June 20, 2022

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Library starts summer lunch program

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Library System is working to provide adequate nutrition for young people through the summer, by way of a new lunch program, said Abbeville County Library System Director Mary Elizabeth Land.

Students coming to any of the Abbeville County Library System's three branches can be provided lunch free of charge, said Land.

"Lunch will be available at the libraries in Abbeville, Calhoun Falls and Donalds for the first 20 students each

day," she said.

"Lunch will be provided at the Abbeville County Library from 12:15 to 12:45. Lunch will be provided at the Calhoun Falls Library from 11:45 to 12:15, and at the Agnew Branch Library in Donalds from 12:15 to 12:45," Land continued.

"Because this is a grant program, we do need to ask that students eat at the site."

The lunches will be available Monday through Thursday, starting Monday, June 6, and ending July 21, with no meals provided the week of July 4, said Lois

Rhodes, Library Services Coordinator.

"There are so many kids who receive free or reduced priced lunch during the school year," Land said. "This grant seeks to ensure that they will still get a nutritious meal even though school is out of session."

The grant is provided through the Summer Food Service program from the USDA, and is referred to in South Carolina as the Summer Break Cafe, Land continued.



Calvin Wharton (left) was recently recognized as Staff Employee of the Year at Abbeville High School, and Bill Glace (right), the Teacher of the Year at AHS. (Contributed photo)



The firm of Hite & Stone was recognized as the Business of the Year during the recent Abbeville High School athletic banquet. Displaying the award were Hite & Stone attorneys (from left) Heather Stone, Tombo Hite, and Anne Marie Hempy. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

City Police summer camp cancelled

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Police Youth Summer Camp program which had been planned for the week of June 6 has been cancelled, said the camp's coordinator Zaneta Miller Wednesday.

The cancellation was due to the insufficient number of applicants for the camp. Miller and other organizers had been hoping for at least 50 applicants.

"But unfortunately we did not reach that goal," she

said. "We look forward to trying again next year."

"Camp enrollment was likely impacted by the COVID pandemic for the past years. I hope that as time passes, things will return to normal."

Designed for youngsters ages nine through 13, the camp, presented by the Abbeville Police Department, was to include activities that included discussions about drugs, violence and bullying, Miller had indicated in a May interview.

Other local agencies were to provide presentations related to safety, mental health, nutrition and fitness and health, she said.

Participating agencies for this year were to include the Abbeville Fire Department, Cornerstone, the Department of Natural Resources, Abbeville Area Wellness, Bow and Arrow, Highway Patrol, Abbeville County EMS, and Abbeville County 4-H, she said.

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WCTEL Awards \$10,500 in College Scholarships

Submitted by Virginia Smith

Abbeville, SC – May 26, 2022 – West Carolina Tel (WCTEL) recently awarded the recipients of the WCTEL & Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) 2022 college scholarships, totaling \$10,500 in funds to help local youth pursue further learning. All scholarship applications are mailed to FRS and independently judged in Washington, DC, by a panel of judges selected by FRS. The WCTEL scholarship for \$8,000, issued annually for four years in the amount of \$2,000 per year was awarded to Audree Vaughn from Crescent High School. Vaughn plans to attend

Anderson University in the fall to pursue a degree in Business Management. Each year, FRS awards 39 scholarships to students across the United States. This year, FRS received over 900 applications, and Vaughn received a \$2,500 scholarship. Vaughn also received the \$1,500 Starr-Iva Community Scholarship, receiving a total of \$12,000 in scholarship funds to support and advance her college education. In addition to these community scholarships, The WCTEL Family Scholarship offers a \$1,000 scholarship to every dependent of WCTEL employees. Started by an anonymous donor and sustained by WCTEL

family members, the WCTEL Family Scholarship awarded scholarships to Jake Crawford, Abbeville; Meghan Lusk, Honea Path; Cale Mack, Greenwood; Alana Mitchell, Donalds; Madeline Peacon, Abbeville; and Kendra Thomason, Greenwood. “The board and employees of West Carolina Tel are delighted to help area youth pursue their college dreams,” said Jeff Wilson, CEO of WCTEL. “We hope that these students flourish and one day return to our area to raise their families and pursue their career dreams. Our area offers a wealth of opportunities, and we welcome these students with open arms.”



Photo of WCTEL Family Scholarship from left to right: WCTEL Board President, Wes McAllister; Cale Mack; Alana Mitchell; Madeline Peacon; Jake Crawford; WCTEL CEO, Jeff Wilson. Not pictured: Kendra Thomason and Meghan Lusk. (Photo contributed)

Artist Guild planning summer camp for kids

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Artist Guild is planning a summer camp for kids, helping nurture artistic talent in young people. The Artist Guild is sponsoring a summer art camp the week of June 27 - July 1 for rising 2nd - 5th grade students at the Abbeville Civic Center from 9 am to noon. The cost is \$50 per student that includes all materials and a daily snack. The Artist Guild has scholarships available if needed. Art activities will be taught by Cecily Ferguson, a certified art teacher with forty years of art experience. One may contact Ferguson at 864/391-7888 or the Abbeville Artist Guild at abbevilleartistguild@gmail.com. The kids camp is just one of a number of activities in which the Guild is engaged.

Simeon Spearman has an exhibit in the Welcome Center for the month of June, in conjunction with the Juneteenth celebration, according to a news release from the organization. “We will be doing crafts with kids during the Juneteenth celebration in June 18,” said Guild treasurer Jane Agan. The Guild just finished a Hide and Seek Art Event, in which more than 90 small pieces of original artwork were slated to be hidden in the stores and the Court Square park in downtown Abbeville. The event gave art lovers a chance to own art work. All they had to do was visit the local participating merchants and search for the artwork. A map of participating merchants was available at the Abbeville

Welcome Center. Once the art seeker found a piece of art it was theirs to keep. The Guild is a nonprofit organization which promotes the arts here in Abbeville County. Officers include Jesse Nance, president; Carolin Ann McLane, secretary, and Jane Agan, treasurer. The organization is also coordinating a photo contest. The time to begin submitting entries begins on June 1, and will last until July 31. Those wishing to submit entries are asked to send them to aag22photo@gmail.com. The Guild also presents workshops from time to time, giving participants the chance to hone their artistic skills in various ways.

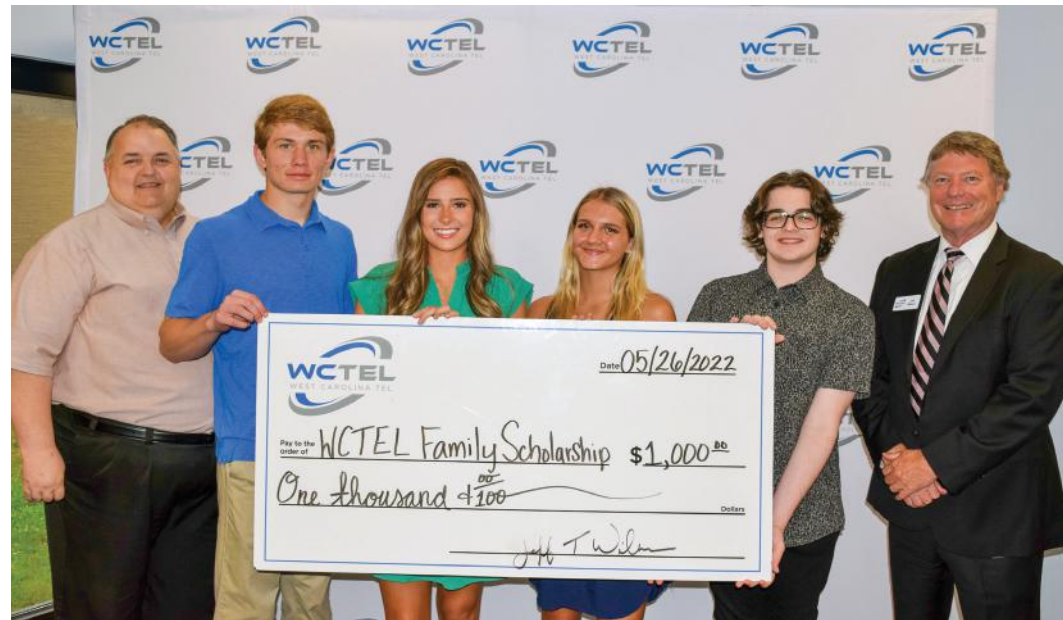


Photo of WCTEL/FRS Scholarship from left to right: WCTEL Board President, Wes McAllister; Audree Vaughn; WCTEL CEO, Jeff Wilson. (Photo contributed)

State setting up infrastructure fund

By Henry E. Green

The state of South Carolina is setting aside about \$900 million for local governments to use for water and sewer infrastructure improvements, according to reports. This is the state allocation of the American Rescue Plan Act, an allocation ratified by the General Assembly on May 12, and signed by the Governor on May 13, according to Casey Fields with the Municipal Association of South Carolina. It is a resolution that authorizes the expenditure of federal funds dispersed to

the state in American Rescue Plan Act. The \$900 million is only part of the total allocation. Other funds will go, for example, to expand broadband infrastructure, as well as other areas. Meanwhile, the water and sewer allocation will be channeled through the state’s Rural Infrastructure Authority, which will administer three competitive grant programs using these federal funds for water and sewer. The application process is still being set up. Of the \$900 million, \$80 million is

available for regional partnerships among large and small sewer systems, and \$20 million can be used for planning, and asset management, Fields said. “We are expecting the State to make a large pool of money as described above available,” said Mike Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer with the City of Abbeville. “However, I am not aware that the application process has been finalized. “We are continuing to evaluate potential projects that could be a good fit for those funds.”

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Smith inducted into Hall of Fame

By Henry E. Green

Longtime Abbeville High School baseball coach Mark Smith was inducted into the South Carolina Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame at Lexington High School in a program on Wednesday, June 1.

Smith was the head baseball coach at Abbeville High School for 33 years before retiring, according to reports.

Back in 2016, the coach attained his 500th coaching career win, and he was presented by State Rep. Craig Gagnon with a concurrent resolution from the General Assembly.

According to published reports, Smith led the AHS Panthers to 20 consecutive playoff appearances from 1986 to 2005, was named the SCBCA Coach of the Year five times, and was named the Region Coach of the Year 11 times.

Smith secured his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Erskine, followed by a masters degree in education from Clemson.

Over the years, Smith saw his baseball team play for the state championship three times.

He is also past president of the South Carolina Baseball Coaches Association, and has been a head coach for the North-South all star

baseball game.

Smith has also helped coach the AHS Panther football team for many years.

The coach said Monday that he had been scheduled to be inducted in 2020, but the induction was postponed due to COVID.

He was honored in 2021 at an all-star game, and this year conditions finally allowed for him to be inducted at a banquet.

"It was a mountain top experience," he said, noting humbly that he had been inducted into the Hall of Fame on the shoulders of 500 talented young men over 33 years.

Looking back, he noted that the 1985 season was his first as the Panther baseball coach, and 2017 was his last season.

Smith has been an educator at Wright Middle for many years.

"Today is my first official day of retirement," he said. "So far retirement's been awesome."

He has in fact been 38 years at Wright, where he taught physical education for 29 years, and was for a number of years athletic director, and for nine years he was the assistant principal.

"I was able to see a lot of students come and go," he said.

Baseball is not his only love in the field of sports.

For 38 years he has also coached football, serving as assistant head coach for the Panthers, and offensive coordinator.

"I will continue to coach football in a limited role," he said.

Smith is very much a family man as well. He has a wife, Cherri, and two children--Tucker and EmilyAnna.

Tucker works locally and EmilyAnna graduated on May 13 from Clemson.

Exciting things have been going on in the Smith family, he noted humorously.

"I never thought I'd be in anybody's hall of fame," he said, praising the support his family and the Abbeville community.

"Even I couldn't screw it up," he said. "The good Lord marked my steps to Abbeville."

He keeps up with his former players, sharing in the joy of their milestones of life--graduating from college, starting families.

Social media can be a beautiful thing when used properly, according to Smith, who received texts bearing congratulations for his induction.

He treasures the friendships he has made over the years.

"I love them all," he said.



Longtime Abbeville High School baseball coach Mark Smith was inducted into the South Carolina Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame at Lexington High School in a program on Wednesday, June 1. Art Boozer, executive director of SCBCA, presented the award to Smith (right). (Contributed photo)

Abbeville Cotillion Club being revived

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Cotillion Club, established in 1954, has been revived after being suspended for a time, club treasurer Patti Howie said Wednesday.

The club was suspended in 2019, and then COVID came upon the scene.

The organization underwent a period of inactivity before a number of members began to discuss reviving it.

People who had been serving as the club's officers were contacted. Some had moved, while some of the others for whatever reason were unable to continue as officers.

New officers were elected, and all the members who had been on the rolls of the club were contacted.

"It never really was dissolved," Howie said of the club, noting that the organization's charter is still in place.

The biggest change from the old days has to do with

the location. In years past, the club would present events at the National Guard Armory or the Livery Stable.

The new center of club activities is the Belmont Inn, a location which has a number of advantages, said Howie.

At the previous locations, members had to do all the decorating themselves in preparation for the dances the club presented.

There were other tasks as well, such as finding a caterer. It all added up to hard work for the club membership.

With the Belmont Inn, that burden is lifted. "They handle everything for us," Howie said.

"We're very fortunate to have the Pettys," she went on to say, referring to Belmont Inn owners Jim and Susan Botts Petty. "It's much easier than in the past."

The club today has about 40 members, including some single memberships and some for couples.

The plan is to have at least one dance of the year. The club recently held a cocktail party at the Belmont.

"We tentatively plan to have a ball or dance in 2023."

Meanwhile, the club also plans to work on its bylaws, to see if any changes need to be made.

Membership includes three different categories--active, emeritus, and associate. Howie is happy that the club has been revived and that it is up and running again.

The club's new slate of officers include, in addition to Howie, Mary Elizabeth Land, president; Sally Cooke, secretary; Katy Tilley, vice president, and Judy White, social chair.

Tilley summed up the positive feelings that the revival of the club has brought.

"We're excited that we're continuing this tradition," she said.



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Young ladies bound for Girls State

By Henry E. Green

A number of young ladies from Abbeville County are planning to attend Palmetto Girls State, which will be held at Presbyterian College in Clinton June 12-18.

They include Abbeville High School rising seniors Riley Jones and Bethany Hughes, who recently discussed their plans for the summer, and for college.

Riley plans to study business at the University of South Carolina. She would like to be a real estate agent.

"And I want to own my own boutique," she said.

Bethany, meanwhile, plans to attend Lander, where she hopes to study early childhood education on her way to becoming a teacher.

The two girls are involved in many of the same things—FBLA, the Beta Club, FFA. Both are cheerleaders, both are on the AHS tennis team, and both are on the Abbeville High academic team.

Riley, who is also on the AHS student council, and

Bethany are both planning to go to an FBLA conference in Chicago this summer.

FBLA is the acronym for Future Business Leaders of America, which helps young people sharpen business and marketing skills.

The two girls had to write essays explaining why they wanted to attend Girls State, and their grades were a factor as well—both are in the top tier of their class.

Emalee Mann, from Dixie is also bound for Girls State, as is a young lady from Calhoun Falls Charter—Laken Johnson

A member of the Beta Club and softball team, Laken will serve as the 22-23 FFA President, according to Calhoun Falls Charter Assistant Principal Lori Lindler. Laken, an honor roll student, served as a 2022 graduation marshal, Lindler said.

Mann, meanwhile, was a junior marshal at Dixie's graduation.

She is considering a number of colleges, including

Clemson, Anderson and Presbyterian. It will "definitely be a four year college," she said.

She would like to study either engineering or health care, in preparation for a career possibly as an engineer or a physician.

Emalee has been busy at Dixie. "I play (varsity) volleyball and soccer," she said.

She has also been involved in the Interact Club, the Beta Club, the National Honor Society, FBLA, and student government. She has served as junior class president, and this coming year she is slated to be student body vice president.

"It's a full schedule," she said.

According to the Palmetto Girls State Website, Palmetto Girls State, presented by American Legion Auxiliary, is a one week program designed to teach high school rising seniors about state and local government, and about citizenship as well.



Among the young ladies bound for Palmetto Girls State this summer are Riley Jones (left) and Bethany Hughes (right), rising seniors at Abbeville High School. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Water tank in city gets tender loving care

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville water tank on Stanpipe Street is being cleaned, according to City of Abbeville Deputy Administrative Officer Mike Clary.

"The tank cleaning happens in 3-5 year intervals depending on the size of the tank", said Clary.

"The process includes inspection of internal and external piping, internal pressure washing, and ex-

ternal painting."

The Standpipe Street tank belongs to the City, supplies drinking water, and holds 500,000 gallons.

The City also owns three other water tanks, including the tank on Carwellyn Road, which holds 750,000 gallons, as well as a tank on Maple Street, with a capacity of 200,000 gallons, and the "Strick tank", which holds 750,000 gallons and is situated on Cambridge

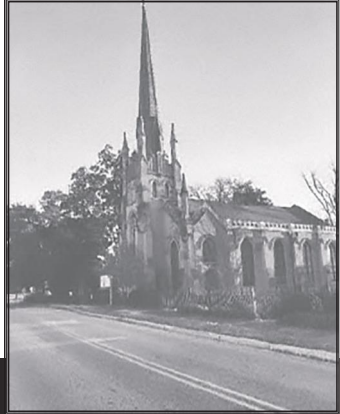
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Abbeville Lions Club installs new officers

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Lions Club installed new officers Thursday night for the 22-23 Lions years, during a cookout held on the outskirts of Abbeville.

Lion Robert Fossett of Abbeville was installed as president by Lion Rev. David Dority.

Other officers include Rick Pressly, Lion Tamer; Charles Crowther, Tail Twister; Sandi Hood, Club Service Chair; Jim Wilson and Charles Williams, Directors; J.J. Jackson, Membership Director; Clayton Swalstad, Lanny McKay,

and Chris Crawford, vice presidents; Rick Pressly, Secretary-Treasurer and LCIF (Lions Club International Foundation) coordinator for the club.

Various functions go with the various positions. The Tail Twister, for example, is tasked with bringing levity into the club, telling jokes, and imposing fines for such infractions as not wearing one's Lions pin. The membership director helps strengthen the club through working to increase membership.

Also Thursday night, Clay-

ton Swalstad was recognized as Lion of the Year.

The club has a scholarship program, in which it awards scholarships to local high school graduates.

Abbeville Lions also promote literacy through their Roaring Readers program, through which they distributed books this past year to second graders at John C. Calhoun Elementary and Long Cane Primary.

Club members have also conducted vision screenings for students at area schools.



New officers for the Abbeville Lions Club were installed on the evening of June 2 at the home of Lion Clayton Swalstad on the outskirts of Abbeville. They included (from left) Lions Rick Pressly, Clayton Swalstad, J.J. Jackson, Sandi Hood, Charles Crowther, Robert Fossett, and Jim Wilson. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Abbeville's Court Square is adorned with banners depicting pictures of members of the AHS Class of 2022. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Faces of the future Banners depicting Class of 2022 grace Abbeville, Due West, CF

By Henry E. Green

If you're walking around downtown Abbeville, or Calhoun Falls, or Due West and you happen to look up, you'll see some youthful faces--maybe just not where you expected them to be.

Those faces belong to the Class of 2022, and they grace banners displayed in Abbeville's three major municipalities.

In Abbeville, they're attached to the lamp posts around Court Square and surrounding streets.

In Due West the banners were hung in a park, and in Calhoun Falls and Abbeville, they were attached to poles and hung in the downtown area, said Kristi Murphy of Abbeville, who was the main organizer of

the project.

"I have no kids in the Abbeville school system, but I feel like all kids should be celebrated," she said.

She does have a daughter and a son who graduated from Abbeville High School.

She contacted the three high schools--Abbeville, Dixie and Calhoun Falls Charter--to see if they wanted to participate, and the local governments of the three municipalities approved the project as well.

"We had 209 graduates for all three schools," she said. Banners were printed by April and Andy Bagwell of Commercial Printing.

The money for the printing came from throughout the community, not for individual students but for the Class of

2022 as a whole.


"When they're taken down from their respective places, they will be available to the students," she said.

The banners have been up since shortly after the Spring Festival. In Due West, the parents helped the seniors hang their banners in the Due West park, "as part of their senior activities."

When they will be taken down is up to each community. Abbeville's should be down by the end of June, she said.

Murphy thanked the community for their support in what is the third year for the project.

She said that this year a total of \$3,762 was raised from the community to make the project a reality.




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Veronica Patterson recently talked about the Tracy Jackson summer food program, which is starting this month. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Summer food program starting this week

By Henry E. Green

The Tracy Jackson Summer Food Program is beginning its activities for the summer of 2022 on June 6, said Veronica Patterson, the program's executive director.

The program provides breakfast and lunches with activities in between—at four sites.

These four sites include the Abbeville Civic Center, Carver Apartments on Branch Street, Hickory Heights Apartments, and the Ellison Center in Calhoun Falls.

Meals will also be served at the Abbeville County Library system. (See related story.)

At these four sites, breakfast is from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., and between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. there is an activity period, and lunch is between 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Activities will include games and crafts.

"We have different speakers coming in," she added. The

speakers will include police officers, fire fighters, 4-H representatives, and representatives also of Abbeville Area Medical Center.

The meals are prepared by the Abbeville County School District Lunches, for example, can include items such as barbecue sandwiches, cheeseburgers, chicken sandwiches, and turkey sandwiches.

Breakfasts can include items such as pop tarts, cereal bars, muffins, and cereals. It is all free to kids ages 18 and under, and any child with a special need—up to the age of 21.

This summer, the program will include nine staff members, including Patterson and past executive director Mary Lou Edens.

According to Patterson, more than 200 young people are expected to be fed through the program this summer.

This year's summer program will last Monday through Thursday, through July 21.

Sixty eight percent of kids in Abbeville County receive free or reduced price lunches during the school year.

"A lot of your kids do not receive a nutritious meal during the summer, so this is one of our ways of giving a child a nutritious meal during the summer."

The Tracy Jackson summer food program is a part of GIFT (General Instruction for Tomorrow), a nonprofit organization.

Meals for the program are being prepared at the Long Cane Primary School by School District employees, she said.

"We just encourage the parents to bring the kids out," she said.

For more information, one may call Patterson at 864-828-0216.

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Taxes

Matthew 17:27 "Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened his mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for me and you."

When it comes to taxes, I agree with Ronald Reagan. He once said, "Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases. If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."

In Matthew 17 the religious leaders accost Peter on the subject of taxes. They ask Peter if his master paid the temple tax. Ever since the return from exile every Israelite, after reaching the age of 20, was required to pay half a shekel toward the support of the Temple. The motive for the question was not a demand for the tax to be paid but merely a desire for information. Priests were exempt from the tax, although some rabbis had different opinions about the matter.

In verse 25 Jesus knew that Peter was going to ask Him about the conversation pre-empted him by asking him if earthly kings make their sons pay taxes. The answer was no, they do not make their sons, princes of the royal houses, pay taxes for the entire family, who are supported

in regal state by taxing the people.

In vs. 26 Peter makes the obvious deduction—"then the sons are free." It is obvious that the disciples are sons of the Great King for whom the temple tax was being collected. Jesus is the Son and the disciples are sons by adoption. If Jesus refused to pay the temple tax the people would conclude falsely that Jesus and His disciples despised the temple and would thus be rejected in their gospel presentation. Even though Jesus was free from the temple tax, He did not want to allow His freedom to hinder the work of the kingdom. He told Peter to go to the sea, cast in a hook and the first fish that came up would have their temple tax in its mouth. Let me share three thoughts from this passage.

First of all this was an unusual method of fishing. They fished with nets, not hooks. Peter had been a fisherman; he had a boat with fishing nets. He was unaccustomed to using a hook for catching fish. Sometimes Jesus asks us to do things that are out of

our comfort zone. Sometimes Jesus uses unusual methods to accomplish His work. We should be willing to serve God out of our comfort zone.

Second, this was a unique way to pay the temple tax. Whoever heard of catching a fish with money in its mouth in order to pay the temple tax? God uses unique things to accomplish His will. Sometimes the unique things God uses astonish us. God does unique things in unique ways—that is exciting to me. There is never a dull moment when we follow the leadership of the Lord.

Third, it is unlikely that Peter ever forgot that incident. If he was ever tempted to lack faith he would remember how Jesus used this uncommon method to pay their temple tax. I can't help but believe that this event stayed with Peter. We should let this incident be an example to us—Jesus does things in unusual ways, He does things that are unorthodox, and He does them in such a way that we will never forget. That should be exciting for us.

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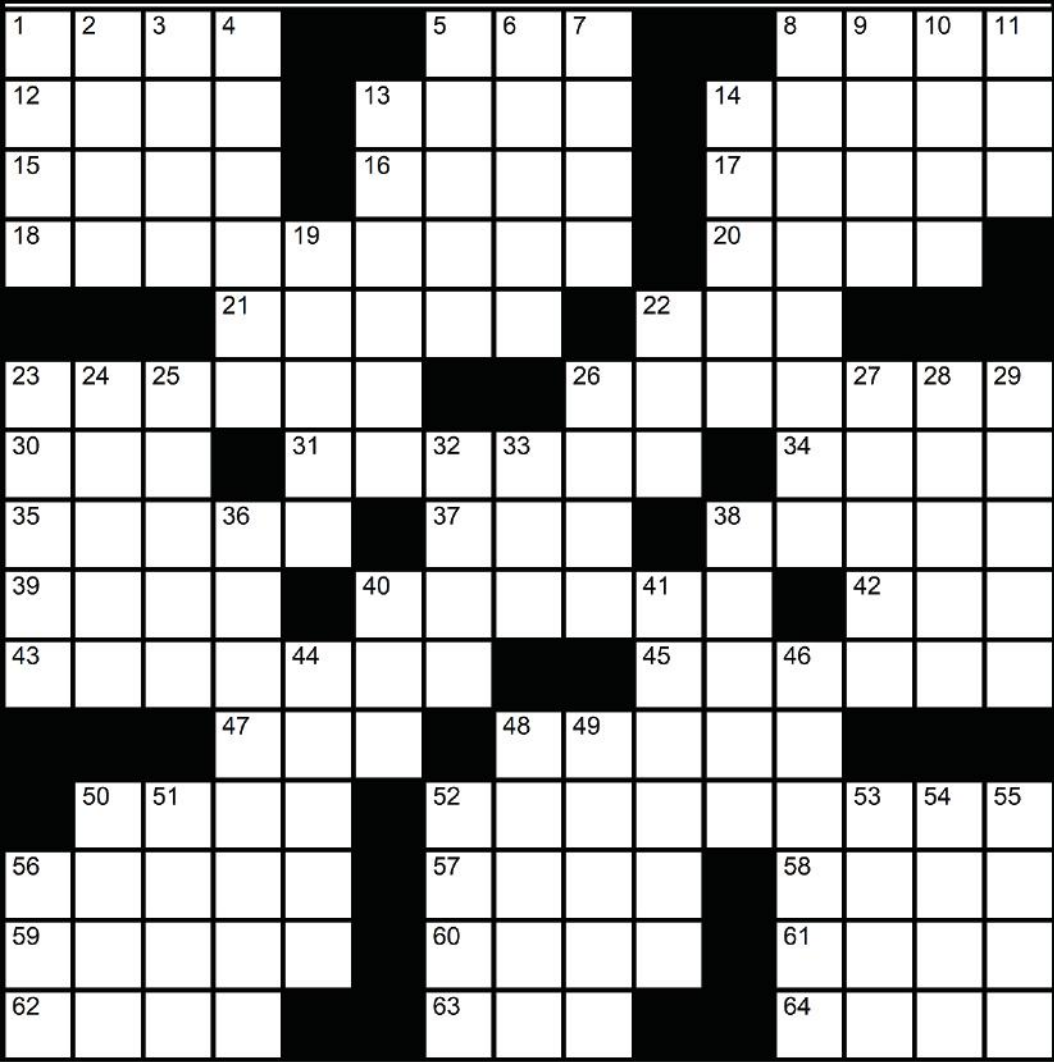


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13. Native American tent
14. Rapper Dogg
15. Hindu princess
16. *Used to alert when driving
17. "_____ me, then who?"
18. *Corvette, e.g.
20. Cambodian money
21. *Like Stephen King's Christine
22. "Some Nights" (2012) band
23. *Aston follower
26. State legislature's home
30. 7th letter of Greek alphabet
31. *What I used to step on the gas
34. Lowest brass
35. Salon offerings
37. Exclamation of surprise
38. Fathered
39. Do like phoenix
40. Underarm
42. The Jackson 5's "_____ Be There"
43. 3 or 6 in 3+6=9
45. Knit cap
47. Shed tears
48. Winter Olympics participant
50. Embarkation location
52. *Earth traveler (2 words)
56. 2-time NBA Champion Rajon
57. Double-reed instrument
58. Muscovite or biotite
59. Lopsided
60. Undesirable dwelling
61. Causing pain
62. Like certain military tent
63. Between "ready" and "go"
64. #63 Across, pl.

DOWN

1. J. Lo's ex
2. Wet nurse
3. *Don't cross it when driving
4. Hot dish stand
5. Garlicky mayonnaise
6. Shopping _____
7. Pub offering
8. *Car name that sounds like "unending" synonym
9. Opposite of all
10. Hammer or sickle
11. Choose or select
13. Like a rosebush
14. Maple goo, alt. sp.
19. French city, popular coronation location
22. Like a certain Tuesday
23. First 'M' in MGM
24. Aweigh
25. Turn toddler into an adult
26. Chicken house
27. Home of famous shroud
28. Obelus, pl.
29. Soup server
32. *Car company founded by a Henry
33. Unit of electrical resistance
36. *German luxury car
38. *Driving maneuver
40. Take your pick
41. In the same place, in a footnote
44. Cupid's ammo
46. Smells
48. Expensive fur
49. Type of whip
50. Do like a model
51. Squid's defense, pl.
52. Death, to some
53. Kamala Harris, e.g.
54. Not counterfeit
55. Dose of sunshine, pl.
56. *Car name that also means Aries

Pursley honored as Volunteer of Year

By Henry E. Green

Anna Pursley of Abbeville was recognized as Volunteer of the Year for Abbeville High School athletics during the recent AHS athletic banquet--honored as a young woman who has given unselfishly of her time and energy.

Abbeville High School athletic director Maggie Jameson presented the award.

"Each year the coaches choose a volunteer that stood out between multiple sports," Jameson said.

"Although there are so many people who volunteer for individual sports, whether that be moms & dads,

working the concession stand, bringing in snacks, etc. There are very few that can be found on the sidelines at multiple sporting events. Our 2022 Volunteer of the year is someone who worked behind the scenes on more events than many would ever realize."

Pursley had indeed accomplished great things as a volunteer, and Jameson mentioned a number of them in presenting the award

"Making our homecoming go off without a hitch, then going on to photograph it as well.

"Organizing senior night gifts for multiple sports,

making sure teams are fed, keeping her kids and others in check and most recently being the videographer for soccer.

Pursley richly displayed the quality of giving of oneself, according to Jameson.

"Although numerous coaches voted for this volunteer, I personally have so much gratitude for the amount of help and time she puts into our athletic department," the athletic director said. "Even when she faced drastic medical events, she did her best to still be there when many others would have stayed home."



Anna Pursley (right) was recognized as Volunteer of the Year during the recent Abbeville High School athletic banquet, held at the Erskine dining hall. She was presented with the award by AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

The Range will delight the whole family

By Henry E. Green

Home, home on the range, the cowboy song goes.

It's a safe bet that many people will find a second home on a different kind of range--The Range at Cold Springs, located in the Cold Spring community of Abbeville County.

The Range at Cold Springs opened officially on Friday, June 3, said Brad Stoll, co-owner of the business with Brent Beiler.

"We aim to provide a family friendly atmosphere where both the experienced

golfer and the beginner can improve their game while having a great time with friends and family," according to the Website.

"The Range at Cold Springs is home to 10 covered bays powered by Toptracer, as well as our grass tee area, which consists of 120 feet of Bermuda."

The clubhouse offers pizza and other goodies, as well as merchandise to meet golfing needs, and you don't have to be an experienced golfer to have fun.

The GoFish game, for

example, is sure to delight the youngest golfers.

Toptracer ball tracking technology offers a new perspective on the driving range.

One may call 446-4653 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. to make a reservation for the bays.

The grass tee area does not require a reservation and is first come, first serve.

All the facilities are wheelchair accessible, according to the Website.



The Range at Cold Springs, in rural Abbeville County, is now open. Here Shannon Sears is practicing his swing, as Brad Evans (left) watches. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Hearing on Municipal Budget

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Town Council for the Town of Due West will hold a public hearing on the municipal budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year on June 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at Due West Town Council Chambers, 103 Main Street, Due West, S.C.

GENERAL FUND:

Current Fiscal Year Revenue	Projected Revenue FY 2022-2023	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$740,114.00	\$1,006,848.45	36.039%	-0-

Current Fiscal Year Expenditure	Projected Expenditures FY 2022-2023	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Estimated Millage for FY2022-2023
\$740,114.00	\$1,006,848.45	36.039%	-0-

ENTERPRISE FUND:

Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected Expenditures FY 2022-2023	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$1,823,046.00	\$1,925,476.00	5.618%	-0-

The above listed 2022-2023 fiscal year budget projections represent estimates and will not be final until approved by Council. Following this public hearing, the Due West Town Council will convene for its June 2022 Council Meeting on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Due West Town Council Chambers.

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FBI: A History of Provocation

By Geoff Hult

In 2007, researcher J. M. Berger discovered the existence of an FBI program officially in existence from 1991-1993 known as "Patriot Conspiracy," or PATCON. Much more information was later gleaned from Salt Lake City attorney, Jesse Trentadue, regarding this program through his Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Trentadue has been fighting for the truth and justice since his brother Kenneth's death while in federal custody in 1995. He learned that his brother's murder, officially ruled a suicide, while in the Oklahoma Federal Transfer facility in 1995 was a case of mistaken identity and connected with the PATCON program. Kenneth Trentadue was believed to be an FBI asset/operative who had knowledge of the Bureau's role in the Oklahoma City bombing and was thus taken out. The person who Kenneth Trentadue was mistaken for, Richard Lee Guthrie, coincidentally also died while in federal custody in 1996, officially ruled a suicide by hanging.

Although officially in existence for only two years, successful FBI programs like PATCON, and CIA programs of the like, are never truly dismantled but simply change names. This limits their paper trails and lends to concealment of government corruption. A former PATCON operative named John Matthews initially joined the program because he believed certain groups like "patriot" and militia groups needed to be infiltrated and monitored at the time. Matthews later learned, however, that this program was more about provocation and incitement to violence rather than preventing it. Jesse Trentadue stated that: "Matthews told me that he had been told by the FBI that the purpose of PATCON was to infiltrate and monitor the activities of the extreme political right...Mr. Matthews told me that, based upon his experience, he now believed that the FBI's real objective in PATCON had been to infiltrate and to incite these fringe groups to violence." This was so that the Department of Justice could then have a reason to crush these groups, according to Trentadue.

One may ask, why would the FBI do this? First, consider the words of David Rockefeller from his book, "Memoirs," in which he writes: "Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure--one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty and I am proud of it." The existence and function of the FBI has always been to protect and serve the interests of the cabal that Rockefeller writes of. It is an intelligence agency for this ruling

class cabal, which works against the best interests of the United States and the people in it. The people that are targeted for neutralization and demonization through FBI intelligence operations like PATCON are the kinds of Americans that oppose the philosophy and workings of this cabal. This cabal has been diligently working to destroy the sovereignty of the United States, and this is done through a constant stream of manufactured crises, hence the need to incite violence and keep terrorism, gun control issues, and issues of racism constantly alive and well. This is meant to justify draconian, unconstitutional measures and legislation to ostensibly "solve" these problems. All forms of conservative thought, common sense, Constitutionality, and Biblical principles must be eliminated under this new system of world governance the cabal is working towards.

The name PATCON can apply to any FBI intelligence operation regarding any kind of group, not just white, patriot, militia, or the political right. It is common knowledge that the FBI engineers and manufactures terrorist plots by infiltration with informants and operatives; sometimes foiling their own plot, and sometimes allowing plots to go forward. This has even been covered in the New York Times. One example of allowing a plot to go forward when it could have been stopped is the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. On February 26h, 1993, a truck bomb was detonated in the basement parking garage of the North Tower. This resulted in 6 deaths and 1000 injuries. Islamic, Arab terrorists were convicted of this but it's not as if the FBI weren't involved in the plot the whole way. Egyptian immigrant Emad Salem was recruited as an FBI informant to infiltrate the cell. Once in, instead of using him to thwart the attack, he was used to move the plot along and supply the bomb. Salem helped build the bomb set off at the base of the tower and later stated that the bomb was built under the supervision of the FBI and District Attorney. Salem was initially to have helped the terrorists build the bomb but supply fake powder, thus thwarting the bombing, but instead a real bomb was used and supplied by the FBI. As 27 year FBI veteran Ted Gunderson once stated: "The FBI and CIA are behind most, if not all, terrorism."

A recent example of a PATCON style operation is the alleged plot to kidnap Michigan governor Gretchen Whitmer in 2020. The group behind this alleged plot to kidnap the governor was somehow filled with FBI informants, cajoling a group of conservative minded white men into this hairbrained scheme. Governor Whitmer did implement unconstitutional measures in response to Covid and people were rightfully angry about this, but a plot to kidnap

a state governor is a preposterous notion that would have never come to fruition without the FBI's provocation. It never did come to fruition and never would have, but the operation itself serves to characterize white conservatives as unhinged and dangerous people. That is the only purpose behind operations and the creation of stories like this.

Sharyl Atkisson is a former CBS news correspondent who, unlike most in the mainstream media, is a real journalist who seeks to actually report the truth. She is no longer with CBS for this very reason. During the Obama administration Atkisson covered a number of scandals embarrassing to the administration including the gun running scandal known as Fast and Furious. The FBI launched a COINTELPRO style operation against Atkisson in order to neutralize and discredit her for her honest work. On May 11th, 2022, Atkisson shared an aspect of this targeting in a hearing with lawmakers in which she stated: "One little reported facet of my case is, one of the federal agents involved in one of the operations against me said that they intended to plant child porn in my husband's computer. This is the FBI. There's been a case that's currently in litigation, unrelated, in which an FBI agent has testified that they did that, they have done that. It was not accomplished in my case, I guess the curtain was drawn on that facet of the operation prior to them doing it. But imagine how you ever get out of that...they knew we had a young daughter at home and had allegedly conspired to do that."

This is only a fraction of what could be written on these matters. These matters cannot be overstated in their importance about what this means for this country. The FBI is corrupt because the whole system is corrupt. They get away with these things because the system at large sanctions it, and indeed uses the FBI as enforcement and protection for the interests of the criminal ruling class. Sharyl Atkisson is/was a threat because she's a real reporter, and not a cowardly prostitute shill for the cabal. To be clear, I am NOT advocating for the attempted overthrow of this system. The overthrow of this system will happen according to the way Revelation tells us it will.

"And the kings of the earth, and the great ones, and the rich ones, and the commanders, and the mighty, and every slave and every free one, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us' from the face of Him sitting on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb, because the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (Revelation 6: 15-17)

Geoff Hult
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Open arms Trinity Episcopal Church of Abbeville planning community events

By Henry E. Green

Trinity Episcopal Church is welcoming the community with open arms.

The Abbeville church, which is widely considered one of the community's architectural gems, is planning a patriotic celebration at 3 p.m. on the second Sunday in July, in conjunction with the Fourth of July, according to the church's senior warden Cynthia Jefferies.

There will also be an "old fashioned hymn sing" on a Sunday afternoon in September. Both events will be open to the community, and more details will be announced, and both events are free. A more specific date for the hymn sing is to be announced.

Trinity is holding an Open House Saturday, June 11 to celebrate the completion of

Phase I and Phase II of the restoration project.

"You will be able to see the scaffolding has been removed and a new majestic 125 feet steeple can be seen!" an ad in The Press and Banner proclaimed recently. "This open house is an opportunity to tour this 162 year old church which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The open house will be from 11 am until 4 pm so plenty of time to come out and take a tour!" The open house will help advertise a church which has been undergoing a process of restoration in recent years, a process designed to correct a number of structural concerns.

A number of significant improvements have been made to the church, including, for example, the repair of the steeple, according

to Trinity senior warden Cynthia Jefferies.

"After three years, the scaffolding has been removed to reveal the new majestic 125 foot steeple.

"The roof is secure," she added.

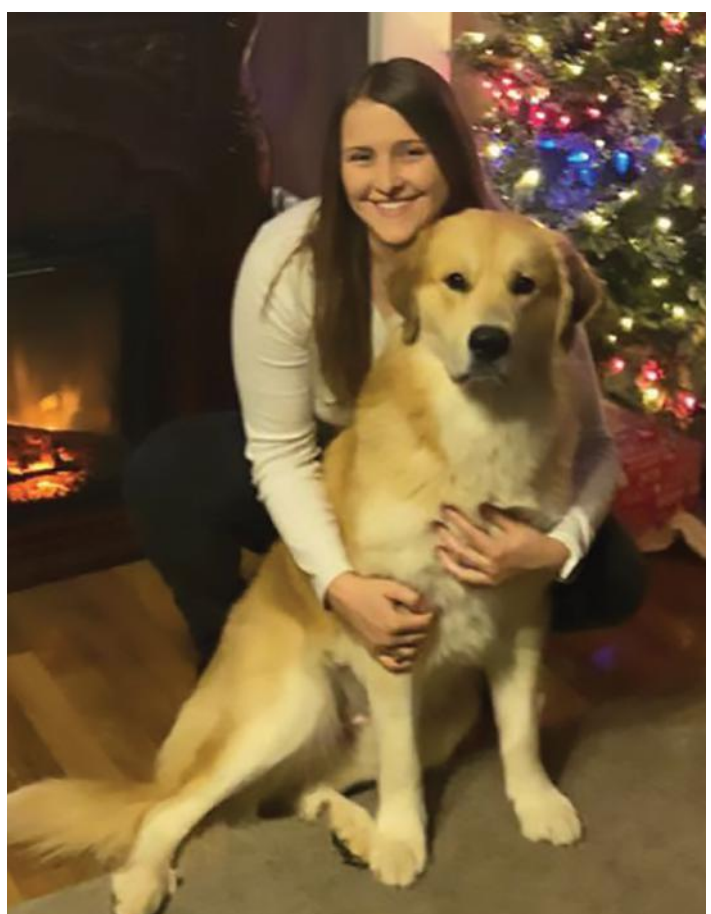
The church's congregation, in fact, has been allowed back into the sanctuary--a testament to the progress made in the restoration's progress.

"We've been back in the church for more than a year," she said.

A labyrinth, designed to encourage meditation and reflection, is located on the church grounds, and it will part of the tour as well, along with the Trinity cemetery.

The church is now open every Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. for visitors.

Caitlin Mikkaela Hill of 276 Old Calhoun Falls Rd, Abbeville, SC, graduated from Lander University Summa Cum Laude and with the Golden L Award. She was also inducted into two honor societies, Alpha Chi and Psi Chi. Caitlin's major was in psychology. She enjoys playing her guitar, hunting, exercising, running, cooking, knee boarding, playing with her dogs, and helping others. Caitlin is the daughter of Jamey and Cheryl Hill. She has a brother Jake. Caitlin is the granddaughter of Cleve and Helen Hill, Cheryl Finley, and Ken and Betty Reece. (Photo contributed)



A Creek Runs Through It

by Tom Poland

Writers title works and often they fail to come up with a good one. *Half Asleep In Frog Pajamas* comes to mind. Sometimes a gem of a title comes along and its words and title stay with you. How can you forget *Gone With The Wind*. How can you forget *Absalom!* or *The Catcher in the Rye*. When Norman Maclean titled his semi-autobiographical book *A River Runs Through It*, it too became a title forever in my memory.

A small creek, a stream, runs through my memories, and that's the one back home on family land. Come spring and summer I played in the stream many a day. It ran fast and clear and it ran to its confluence with what we call the old mine hole, the remainder of a manganese mine of the early 1900s. The water ended up in the mine hole temporarily as it would exit around the dam and make its way to Dry Fork Creek and ultimately into Clarks Hill Lake, the watery overgrown offspring of the Savannah River.

I wet my feet and wet my hands in that stream of yore that got its water from a spring in a small ravine whose sides were clay. I made things from clay but never fired them. Thus, did they return to earth. Like most kids, I'd dam the stream but not for long. I wasn't much of an engineer. My dams always burst.

On rare occasions when I picked up a rock, a crayfish scooted away. Back then I had no notion of eating these small lobster-like crustaceans. Crawfish, craydids, crawdaddies, crawdads, mudbugs, rock lobster... the critters have more names than a woman who's married ten times. I never put my hands on a crayfish. It looked like a thing that might sting you.

This past fall I visited the stream of my youth. Still there

fish and more converged to create a natural classroom. I didn't know it as a boy but I was witnessing the continuous cycle of water as it ran around, above, and beneath planet Earth. Later I'd study a ten-dollar term, hydrologic cycle, about the ceaseless movement of water from lakes, rivers, seas, ponds, creeks, and streams to cloud to rain to river to underground and on and on ad infinitum.

I hope kids still play in creeks. I don't play in them as I did as a kid, but I like to watch them run, photograph them, and remember them. Memorable creeks come to mind as I sit here and think. Stevens Creek and its rocky shoals spider lilies. Shoal

Creek, which reminds me of the Chattooga River and runs behind my friend, Eddie Drinkard's, beautiful home. Reedy Creek winds through the woods and potential state record trees on Ralph Scurry's Greenwood County land. It's a beautiful creek as you can see.

Doing some research, I came across a mention of Norman Maclean's *A River Runs Through It* and that set me to recalling boyhood days along a stream. In my mind, that stream from boyhood runs on and on still and you know and I know, it always will.

Photograph by Tom Poland

Ralph's Creek



Simpson running for reelection to Council

By Henry E. Green

Drew Simpson is running for reelection to Abbeville County Council District Seven.

A Republican, he will face challenger Bryan McClain in the GOP primary set for June 14.

"I was a Republican in the past and current election!" he said.

The 39-year-old Simpson has a wife, Lacey, and three sons and a daughter.

A 2004 graduate of Clemson University, he has been employed by Michelin North America for 10 years.

Simpson has family ties to the District 7 area of Abbeville County that go back a number of generations.

"I have enjoyed serving the citizens of my district for the past three and a half years on County Council," he said.

Simpson serves on the Advisory Board for the Abbeville County Career Center welding program, and he serves as well on the Abbeville County Utility Commission.

"I feel that the biggest challenge for Abbeville County is developing or attracting more industry to our county," he said. "If the County had more industry, it would lighten the load on our tax paying citizens. Thanks to our current and past economic development team, we did just have a company purchase the Abbeville County spec building and some more land for future expansion."

What would he like to accomplish if reelected?

"I have several things that

I have been involved in that I would like to continue to push forward," he said. "One of those projects that I like to keep on Council's goals and objectives list is working with WCTEL to expand broadband/Internet coverage throughout our County. With the need for more industry and people looking to move to Abbeville County this is one thing that will help attract both. Another item that I would like to keep on Council's agenda is public safety."

That means addressing needs of all of the county's Public Safety departments: Rural County Fire, Sheriff's Department, EMS, and 911. "One item that I am currently trying to get on Council's agenda and see it through is to develop or refine the appeals process when a tax paying citizen needs to appeal their tax assessment," he said. "I also want to keep economic development and industry high on our list of goals!"

Simpson is proud of what he and the other members of Council have accomplished.

That includes supplying all of the County's rural volunteer county firemen with new up to date Self Contained Breathing Apparatus units.

Abbeville County also has a plan in place as well for updating public safety vehicles, including fire trucks, ambulances, and Sheriff's Office patrol vehicles.

In addition, Abbeville County has contributed to building a number of County fire substations, and

has worked with WCTEL to expand its coverage in Abbeville County.

"The current county council did do a comparison and classification study pertaining to our employees pay compared to other counties in the state," Simpson said. "Some of the results of the study could be implemented soon."

Simpson went on to say that during his time on Council, the County has established an Abbeville County Utilities Commission made up of representatives from neighboring utility companies, local municipalities, representatives from the public, as well as representatives from the County.

"County Council nominated me to serve as a representative from the County," Simpson said.

Abbeville County has a number of assets, and one of those assets is that it has a County-owned landfill. A number of counties in South Carolina do not have this advantage, so they have to transport their trash outside their county lines for disposal.

"Abbeville County's biggest asset is its people," Simpson said. "From the County employees and volunteers to the citizens of the County, Abbeville County has some of the greatest people that you will ever meet."



The late Tony Southard was posthumously inducted into the Abbeville County Hall of Fame during the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce banquet, held recently in Lowndesville. Accepting on his behalf was his widow Amy Southard (left), and presenting the Hall of Fame award was Chamber director Anna LaGrone. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Trustees of Abbeville County School District will conduct a hearing on its Fiscal Year 2022-2023 General Fund Budget at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at the School District Administrative Office Building, 400 Greenville Street, Abbeville, South Carolina.

2021-2022 – Total Budgeted Revenue and Expenditures - \$27,551,035
2022-2023 – Total Budgeted Revenue and Expenditures - \$28,770,268

The budget for FY 2022-2023 is 4% more than the 2021-2022 operating budget, primarily due to state mandated teacher salary increases.

193.4 mills were levied for school operations for FY 2021-2022.

The estimated amount of local tax collections is \$8,096,000.

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American Legion Post 2 softball beginning

By Henry E. Green

American Legion Post 2 softball starts this week, according to Terry Greenfield, the co-chair of the Post 2 athletics program.

Dixie High School varsity softball coach Samantha Ferguson is the head coach for the Post 2 softball team, and she will be assisted by Chad Roper.

The first game of the season was slated for yesterday at Dixie, when Post 2 was scheduled to play Mid-Carolina, Post 24.

Post 2 will play its home games at Dixie, and will have a roster of 17 young ladies from throughout the Lakelands, including eight from Abbeville County, six from Anderson County, two from Pickens County, and one from Greenville County.

The roster includes Matilyn Cox, Mackenzie McElrath, Adrianna Smith, Gillian Hughes, and Reaganne Stoll of Dixie, and Addison Price, Lauryn Foster and Audrey McCurry of Abbeville.

Post Two is slated to play a total of 16 games, running through the month of June. The Ladies of Post Two will be playing softball teams representing other Legion posts, mainly in the Upstate.

Post 2 will have four home games, said Greenfield, noting that those games

will be on June 7, June 20, June 27 and July 6.

This is the first season for the Post 2 softball team, and the second season for American Legion softball as a whole.

American Legion baseball, meanwhile, has been around for years.

The state tournament will be July 18 in Sumter, and Lander will host an all star game on July 20.

"Two girls from each team will be selected" to play in the all star game, he said.

Meanwhile, there are a number of formidable teams in this area, according to Greenfield.

"Greenwood's going to be the one to beat," he said.

The Legion Post 2 softball program is open to girls from eighth grade through college freshmen.

There is no charge to the players to participate in the program, as the costs have been covered by sponsorships for the game program and by grants.

American Legion Post 2 has been going strong for decades, and Greenfield wants the softball program to enjoy similar success.

"This is something we hope will go on for as long as possible," he said.

Greenfield encourages people to come out and watch the young ladies play.

Announcing Summer Food Service Program for Children

The Abbeville County School District announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program for children. Meals are available at no charge to children 18 years of age and younger.

Meals will be served at the following location(s):

Site Name & address	Inclusive Dates (e.g, 7/5-8/30)	Meals/Times (e.g, Breakfast/8-8:30)	Contact and Phone Number
Long Cane Primary 815 East Greenwood Street Abbeville SC 29620	6/6 – 6/30	TBD	Joyce Greenway-Smith or Teresa Masters 864-366-2615
Ellison Community Center 206 Lee Street Calhoun Falls SC 29628	6/6 - 6/30, 7/11-7/21 Closed July 4 th week	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 11:30-12:15	Valerie Designed 864-378-0216
Carver Apts 506 Branch Street Abbeville SC 29620	6/6 - 6/30, 7/11-7/21 Closed July 4 th week	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 11:30-12:15	Deborah Clinkscales 864-378-0216
Abbeville Civic Center 404 North Main Street Abbeville SC 29620	6/6 - 6/30, 7/11-7/21 Closed July 4 th week	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 11:30-12:15	Betty Butler 864-378-0216
Hickory Heights 1108 Cambridge Street Abbeville SC 29620	6/6 - 6/30, 7/11-7/21 Closed July 4 th week	Breakfast 8:30-9:30 Lunch 11:30-12:15	Annie Mae Coleman 864-378-0216
Abbeville Library 1407 North Main Street Abbeville SC 29620	6/6 - 6/30, 7/11-7/21 Closed July 4 th week	Lunch Only 12:15 – 12:45	Kristina Sutherly/Libby Mesdows 864-459-4009
Calhoun Fall Library 400 Tugaloo Street Calhoun Falls SC 29628	6/6 - 6/30, 7/11-7/21 Closed July 4 th week	Lunch Only 11:45 – 12:15	Robin Gagnon/Eunice Turman 864-418-8724
Agnew Branch Library 429 West Main Street Donalds SC 29638	6/6 - 6/30, 7/11-7/21 Closed July 4 th week	Lunch Only 12:15 – 12:45	Tyler Brady/Renee Campbell 864-379-8568

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PTC Service Award recipients, from left: Christina Knight, David Henry, Lee Balentine, Lynn Slater, Lakeya Jenkins, Heather Burden, Sally Cooke, Lauren Casey, Lisa Martin, Lisa Lanford, Lisa Taverna, Clay Sprouse, PTC President Dr. Hope E. Rivers, and Alesia Brown. (Photo contributed)

13 Honored for Loyal Service to PTC

**Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigsen**

They are there day in and day out, so loyal you barely notice them. However, long-serving employees should never be taken for granted. Accordingly, Piedmont Technical College (PTC) recently held a luncheon to recognize 13 dedicated professionals who have served the college with consistency and distinction over the years.

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Estate: Willie Mae James
Date of Death: 04/24/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100134
Personal Representative: Darlene James
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Estate: Hobart David Erickson, Sr.
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Personal Representative: Walter G. Bunnell
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Date of Death: 03/25/2022
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Estate: Phillip Allen Steadham
Date of Death: 1/12/2022
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Personal Representative: Donna Steadham
Address: 804 Cumberland St. Lakeland, FL 33801
Attorney, if applicable: Westley P. Cox
Address: P.O. Box 315 Williamston, SC 29697
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Estate: Leila Mae Power
Date of Death: 10/08/2021
Case Number: 2022ES0100144
Personal Representative: Artis C. Power
Address: 168 Sheep Leg Road Iva, SC 29655
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Estate: Charles Michael Strickland, Sr.
Date of Death: 07/23/22
Case Number: 2022ES0100145
Personal Representative: Patricia Strickland
Address: 71 Noble Estates Abbeville, SC 29620
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Estate: Patricia W. Bowie
Date of Death: 5/15/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100146
Personal Representative: John H. Bowie
Address: 300 Ivory Key Rd. Saluda, SC 29138
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Estate: Kenneth Wesley Prince
Date of Death: 5/24/2022
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COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO. 2022-CP-01-00136

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., Plaintiff
vs.
Debra Jean Scott, Defendants.

TO THE DEFENDANT(S)
Debra Jean Scott:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUM-

MONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above action, a copy which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the undersigned at their offices, 2838 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205, within thirty (30) days after service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and, if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE
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EN that the original Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County on May 10, 2022.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you have a right to be considered for Foreclosure Intervention.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been commenced and is now pending or is about to

be commenced in the Circuit Court upon the complaint of the above named Plaintiff against the above named Defendant for the purpose of foreclosing a certain mortgage of real estate heretofore given by Debra Jean Scott to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. bearing date of August 13, 2015 and recorded August 21, 2015 in Mortgage Book 20-E at page 161 in the Register of Mesne Conveyances/Register of Deeds/Clerk of Court for Abbeville County, in the original principal sum of Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty and 20/100 Dollars

(\$46,820.20), and that the premises effected by said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof are situated in the County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, and is described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying and being situate in the State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville and being designated and shown as Lot 15 of Section 1 of Beaver Cove Subdivision, on plat prepared by Jerry E. Byrd, RLS #8097, dated August 10, 1990, recorded in the Register of Deeds Office for Abbeville County, South Carolina in

Plat Book 33 at Page 106. Reference is hereby made to said plat for a more complete and accurate metes and bounds description of said property. Also included is a mobile/manufactured home,
2003 CMH, VIN: CAP014043TNAB.
TMS No. 089-00-00-057
Property Address: 101 Beaver Trail, Lowndesville, SC 29659

Riley Pope & Laney, LLC
Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, South Carolina 29211 Telephone (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff 4588

6/8, 6/15, 6/22

STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

C/A NO.: 2022-CP-01-00075

SUMMONS AND NOTICES

(Non-Jury)

FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

U.S. Bank National Association,

Plaintiff,

v.

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

Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S)
ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer

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

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YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by Attorney for Plaintiff.

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

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

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

LIS PENDENS

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

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

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

AND

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

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

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

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS
ABOVE NAMED:

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

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM AND APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY

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

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

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

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

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Phone (803) 454-3540 Fax (803) 454-3541
Attorneys for Plaintiff

5/25, 6/1, 6/8

STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

LIS PENDENS

CA# 2022-CP-01-00003

Derek Boyd, as Trustee of the 305 Thomas Land Trust,

and Kevin Crider,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

Jerry Keith, Randy Anderson and Julia Thomas Johnson,

as well as their heirs, assigns, personal representatives, and devisees, and all other persons known or unknown who may claim any right, title, estate, interest

in or lien upon the real estate described herein; any unknown adults being as a class designated as John Doe whose true name is unknown; and any unborn infants or persons under disability being as a class designated as Richard Roe, whose true name is unknown

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been commenced and is now pending in the Court of

Common Pleas upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiffs against the above-named Defendants for quiet title of the below-described property. The premises covered and affected by the said action at the time of the filing of this Notice is described as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the City of Abbeville County and State aforesaid, fronting approxi-

mately One Hundred feet on a dirt street which connects with Cambridge Street in the said city together with a frame dwelling house conveyed by Viola Thomas to Angeline Thomas by deed dated October 10, 1951, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court of Abbeville County in Deed Book 85 at Page 67.

This being the same property conveyed to Kevin Crider by deed from Dorothy W.

Coates, Tax Collector of Abbeville County, recorded in Deed Book 330 at Page 652 on January 22, 2018 in the Register of Deeds Office for Abbeville County, South Carolina.

TMS# 109-06-02-009

/s/ Matthew McCord
Matthew McCord, S. C. Bar #79030
Attorney for the Plaintiffs
109 E North St.
Greenville, South Carolina 29601
(864) 593-2292
(864) 232-3967 (facsimile)

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STATE OF SOUTH
CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

SUMMONS

CA# 2022-CP-01-00003

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son,

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class designated as John Doe whose true name is unknown; and any unborn infants or persons under disability being as a class designated as Richard Roe, whose true name is unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to

answer the Complaint, in the above-entitled action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned at 109 E North St. Greenville, SC 29601, within thirty (30) days after service hereof upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if

you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

BY: /s/ Matthew McCord
Matthew McCord, S. C. Bar #79030
Attorney for the Plaintiffs
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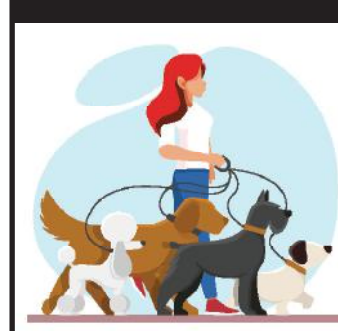
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