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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."

You and the bird

We will all be devouring turkey when Thanksgiving rolls around

By Henry E. Green

Thanksgiving is coming up, helping usher in the holiday season in Abbeville County and indeed throughout the nation.

This year, Thanksgiving will fall on Thursday, Nov. 25. City of Abbeville offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26, with normal operating hours to resume the following Monday.

The same will hold true for Due West Town Hall, Calhoun Falls Town Hall, and Abbeville County government offices.

Thanksgiving is a holiday whose history is replete with facts--and fiction.

According to history.com, Plymouth colonists and native Americans shared an autumn feast that is regarded as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies.

For about 200 years, individual states and colonies celebrated Thanksgiving, and in 1863, Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November.

Turkey may or may not have been eaten at that Pilgrim thanksgiving feast back in 1621, but 90 percent of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving.

Was that Pilgrim thanksgiving

feast the first of its kind? The jury may still be out on that question.

In 1565, for example, the Spanish explorer Pedro Menendez de Aviles invited native Americans to a thanksgiving dinner in St. Augustine, Florida.

Although we are probably most familiar with the Thanksgiving story in its American setting, thanksgiving celebrations have roots that go back thousands of years.

Greeks, Romans and Egyptians all celebrated after their fall harvests, and paid tribute to their gods, according to history.com.



This bird's eye view of the City of Abbeville's Christmas tree on Court Square looks down on the bell "Big Bob." The tree, built on this framework, was lit up on the evening of Thursday, Nov. 18. (Photo by Bryson Bell)



Friday night, these Abbeville High School cheerleaders were waiting for the start of the AHS/Gray Collegiate football game in the third round of the playoffs. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Chamber planning host of holiday events

By Henry E. Green

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce is planning a number of events for the Christmas season.

The first will be Handmade for the Holidays, Dec. 3-4, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on each day at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville.

"It's our annual craft festival," she said.

At press time, 30 vendors had been signed to participate, with an opportunity to display their wares and make some holiday sales.

They will be selling items such as pottery, jewelry, soaps and candy--just to name a few.

Next on the agenda will be something delicious. "We will be having the Cookie Walk on Dec. 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.," LaGrone said.

Tickets for this family friendly event are available at the Chamber for \$10 apiece.

Participants will start at the Livery Stable and "visit a variety of stops, enjoy some delicious cookies, and meet our local merchants," she said.

Then, on Dec. 11, Breakfast with Santa and Storytime with his Helper will be held at the Belmont Inn beginning at 8 a.m., in partnership with the Belmont.

"We're so grateful to them for their support," she said.

Tickets are available at the Chamber, and they are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

On the evening of Dec. 11, there will be a reception for the Santa's Little Helper silent auction.

"This will be a silent auction that will supply services and experiences from local businesses," he said.

This auction will be a change from the normal format of bidding on items. Instead, participants will be welcome to bid on, for example, a night of personalized shopping, or a massage.

This silent auction will place the emphasis on what local merchants provide in terms of services.

This will be the first year for this silent auction with a difference. The bidding will begin on Dec. 1 and will conclude on Dec. 11. A portion of the proceeds from the silent auction will go to charity.

For more information, one may call 366-3806.

Starr-Iva water district wins honors

By Henry E. Green

A water district with Abbeville County connections has won statewide honors.

The Starr Iva Water District has been named the South Carolina Rural Water System of the Year, according to Patrick Jackson, general manager of the Starr Iva Water District.

The award was presented by the South Carolina Rural Water Association on Wednesday, Nov. 17, in Myrtle Beach, during the Association's annual conference.

Systems were judged on criteria such as innovation/technology, efficiency and capital improvement projects, according to informa-

tion Jackson supplied.

Jackson attributed the honor to "an awful lot of work from a lot of people" under the guidance of board chairman Mike Thomas, who he said also serves on the West Carolina Tel board of directors.

Starr-Iva has plans to work with Abbeville County government to bring public water service to the Lake Secession area, and recently received a grant toward that end.

Starr-Iva has six full time employees, one college intern, and serves 4,300 customers in Anderson and Abbeville counties, and it has more than 200 miles of pipe in Anderson and

Abbeville counties.

"I'm proud of our organization," said Jackson, noting that he enjoys what he does for a living.

"It's not hard to go to work," he said.

The South Carolina Rural Water System Association is an affiliate of the National Rural Water Association, according to the state association's website.

"Established in 1976, the South Carolina Rural Water Association is a nonprofit trade association that assists water and wastewater systems with on-site technical assistance, training and much more," the website states.

Abbeville Area Medical Center Hosts Winter Coat Drive. Abbeville Area Medical Center recently helped "share the warmth" by hosting a Winter Coat Drive. Coordinated by the hospital's employee committee, gloves, hats and coats were collected at the hospital, Health Related Home Care, Due West Family Medicine, Savannah Lakes Family Medicine and the Healthcare Center. Almost 70 coats were donated with child and teen items given to the Abbeville County School District and adult items to United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County (UCMAC). (Photo contributed)



Special election held in Due West

By Henry E. Green

There was a special election in Due West yesterday to fill an unexpired term on Due West Town Council.

Polls were open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and voters cast their ballots at the Due West Fire Department in the

nonpartisan election.

All registered voters living within the town limits of Due West were eligible to vote.

There was only one candidate on the ballot--Sandy Totherow of Due West--but there was also an option for write-ins.



Abbeville County First Steps board member Mary Lou Edens directed traffic as vehicles drove into the Abbeville Housing Authority parking lot in Abbeville recently to pick up free bags of household items being distributed by Abbeville County First Steps in collaboration with the Abbeville Housing Authority. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

City awarded demolition grant

By Henry E. Green
The City of Abbeville is being awarded a grant to demolish vacant, dilapidated houses, according to information supplied by State Rep. Craig Gagnon. The City will be awarded \$221,564 in Community Development Block Grant Funding from the Commu-

nity Enrichment Program. Funds will be used to demolish 17 vacant, dilapidated housing units in the eastern portion of the City. "All structures included in the grant have been condemned and followed the city's normal process of notification, etc., for con-

demning a structure," said Mike Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer for the City of Abbeville. "The City will pay roughly ten percent of the cost of the demolitions, with the grant paying the remainder, and we will expect the work to be completed in 2022."

Firefighters fight blaze in Calhoun Falls

There was a fire in the wee hours of Sunday morning in Calhoun Falls, a blaze that caused considerable damage, but nobody was hurt, according to Darrell Manning, Calhoun Falls fire chief. Calhoun Falls Fire Department, assisted by Lowndes-

ville, Sharon, and Monterey fire departments, responded to the blaze on Darlington Street about 12:17 a.m., Manning said. "It was actually an empty house," he recalled. Someone was staying in a camper beside the house, and a fire is believed to have started

in the camper and spread to the house, Manning said. The camper was vacant when fire fighters arrived, he continued. "The camper was completely burned when we got there, and the house was fully involved," he said.

Trustees will not meet in December

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees, in keeping with custom, will not have a regular monthly meeting during the month of December. The school board will not have another regular meeting until January 14, when representatives of the firms of LS3P and Thompson-Turner are expected to make a presentation to the board about the School District's options with regard

to possible capital improvements, improvements which could be posed to the voters in the form of a referendum. The school board has not yet made any decisions as to what would be on a referendum, if it should come to that. Some possible projects which have been suggested as possibilities for funding through a referendum include new academic wings at Abbeville and Dixie high schools, expansion of

the cafeterias at the two schools, and renovations/expansions at the Abbeville County Career Center. The school board had a workshop on Oct. 9 to discuss possible capital improvements. In other School District news, the School District will be having fall break Wednesday, Nov. 24, though Friday, Nov. 26, with normal operations to resume the following Monday, according to reports.

Small Business Saturday coming up

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville will be celebrating Small Business Saturday this coming Saturday--Nov. 27. "The goal of Small Business Saturday is to remind consumers that they play a key role in helping the small businesses in their community thrive, and encourage them to get out and shop and dine at local businesses," according to Anna LaGrone, executive director of the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, put it this way: "It's a way to celebrate and

support our small businesses and the impact they have in our community, and to me small businesses are the backbone of our economy and our community. "If you shop local, the money stays local, and to me it really does make a difference." "Being a small business owner comes with its challenges, but this is one day out of the year where we can show our support for these businesses that make our community so vibrant and unique." Different businesses will celebrate the occasion in

different ways. "The Chamber will be partnering with American Express to be the neighborhood champion and provide promotional materials to our merchants," LaGrone continued. The Chamber will also be having a double ribbon cutting for Red Gate Realty and Sage and Co on Saturday, Nov. 27 at noon. LaGrone is encouraging people to patronize small businesses not only on Small Business Saturday but all year round.

Abbeville Promise still flourishing

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville Promise is still going strong. The project to provide post secondary opportunities for high school graduates of Abbeville County continues to provide chances for young people to gain education beyond high school. "This is our third year," said Lee Logan, administrator of the Promise and secretary for the board of the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation. The Promise is a scholarship program that allows all high school graduates who are residents of Abbeville County to attend Piedmont Tech full time starting within 12 months of high school graduation.

a new development in the realm of technical college funding. "The Governor recently announced that they're going to use some state funds to provide tuition assistance for all students attending technical colleges, which would cover spring of 2022 and summer school for 2022. "We need to be reminded that even with this assistance, the Promise will still have to cover some of the remaining expenses, and this (Governor's plan) is a one time nonrecurring funding. "The Promise will go back to its original commitment in the fall of 2022, Logan continued.

tion--from 23% to 28% in Fall 2020," according to a 2020 Abbeville Promise Report. "While the percentage is lower this year than in 2019, we'd expect this to recover next Fall as we're able to operate more normally, and as school counselors are better able to reach their students. "It is notable that students funded by the Abbeville Promise continue to do well at PTC, with an average GPA of 3.0. This indicates that in addition to encouraging enrollment, the program is also helping students succeed. "PTC continues to see cumulative increases in enrollment from eligible Abbeville County students. A total of 156 eligible Abbeville County students were attending this fall, 122 attended this past spring, and 66 have been funded by the Promise to date.

It pays their tuition and required fees after they have applied for state and federal aid, Logan continued. "If Piedmont Tech offers the course that you wish to take you need to attend Piedmont Tech," he said. "If Piedmont Tech does not offer the major, the program covers the same expenses at another South Carolina technical college." Logan went on to address

Slightly more than \$68,000 has been spent by the Abbeville Promise on tuition and fees since the Promise's inception. "Although PTC enrollment from entering high school seniors overall was down in Fall 2020 due to the impact of Covid, Abbeville County Schools retained increases in the number of graduating seniors attending PTC in the year following gradua-

Eligible students include all high school graduates from Abbeville County, beginning with the Fall 2018 high school graduation through the present.



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CF Town Council

CF Town employees to get bonuses

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Town employees are slated to receive bonuses thanks to action taken by Calhoun Falls Town Council Monday.

Council went into executive session to discuss the employee bonuses, and when Council members came back into open session they voted to provide bonuses for employees.

Council voted to pay employee bonuses from American Rescue Plan funds, said Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris

Cowan Tuesday.

All full time employees will receive \$3,000 bonuses, and part time employees will receive \$1,500 bonuses.

Certified firemen will receive \$500 bonuses, and non-certified firemen will receive \$250 bonuses, effective Dec. 1, 2021.

In other matters:

Council passed first reading on an ordinance to adopt the Model Business License Ordinance in accordance with the Business License Standardization

ACT.

Also passed was a resolution granting "signage" approval to Allen Industries, Inc., for 215 Savannah Street, Calhoun Falls, for a Family Dollar store being planned.

Council also passed a resolution approving the Town of Calhoun Falls Town Council schedule for 2022.

Also approved was the Town of Calhoun Falls holiday schedule for 2022.



Abbeville County First Steps and Abbeville Housing Authority collaborated to hand out bags of household items to the community. Gathering at the Housing Authority office on Haigler Street were (from left) First Steps board member Mary Lou Edens, First Steps assistant Dolores Rucker, First Steps parent educator Jessica Sinkovics, First Steps board member Rita Gamble, First Steps executive director Angela Pruitt, Abbeville Housing Authority board member Margaret Harrison, and First Steps board members Connie Normand and Adrienne Padner. About 190 bags were passed out, Pruitt said. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Wrapper's delight Abbeville Rotarians to help wrap presents for Angel Tree project

By Henry E. Green

Members of the Abbeville Rotary Club will be helping wrap presents for the Christmas Angel Tree project this year, Abbeville Rotary Club president Matthew Johnson told Rotarians Thursday.

The club has regular meetings every Thursday at the Belmont Inn, but Johnson told the club that the club's board of directors had agreed that the club would skip its regular Dec. 2 meeting to help wrap presents for Christmas Angel Tree.

Christmas Angel Tree is based at Main Street United Methodist Church, and is a ministry of that church, according to Angel Tree

coordinator Lori Glace.

The Angel Tree project provides Christmas gifts for boys and girls in the area, through donations from businesses, individuals, civic and community and school groups, and churches.

It depends on a network of hundreds of volunteers to help wrap presents for the boys and girls. Referrals come from a variety of sources.

Volunteers will begin wrapping presents the week of Nov. 30, Glace said Thursday.

Part of a worldwide network of 1.4 million Rotarians, the Abbeville Rotary

Club is involved in a number of activities to help the community.

Abbeville Rotarians have a scholarship program to benefit graduates of Abbeville, Dixie and Calhoun Falls Charter.

The club presents every year a cornhole tournament, and presents also the Rotary Bowl, a day of recreation league football, in which Abbeville teams take on teams from neighboring communities.

At Christmastime, the club presents the Reindeer Run, a 5K event which also benefits Christmas Angel Tree. This year the Reindeer Run will be on Dec. 11.

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Congratulations to Abbeville County football in 2021

By Lamar T. West, Sr.

We would like to take this opportunity to praise Abbeville High School Panthers on a great football season. Although we did not bring home the state championship trophy this year, all of you are true champions to us. "Go, Panthers!"

We appreciate all the hard work our coaches and players endure year in and year out to continuously have one of the best 2A High School Football teams in the state of South Carolina.

The Panthers may play only 10 to 15 Friday night games per year, but they work hard week in and week out all year to be successful. Our coaches teach our players how to be successful not only in the game of football, but also in life. Football in general helps to underscore the importance of family and friends, but it also helps our youth build trust. Players must place faith in one other and their coaches as each person works together for a common goal: to move the ball down the field and continue to win (and win not only football games, but the "Game of Life.")

Most of Abbeville High School Panthers have grown up together here in Abbeville County and have known each other through recreational ball and middle school and high school. They are friends on and off the field.

We have two other high schools in Abbeville County, Dixie High School and Calhoun Falls Charter School, who are not only successful in sports, but also academics. In addition to football, our schools are successful in other sports as well that include boys and girls.

Our students being successful on and off the field brings great appreciation and pride throughout the entire county. This is one of the best things about in living in Abbeville County.

I am sure most of us realize with the number of students we have in high school in Abbeville County (grades 9 through 12) that if we were consolidated (which I am not suggesting) we would still be in Class 2A sports playing other 2A schools simply because of the number of students that populate our high schools.

Our schools in Abbeville County not only rank close to the top every year in athletics but also in academics, and with our dedicated teachers, coaches and students, we will continue to do so.

Unlike Abbeville County School District, Gray Collegiate Academy enrolls students from a population area several times larger than Abbeville County.

However, "Gray" is a charter school of only 473 students and is able to recruit students for athletic and academic purposes. "Gray" only allows so many students to attend the academy, and those students must reach and maintain certain standards to attend. Their standards are high and they provide a great opportunity for their students to succeed both academically and athletically.

South Carolina high school league rules, fair or not, base computation in sports on the number of students enrolled at the school. "Gray" is based on 473 enrolled students and competes in class 2A competition sports. They are able to recruit or obtain some of the best players (in all sports), and this does provide somewhat of an unfair advantage over other 2A schools.

We are not crying over spilled milk, though. The "War Eagles" of Gray Collegiate Academy prevailed over the "Panthers" of Abbeville High School per South Carolina high school rules and requirements.

If we happen not to attend a particular AHS Panther football game, those at home like to listen to Wayne and Benji call the game on the radio. This past Friday night was no exception. Wayne and Benji were in the process of calling the game, and on several occasions they commented about how talented the War Eagles were, especially concerning their size and speed. They also commented that the War Eagles were made up of some of the best players from the the midlands area of our state and are able to attend Gray Collegiate because of their athletic or academic abilities. They stated that up to six of the players had offers to attend and play football for a divi-

sion 1A college.

Gray Collegiate Academy states on their website, graycollegiateacademy.org, that their school is "not college prep, it's college."

Now you can't make this up much better than the truth. While in the middle of the radio program and the game in progress, a coach of the Gray Collegiate War Eagles burst into the press box and began to verbally assault Wayne and Benji, interrupting their radio show for the game. The coach stated, "If you can't say something good about our players, you should just leave."

This was not the Gray Collegiate press box. The coach in question had no territorial authority to ask Benji or Wayne to leave. The game was played at a neutral site as Gray Collegiate does not have the facilities large enough to support the AHS Panther fan base and could not accommodate those attending a playoff game.

We are not sure we would want this coach around our students (or any students, for that matter) if he cannot exert basic self control and display professionalism and general courtesy.

Additionally, we would like to state that in listening to the entire football game, we never heard Wayne or Benji say anything derogatory about Gray Collegiate Academy War Eagles football players. To the contrary, Wayne and Benji were complimenting players because they had to be pretty good to outplay the AHS Panthers!

Wayne and Benji had nothing but praise for the players of the "War Eagles."

We do hope the South Carolina High School League will take proper steps to protect media personnel from a future similar unfortunate situation like this, or impose a sanction against the coach in question so such incidents do not happen again.

Unfortunately, we will have to wait until next year to see if any steps will be taken to ensure the safety and security of those attempting to perform their jobs.

Go Panthers!
Go Hornets!
Go Flashes!

Together at heart, just a few miles apart.

The City of Abbeville had its Christmas tree lighting on Nov. 18 on Abbeville's Court Square. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Dr. Max Gerson: An Unheralded Pioneer

By Geoff Hult

Dr. Max Gerson, MD (1881-1959) was a German Jew who is one of the most unsung heroes and pioneers in the history of medicine. In the early 20th century Dr. Gerson discovered the cure for virtually every form of known chronic disease and it was not drugs, vaccines, chemotherapy, or radiation. While Gerson was in medical school in Germany, he suffered severe migraine headaches that would leave him sidelined for days. He tried a strict diet of nothing but raw fruits and vegetables and his headaches soon disappeared.

In 1924, renowned European surgeon, Dr. Ferdinand Sauerbruch, MD, was to begin a clinical trial for 450 patients of his who had incurable skin tuberculosis. Dr. Gerson was challenged by Dr. Sauerbruch that if Gerson could cure but one of his trial patients with diet therapy, he'd be a believer in Gerson's treatment. Dr. Gerson applied the same methodology he'd used on himself of raw fruits and vegetables with no added salt or sugar, and 446 out of the 450 patients were cured of their supposedly incurable skin tuberculosis.

Word began to spread throughout Europe of the success Gerson was having and he soon came in contact with Dr. Albert Schweitzer, MD, who later won the 1953 Nobel Prize. Gerson cured Dr. Schweitzer's wife of her pulmonary tuberculosis, his daughter of her skin disease, and Dr. Schweitzer himself of his type 2 diabetes. Dr. Schweitzer is quoted with: "I see in Dr. Max Gerson one of the most eminent geniuses in the history of medicine."

Dr. Gerson eventually fled to New York to escape Nazi persecution, but all of his seven siblings died in the holocaust. Gerson was having great success in his New York clinic with all forms of chronic disease including cancer. His treatment had evolved to juicing, which is able to extract a more concentrated amount of nutrients from the food. Gerson testified before the US Senate between July 1-3, 1946, along with 5 of his recovered cancer patients. On the evening of July 3rd, ABC news correspondent Raymond Graham Swing declared to the nation that a cure for cancer had been discovered. Two weeks later, Swing was fired.

The American Medical Association was already opposed to Dr. Gerson because Gerson had denounced the dangers of

smoking and the largest advertising contributor to the AMA happened to be Philip Morris. An obvious financial conflict of interest existed here between the AMA and Gerson's approach. Swing had been fired and Gerson was constantly "investigated" by the AMA because the system of medicine in place in the United States was not based on natural and inexpensive treatments but in-



Dr. Max Gerson, MD (1881-1959)

stead drugs, vaccines, and chemotherapy. Anything coming from nature cannot be patented and the medical system in the land of the free will never, therefore, verify any natural treatment for disease no matter how effective it may be. At best, any approach such as Dr. Gerson's will be labeled as unproven. Dr. Gerson is not the only one who discovered natural cures for cancer. Two others are Rene Caisse and Harry Hoxsey. There is a documentary on bitchute entitled: "Hoxsey, the Quack Who Cured Cancer."

Detractors of Gerson will say there is no documentation and no evidence he ever cured anybody of anything. For one, he wrote a book, finished in 1958, detailing his documentation entitled: "A Cancer Therapy: Results of Fifty Cases and the Cure of Advanced Cancer by Diet Therapy." As well, Dr. Carolyn Dean, MD, author of "Death by Modern Medicine" stated that Gerson's documentation and published articles are only published in European journals. American medical journals will not publish them and since he has been heavily censored, this evidently means there is no evidence for the efficacy of his treatment. Other books detailing this are "Censored for Curing Cancer" by S.J. Haught and Kevin Gallagher, and "The Gerson Therapy" by Charlotte Gerson and Morton Walker. As well, 7 documentary films have been made about Dr. Gerson. It is illegal to clinically treat anyone with the Gerson therapy in the United States but there is a clinic in Baja California, Mexico, run by Dr. Patrick Vickers, DC. The website and Youtube

channel are both: www.gersonclinic.com.

Why would effective natural treatment for chronic disease be suppressed in the land of the free? Dr. Guylaine Lanctot, MD, author of "The Medical Mafia" sums it up: "The bottom line is that the medical systems are controlled by financiers in order to serve financiers. Since you cannot serve people unless they get sick, the whole medical system is designed to make people sicker and sicker."

One last thing to consider is this: The allopathic model taught in US medical schools was instituted by John D. Rockefeller in the early 20th century. All things taught and practiced in medicine for the last century according to the Rockefeller model would be based on pharmaceutical drugs, vaccines, chemotherapy and radiation. On page 405 of his book "Memoirs," John D. Rockefeller's grandson, David Rockefeller, wrote the following:

"For more than a century ideological extremists at either end of the political spectrum have seized upon well publicized incidents such as my encounter with Castro to attack the Rockefeller family for the inordinate influence they claim we wield over American political and economic institutions. 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."

Considering such a brash statement from David Rockefeller as this, is the US model of medicine that is rooted in Rockefeller ideology about helping and healing people, or is it more likely based on the degradation of humanity by profiting from chronic disease and suppressing effective natural treatments? Is this current Covid vaccine being shoved down our collective throats by an illegitimate president really about healing people and mitigating a public health crisis?

"YaHuWaH has created medicines out of the earth; and he that is wise will not reject them." (Sirach 38:4) Sirach is a book found in the original 1611 King James Bible.

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US House of Representatives

Rep. Duncan Condemns Passing of Build Back Better Legislation

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Today, Congressman Jeff Duncan issued the following statement after the passing of H.R. 5376, the Build Back Better Act. "House Democrats just voted to pass the most radical and irresponsible tax and spending bill in American history that will essentially involve the government in every aspect of American life," said Congressman Jeff Duncan. "President Biden's signature legislation will add billions to the deficit at the expense of the American people, adding at least \$800 billion in debt in the next five years alone."

"This reckless legislation imposes more crushing debt and places a heavy burden on the backs of our children and grandchildren. This will wreck South Carolina's automotive industry, worsen the economic crisis, hypercharge inflation, ship American jobs overseas, and exacerbate our national debt," said Congressman Jeff Duncan.

"Americans are already struggling to pay for high gas prices, keep food on the table, and heat their homes this winter. This reckless tax and spend agenda will take more money from Americans, empower the elites, and embolden our adversaries.

These socialist policies are destructive to the future of America and will do more to help Beijing than Main Street. This legislation allows for taxpayer-funded abortions, perpetuates the labor shortage, includes an increase in SALT deductions, adds \$400 billion in taxes for small businesses, impedes domestic energy production, and grants amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants, among other destructive provisions.

This is not what Americans want or need. I was proud to vote against this monstrosity of a bill and hope it is swiftly defeated in the Senate."



The Busy Bees Preschool held its fall program and first annual art show on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 17 at the Abbeville Presbyterian Church. Among the kids featured were (from left) Emmett Brown, Mikaela Gambrell, Lucas Gambrell, Elliott Brown, and Abigail Gambrell. (Busy Bees photo)

Oyster Roast making comeback in spring

By Henry E. Green
The Oyster Roast and Lowcountry Boil event which used to be held on the grounds of the Burt Stark Mansion every spring is making a comeback, according to plans made by the board of directors of the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation, which is presenting the event.

The board approved the plans to move ahead with the traditional oyster roast, which they hope will be done in the last Saturday of March in 2022, said Lee Logan, board secretary. This is the same oyster roast that was sponsored by the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, but is now under the sponsorship of the FCCF.

The location will be the same as it has been in the past—the grounds of the Burt Stark Mansion.

FCCF board chairman Brad Evans is the chairman of the board's Oyster Roast committee, and plans included live entertainment, plenty of oysters and low-country boil, under the big tent, Logan continued.

The event has not been held in several years due to COVID.

The board of directors met on Nov. 18, and treasurer Andy Timmerman provided a financial report on the Foundation funds as well as those of the Abbeville Promise.

The firm of Manley Garvin will be engaged to do the required IRS 990, and the

required state tax reports, in addition to a review of all of the Foundation's funds, including the Promise.

The board discussed its working relationship with Clemson Extension that involves the work of Wilder Ferreira, and approved a grant to Clemson of \$4,000 to continue those services.

Ferreira was commended for his work in agribusiness and economic development in the three county area including Abbeville County.

Several new accounts were reported on, including the Mt. Carmel cemetery upkeep fund, the Stan Keaton scholarship fund, and the Abbeville High School improvement fund.

Funds were donated from the McAllister family for the establishment of a donor-advised fund to provide support for the upkeep of the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, which is a very historic cemetery in Mt. Carmel in McCormick County, Logan continued.

Meanwhile, there was community interest in providing donations for the improvements made at Hite Stadium, and a special fund was set up. In addition to contributions for the stadium, it is planned for the fund to be able to accept donations for improvements at any part of Abbeville High School—academic or athletic programs.

Details are being worked out with the school, involving the school, the District office, and the Foundation. "This is patterned after the

long-standing Dixie High School foundation, but does not require a separate 501c3 to be established for Abbeville High School."

"The board was pleased to announce that Jane Hannah is the part time administrative assistant for the Foundation," Logan continued.

In addition, the board reviewed the details of a pending Calhoun Falls economic development matching grant fund.

More details will be shared with the board prior to approval. However, this, once set up, would be a wonderful opportunity for growth in Calhoun Falls, Logan continued.

The Foundation has made a \$5,000 grant to the Trinity Church restoration and program project. This is the second year of a three-year pledge project, Logan continued.

The Clemson University grant and the Trinity restoration grant along with a number of gifts from donor advised funds and restricted accounts comprise the grants from the Foundation thus far in 2021.

Board members reelected to three year terms were Amos Cunningham, Faye Crocker, Wes McAllister, and Kirk Smith, Logan continued.

Officers reelected for a one-year term were Brad Evans, chair; Wes McAllister, vice chair; Andy Timmerman, treasurer, and Lee Logan, secretary.

Community calendar

Hospital board to meet
The Abbeville Area Medical Center Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 4, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at WCTEL. Those planning to attend have the option of attending virtually if they so desire.

Growers 101 workshop planned

There will be a free online workshop of Growers 101 on Dec. 1 at 11 a.m.

One may register online for the workshop, which is coordinated through the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation.

AIAnon meeting planned
There will be a new AIAnon meeting starting Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Trinity Episcopal

Church parsonage at 103 Bowie Street in Abbeville.

Erskine Christmas planned

An "Erskine Christmas," featuring the Choraleers and Chamber Singers, will be presented Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. at Memorial Hall on the Erskine campus. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

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Connie Maxwell's Children's Ministries Foster families enjoy fun day at Oasis farm



Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries: Connie Maxwell Foster Families enjoy a family fun day at the Oasis farm. (Photo contributed)



Lion eyes Area Lions conduct vision screenings for children at Abbeville County schools

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville and Due West Lions have been busy performing vision screenings at local schools, according to Abbeville Lions Club secretary/treasurer Rick Pressly.

Vision screenings have been completed free of charge for this year at Westwood, Wright Middle, John C. Calhoun Elementary, and Long Cane Elementary.

"We screened 736 students and staff with 123 referrals for complete eye exams," Pressly said.

Abbeville County Career Center health sciences students assisted with the vision and hearing screening process.

The Due West Lions have been busy as well. The Due West club was slat-

ed to help out with vision screenings at Diamond Hill and Cherokee Trail elementary schools, said Pressly, who was scheduled to assist them.

The Abbeville Lions Club meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Abbeville Veterans Memorial Foundation building in Abbeville.

The club is currently involved in an effort to collect plastic bags for recycling, and club members have also been collecting non-perishable food items for a food drive.

For the Due West Lions, who also have monthly meetings, the Tree for Life at Christmas time has long been a fundraiser.

Both clubs are part of the international Lions organization. Vision preservation

has long been one of the top priorities for Lions the world over.

Helen Keller, addressing a Lions convention in Ohio in the 1920s, reportedly called on her listeners to be "knights" for the blind.

In addition, Lions have also set their sights on fighting diabetes.

A team from the Abbeville Lions Club participated earlier this year in a fundraiser in the battle against diabetes.

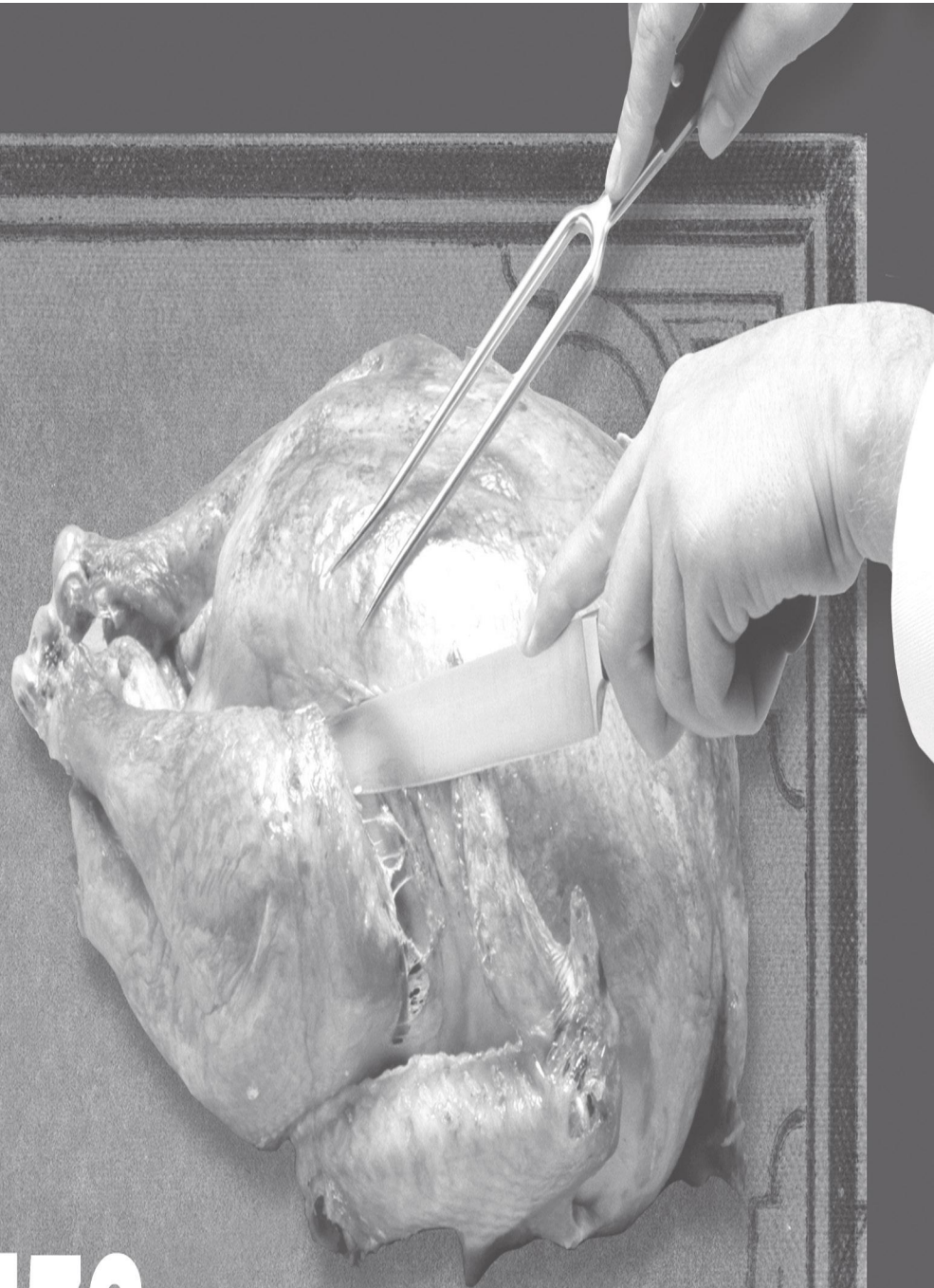
The Abbeville Lions have traditionally had a program at Westwood Elementary School in conjunction with Arbor Day in early December.

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Adult Ed honored for 'Stepping Up'

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County Adult Education was recognized for "Stepping Up to the Plate" during the coronavirus pandemic, said Abbeville County Adult Education Coordinator Deborah Ayers recently.

Forty five percent of the students for the 2020-21 school year obtained a GED or a high school diploma.

"Graduating almost one of two students who enroll in adult education is a major accomplishment!" said Ayers. "The program met or exceeded four of the six state negotiated measures." The award was presented by the South Carolina

Office of Adult Education during the "Celebrating Our Success" fall conference. The award was presented virtually on Friday, Nov. 5.

Adult Education, located on the second floor of the District Office, currently has 47 students and seven graduates, and offers classes in person and online.

The program is also a Pearson Vue Testing Center, which means that the program is able to offer GED testing on-site.

There is no charge for registration or for classes, and free transportation is provided for anyone who lives within the city limits of Abbeville, and a parenting

program and free child care are available.

"I am very proud of the adult education staff for their hard work," she said. "They not only care about the student's academic gains, but also help students in finding a job, being a better parent, and being more successful in life. The program strives to live up to our motto of "making a difference" in Abbeville County.

Abbeville County Adult Education has six staff members, as well as a bus driver and two childcare workers, Ayers said.

For more information, one may call 366-4226.

Kathleen Yoder of Abbeville was recognized at a recent Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees meeting for having had the highest GED score in the state of South Carolina for the school year 2020-21. (Contributed photo)



Yoder has highest GED score in state

By Henry E. Green
Kathleen Yoder of Abbeville was recognized at a recent Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees meeting for having had the highest GED score in the state of South Carolina for the school year 2020-21.

Yoder, who described herself as a stay-at-home mom, was a student in the Abbeville County Adult Education program before graduating in May.

She took the GED exam this past spring, and she was immensely happy when she passed it. "This was a dream come true," she said.

The dream corrected a disruption in her education early in life.

"I was born in Virginia and

grew up there," she said. When she was 17, she moved to Texas, where she met her future husband, Mike Yoder, and they married and moved to Abbeville County in 2013.

The disruption in her education came when she moved to Texas, when she began attending a church school that stopped short of the twelfth grade.

"I didn't have a high school diploma," she said.

Thus, when the opportunity to take the GED came along, she was eager to do so. The GED covers math, language arts, science and social studies, she said. By passing it, one can demonstrate their high school academic knowledge, according to ged.com.

How much will all of this change her life?

"I'm a stay at home mom," she said. "I have four kids (ranging in age from three to 13)."

Yoder, 37, does have a part-time job working at home to provide accounting and payroll services for her husband's company--Liberty Sheds and Cripple Creek Cabins--which provides storage buildings and modular homes.

While she is enormously happy about passing her GED, and happy too about having the highest GED score in the state, she also appears to be content in what life has brought her.

"I'm pretty committed about being a stay-at-home mom," she said.



Abbeville County Farm Bureau held its annual meeting recently, and Farm Bureau scholarship recipient Savannah Winn (center) was recognized. She is shown here with Abbeville County Farm Bureau president Barney Gambrell (left) and incoming president Wayne Hannah (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Anyone familiar with biblical history will know that God dealt with the nations of the world as tools of influence, reward, and punishment to Israel. After Abraham generated the beginnings of Israel's enemies through Ishmael, and Jacob began another line of enmity through Esau, the stories of the Canaanite conquest under Joshua and the subsequent 400 years of the time of the Judges relate the conflicts that culminated in the united kingdom under Saul, David, and Solomon.

Nearly half of the remaining Old Testament records the efforts by God to deal with Israel and Judah after the civil war begun by Solomon's son, Rehoboam. That concluded with the Assyrian captivity and dispersment of the northern 10 tribes and the 70-year captivity of Judah under Babylon.

The nearly two millennia from Abraham to the coming of the Messiah have been followed by two millennia of a spiritual "déjà vu" through the church the Lord Jesus started. God's promise is that both Israel and the church will find satisfaction and success when He returns to finalize and fulfill the promise made to Abraham so long ago. — HENRY M. MORRIS III, D.MIN

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Obituaries

Simpson

Rhett Randall Simpson, 58, resident of 313 Noble Drive husband of Lisa Sorrow Simpson passed away peacefully at his home Sunday Nov. 21, 2021 with his loving family by his side. Born in Abbeville, SC Jan. 28, 1963 he was a son of the late Helen Meadows Perkins and the late Randall Simpson.

Rhett was a faithful member of Abbeville Congregational Holiness Church, which was also where he met his loving wife of 41 years. He was the Superintendent of CHC for 10 years & over the youth group during that time. Rhett enjoyed gardening, beekeeping, being outdoors, & most of all spending time with his family. He was a very hard worker who was employed at Capsugel as a maintenance technician II

for 26 years. He was very devoted to his work, but he always put God and his family first and foremost in his life. His favorite Bible verse was Philippians 4: 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me. He lived by this verse and raised his family up with a strong foundation centered in the Lord.

Survivors include: His beloved wife of 41 years Lisa Sorrow Simpson of the home; his son Josh Simpson (Nicole) of Greenwood, SC; a daughter Tara Henderson (Timothy) of Abbeville, SC; a sister Dena George (Karen) of Georgia; two brothers Thomas Perkins of Georgia and Brent Simpson of South Carolina: Four grandchildren Clayton Simpson, Coleton Simpson, Tucker Simpson, and Trinity Henderson.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday Nov. 28, 2021 at 3:00 PM at Congregational Holiness Church with Rev. Willie McCurry officiating. The burial will follow in Long Cane Cemetery. The family is at the home 313 Noble Drive Abbeville, SC.

Memorials in memory of Rhett may be made to Congregational Holiness Church, P.O. Box 946 Abbeville, SC or to The American Cancer Society, C/O Mrs. Conway Shirley Donalds, SC 29638.

Online condolences may be made to the Hall family by visiting www.chandler-jacksonfh.com

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Obituaries

Gilliam

Elizabeth Edwards 'Bootsie' Gilliam, 90, of Abbeville, wife of the late Samuel Grady Gilliam, Sr., died Monday, November 22, 2021 at Self Regional Healthcare. She was born in Abbeville to the late John Gibson and Gladys Clara Brazeal Edwards.

Bootsie graduated from Abbeville High School in 1949 and from Erskine College in 1953. Her family and church meant the world to her. She led a Godly life and did everything with enthusiasm. A member of Sharon United Methodist Church for 68 years, Bootsie was a member of the missionary

society and led the way in so many activities. She was also a member of the Entre Nous Book Club.

Bootsie is survived by her children, Susan Gilliam Gladden (Bobby), Samuel G. Gilliam, Jr. (Frances) all of Abbeville and Henry Gibson Gilliam (Dean Brown) of Louisville, KY; five grandchildren, Tripp (Jerene), Wesley, Joseph, Carter (Field) and Caitlin (Justin); and six great-grandchildren, Jacob, Josie, Grady, Genevieve, Forrest and Holden.

Funeral services will be 2:00PM, Wednesday, November 24, 2021, in Sharon United Methodist Church.

Burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends following the graveside.

Memorials may be sent to Sharon UMC Church, 246 Sharon Church Road, Abbeville, SC 29620 or to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646.

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

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

Berard

Wanetta Ruth Berard, 88, of Abbeville, wife of the late Harry Berard, Jr., died Sunday, November 21, 2021, at her home. She was born in Gloversville, NY to the late Walter Oare and Catherine Fayette Rockenstyre Oare.

'Nita', as she was affectionately known, was a loving, devoted wife to her late husband, Harry. She was a member and elder of Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church and involved with their senior group, Long Canites. She enjoyed gardening and baking treats to share.

In addition to her husband and parents, Nita was preceded in death by a son, Michael Martin Moccaldi, III; four brothers, Walter Oare, Jr., Bernard Oare, John Oare and Fred Oare; and three sisters, Marie Early, Delores Erb and Christina



Wanetta Ruth 'Nita' Berard

IV of Lakeland, FL and two great-granddaughters, Tessa Kroeger and Ashlyn Moccaldi.

A service to celebrate Nita's life will be 10:30AM, Saturday, November 27, 2021 in Harris Funeral Home - Abbeville Chapel with Rev. Wayne Wicker officiating.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Nita, may be sent to Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646.

The family is at the home.

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

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

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A Slice of Mike

“Bigfoot Wears a Size Eleven and Knows Good Donuts”

By Mike Elis

Here I am sitting in my room at the lovely Belmont Inn in Abbeville, South Carolina. It seems like this place is a haven for a writer who experiences something different every time I'm here.

My trip this week was no exception although this time, my television was the culprit.

I walked into my room to find the television on and somehow was too lazy to pick up the remote and change it from the "Finding Bigfoot" marathon. I had never actually seen the show, but have been told many times about the legendary television program (See what I did there).

I am not judging those that believe in Bigfoot. Bigfoot might be real. For all I know, he could be somewhere playing Poker with the Loch Ness and the Abominable Snowman sipping on some suds. What I am saying is that the show might make me believe that Jerry Springer might be more educational. If you're booring me right now, all I can say is that "You don't know me, you don't know me."

I am on episode number four today. The announcer just said, "Stay tuned and find out if they finally meet face to face with Bigfoot himself." Is there a line in Vegas I can bet on this? I am betting on an episode five... and six.... This show could very well last longer than the Simpsons. One woman on the show

claimed that she had a close encounter with Bigfoot.

She said she has never seen a creature with so much hair on its body. Of course, she has never met my Uncle Mark. Also, she showed one of the footprints. His foot wasn't impressive; he could walk into any Foot Locker and buy some running shoes. Size Eleven, maybe twelve at largest.

And in one of the episodes, one of the Bigfoot investigators was wearing a Cleveland Browns hat. Between his job and his football allegiance, I was wondering which causes him more disappointment. I wonder if he starts every season of the tv show claiming "This is our year."

I love what they say on their walkie talkies in the middle of the night on the show.

"What was that? It sounded like an owl but I have no idea what that was." I've got a guess. Or how about "I just saw one on the highway and after the car passed, it disappeared." Maybe Sasquatch called for Uber or got picked up while hitchhiking.

The Bigfoot Hunters did make a fatal error on the show I would like to discuss. They left a trail of donuts out and hoped they would catch him on camera. You could tell they were cheap store bought donuts. Look, Bigfoot has been around hundreds of years, okay? He's not

going to be tempted by garbage donuts. Had they tried to lure him with the maple bacon donuts from Two Brews in Abbeville, they would've stood a chance. Heck, they may have even gotten a photo shoot and an interview with the big hairy monster himself.

In 2017, actor Rob Lowe told of a near death encounter with Bigfoot but was spared his life. Maybe Bigfoot is a fan of St. Elmo's Fire or maybe he lets the good actors go. If so, in the same predicament, Keanu Reeves wouldn't have lived to tell the story.

If they do find Bigfoot, maybe they can find the second sock to about every pair of socks I own. That show will go on even longer than this one.

I am thankful for many things this Thanksgiving. Thankful for God, my family, my friends, The Belmont Inn, Two Brews donuts, and Rob Lowe still being alive. Amen.

Don't forget to join Mike and Heather for Ugly Sweater Team Trivia on December 9th, 7pm at the Belmont Inn to benefit Toys for Tots this holiday season. Every toy you bring will give you one extra point for your team (maximum 5 point bonus). \$5 per person entry fee. Sign your team up and reserve a table by calling The Belmont Inn at 864-459-9625. Maximum five members per team.

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- Say untruth
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- Fourth deck
- "The _____," MTV's trailblazing reality show
- Affirm with confidence
- I to Greeks, pl.
- ____ Baba
- Powerball and such
- Swaggering show of courage
- Spermatozoa counterparts
- Based on two
- Has a mortgage
- ____ dog, gin and grapefruit juice cocktail
- DNA transmitter
- "The Real Housewives" is full of this type of conflict
- Write on a tombstone
- Unwholesome atmosphere
- Hairpiece, slangily
- Stitched again
- Unit of electric current flow
- Solemn pledge
- Like nose during hayfever
- Uncouth one
- "Who _____ a Millionaire?"
- Front of cuirass
- Sixth month of civil year
- "Jack and the Beanstalk" instrument
- Travesty
- Italian money
- "Vanilla Ice Goes Amish" and "Cleveland Hustles" state
- "_____house Masters" on Animal Planet
- *Not Khloé or Kourtney
- Common allergens

DOWN

- Gelatin substitute
- Gospel writer
- "Tosca" song, e.g.
- Like sunroom, hopefully
- Balance in the sky
- "Pop _____" and "American _____," pl.
- Gave the once-over
- "Outwit, Outplay, Outlast" show
- Not active
- Point of entry
- Sixth sense
- Foot, to a child
- Aussie bear
- Buzz Lightyear's buddy
- Brow shape
- "The Biggest _____"
- Egg-shaped
- Same as talcums
- Civil rights concern
- In the know
- Raise objections
- Missouri River tributary
- Like a desert
- Crime scene evidence
- *Singing competition (2 words)
- Curses
- Feline sound
- "I think I can, I think I can..." , e.g.
- "For better or for _____"
- Monty _____'s Flying Circus"
- r in a circle, pl.
- Deprive of weapons
- *Star of wilderness reality shows, _____ Grylls
- Fairytales beast
- Street-crossing word
- Hawaiian island
- Londoner, e.g.
- Narrative poem
- Back of a boat

Garden clubs plan Greenville open house

The Greenville Council of Garden Clubs is inviting the public to a Downton Abbey Christmas open house at the Kilgore-Lewis House at 560 N. Academy Street in Greenville.

The public is invited to tour the entire house, decorated by 14 garden clubs in the Victorian style of Downton Abbey.

The open house hours are as follows:
Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 5, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The final day of the open house will be on Sunday, Dec. 19, with hours from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

“Our Christmas Shoppe will be filled with excellent gifts and memorabilia for your holiday shopping!” according to information from the Greenville Council.

There is no charge to attend, and donations are welcomed.

The Greenville garden clubs are part of the West Piedmont District of Garden Clubs, as are the Abbeville garden clubs, which include the Rose, Chrysanthemum and Creative garden clubs.

“It will really be a nice Christmas experience,” said Susan Milford, a member of the Chrysanthemum Garden Club.



The Busy Bees Preschool held its fall program and first annual art show on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 17. Youngsters gathered in the sanctuary of Abbeville Presbyterian Church to sing before parents took in the art show. (Contributed photo)



Busy Bees Preschool recently held its fall program and first annual art show. The art show featured 240 original works by preschoolers. (Contributed photo)

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There was dinner for approximately 160 people at the First Baptist Church Christian Life Center on the evening of Sunday, Nov. 21. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Prayer...Awaken...Prepare... Waiting...Watchful... Emmanuel...Follow the Star Return to the Lord... Rejoice!

**Submitted by
Donna Braidic**

The combined choirs of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Abbeville, and Good Shepherd Catholic Church, McCormick, along with ministries from the parishes will present, “Advent Christmas Program.”

Donna Braidic, Music

Director, will lead the choir and members of the Joyful Journey, Praying With Purpose, Lector Ministries, and Men’s Club in presenting music, prayer and reflection to uplift hearts and awaken the spirit of Christmas in all during this time of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and beyond!

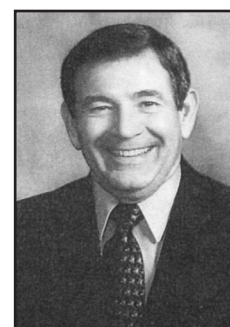
All are welcome! Refreshments immediately following provided by the Good Shepherd Women’s Club.

Sunday, December 12, 2021 at 4pm; Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 1401 Greenwood Hwy, McCormick, SC 29835; Father Jesuprathap (JP) Narichetti, Pastor

a Word from “THE WORD”

Rev. Dr. John Keith

Wisdom



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Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.”

Do you know the difference between knowledge and wisdom?

Some sage has said that knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit but wisdom is knowing that one does not put a tomato in a fruit salad.

Proverbs 9:10 gives us a definition of both wisdom and knowledge. First of all, notice the source of wisdom—it comes from God. Wisdom is not natural with humanity but it is with God. In wisdom, God created the heavens and the earth and put them in perfect balance with one another. I have heard that if the earth tilted just a few degrees closer to the sun it would burn up and if it tilted a few degrees away from the sun it would be a frozen iceberg. I don’t know if that is true or not, but I do know that our spiritual temperature depends on how close or how far away we are from the Lord.

The closer we are to the

Lord, the more fervent our spiritual zeal is for Him and the farther away from Him we get the more cold and frigid we are in our spiritual relationship with Him.

Notice how the Proverbs states the source of wisdom—the fear of the Lord is the “beginning of wisdom.” The word “fear” in this context means reverence. Reverence for God is the first step in gaining wisdom. Without proper reverence for God, a person will never be wise. Since wisdom comes from God, do you think He would share it with someone who did not revere Him in the proper way?

Man may gain knowledge without reverence for God but never wisdom. Knowledge puffs up and makes a person proud. 1 Peter 5:5 “...for God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. (6) Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand

of God that He may exalt you in due time.” A person who reverences God will be a humble person. A person who reverences God will be given wisdom.

Notice the course of reverence for God—it leads to understanding and knowledge of the holy things of God. When a person reverences God, the Lord speaks to Him from His word and gives him understanding in the Scriptures. Reverence is a pre-requisite for grasping the deep things of God’s Word.

A person can read the Bible, but without the Spirit of God opening his understanding, one will not understand the deep truths of God’s Word. A reverent person is a wise person, a reverent person is a humble person. A reverent person is a blessed person.

Reverence for God leads to a successful and productive life.



Bell Toll Ceremony November 2021 Honoring Deceased Veterans

Roger Descoteaux	69	US Army
Billy T. Hall	87	US Army
Henry “Stump” Brown	67	US Army
Joseph Wright DiLeonardo	78	US Army

The Abbeville County Veterans Organizations jointly sponsor a Bell Toll Ceremony on the last Friday of each month. The veteran’s names that have passed away in Abbeville County during the month or anyone who was missed in the previous month will have their names read. This includes men and women from Abbeville County who live in other areas. The names will also include any military service member from South Carolina who was killed while on active duty. As each name is read, the Liberty Bell replica, “Big Bob” is struck once as a token of our respect and appreciation for each Veteran who served and for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Please join for this solemn ceremony on the Abbeville square at 1 pm, November 26th. Also, all veterans are welcomed to the American Legion meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Supper is served at 5PM and the meeting is at 6PM.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Due West, S.C., Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing and Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021, in Council Chambers, 103 Main St., Due West, S.C.

The Purpose of Public Hearing and Meeting will be to Review a Zoning Change of Property at the Corner of Gordon Street and Carver Street Extension, Formerly Carver School, Parcel ID 035-09-03-005. Due West Robotics is Requesting a Change from Residential R-3 to Commercial C-1.

A Special Called Council Meeting Will Follow at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021, in Council Chambers, for the First Reading on Ordinance No. 06-2021 “An Ordinance to Change the Above Property from Residential R-3 to Commercial C-1.”



The Abbeville High School Panthers (in white jerseys) took on Gray Collegiate (in dark jerseys) Friday night and lost, on a cold November evening, 31-15. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Ron Dye claims football contest prize

By Henry E. Green
Ron Dye of Elberton, GA, wins this week's contest, "missing only four picks," said Contest Editor Lamar T. West.

Dye picked Louisville in the Number 12 pick, and the Contest Editor believed he meant to say "Louisiana," as Louisville was not one of the choices, West said.

"We of course had to count the Louisville pick as incorrect," West said. "Mr. Tie Breaker' saved the day for Ron and John Reidmiller also missed only four picks."

The total number of points scored came to 790. Ron Dye submitted 792 as his guess for the total number of points, and John Reidmiller guessed 920 points would be scored.

"Only one week left," said West. "Pick the winners and

win \$50. Good luck to all!"

We can remember this week as one in which both Carolina and Clemson fans were immensely pleased.

The Charming Kitties rolled over Wake Forest in Death Valley, and the upset definitely helped Clemson's cause in their hunt for the ACC title.

And Carolina played a whale of a game, in their come-from-behind win over Auburn. The Gamecocks, with the win, became bowl-eligible, and now look forward to their season-ending battle with Clemson.

Who will win the Palmetto Bowl? It's hard to say. Both teams are coming off exciting wins, and both seem to have improved as the season has progressed.

We predict that... oops! The Crystal Ball just went

dark.

As for the rest of the country, Ohio State, which made Michigan State into a mince-meat pie with a 56-7 win this week at the Horseshoe, will visit Michigan's "Big House" for their annual battle.

The Buckeyes have dominated the series in recent years, but this just might be Michigan's year. The Wolverines have looked impressive, aside from their meltdown in their loss to Michigan State.

And look what's happening in the Sunshine State. Florida coach Dan Mullen was given his walking papers Sunday after the Gators lost in overtime to Missouri.

Mullen was 34-15 with the Gators, and his replacement will be the fourth Gators coach in eight seasons, according to ESPN.

Abbeville concludes season

AHS Panthers lose to War Eagles, 31-15

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville High School lost to Gray Collegiate 31-15 Friday night in Winnsboro.

War Eagle running back K.Z. Adams rushed for three touchdowns and 312 yards, and Abbeville suffered three turnovers.

The loss eliminated the Panthers from the state playoffs, and AHS finished the season 12-1.

Following the game AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles said that the War Eagles were more "physical", during the contest.

The Eagles scored first, but Abbeville, which had 302 yards of offense for the night, got on the score board thanks to a 10-yard scoring run by Antonio Harrison.

In the second quarter, Gray Collegiate recovered a Panther fumble, leading to an Eagle touchdown, and with the PAT good, Gray Collegiate led 21-6.

Abbeville's C.J. Vance returned a kickoff to the AHS 43, and the Panthers took advantage of the excellent field position to mount a touchdown drive, with AHS quarterback Zay Rayford finding the end zone on a four-yard run.

Abbeville attempted a two point conversion but it was unsuccessful, and the War Eagles led 21-12.

Abbeville got on the board again with a 45-yard field goal, but that was as close as the Panthers were able to get, while the War Eagles scored another touchdown, and added a field goal.

The Panthers were mounting a promising drive when the War Eagles recovered a fumble deep in Gray territory.

The War Eagles also intercepted an Abbeville pass, on a night when the Panthers turned the ball over three times--highly

unusual for a team which had protected the ball well during much of the regular season.

The game was played at Fairfield Central High School in Winnsboro because it provided a neutral site for the two teams. Gray Collegiate is located in West Columbia.

Despite the loss, AHS did have some shining moments from the season.

Panther Jeremiah Lomax, for example, was honored at a recent school board meeting. A Shrine Bowl selection, Lomax was also chosen to participate in the Touchdown Energy Bowl.

He won acclaim during the season for his string of "pick sixes."

The Panthers, moreover, clinched the Region championship during the regular season.



The Abbeville High School Panthers (in white jerseys) lost to Gray Collegiate in Winnsboro Friday night in the third round of the state playoffs in varsity football. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

AHS alumnus catches TD pass in USC victory

By Henry E. Green
University of South Carolina fans were just this side of ecstatic when their beloved Gamecocks came from behind to defeat Auburn 21-17 Saturday--and one reason they did was because of an Abbeville High School alumnus.

Trai Jones, who saw duty on the offensive line during his days on the Abbeville High School football team, is now playing for the Gamecocks, and scored on a three yard touchdown reception during the Carolina win.

Jones, who graduated in

2020 from Abbeville High School, was a Shrine Bowl selection during his time at AHS, said AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles Tuesday.

Nickles described him as a young man of enormous talent.



The Panther mascot was ready to roar at the Abbeville High School /Gray Collegiate football game in Winnsboro recently, in the third round of the state playoffs. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Abbeville High School alumnus Trai Jones is now playing football for the University of South Carolina Gamecocks, and he had a touchdown reception during South Carolina's recent 21-17 victory over Auburn. (Photo courtesy of David Lawrence)

Mailing rates spur increase

The Press and Banner will be raising its subscription rates beginning in December.

A year's subscription will be going up to \$45 beginning with the December billing for people living in Abbeville County and neighboring counties.

For people living elsewhere the subscription rate will be rising to \$60 a year.

The increase is motivated by an increase in the U.S. Postal Service's plan to raise mailing rates.

Rates on periodicals have

increased by more than eight percent, an increase felt by small dailies and weekly newspapers.

The Postal Service's rise in rates has not been welcome news for a newspaper industry which, according to reports, has struggled considerably over the past two decades.

Advertising has been dealt a blow due to the Internet, and more than 2,100 newspapers in the United States have closed in the past 15 years, according to published reports.



The Abbeville High School Panthers geared up for the Abbeville/Gray Collegiate football game Friday night in Winnsboro in the third round of the state playoffs. AHS lost to Gray Collegiate 31-15. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Legals

NOTICE OF MASTER'S FORECLOSURE SALE

CASE NO. 2021-CP-01-00150

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **Abbeville and McCormick Counties Habitat for Humanity, Inc. a/k/a Abbeville/McCormick Habitat for Humanity, Inc.** against **Sarah L. Carroll; et al., I, the Master-in-Equity for Abbeville County**, will sell at public auction on the **6th of December, 2021, at 2:00 PM**, at the **Abbeville County Courthouse, Courtsquare, Abbeville, South Carolina**, to the highest bidder the following described property:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land together with improvements thereon situate, lying and being in City and County of Abbeville, South Carolina, being more particularly

shown and designated as Lot B-29 and Part of Lot B-30 of Crestview Subdivision as shown on plat thereof prepared by N. Wayne Reynolds, RELS, dated October 10, 2000, and recorded in Plat Book 52 at Page 17, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County, which is incorporated herein by reference and made part and parcel hereof. According to said plat of survey the within parcels are contiguous and when taken together as a whole contain 0.47 acres and front for a distance of 137.38 feet on Hunter Street and extends back therefrom along its northern boundary for a distance of 146.16 feet, more or less, and for a distance of 152.10 feet along its southern boundary, and is bounded in the rear along its western boundary for a total distance of 139.07 feet, more or less, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Lot

B-31 and part of Lot B-30 (a parcel containing in the aggregate 0.45 acres); on the east by Hunter Street; on the south by Lot B-28; and on the west by Lots B-3 and B-2. Reference is made to the aforesaid plat of survey for courses, distances, metes and bounds.

This is the identical property conveyed to Abbeville and McCormick Counties Habitat for Humanity, Inc. by deed of Deborah T. Harrison dated December 21, 2010, and recorded in the OCC for Abbeville County in Deed Book 286 at Page 163. Abbeville and McCormick Counties Habitat for Humanity, Inc. subsequently conveyed said property to Sarah L. Carroll by deed dated November 14, 2014, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County in Book 308 at Page 206 on November 18, 2014, and corrective deed dated December 15,

2015, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County in Book 315 at Page 354 on January 11, 2016.

TMS #: 122-10-02-006.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the **Master-in-Equity** at the conclusion of the bidding five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the same to be applied to the purchase price in the case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance with the terms of sale. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within **thirty (30)** days of the close of bidding, then the **Master-in-Equity** may

re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day at the risk of the said highest bidder until obtaining full compliance with the terms of sale.

As no personal or deficiency judgment is being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale.

Purchaser to pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of **0.00%** per annum.

Sale is subject to any past due or accruing assessments, property taxes, easements, and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances. If Plaintiff or Plaintiff's rep-

resentative does not appear at the scheduled sale of the above-referenced property, the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement.

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 before the foreclosure sale date. The property will be sold without any warranty or representation as to title or otherwise by Plaintiff or Plaintiff's counsel to purchasers at the foreclosure sale or other third parties.

Dana M. Lahey, LLC
2 Whitsett Street
Greenville, SC 29601
Phone: 864.515.3079

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Classifieds & Legals

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: Patrea C. Bowser
Date of Death: 8/15/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100295
Personal Representative: Phillip Bowser
Address: 238 South Main St. Due West, SC 29639
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Estate: Jimmy E. Lofis
Date of Death: 10/6/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100297
Personal Representative: Lorrie Walters & Amy L. Alley
Address: 1004 N. Main St. Abbeville, SC 29620 & 303 Haltiwanger Rd. Greenwood, SC 29649
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Estate: Paul Chayka aka Pavel Chayka
Date of Death: 8/6/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100302
Personal Representative: Nataliay Chayka
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Estate: James Blanding White, Sr.
Date of Death: 10/20/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100303
Personal Representative: John M. White
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Estate: Harold Thomas Loftis
Date of Death: 6/03/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100304
Personal Representative: Thomas William Loftis
Address: 529 Marion St. Calhoun Falls, SC 29628
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Estate: Robert T. Edmunds
Date of Death: 12/19/2020
Case Number: 2021ES0100202
Personal Representative: Geneva Clinkscales
Address: 102 Thomas St. Calhoun Falls, SC 29628
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Estate: Steven Owen Brown
Date of Death: 06/08/2021
Case Number: ES0100280
Personal Representative: Deborah Anne Lariccia Brown
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Estate: Tammie Denise McClain-Irby
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Case Number: 2021ES0100306
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Estate: Keenan Dagnal Kelly
Date of Death: 10/3/2021
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Personal Representative: Sandra Beth Jones Kelly
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Estate: Thales Emerson Mims
Date of Death: 10/25/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100309
Personal Representative: Gregory Mims
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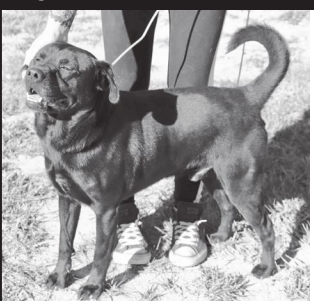
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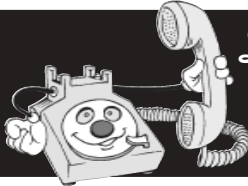
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New greenhouse making news at Dixie

By Henry E. Green

A new greenhouse is being erected at Dixie High School, according to Dixie agriculture teacher Josh Murdock.

"The structure should be completed by Thanksgiving break," Murdock said. "Now we'll have two greenhouses."

Each greenhouse will take in about 1,100 square feet, and one will provide a production area for vegetables and ferns, and the other is for hanging baskets and annual bedding plants.

Murdock says that his ag science and horticulture students raise the plants, overseeing everything from germinating seeds to producing a finished crop.

In short, the greenhouse and its contents provide a teaching tool, which Abbeville and Calhoun Falls Charter have latched on

to, as both of those schools have greenhouses as well.

Meanwhile, at Dixie, the School District is funding construction of the new greenhouse. Money for plants and potting soil comes from FFA fundraisers, along with EIA funds generated through the state.

"We sell Chick-fil-A biscuits every Friday," he said.

In addition, all money generated from the greenhouse goes to support FFA activities, such as attending FFA conventions and presenting the annual Dixie FFA banquet.

The FFA also presents a plant sale held around the end of March or the first part of April.

"We raise all sorts of annual flowers," he said.

Vegetables, too, are greenhouse-grown at Dixie.

"Tomatoes are probably our biggest seller," he said.

Peppers, cucumbers, and eggplant are among the other veggies on the Dixie greenhouse menu.

The overall goal of the project, including the new greenhouse, is to create an outdoor agriculture facility at Dixie.

"This is just another step toward getting that accomplished," he said.

This is something that will provide a hands-on version of academics.

"I'm really excited about it," he said. "This greenhouse will outlive me."

The Dixie agricultural area, interestingly, also contains a sawmill, in which agriculture students take logs and produce boards from them. The students have constructed a shelter for the sawmill, and Murdock takes satisfaction in seeing students involved in the production of boards from start to finish.



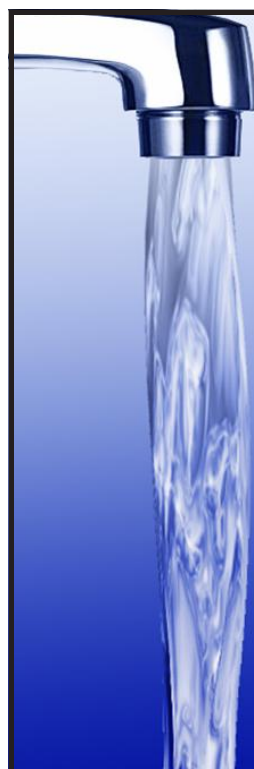
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