



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

Calhoun Falls has new police chief

CF looks to replenish town's police force

By Henry E. Green

Two Calhoun Falls police officers quit during a recent special Calhoun Falls Town Council meeting, and a third quit before the meeting, according to reports.

The resignations were in response to the hiring of a new Calhoun Falls chief of police, according to published reports.

Calhoun Falls had been without a chief since the retirement in December of Cynthia Kennedy.

At that Feb. 5 special called meeting, Town Council voted to hire Tim Richey as the new police chief.

Before the meeting, the Calhoun Falls Police Department had four members, but two of them quit during the meeting.

"One acted in a better manner than the other," said Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland.

One took off his badge during the meeting and forcefully put his badge on

the table, and one presented a letter of resignation, Holland said.

"We'll be fine," said Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland late last week.

As of Tuesday, the police department included Chief Tim Richey, Assistant Chief Perry Hill, and Officer Brady Cox.

The Town, he said, is being assisted by the Abbeville County sheriffs office in terms of law enforcement, and Abbeville County Sheriff

Ray Watson confirmed this Tuesday.

Richey has worked with the Calhoun Falls Police Department before, but he was discharged in 2008 from his duties as a police officer, because of an alleged violation of agency policy, according to published reports.

The Police Chief was not available for comment at press time.

Richey has worked with a number of law enforcement agencies in the Abbeville

County area, including the Due West Police, the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office, and City of Abbeville Police Department, among others, according to published reports.

He came to Calhoun Falls from the West Pelzer Police Department, said Holland.

The Town of Calhoun Falls is in the process of hiring new officers, the Mayor continued, sounding a note of optimism.

"Together we can," he said.

"Together we will."

There were also published reports to the effect that a third police officer resigned before the recent Calhoun Falls Town Council meeting.

There was also, according to published reports, a question about Richey's place of residence.

Richey has said he does live in Belton, but he is moving to property he owns on Lake Secession.

City receives Bundy Award from state

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville has won the Bundy Award for Tourism, given annually by the State of South Carolina, Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone told Abbeville City Council Wednesday night.

The City received it in recognition of its work to revitalize the Abbeville Opera House, Stone told Council.

"The City has applied for and received the State of South Carolina's Bundy Award for its revitalization of the Opera House," Stone said in a City Council memorandum.

"The Bundy Award is given annually by the State to the attraction, destination or development that helps rural communities reach their tourism potential. The Award will be placed in the Lobby of the Opera House for visitors to view."

"We actually received it today," Stone continued.

In other matters Wednesday night, Council passed second reading on an amendment ordinance of the City of Abbeville authorizing the rezoning of two parcels of land located at 829 East Greenwood Street from Residential to Highway

Commercial.

Stone said that the City has received no word on what, if anything, specifically would be constructed on the property.

In answer to questions from Council, the City Manager said that he had not received any "push back" from the community in connection with the planned rezoning.

The City Council meeting Wednesday night was conducted virtually, "due to the recent increased spread of COVID-19 in Abbeville," according to information from the City.



City of Abbeville Community Development Director Austin Walker accepted on behalf of the City of Abbeville the Bundy Award for tourism from Governor Henry McMaster and the Director of South Carolina Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, Duane Parrish. (Contributed photo)



The City of Abbeville is in the process of purchasing this building on West Pickens to make it a home for the City's Police Department. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Will Abbeville police find new home?

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville is in the process of buying a building on West Pickens with the hope of making it the home of the municipal police department, according to action taken by Abbeville City Council Wednesday night.

Abbeville City Council passed first reading Wednesday on an ordinance authorizing the purchase of property within the City of Abbeville.

The City has signed a contract to buy "real property" located at 104 West Pickens for \$200,000, according to the proposed ordinance.

"It is necessary to acquire additional facilities to adequately house public safety staff members," the proposed ordinance states.

The acquisition of the property "will allow for the City of Abbeville to separate the police department from court proceedings" to facilitate "a better separation of functions as desired by City Council."

The budget for the 2022 Fiscal Year will need to be amended to accommodate the purchase.

"The property is the former Home Health Care Building on W. Pickens," said Mike

Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer with the City of Abbeville.

He said that "pending Council approval at a second reading the plan is for the City to move forward with purchasing the building."

"The plan is for the building to be turned into the Municipal Police Department Building. Court will remain at its current location and that building may receive some renovations as well. So Fire and Court would remain in the current space, with Police moving to the new structure."

County Council gets favorable audit report

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County received a favorable audit report, according to a presentation provided to Abbeville County Council Monday night.

Ken Martin with Martin Smith and Company CPAs gave a report on the audit results for FY 2021, and said that the County had an unqualified opinion, a favorable report, on its audit. "Overall a very good report," Martin told Council.

The County has a fund balance of roughly \$7 million, although that does not mean that it is cash on hand, but assets over liabilities, County Director David Garner said.

The County has reserves to cover six to eight months of operations, Garner continued.

In other matters Monday night, County Council:

--Held a public hearing and passed second reading on an ordinance to authorize the County Director to enter into a lease with Rock Communications SC space located at the ball field at 750

U.S.-178 in Honea Path to locate a radio communications tower and a 10 foot by 12 foot building.

Had first reading on an ordinance to amend the Zoning Map for a parcel of land from a zoning district of Restricted Residential (R8) and Forest Agricultural (FA) to one of General Residential.

Had first reading on an ordinance to enter into a lease agreement with First Space for space located in the "County Office Building on Highway 28 Bypass in Abbeville."

All first readings are read into the record by the County Council chairman and a vote is not necessary.

Passed a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Walker Brothers, Inc., of Lexington, in the amount of \$11,000 for the purchase of two warning flashers on Industrial Park Road in Abbeville.

--Passed a proclamation honoring Ms. Abbye Light for being selected to par-

ticipate in the Miss South Carolina Pageant to be held in Columbia on June 25, 2022.

Light also recently won the title of Miss Abbeville High School.

--Passed a proclamation recognizing and honoring Hobart "Hobie" Erickson for his years of service to Abbeville County as a fire fighter.

Erickson, who recently celebrated his 95th birthday, has been recognized as the oldest active fire fighter in the state, according to reports.

--Held during the public comment period from Ann Davis, president of the Greater Abbeville Humane Society, who spoke on behalf of the Society.

The Abbeville County Animal Shelter, she said, had a problem with inadequate staffing--no fault of the staff.

--Held from Baxter Gamble of Abbeville about concerns relating to the closing of the County Prison Farm.



There was a standing-room-only crowd at the Feb. 14 Abbeville County Council meeting. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

The gulf between us 'Statue' resolution arouses debate

By Henry E. Green

Will the statue of John C. Calhoun come to Abbeville County?

County Council passed on Monday night a resolution authorizing the County Director to accept delivery of a John C. Calhoun statue located in Charleston.

Voting in opposition were Council members Charles Goodwin and John Calhoun.

It was all over a statue of a man who served as Vice President of the United States for a number of years, but who also owned slaves, and supported the institution of slavery.

Council passed the resolution before an overflow crowd.

There was an abundance of public comment before the vote, with some people speaking out in favor of the statue coming to Abbeville County and others in opposition.

Bill Rogers, an officer with the Abbeville County Historical Society, said that the statue should be brought to Abbeville County. John C. Calhoun, he said, had roots in what is now Abbeville County.

Calhoun served as Vice President for a time during the 19th century, and he held a number of other offices as well.

"The Abbeville County Historical Society strives to preserve, interpret and share all history related to Abbeville County, Rogers said in information he provided to The Press and Banner.

The Society would like the statue to "be placed in Abbeville County in front of our Abbeville County Museum. The Abbeville County Historical Society has recently taken over the running of that museum in addition to our headquarters."

Rogers said the statue could encourage tourism, and be a learning tool.

On the other hand, Brenda Anderson of Abbeville said

Monday during the public comment period that having the statue in Abbeville County would be a "slap in the face" to African Americans.

Christine Long, a member of Calhoun Falls Town Council, expressed similar views.

"Let that statue stay in Charleston or Columbia," she said.

There was voiced a sentiment that the statue could polarize the community.

There was also impassioned debate among Council members.

Council member Charles Goodwin said he had had a number of phone calls about the matter, which he wanted Council to discuss before taking any action.

Who would pay the expenses of moving the statue? What would be the purpose of moving it to Abbeville County?

"I have received many calls," he said.

County Council member John Calhoun said that it could be divisive for the County.

Council chairman Billy Norris said that Council was merely considering a resolution, and it does not mean that the County would get the statue.

The discussion continued, with Norris saying that there are statues throughout Abbeville County.

Goodwin, who is African-American, noted that Abbeville County up to this point had made progress in terms of racial relations.

He also underscored the unique perspective of African Americans.

"You've never been black," he at one point told Norris.

Council member John Calhoun, also African American, indicated that black people are still subject to less than friendly actions.

Council member Drew Simpson said that the community needs to come together to learn from history.

Goodwin made an amend-

ment to the motion to pass the resolution, an amendment that since he believed there was no transparency on the Council regarding the matter, and that Council should sit down and discuss the matter further.

That amendment failed 3-2-2. Goodwin and Calhoun voted in favor, and Bonds and Simpson abstained, and Norris, McCord and Campbell voted against it.

At the heart of the discussion was a resolution that stated in part:

"Abbeville County has been made aware of the removal of the John C. Calhoun statue from its location in Charleston, South Carolina.

"John C. Calhoun hailed from Abbeville County and was the highest elected official to hail from South Carolina as a two term Vice President of the United States.

"Given his polarizing political views and support of states' rights, Calhoun remains a significant historical figure throughout our nation and state; and,

"Abbeville County has numerous historical sites that would be appropriate for a statue of this nature as an historical artifact; while ensuring the prominence of the statue does not overshadow differing political opinions."

Museums in Columbia and Charleston have expressed interest in the statue, said Abbeville County Director David Garner Tuesday.

The statue has not officially been offered to Abbeville County, he went on to say.

There had been informal discussion among General Assembly members about an appropriate place for the statue, or that Calhoun had ties to.

The large statue had been in Charleston, and then it was taken down, and some people have been looking for another place to put it, according to Garner.

Angels in Abbeville

Lori Glace talks to Rotarians about the Christmas Angel Tree project

By Henry E. Green

Twelve hundred bikes, including 81 delivered just this year.

One set of corn hole boards.

And a set of particularly cherished skates.

These are among the presents which have delivered through Abbeville's Christmas Angel Tree program, which has been going strong for more than three decades, Angel Tree director Lori Glace told Abbeville Rotarians recently.

The concept is simple. Angel Tree looks to help hundreds of kids have a good Christmas.

Glace has calculated that 12,000 children have been served through the years through this ministry of Abbeville's Main Street United Methodist Church.

Donations from the community help fund Christmas

presents for hundreds of youngsters, helping make their Christmas just a little brighter, and referrals come from a variety of sources as well.

A retired kindergarten teacher, Glace is no stranger to the needs of children, and she has been able to attract resources from a variety of sources, from churches to civic clubs.

"All of us work together to answer God's call," she said.

The Abbeville Rotary Club, for example, presents every year at Christmastime a Reindeer Run, with proceeds going to the Angel Tree bike project.

That project makes way for the delivery of bicycles on Christmas Eve morning. To quote a song lyric, they're guaranteed to raise a smile.

Abbeville High School wrestling team members

help move things into Main Street's Greene Center, where presents are wrapped before Christmas.

There are the little girls who donate proceeds from their lemonade stand to Angel Tree.

"We've been doing Angel Tree 33 years," Glace told Rotarians. "It's totally faith-based."

And the project has grown exponentially. That first year, Glace recalled, 78 children were served. Today that number is closer to 600.

Glace has devoted herself wholeheartedly to this project.

"She works on this all year long," said Rotarian Ruth Bacon.

Glace, meanwhile, remains humble.

"God is good--all the time," she said.



There was a standing-room-only crowd at the Feb. 14 Abbeville County Council meeting. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Abbeville County Council recently passed a proclamation recognizing and honoring Hobart "Hobie" Erickson for his years of service to Abbeville County as a firefighter. Erickson, who recently celebrated his 95th birthday, was recognized as the oldest active firefighter in the state. Here is County Council chairman Billy Norris (left) reading the proclamation aloud to Erickson (center) and Donalds fire chief Ronnie Vaughn. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Trustees move closer to referendum

By Henry E. Green

(One of several referendum-related stories)

The Abbeville County School District is moving toward plans for a referendum in May, according to action taken by the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees at a special called school board meeting Thursday night.

The trustees are considering a cluster of capital improvements to be funded through the referendum.

Those improvements include building new wings at AHS and Dixie, and renovations and new construction at the Career Center, cafeteria and kitchen expansions at the high schools, and the options of building tracks and new gyms at the high schools, if the trustees so choose.

The trustees agreed Thursday night on a format for the referendum question package, which would include two questions.

The first question would be on funding academic improvements at Dixie and Abbeville high schools, and at the Abbeville Career Center.

The second question would be on funding athletic improvements. Those improvements would be approved only if the academic improvements were approved.

The trustees are expected to vote on a formal referendum resolution at their regular monthly meeting on Feb. 22.

The board discussed possible referendum questions, and a date for the referendum.

Mike Gallagher, a financial advisor, and Columbia attorney Francenia Heizer were present Thursday night at the meeting. The School District is working with them to prepare a referendum.

Heizer indicated that having a referendum in May would allow the District the opportunity to have another referendum during the general elections in November if the spring election does not pass.

School board chairman Brad Evans voiced his support for plans for a referendum. "I am fully supportive of what we're doing," he said.

The trustees discussed how much detail should be provided on the referendum question, and they discussed also whether to ask for funding for only the academic components, or whether athletic improvements, including tracks and gyms, should be included.

Trustee Tim Rhodes noted that if the referendum passes, the community would be faced with a tax increase, and he voiced concerns about the burden that would be imposed.

"Just do the academic part," he said. "It would be easier on the taxpayers."

Trustee Glynda Bryson indicated that new gyms might not be a bad thing.

She recalled going to a basketball game recently at Abbeville High School, and she found the gym to be both crowded and hot.

She added that sports

could be a motivator for the public in terms of having the referendum be approved.

What are the true feelings of the community on the matter of the referendum? "We really don't know until they vote," trustee James Tisdale said.

Trustee Adam Rich said that he agreed with trustees David Brooks and Keith Dunn, that the possible tax burden is a concern.

Trustee Joe Bryson had similar concerns, noting that he had been getting telephone calls all day from people asking how much their taxes would be going up.

Trustee Marvin Peoples noted that the motto of the School District is "putting students first."

"These kids deserve the best we can offer," he said. "I believe it can be done."

Numbers

The total budget for all the projects comes to an estimated \$58,900,000, according to figures quoted at the Jan. 25 school board meeting.

That includes academic

wings at AHS and Dixie, new cafeterias and kitchens at the high schools, work at the Career Center, tracks at Dixie and AHS, and locker rooms and gymnasiums at Dixie and AHS.

The price tag for academic wing additions at AHS and Dixie would be \$33,200,000; cafeterias and kitchens at the two schools, \$9,200,000; work at the Career Center, \$4,600,000; tracks at Dixie and AHS, \$1,600,000, and locker rooms and gymnasiums at the two schools, \$10,300,000.

The referendum is still a work in progress, however, and the questions have yet to be finalized.

Thursday night, the board agreed to Version 3 of several referendum question versions that had been prepared for Thursday's meeting.

"Mr. Tisdale made a motion to accept the Version 3 format with square footage added for academic wings and cafeterias, and bullets in question 2 with gymnasiums first and tracks

second," according to information from the District.

"Trustee Glynda Bryson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously."

The new academic wing at AHS, if approved, would take in 46,300 square feet, while the one at Dixie would take in 22,935, and the

kitchen and serving area at each high school 9,400 square feet, the District reported.



The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees held a special called meeting Thursday. Here, trustee Marvin Peoples (right) is making a point, as trustees Keith Dunn and Glynda Bryson listen. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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County Council

Council pondering lease agreement

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County Council is in the process of leasing space in the former Abbeville County Office Building to Abbeville County First Steps.

Abbeville County Council had first reading Monday night on Ordinance 2022-03, an ordinance to authorize the County Director to enter into a lease with First

Steps for space located in the old Abbeville County Administration Building at 394 Highway 28 Bypass, Abbeville.

All first readings are read into the record by the County Council chairman, and no vote is taken.

The ordinance must pass through a second reading and a third reading, and have a public hearing, before it can take effect.

Second reading and the public hearing are slated for March, and third reading for April.

Abbeville County First Steps is part of a statewide early childhood education initiative to help prepare children to enter the first grade.



The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce's Daddy Daughter Dance at the Abbeville Civic Center featured considerable amounts of dancing, as seen here. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Daddy-Daughter event big success

By Henry E. Green

Presented by the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, the Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday night at the Abbeville Civic Center was a big success, according to Chamber executive director Anna LaGrone.

"It was a wonderful event with a great turnout," she said.

It was a sell-out event, with 250 couples tickets sold, said LaGrone, characterizing it as a successful fund-raiser for the Chamber.

The event would not have been such a success without the hard work of Chamber volunteers, she went on to say.

"I want to thank in particular Karen and Dale Sherwood, Melissa Cowart and her family, Jimmy Wilson, Nicole Quinn, Tequila Baxter, Janet Williams, and Karen Marsh, for their generosity and willingness to serve," she said.

The event, of course, was a bonding experience for fathers and their elementary and middle school age daughters.

There was food, of course, and a DJ, with plenty of dancing going on to the music of Bruno Mars and other recording artists guaranteed to provide happy feet.

Some dads were new to the event, and some were not. Kyle Shaw of Abbeville was there with his nine-year-old daughter Emily. They attended last year's gathering as well.

For Daniel Rudmann of Due West and his six year old daughter Rebekah, Friday night's party marked the first Chamber Daddy Daughter Dance.

For Josh Baughman of Abbeville and his daughter Adalyn, Friday night's gathering continued a tradition which began a number of years ago.

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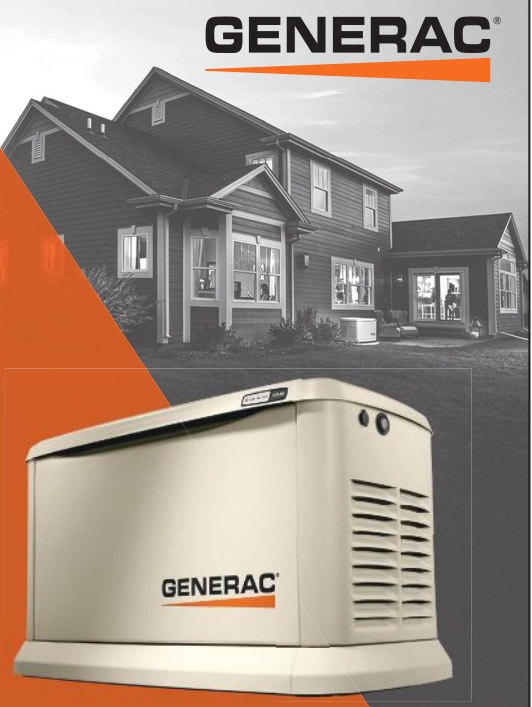
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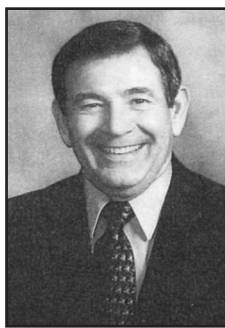
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Matthew 23:37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! (38) Behold, your house is left unto desolate."

Somewhere I came across this poem. I do not know who the author is, but it goes like this: "The saddest words of tongue and pen are the words that might have been."

That is exactly what Jesus is expressing in these two short but profound verses. You can hear the pathos in His voice as He exclaims, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem..." The pain of Jesus is palpable. In this passage Jesus was agonizing over the lost condition of His people. Jesus was hurting because of their sinful rebellion and their shameful treatment of the prophets He sent to them. Not only did they refuse to listen to His prophets, but they killed them for sharing the message He sent to them. Jesus was grieving over the sinful condition of His people that will ultimately lead to their destruction. Jesus was grieving over the fact that Jerusalem never did reach their full potential. The nation of Israel had so much going for them but they never reached the

full extent of their potential because they were not willing to submit to God. Rather than listen to the ones God sent to help them, they killed them. Jesus was willing to gather them under His wing like a mother hen does her chicks, but they refused. The only alternative was the pronouncement of woe—"Behold your house is left unto you desolate." What a sad pronouncement. The worship in Jerusalem continued on for another 37 years but the sad fact was, God was not part of it. Their worship continued every sabbath day but without the power and presence of God. Thirty-seven years after Jesus made this pronouncement Titus came and destroyed the temple and even scraped the stones.

Does any of this ring a bell with you? Can you see a parallel with our nation? God has sent preachers to our nation for the last 50 years but to no avail—our nation has not paid the least bit

of attention to them. In our modern culture the very ones who speak against what the dominant mindset of the day is get canceled—their voices are censored on social media, the news media will not give them the time of day, and they are made fun of and hounded by the mindless hordes of the far left. I wonder how often God has held out His arms to our nation pleading with us to forsake the killing of innocent babies in the mother's womb and we would not listen.

Have you ever wondered how God felt when our nation embraced same sex marriage for the sake of political expedience? I imagine He wept just like Jesus did over Jerusalem.

In Matthew 23:37-38, Jesus wept over Jerusalem because they had gone too far and it was too late to turn back.

I don't know if our nation has reached that point yet, but if we haven't, we are pretty close.

City to help support Library outreach effort

By Henry E. Green

City Council passed a resolution authorizing allocation of \$10,000 to be distributed to the Abbeville County Library in recognition of their public outreach efforts.

The Library has pursued a number of initiatives, including the alternative space for learning and creativity in the Abbeville County Library, and free wi-fi for the downtown Square area.

Each of these programs is free to the public and offers a benefit through a governmental entity in the area that the City does not provide.

The Library has requested \$10,000 in financial support from the City to continue their initiatives and their mission to the Abbeville community.

Through the resolution, Council authorized the allocation of funds to be distributed to the Library for the purpose of supporting

free downtown wi-fi and the alternative learning and creativity space.

Other municipalities within Abbeville County have offered the Library similar financial support, according to Mike Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer with the City.

City Council also agreed Wednesday night to update the City Code of Ordinances to reflect an updating of the list of polling places in the City.

The Abbeville County Voter Registration and Elections Board has updated the list of polling locations.

The former list includes the Abbeville Civic Center, the Abbeville County Courthouse, the Rescue Squad Building on Long Branch Street, and Westside Baptist Church.

The new list includes the Abbeville Civic Center, Abbeville County Courthouse, Abbeville Administrative

Complex, and the Abbeville County Fire Department Headquarters.

Council agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding, an update to an agreement previously approved by City Council.

The MOU is an update to an agreement previously approved by City Council, Stone told Council.

It allows the Marine Forces Special Operations Command to conduct trainings within the City.

"Trainings will be low impact and low visibility, conducted with participating private property owners and will not involve direct contact with local civilians," Stone said, adding that the "Officer in Charge will notify local law enforcement prior to any training."

"It's very engaging and very educational," Stone told Council Wednesday night.

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Moon provides transit system update

Becky Moon, executive director for the McCormick County Senior Center and McCormick County Transit, recently provided an update on the transit system that MAT Trans is providing here in Abbeville County.

"The good news is that we transported 41 passengers in January, which is an increase over December, and the calls inquiring about or request transportation are also increasing every month," she said.

"We have been watching the trends of who is using the system and where, and Calhoun Falls and Due West are the least to request transportation or to call and inquire about the system. To make the best of the grant funds, we have decided to make a major change to the transportation offering that we hope will jump start the request and increase the overall daily passenger count.

"Effective immediately, we will now be transporting passengers to Greenwood. We will no longer have a

day for Calhoun Falls, or a day for Due West, and two days for Abbeville. We will be opening up the service area and service types so that anyone in Abbeville County can have access to the system; however, we will require a two day request if the passenger lives 10+ miles from the Abbeville City Square. We are making this change because the core of the requests are coming from the Abbeville city area. We will continue to provide our normal service hours to Abbeville County, Monday – Thursday, 7:30 am – 5:00 pm.

"We will be coordinating with our vehicles that in Greenwood with a transfer point at the Greenwood County Line at 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. With this being said, all passengers in the Abbeville area can now schedule trips to Greenwood that will include a pick-up in Abbeville, a transfer at the Abbeville County Line to a bus that services Greenwood. Passengers will hop off the Abbeville bus, get

onto the Greenwood bus, and then be dropped off for appointments and shopping in Greenwood. The passengers must complete their business in Greenwood by 1:00 pm to be picked back up by the Greenwood bus and delivered back to the Abbeville County line to hop off the Greenwood bus and get back on the Abbeville bus to be transported home.

"We are not doing away with the transportation options for Calhoun Falls and Due West. We will continue to service the areas Monday – Thursday; however, we will be taking those appointments and working them into our schedule for the Abbeville City and area trips. This means that the Calhoun Falls and Due West passengers will have to plan ahead for their trips, call the office at least 2 days before their trip requests."

The transit system, launched last year, seeks to address a need identified by agencies such as United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County.

Abbeville County has low jobless rate

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County is holding its own in terms of unemployment figures, with the unemployment rate from December, the most current rate, standing 3.6 percent, according to Ann Skinner, the work force development director with Upper Savannah Council of Governments.

The rate for South Carolina

as a whole is 3.3 percent, and for the United States it is 3.7 percent.

The unemployment rate is indeed low, but this means different things to different people, Skinner said.

"For job seekers 'low' is good," she said. "For employers it's bad because there's not as much choice." Hiring requirements set down by employers tend to

become more flexible when this kind of situation arises.

In terms of Abbeville's neighboring counties, Greenwood has the same jobless rate—3.6 percent.

Meanwhile, Anderson's rate stands at three percent, and McCormick's rate stands at 3.8 percent, Skinner continued.

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Your doctor has ordered a Colonoscopy. What questions should you ask?

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What training in colonoscopy did the doctor receive?

They must first complete a three-year Internal Medicine residency and are then eligible for additional specialized training in Gastroenterology. Gastroenterologists receive dedicated training in endoscopy (upper endoscopy, sigmoidoscopy, and colonoscopy) by expert instructors. This fellowship is 3 years long so by the time Gastroenterologists have completed their training, they have had 6 or more years of additional specialized education following medical school.

Can the doctor diagnose and treat any findings on colonoscopy?

Gastroenterologists learn how to properly interpret the findings and biopsy results of these studies in order to make appropriate recommendations to treat conditions and/or prevent cancer. A non-GI physician may not be able to provide on-going treatment for specific and often chronic gastrointestinal conditions.

What makes Gastroenterologists different?

Studies have shown that Gastroenterologists perform higher quality colonoscopy examinations and comprehensive consultative services when compared to other physicians. This translates into more accurate detection of polyps and cancer by colonoscopy when performed by Gastroenterologists. It is this ability to provide more complete, accurate, and thorough care for patients with gastrointestinal conditions, which distinguishes Gastroenterologists from other physicians that provide some similar services.

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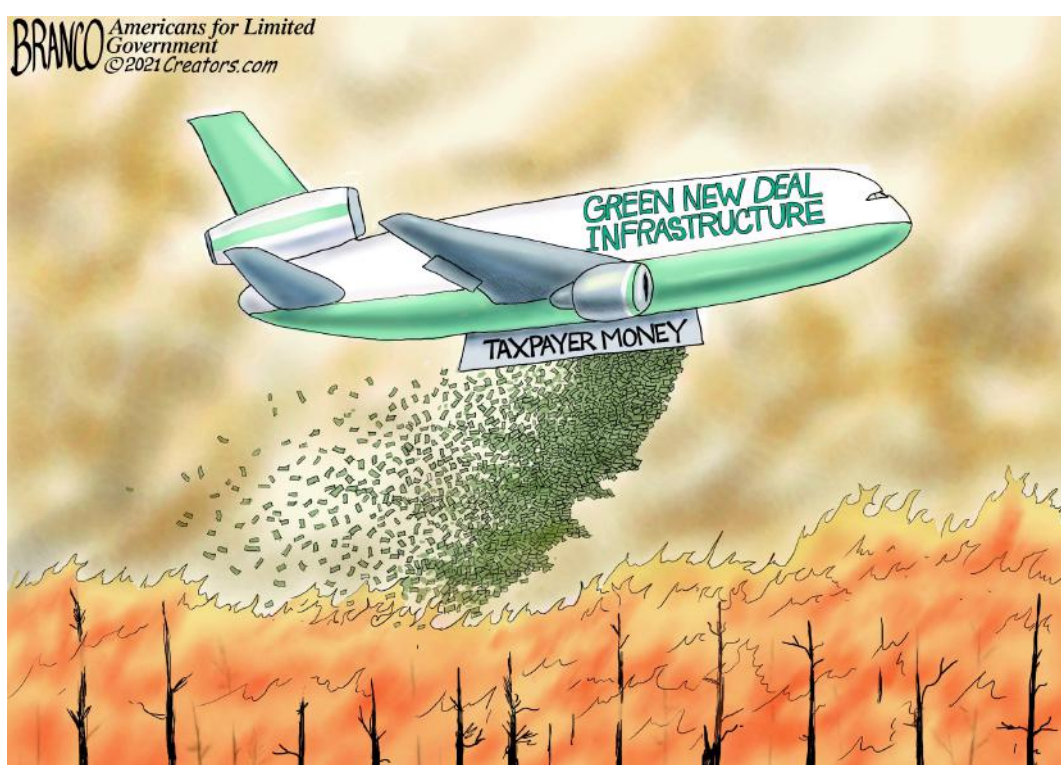


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Scott Introduces Bill to Improve Health Care for Those Eligible for Both Medicare and Medicaid

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) introduced the Supporting Care for Dual Eligibles Act to improve health care for individuals who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare.

“Individuals who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid have some of the greatest health needs in our nation, yet they are often left with fragmented care,” said Senator Scott. “As ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, I’m committed to ensuring our most vulnerable populations receive

the care they need, and improving the coordination between these two distinct health programs will do just that.”

Sen. Scott’s bill would: Provide a \$100 million grant for timely, targeted assistance to state Medicaid programs to improve care for dually eligible beneficiaries;

Permit state Medicaid offices to use their grant money for a wide variety of purposes, including hiring new workers, improving the sign-up process for beneficiaries, or developing their

understanding of Medicare; Be paid for by increasing the frequency of Medicaid Payment Error Rate Measurement Audits from every three years to every two years.

This morning, Sen. Scott, ranking member of the Senate Aging Committee, held a hearing with Chairman Bob Casey (D-Pa.) on improving health care for dually eligible individuals. Click here for the full hearing and here for Sen. Scott’s opening remarks. Internship coordinator at internships@scott.senate.gov or (202) 224-6121.



Scott, Rubio and Colleagues Introduce the CRACK Act

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.), along with Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) and several of their Republican colleagues, introduced the Cutting off Rampant Access to Crack Kits (CRACK) Act. The bill would amend Section 2706 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) to prohibit any funds from directly or indirectly purchasing, supplying, or distributing crack pipes or similar drug paraphernalia.

“The thought of taxpayer money funding crack pipe distributions could not be more ludicrous,” said Senator Scott. “But after a year of ludicrous policies and conflicting statements from the Biden administration, Republicans are leaving nothing up to chance. I’m

proud to join my colleagues in introducing this bill to ensure our federal government does not fuel dangerous drug addictions at the expense of American taxpayers.”

“I am glad the Biden Administration acknowledges sending crack pipes to our nation’s addicts is a bad idea,” said Senator Rubio. “It is pure insanity to think the federal government would fund crack pipe distribution. This legislation will make certain the program can never pay for crack pipes, and given the Biden Administration’s position I look forward to their vigorous support.”

Earlier this week, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) appeared to confirm that part of the \$30 million grant

program would go toward “smoking kits/supplies,” which frequently includes crack pipes.

The Biden administration then reversed course, prompting the outcry of activist groups that argue “pipe distribution is healthcare.”

The CRACK Act was also cosponsored by Senators Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), John Kennedy (R-La.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), John Thune (R-S.D.), and John Barrasso (R-Wyo.).

Commentary

Trustees move to spend: Take inflation seriously

By Lamar T. West, Sr.
Abbeville County School system: where our children and young adults attend school and strive for an education which can send one through life as a fairly intelligent and learned person.

Hopefully, upon graduating, our youth have the ability to read and write, add and subtract, multiply and divide.

Reading comprehension should be, first and foremost, the aspect of one’s education that takes them the furthest in life. Being able to read and comprehend is of fundamental importance. One certainly can be instructed to do a particular job or task and do it well, but if you can read and comprehend why and how what you are doing works, you can consider yourself educated and not just “trained.”

If it boils down to training, quite a few employers could just go to “rent-a-chimp” to get the job done.

I would hope employers are looking for employees that can help grow the company and further a person’s education so that person flourishes in terms of innovative ideas and techniques to make tasks/jobs more efficient and “better.” To be able to understand and comprehend, one needs an education -- not just a training program.

Do we need better schools?

The answer to this question depends on your definition of “better.” Herein is where education and comprehension can be a big help. Better is always better, so we will not deny we need better schools.

Does better mean bigger, though? Does better mean newer? Does better mean more schools? We can assure there are as many opinions on the subject as there are people, but there is only one truth.

We have three high schools in Abbeville County. Financially (tax from indus-

tries/non-primary homes) and population (students wishing to attend school in Abbeville County), we cannot justify three high schools teaching the same programs to all students.

With three high schools and a career center in our county, maybe from sophomore year forward, each school should specialize in different but particular programs.

This is something our school board could discuss with our state department of education and utilize what we have *without* spending an additional 58 million dollars!

The basics are and always have been reading, writing, and arithmetic, and these and their variants, of course, should all be taught in schools.

As one progresses in their education from 8th grade through senior year, one has typically already discovered where one’s interests, strengths, weaknesses, and talents lie. Throughout these years of education, one has been able to experience elements of life that they may have never previously known existed.

Education is of primary importance, and we definitely need to strive to have the materials we need to provide our children with a thorough education. Materials, however, do not necessarily include new facilities.

We know for at least the past eight years that our school board (which has changed) has emphasized the need for a new high school. Maybe we do need that, but over the past eight years has the school board put any money aside or saved any funds for the construction of new wings or cafeterias or gymnasiums?

Are all the businesses and industries and people in Abbeville County having more expendable income all of a sudden than in years past? Maybe that in people with the extra cash will be happy

to donate to the school district for some much needed new facilities. Most facilities, homes, and such in Abbeville County are being refurbished and put back in good working order.

New gymnasiums sound like a great idea. We believe the City of Abbeville is also in need of a new gymnasium. Perhaps the City of Abbeville and the Abbeville School District could work together on building a coliseum. After all, the money comes from the same pockets. Dixie should be able to work out some deal with Erskine College. Where there’s a will, there’s a way.

We would encourage Abbeville County School Board to *read and comprehend* the latest article entitled “The president must start taking inflation seriously,” submitted by Richard Eckstrom, South Carolina’s Comptroller General, before we vote to go out on a \$58 million limb.

Most school districts were given millions of dollars during the “pandemic” and, per my tax return, I am paying the same (if not more) taxes this year than last.

With reassessment and inflation, our taxes are not going down. In fact, we are going to need to stretch every little dollar a little bit further just to get to work and go to the grocery store.

If voting with your *heart*, you vote yes on the referendum. Heck, if voting with your heart, let’s rebrick the whole Square and fix all the potholes around the towns.

Just do like “Uncle Sam” (or should I say “Uncle Joe”) does. Just write the check and spend the money. Let’s just endlessly spend into oblivion! What could go wrong? Feds are spending TRILLIONS, maybe they will just send a few million our way. We could ask our Congressman James E. Clyburn from Orangeburg to GIVE it to us, as he and “Uncle Joe” are, pretty tight.

The president must start taking inflation seriously

By Richard Eckstrom, S.C. Comptroller

Having left inflation unchecked for so long, the challenge now for the White House and the Federal Reserve Board is keeping soaring prices from overwhelming family budgets without triggering a recession. It’s a delicate balance. Are they up to the challenge?

So far, the president’s actions don’t inspire much confidence.

The White House spent much of last year downplaying the threat of inflation – even as most of us could see the price hikes in our grocery receipts and at the gas pump. When prices rose too sharply to be ignored, the White House spun it as “transitory,” or temporary, inflation brought on by pandemic-related crimps in supply chains. But that ignores the role that printing trillions of dollars in the name of “pandemic relief” played in creating a surge in consumer demand, thus feeding inflation. (Increasing the amount of money circulating in an economy relative to the amount of goods and services available for purchase is a recipe for inflation – and not the temporary kind.)

The numbers are in, and consumer prices rose a whopping 7 percent in 2021 – a four-decade high. Americans are shelling out more and more for food, gas and



Richard Eckstrom

bills. The “transitory” argument has shown itself to be false, and the White House has belatedly abandoned such talk.

Either the president badly misread the inflation threat, or he wasn’t being level with the public. I suspect it was the latter; after all, he had spending plans to push... and the prospect of sustained inflation potentially threw a monkey wrench into those plans. Either way, the White House’s credibility on inflation matters has taken a big hit, and it’s a self-inflicted wound.

The president’s most recent spin is that corporate greed is to blame for ballooning consumer costs. But that’s not a serious assertion. Businesses didn’t become greedy last year and decide all at once to gouge their customers. Demand soared following a federal spending binge combined with Americans saving by

staying home in the early months of the pandemic. So baffling is this latest White House argument that the Washington Post – one of the news outlets most inclined to support the president – panned his “bizarre message on inflation.”

Often called “the cruellest tax” because of the numerous ways it impacts people’s daily lives, inflation affects virtually everyone. It diminishes the purchasing power of families and businesses. Its sting is worst for those of lesser means and for seniors on fixed incomes, who tend to spend a greater proportion of their money on essentials like food and energy, which are most affected by inflation. Because inflation slashes the purchasing power of savings accounts, those at or near retirement may find their golden years less secure.

This is a time for serious leadership. The White House – as well as the Federal Reserve Board and Congress -- must be laser-focused on rolling back inflation. They must move with deliberation and resolve. And shooting a little straighter with the public can’t hurt, either.

Richard Eckstrom is a CPA and the state Comptroller. He’s president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers.

House week in review

**Rep. Craig A. Gagnon,
District 11--SC House of
Representatives
February 10, 2022**

It was a rather quiet week on the House floor. There were lots of things going on in full committees and the gates should open soon to a flood of bills.

I voted for the following:

H.3444, this is a bill to clarify State Election Commission Statewide Authority and Responsibilities. It would establish the ultimate authority of the State Election Commission to ensure standardized performance, conduct, and practices by county boards of elections and voter registration and that these local commissions are complying with applicable state or federal laws, as well as all State Election Commission policies, procedures, and regulations. In addition,

all candidates will have to pay filing fees, and may have to pay certification fees, whether or not they face a primary challenge. County boards would conduct all municipal elections. In its current form, this revised legislation also clarifies a voter's domicile for voting purposes.

The House passed, as amended, and sent to the Senate H. 4570, which relates to the issuance of special license plates to service. The bill reinserts the provision that disabled veterans are exempt from the regular motor vehicle registration fee. This provision was erroneously struck last year. The bill adds the Meritorious Service Medal to the list of special license plates for active or prior service members. It also reinserts the Support Our Troops special license plate that was erroneously struck last year. The bill repeals the

Members of Foreign Consulates special license plate since the US State Department has requested that all states repeal the plate due to misuse in other states.

I was granted leave on Wednesday, but The House amended, gave third reading and sent to the Senate H. 4504, a bill stating that the purchase of a watercraft motor may not be taxed more than the maximum sales tax.

As always, it is an honor to serve you in the State House. If you ever find yourself in need of assistance navigating state government, or if you have ideas on issues you want me to share with my colleagues in the House, please don't hesitate to contact me at home at (864) 366-4112 or in Columbia at (803) 212-6934 or by email at craiggagnon@southouse.gov.

SC Statehouse Reports 2022-The Senate--Senator Mike Gambrell

Legislative summary

**Senator Mike Gambrell
Legislative Summary
February 11, 2022**

On Monday, February 7th, it was my pleasure to welcome Governor Henry McMaster to Anderson at the Sargent Metal Plant Ribbon-cutting on their new expansion. Sargent Metal is a third generation, family owned business that has been providing metal fabrication solutions for over 45 years. The South Carolina continued its debate on The Compassionate Care Act this week, giving it Second Reading on Wednesday and Third Reading on Thursday. The legislation was amend-

ed multiple times in order to ease the concerns of many of the members of the Senate as well as law enforcement. If passed by the House and signed by Governor McMaster, the bill would allow people with doctor-approved medical conditions, such as but not limited to cancer, glaucoma, PTSD and multiple sclerosis to use marijuana in the forms of oils, salves, vaporizers or patches. South Carolinians could only get the marijuana through specific pharmacies, under the direction of a licensed Pharmacist. There are many provisions made to ensure that the medical condition can be verified and that

the products are produced under strict guidelines. The S. C. Department of Health and Environmental Control will create a commission to assist in promulgating regulations and evaluating the qualifications of those applying to establish a medical marijuana facility.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue.

I can be reached at my district address, Post Office Box 194, Honea Path, SC. 29654, 863-844-3614, or at my Columbia office, PO Box 143, Columbia, SC. 29202, 803-212-6032, or through my email address, Mike-Gambrell@sensenate.gov.

CDC's new study proves natural immunity is real and should lead to COVID policy changes

By Catherine Mortensen

A recently released study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7104e1.htm?s_cid=mm7104e1_w) showing that "persons who survived a previous [COVID] infection had lower case rates than persons who were vaccinated alone" should lead to COVID policy and mandates changes.

The six-month long study of four groups of people in California and New York offers the best evidence so far that natural immunity is real. The report indicates researchers knew as early as October that natural immunity was stronger at preventing COVID than vaccines alone, yet the CDC chose to withhold their findings until late January.

Throughout last fall, President Joe Biden and his administration aggressively pushed vaccine mandates on private employers, members of the military, federal contractors, and federal workers.

In mid-December President Biden held a news conference in which he warned Americans "We are looking at a winter of severe illness and death for the unvaccinated — for themselves, their families and the hospitals they'll soon overwhelm."

But the CDC knew at that time that millions of Americans already had natural immunity to COVID and ought to have been exempted from any vaccine mandates.

"This administration is the most dishonest in all of American history," said Richard

Manning, President of Americans for Limited Government. "Biden knew, or ought to have known in October that natural immunity was real, yet he chose to push mandates that impacted the livelihoods of about estimated 100 million Americans, nearly two-thirds of the American workforce."

It is unclear how many Americans with natural immunity lost their jobs because of the mandates. What is clear is that the mandates are not based on science.

"I'm not a medical doctor but I didn't need a CDC study to tell me that natural immunity is real," Manning said. "Vaccines are man's attempt to mimic naturally acquired immunity. There is no excuse for this administration's persistence in pushing bad science."

The Biden administration's mandates and CDC guidelines appear to have influenced private employers and organizations to adopt discriminatory policies toward unvaccinated Americans.

In November Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers and another player were fined by the NFL for attending a Halloween Party in violation of NFL COVID policies.

A tweet from ESPN's Kevin Seifert shows just what those policies are, at least as of last summer. Unvaccinated players are subject to all sort of harassment, including being tested every day, masked at club facilities and during travel, banned from sauna, banned from eating with teammates, banned from promotional work, and being told "they may not leave

hotel to eat in restaurants and may not interact with anyone outside of Team Traveling party during team travel."

In November Rodgers tested positive for COVID and spoke out against COVID mandates and discriminatory practices. So-called media fact checkers attacked Rodgers' claims of natural immunity as false.

"Where are those same fact checkers today?" Manning asked rhetorically. "Of course, they are nowhere to be found."

There hasn't been a single update, correction, or retraction from the so-called fact checkers on Rodgers' case.

And that is the problem with all of this. The Biden administration came into office promising to "follow the science," but as the science has changed, they have dogmatically pushed mandates based on outdated, debunked, and outright false information.

The new CDC study, combined with the research by Johns Hopkins University showing that lockdowns are ineffective at preventing COVID spread, ought to point policy makers in a new direction. House and Senate lawmakers in Washington should vote to defund all of Biden's vaccine mandates in next week's Continuing Resolution spending bill.

"Any lawmaker who claims to be for limited government but votes for a spending bill that includes vaccine mandates, will be held accountable in November," Manning concluded.

Catherine Mortensen is Vice President of Americans for Limited Government.

Hillary Clinton's spycgate against Trump campaign in 2016 has brought us to the brink of World War III

**By Robert Romano
Americans for Limited
Government**

The Hillary Clinton campaign in 2016 hired an internet company to falsely establish links between former President Donald Trump and Russia using data mining and other spying, surveillance which would continue at the Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House after Trump won the election and took office in 2017, according to a court filing by Special Counsel John Durham.

And it has, in part, helped bring the U.S. and Russia closer to war than we've been since at least the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 and the 1983 Soviet false nuclear alarm incident, where an early warning satellite system incorrectly alerted the USSR that the U.S. had launched a preemptive nuclear strike. In the latter case, fortunately Stanislav Petrov, the Soviet officer on duty at the time monitoring the Russian early warning system, concluded it was a computer error and did not report it up the chain of command, which would have resulted in a retaliatory nuclear strike.

Today, the hotspot is Ukraine, and President Joe Biden and Western intelligence agencies are warning the world that Russia could invade any minute to intervene in the civil war there. So far, there appears little hope of a diplomatic breakthrough, and it is hard not to point to Clinton's fake Russiagate allegations partly as a catalyst for poisoning U.S.-Russian relations.

At first, the allegations served a political purpose. In 2016, it was a talking point. Trump was campaigning on improving relations with Russia. Clinton was under FBI investigation for storing classified emails on a private home server, raising concerns that Russia and China had leverage on her.

So, Clinton upped the ante. The fake Trump-Russia allegations would neutralize Clinton's political negatives on the FBI investigation email server and potentially being compromised.

Per Durham, the information was cultivated by the internet company for distribution to the Clinton campaign, whose attorneys at Perkins Coie, including Michael Sussman passed

along to the CIA and the FBI. In September, Durham indicted Sussman for providing false information to the FBI and for lying about his association with the Clinton campaign. The company was tasked with "min[ing] Internet data to establish 'an inference' and 'nar-

rative' tying then-candidate Trump to Russia... [in order] to please certain 'VIPs,' referring to individuals at [Perkins Coie] and the Clinton Campaign."

The transfer of the intelligence to the Justice Department would then be used to produce headlines of an FBI investigation into a Trump-Russia conspiracy to steal the election, stories that were published by Michael Isikoff, David Corn and others in Sept. and Oct. 2016.

After Trump won the election and was sworn into office, the DNC sought to exploit federal contracts the internet company had with the executive branch in order to spy on the White House. Per Durham: "Internet Company-1, had come to access and maintain dedicated servers for the EOP [Executive Office of the President] as part of a sensitive arrangement whereby it provided DNS resolution services to the EOP. Tech Executive-1 and his associates exploited this arrangement by mining the EOP's DNS traffic and other data for the purpose of gathering derogatory information about Donald Trump."

This is Watergate times 1,000: Bugging a presidential campaign both before and after the election, and then carrying on the surveillance into the White House itself, all to establish a false "narrative" and "inference" that Trump was actually a Manchurian Candidate who Moscow controlled. It is almost beyond belief.

Sussman had told the CIA that, per Durham, who was appointed in 2020 by former Attorney General William Barr, that "these [DNS] lookups demonstrated that Trump and/or his associates were using supposedly rare, Russian-made wireless phones in the vicinity of the White House and other locations," another apparently false claim which the Justice Department upon investigation found "no support for these allegations."

Sussman has also been tied to Clinton campaign efforts to hire Fusion GPS and former British spy Christopher Steele to falsely make links between Trump and Russia, and to hire CrowdStrike to investigate the alleged Russian hack of the DNC servers in 2016.

Suffice to say, the information provided by the Clinton campaign led directly to the Justice Department's top-secret investigation of the Trump campaign in 2016, which was carried over into the Trump administration in 2017, led to the recusal of former Attorney General Jeff Sessions, the firing of former FBI director James Comey and

then the appointment of former Special Counsel Robert Mueller, who ultimately exonerated Trump of any plot with Russia.

The Mueller report stated, "[T]he investigation did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities," and "the evidence does not establish that the President was involved in an underlying crime related to Russian election interference."

And, in the meantime, U.S.-Russian relations went to hell in a handbasket. In 2019, the U.S. withdrew from the 1987 Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty, the same year the House impeached Trump for considering conditioning military aid to Ukraine. The Senate found Trump not guilty after a brief trial.

On their own, the Clinton campaign's Trump-Russia allegations were conspiratorial nonsense that might have been best reserved for obscure internet forums on the dark web. The fact they were seriously pursued by U.S. intelligence agencies and then the Justice Department was what made them incredibly dangerous geopolitically.

For four years, we did not have a president who could talk to Russia. Not really. Clinton saw to that. Military aid to Ukraine was off the table, too.

What crucial, top-level talks might have been had without the Russiagate hysteria? Could peace have been made between Ukraine and Russia? Could treaties between the U.S. and Russia prohibiting nuclear proliferation be strengthened instead of abandoned?

Biden's own hands in helping to spark the civil war in Ukraine in 2013 and 2014 when he was Vice President — Biden wrote in his book about pushing former Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich out of power to get a European Union trade agreement ratified — could make it more difficult to reach an accord that avoids war.

We'll never know the counterfactual. In the end, if this does come to war, future historians might point to Hillary Clinton's ambitions to be president at any cost — including her willingness to cynically let the world falsely believe her opponent was a Russian agent, even if it risked nuclear war — as a root cause. We almost elected a monster.

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Obituaries

Charging

Steve 'Cheese' Charging, 56, of Abbeville, husband of Candy McCullough Charging, died Thursday, February 10, 2022, at his home. He was born in Elberton, GA to the late Joe G. and Loretta Young Charging.

Affectionately known as 'Cheese', he was a 1983 graduate of Calhoun Falls High School and formerly employed as an insurance agent with American General Life Insurance Company. Steve enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his two grandsons, Cash and Rucker, who were the lights of his life. Many happy times were spent golfing, playing cards and getting together with friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Greg Charging and



Steve 'Cheese' Charging

an infant sister, Shelby Ann Charging.

Steve is survived by his wife of 33 years, Candy, of the home; a son, Chase Charging (Tabatha) of Donalds; sister, Shelby Charging Dixon (Steven Cox) of Calhoun Falls; two grandsons, Cash and Rucker Charging and many nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate Steve's life was 1:00PM, Saturday, February 12, 2022 in Harris Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Scotty Willoughby officiating. Masks were required. The family received friends following the service outside the chapel.

Memorial contributions in memory of Steve may be sent to Agape Care of SC, 326 Montague Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646.

The family is at their respective homes.

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 Charging family.

Obituaries

McGee

Margaret McGee, of Floyd, Virginia, died peacefully at home on February 4, 2022 surrounded by friends who loved her dearly.

Margaret was born in Abbeville, South Carolina on September 19, 1949 to John McGee and Jane Ballentine McGee Cox. She left Abbeville to attend Emory University where she obtained a degree in biology. After graduating from Emory, Margaret attended the Medical College of Virginia where she earned a degree in physical therapy and learned skills that would enable her to spend the rest of her life helping those with intellectual and/or physical disabilities. Her most profound legacy is the countless children and adults whose lives were immeasurably changed by her professional and personal devotion and support.

Margaret was as much an engineer and assistive technology specialist as she was a physical therapist. She was known for her innovative, creative solutions to all of her client's needs, often making her own adaptive changes when standardized equipment was inadequate. She even made a wheelchair once for her hemiplegic chicken, Julia. She had a private practice in NJ for many years and also taught courses and workshops in advanced



Margaret McGee

methods of treating neurologically involved children and adults. In 2003 she moved to Floyd, VA continuing to practice physical therapy and consulting nationally in her areas of expertise.

In addition to the many physical therapy clients she assisted, Margaret's love of animals, especially her beloved golden retrievers, resulted in the rescue and care of countless four-legged beings. They were the loves of her life and she leaves behind Jack, Emma and Ramona.

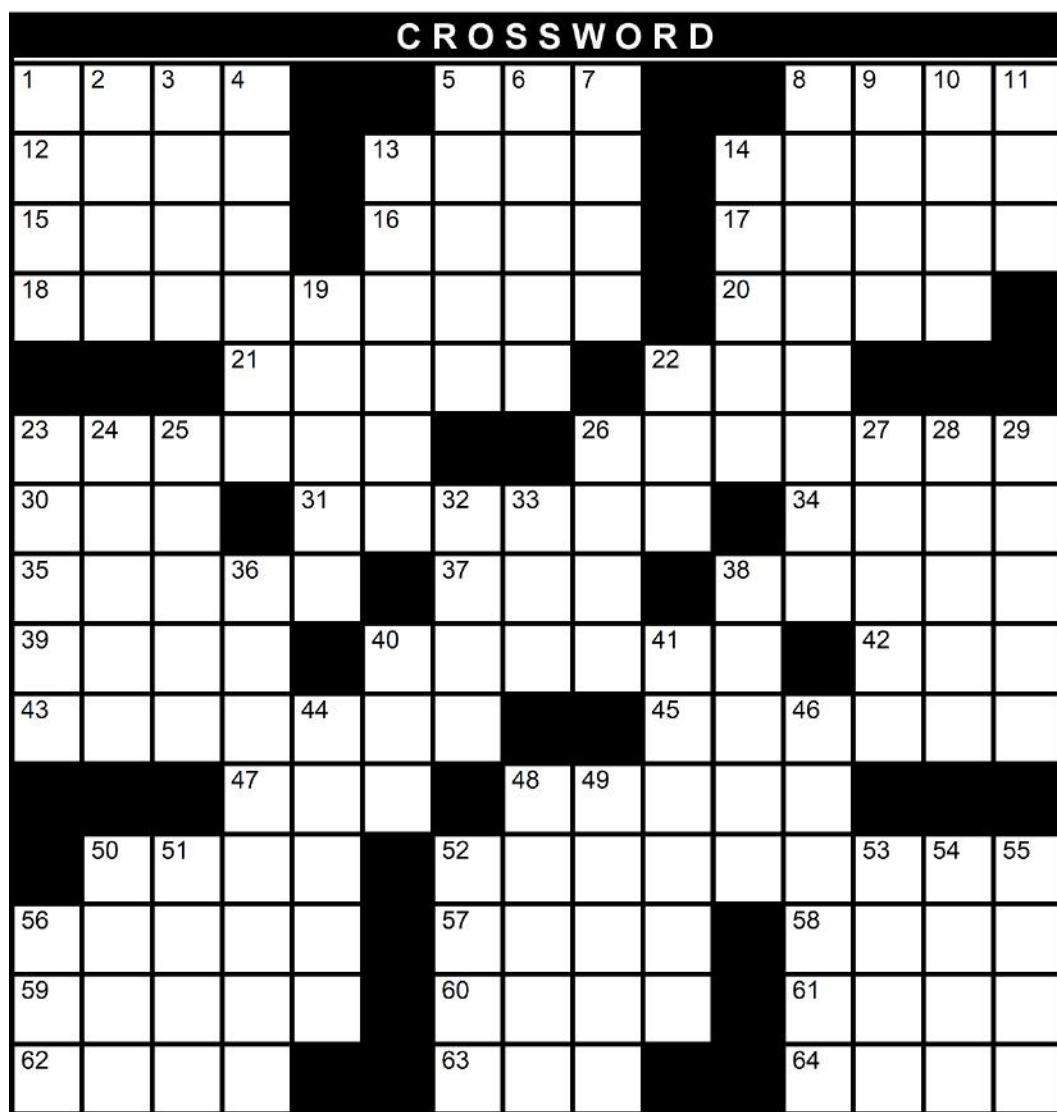
Margaret had many passions beyond physical therapy and animal rescue. She loved music and played the organ, piano, banjo, flute, harmonica and violin. She loved art and photography and experimented with just about every craft that involves the use of

one's hands. She made handcrafted wood designs, molded clay figures, created sculptures with rope and metal and loved to draw.

A life-long learner, Margaret obtained her Master's Degree in Education from Lesley University thirty years after obtaining her degree in physical therapy. At the time of her death she had completed all the course work necessary for her Ph.D. in Education from Lesley University and was working on her dissertation designed to raise awareness that people with severe multiple disabilities have value and can be contributors to relationships when there is an expectation of some form of meaningful communication.

In addition to Jack, Emma and Ramona, Margaret leaves behind a clan of beloved and devoted friends who were her family. Among those who will deeply grieve her absence are Joan Ann Heimrich, Renee Leimgruber, Janet Michaels, Debbie Kapsalakis, Kristen Birkmeier, Karen Day, Debbie Durgin, Kim O'Donnell, Anita Castle, Jennifer Akers and Ann Shrader...

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US House of Representatives

Stop pretending non-citizen voting is normal—it's not

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

"Voting rights" is one of the hottest topics in Washington and will likely continue to guide the political conversation through the rest of this Congress. Ultimately, I believe the discussion over voting should focus on election integrity—improving the public's confidence in our election process by implementing common sense security measures like voter ID requirements.

Democrats, on the other hand, want to head in the opposite direction. We all know about their open border immigration policies that have led to a crisis at our southern border. Now, Democrats are pushing to apply their open borders policies to our elections as well by allowing non-citizens and illegal immigrants to vote.

Over the past few years, an alarming trend has popped up in cities nationwide where non-citizens (foreign nationals), and in some cases illegal immigrants, are allowed to vote in local elections. As I write this, non-citizens can vote in certain elections in New York City, San Francisco, Chicago, and some jurisdictions in Vermont and Maryland, as non-citizen voting becomes increasingly popular across the country.

Non-citizen voting dilutes the value of citizenship, normalizes illegal immigration, and invites foreign nationals to interfere in U.S. elections. The idea of non-citizen voting is absurd. If an American citizen moved to another country, would he expect to have a say in how that country is run without first becoming a citizen? Of course not.

I have introduced legislation to combat this practice since 2018 because of the dangerous precedent this sets and the impact it could have on the fabric of our republic. What I find interesting is that very few Americans that I've spoken with are in favor of non-citizen voting. Most people are either appalled or refuse to believe this happens in the United States.

Being an American citizen comes with great benefits and responsibilities, including the privilege of voting in elections to choose who represents us in government. Allowing non-citizens to vote suppresses the voice of citizens, undermines the rights of Americans, and puts our democracy at risk.

Policies like non-citizen voting erode our values and the integrity of our democracy by allowing foreign nationals to have a direct influence in important decisions ranging from policing to taxation to the basic rule of law. While Democrats may argue that they are only allowing non-citizen/illegal immigrant voting on the local level, the truth is that local government matters a great deal, and their decisions can impact us all.

To see the ramifications of terrible state and local policy decisions, one only needs to look to California. California is one of the nation's leaders in seeking to disarm and defund the police and promote illegal immigration through expansive sanctuary city policies. Seeing a potential voting bloc in illegal immigrants, it makes sense why Democrats would advocate for policies that run counter to the interests of most citizens but benefit non-citizens and illegal aliens. Just this Jan-

uary, for instance, Governor Newsom unveiled a proposal that would give free healthcare benefits to illegals residing in the state.

This is an issue we can no longer turn a blind eye to as more cities adopt this radical policy each year. With the support of my Republican colleagues, I hope my recently updated legislation, the "Protecting Our Democracy by Preventing Foreign Citizens from Voting Act" and its companion legislation in the Senate sponsored by Sen. Marco Rubio will continue to gain traction in Congress. If passed, this would prohibit the disbursement of Federal funds to State and local governments that allow non-citizens of the United States to vote in any election.

We need to stop pretending like this is okay or normal because it's not. Non-citizen voting is explicitly un-American and disrespectful to those who fought and died for the preservation of our freedoms and democracy.

American citizenship is special, and for those not lucky enough to be born here, obtaining citizenship is hard work. If you have ever attended a citizen naturalization ceremony, you know what the value of American citizenship is for individuals who worked hard to achieve the privilege of becoming a citizen.

There is no doubt we live in the greatest country on the planet. For centuries, people around the world have left everything behind in their home countries to come to the United States legally, gain citizenship, and achieve the American dream for their families. This is the beauty of America, and non-citizen voting tramples on the value of being an American citizen.

Legion Post 72 of CF has awards night

By Henry E. Green

American Legion Post 72 had a special program Thursday night, and Post commander Mike Brandt presented awards on behalf of the post, to a number of individuals who had made outstanding contributions to the community.

Brandt presented Fireman of the Year honors to Roy Willoughby of the Calhoun Falls Fire Department.

Police Officer of the year went to Jordan Smith of the Calhoun Falls Police Department.

Tamara Lee was recognized with an Appreciation Award for the assistance she has provided to vet-

erans.

Lee and Smith were unable to attend the program.

A pin was presented to John Hudson, a new member of American Legion Post 72.

Mayor Rico Holland was in attendance as a guest.

Second vice commander Jim Kvan assisted with the presentation of the awards.

Bobby Bryant of Renew Outreach Ministries presented the Post with an award.

"We allow Renew Outreach to use our building," Brandt said Friday.

The Post, which currently has about 25 members, presents awards every year

to deserving individuals, after the Post votes on the nominees.

The Post meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Legion hall in Calhoun Falls.

Every November, the Post has a Veterans Day parade, and has a ceremony every Memorial Day.

"We also send boys to Boys State," Brandt said Friday.

Held every June, Boys State is presented by the American Legion for high school boys from throughout South Carolina, to teach them about the fundamentals of American government and the American political system.



Bobby Bryant (left) of Renew Outreach Ministries presented the Post 72 in Calhoun Falls with an award in appreciation of its service, and he was joined in presenting it to Post commander Mike Brandt (right) by William Hudson (center). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Ripple effect

City Manager Blake Stone describes economic impact of festivals, AOH

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Spring Festival and the Hogs and Hens Festival, both presented by the City of Abbeville and the Opera House have a definite impact on the local economy, according to a report given by City Manager Blake Stone to City Council Wednesday night.

From January through December of 2021, the Opera House had 43 performances that resulted in an estimated \$300,000 in visitor spending, and an overall impact of \$1 million on the local economy, including renovation work on the Opera House, Stone told Council.

More than 80 percent of those attending Opera House events came from outside the 29620 zip code,

with about 57 percent of that number coming from outside the Lakelands area. "In 2021, the Abbeville Spring Festival and Hogs and Hens festival had an economic impact of more than \$800,000 with an estimated 18,000 attendees across both events," Stone told Council.

"Combined, the Opera House and Festival Lineup had an overall economic impact of roughly \$1.8 million. "Both the Opera House and Festivals are poised for additional growth this year with new event components being added."

The Abbeville Spring Festival has traditionally been held at the first of May, and the Hogs and Hens festival is held in October. In other matters Wednes-

day night, Council passed first reading on an amendment ordinance of the City to update Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 2-163 of the City of Abbeville Code of Ordinances, Boards and Commissions.

The City Manager or their staff designee will serve in a permanent ex officio position on the Abbeville Community Performing Arts Board, and this required a change in the language of the ordinance.

Wednesday night's meeting was held virtually due to an increase in COVID-19 in Abbeville.

Abbeville City Council holds regular meetings on the second Wednesday of the month.



American Legion Post 72 commander Mike Brandt (right) presented Fireman of the Year honors to Roy Willoughby (center) of the Calhoun Falls Fire Department, with the assistance of assistant commander Jim Kvan (left). (Contributed photo)

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Boys basketball

AHS wins Region championship

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville won the Region championship in varsity boys basketball action Monday night, thanks to a 51-48 victory over Christ Church, in a game played at Liberty, according to reports.

AHS and Christ Church had been tied for first place in the Region, and a tie-breaker game was

necessary.

The game Monday night was played at Liberty as it was a neutral site.

During the regular season, Christ Church and Abbeville had split, with Abbeville winning in Greenville and Christ Church returning the favor on the Panthers' home court.

AHS will now host Chesnee

at 7 p.m. Thursday night in the first round of the state playoffs.

Abbeville, which cruised to easy victories over Liberty and Crescent this week, has used a sticky, harassing defense against opponents this season, a defense which produced turnovers, which in turn often turned into Panther points.



Abbeville High School (in white jerseys) defeated Crescent in varsity boys basketball action Saturday night in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



These Abbeville High School cheerleaders helped rouse the Panther faithful at the AHS-Ninety Six varsity boys basketball game recently. AHS defeated Ninety Six. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Dixie boys to travel to Calhoun County

By Henry E. Green

Dixie will travel to Calhoun County this Thursday, Feb. 17, in the first round of the varsity boys basketball playoffs, according to Dixie head varsity boys basketball coach Josh Harbert.

"We finished up 5-7, in fifth place," (in the Region) said Harbert Monday. The Hornets, who finished 8-11 overall, played three games last week, losing to McCormick 33-27, and defeating

Ware Shoals 80-50 and Whitmire 58-26.

Jared Ledbetter led Dixie with 19 points against Ware Shoals, while Corey Adams led the Hornets against Whitmire with 11 points.

Harbert said his goal at the beginning of the season was to have his team make the playoffs.

"We've got a very, very young team," he said. However, the underclassmen on his team have been among

his best players of late.

Against Calhoun County, Harbert is realistic. His Hornets will be playing the Number One team in the state.

"We will have to play our best game of the season" to have a chance at winning, he said.

However, the Hornets have been playing some of their best basketball of the season here lately, he noted optimistically.

Dixie High softball

Lady Hornets have wealth of experience

By Henry E. Green

Will the Dixie varsity softball team win another state championship?

"I think we have a good opportunity to win it," said Samantha Ferguson, who is in her first year as Dixie head softball coach.

Ferguson is a Dixie alumna who graduated from the Due West high school in 2016, and who played centerfield and catcher for the Lady Hornet softball team.

Dixie fell to Lake View last year in the state championship finals. Through the years, the Lady Hornets have won three state championships, and Samantha was on two of them.

Returning from last year's team are a number of starters--in fact, all but one of the starters are returning. That includes Weslyn

Bensel, Ashton Crocker, Mati Cox, Hailey Hill, Alana Mitchell, Gillian Hughes, Merri Beth Jacks, Savannah Brock, Ellie Watson, Reaganne Stoll, and Addie Smith.

Seeing her first year on varsity will be LaNya Dotson.

Who will play which position is something Ferguson is still trying to figure out.

Tryouts for the softball team were held on Jan. 31, and the first scrimmage will be Wednesday, Feb. 16, against West Oak.

"We'll be in the Greenwood Christian preseason tournament," she said.

Both Dixie and AHS will participate in that tournament, which is slated for March 3-5 at Greenwood Christian, she said.

"On March 7 we open up (the regular season) " with

a trip to Union Day School in Union,

This year's team has a wealth of experience. "They've played together for a long time."

And they are all good friends, she said.

Weaknesses?

"We need to get hot at the right time," she said, noting that the Lady Hornets need to "get those bats going."

Whitmire and High Point Academy are expected to be strong contenders in the Region, said Ferguson, although she notes that Dixie, which has won the Region championship a number of years, is a contender as well.

Asked how it feels to be a coach at her alma mater, she replied that she is indeed proud to be coaching at Dixie.

Girls basketball

CF Charter set to host McCormick

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls Charter varsity girls basketball team will host McCormick Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in the first round of the state playoffs, said Calhoun Falls Charter girls basketball coach Joseph Cade.

The Lady Flashes finished tied for first place in the Region, so they finished the regular as co-Region champions, and played High Point Academy to determine first and second seeds in the playoffs for the Region.

CF Charter played High Point Friday night at Ware Shoals, a neutral site, and lost 71-34, so Calhoun Falls

Charter is a second seed.

The Lady Flashes had an overall season record of 13-2, Cade said.

In addition to playing High Point, the Lady Flashes played Southside Christian in Calhoun Falls and won, 62-45.

Anastasia Gillam led the way with 23 points, followed by Autumn Thomas with 19. "Our starting center Alexis Sanders was injured within two minutes into the first quarter" of the Southside game, he said.

Sanders was out for the remainder of that game, and for the High Point game, and she is not expected to play Wednesday, Cade said.

As for the McCormick game, he said, "We've got to play hard."

When playoff time rolls around, you can throw out the regular season records, he said. "It can go either way," the coach added.

The Lady Flashes "have got to be up for the challenge", said Cade, who added that if the Lady Flashes play as they are capable of playing, "we'll be OK."

The coach added that he is pleased with his team's regular season performance.

The Lady Flashes have beaten McCormick twice during the regular season, but "they have improved a lot," said Cade.

Boys basketball

Abbeville gobbles up two Region foes

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville High School varsity boys basketball team completed its regular season Saturday night, with a resounding 97-51 victory over Crescent.

AHS led the Tigers 19-14 at the end of the first quarter, and at the half the Panthers were ahead by a score of 39-23.

The Panthers led 67-40 at the end of the third quarter.

Throughout the game, AHS went to its bread-and-butter, a scrappy, harassing defense resulting in numerous turnovers which, unfortunately for the Tigers, turned into points for the home team.

The Panthers also rebounded well, in a game which provided the second immensely successful outing of the week for AHS.

Earlier in the week, Ab-

beville annihilated Liberty 80-42.

AHS was to play Christ Church for the Region title this past Monday night for the Region title, and the game was slated to be played at a neutral site--Liberty High School, according to AHS coach Doug Belcher.

AHS will definitely be in the playoffs, with its opponent to be announced.

Boys basketball

CF Charter to host Lewisville Thursday

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls Charter varsity boys basketball team will play Lewisville in Calhoun Falls Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the first round of the playoffs, according to Calhoun Falls Charter varsity boys basketball coach Shawn Turman.

"We finished third (in the Region)," he said. The Flashes lost to Southside Christian Wednesday 32-

29 in Calhoun Falls, and the game's outcome determined the Flashes' final standing in the Region, according to the coach.

Turman is not unhappy with the season, although one goal was to win the Region championship, and that championship came close to being a reality. "We just fell a little short," he said. "We just let a couple of games slip away."

The Flashes finished 12-4 overall and 8-4 in the Region, according to Turman. "We had a lot of people step up this year and contribute a lot," he said.

As for Lewisville, Turman and his team are in the process of learning about their opponent.

"We're just ready to play Thursday," he said.

Three Dixie young people have signings

By Henry E. Green

Dixie High School had signing ceremonies for three student-athletes Wednesday morning, with two athletes signing in softball and one in cross country.

Wes Bensel committed to play softball with Columbia International, Gillian Hughes will play softball with University of South Carolina-Salkehatchie, and Spencer Wieters is committing to run cross country with Presbyterian College.

All three young people, all seniors, have been associ-

ated with excellent sports programs at Dixie, which has won state championships in both softball and cross country.

Bensel, a shortstop for the Lady Hornet softball team, gained All Region and All State honors at Dixie, and Hughes was a pitcher. Bensel expects to play shortstop or outfield for the Lady Rams.

Weslyn wants to study sports management at Columbia International, where she likes the "smaller school" atmosphere.

"I like the coach," she added.

Hughes, who wants to study either agriculture or education at USC-Salkehatchie, where she has been impressed by how the coaches have worked hard to improve the program, from the playing field to the uniforms.

All Region and All State at Dixie, Wieters says that PC, where he wants to study biochemistry, is a small school that is close to home, and the team has a "family" aspect about it.



Dixie High School had signing ceremonies for three student-athletes Wednesday morning, with two athletes signing in softball and one in cross country. Gillian Hughes will play softball with University of South Carolina - Salkehatchie. From the left, front row, are Kelly Hughes, Gillian Hughes, and Greg Hughes. From the left, back row, are Ben Snipes, Samantha Ferguson, and Chris Bensel. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Erskine Baseball, Fleet drop season opener at Lander, 2-1

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

GREENWOOD, S.C. – The Erskine College baseball team (0-1) dropped its 2022 season opener on the road against Lander University (1-0) by a score of 2-1 to begin what will be a rain-shortened two-game set at Dolny Stadium this weekend. Ago-ahead home run in the 6th inning for the Bearcats proved to be the difference.

THE SERIES
Lander now leads the all-time series 26-11 and have won five straight in the series.

HOW IT HAPPENED
Both starters cruised through their first inning of work, but Ian Jenkins began the bottom of the second inning with a first-pitch home run to open the scoring and give Lander a 1-0 lead. Erskine starter Allan

Saathoff stranded a runner at third base later in the frame as he settled in to keep the Fleet well within striking distance. But, the Fleet offense was held in check through the early innings as Erskine managed just one runner in scoring position through the first five innings. Then, in the sixth inning, Erskine found its breakthrough. A two-out walk drawn by Ashby Smith proved costly for the Bearcats as Cal Bocchino followed it up by ripping a double into the left center field gap to score Smith from first and tie the game at 1. Saathoff kept the Lander offense quiet after the 2nd inning homer, but was bitten by the long ball again in the bottom of the sixth when Vincent Derubeis launched one over the center field fence to put the Bearcats back in front, 2-1. The Fleet had the tying run in scoring position in the

eighth inning but were unable to score as Erskine dropped its season opener, 2-1.

THE PLAYER
Cal Bocchino was 2-for-4, including a game-tying RBI double in the sixth inning.

WHAT'S NEXT?
Erskine and Lander were originally scheduled to play a doubleheader at Grier Field on Saturday afternoon but rain has forced the teams to play just one game at Lander on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. to wrap up a shortened two-game series to open the 2022 campaign.

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Spencer Wieters of Dixie signed on Wednesday to run cross country at Presbyterian College. Front row, from the left, are Chris Wieters, Spencer Wieters, and Ariene Wieters. Back row, from the left, are Katherine Wieters, William Wieters, and Brian Gamble. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Dixie High School had signing ceremonies for three student-athletes Wednesday morning, with two athletes signing in softball and one in cross country. Weslyn Bensel (seated, left) committed to play softball with Columbia International. She is joined by Dixie softball coach Samantha Ferguson (standing, left) and Ben Snipes, Gary Stone, Chris Crocker, and Chris Bensel. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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