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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.”



Potential pets -- The Abbeville County animal shelter and Greater Abbeville Humane Society are collaborating on an adoption event to encourage people to adopt animals at the shelter. The shelter features potential pets such as Erskine, shown here playing with shelter employee Kathryn McDowell. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Pet adoption event enters final phase

By Henry E. Green

Pick Me!SC, a statewide adoption event in which the Greater Abbeville Humane Society and the Abbeville County animal shelter are collaborating, is entering its final phase, according to Greater Abbeville Humane Society president Ann Davis.

Here in Abbeville County, it will run through Saturday, at 3 p.m., Davis said Monday.

Coordinated statewide by the Charleston Animal Society and NoKill South Carolina, the event is designed to encourage adoptions of animals at animal shelters throughout South Carolina. “There are 55 shelters

and rescue groups that are participating in this event,” she said.

Here in Abbeville County, the animal shelter is offering adoption fees.

If someone who is considering adopting an animal from the animal shelter brings at least 20 pounds of dog or puppy food to the shelter, to donate to the shelter, adoption fees are waived.

“And the shelter is still overcrowded,” she said, noting that as many adoptions as possible are needed.

Since the event started, two dogs and one cat have been adopted as of Sunday, July 10. The event began

on Friday, July 8, and runs through Saturday, July 16.

For the event, adoption fees will be cut in half, or in the case of the dog food, waived entirely.

For the event, the shelter will have extended hours. It is usually closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays to the public, but for this event, it will be open on those days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“Come and adopt!” said Davis. “We have a lot of cute puppies, and just a good variety of dogs (and cats).”

For more information, one may call interim director Stephanie Cocchia at 378-3677.



Pick Me!SC, a statewide adoption event in which the Greater Abbeville Humane Society and the Abbeville County animal shelter are collaborating, is entering its final phase. Animals such as Charlie, a pit bull, are waiting for a home. Here is Charlie playing with shelter employee Kathryn McDowell. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

District policy allows additional review time

By Henry E. Green

Time to consider. Time to review.

If you go to the Abbeville County School District Website, you can find public board packets that include agendas for upcoming school board meetings, as well as minutes of previous meetings.

The packets include draft documents which the trustees plan to discuss at the upcoming meetings.

“This past month is when we started it,” said Dr. Mason Gary, the Abbeville County School District Superintendent.

Thus, it began in June, following a decision by the board to post documentation for the public to read 72 hours prior to the meeting.

This was in the interests of transparency, “and giving the public an opportunity to review the packet and then choose to either attend or

speak on a topic of interest at the meeting.”

This new format represents a change. It provides “two additional days of review” to benefit the public, the Superintendent continued.

“It is recommended that all districts post at least one day in advance,” he said.

The length of time for review varies from district to district, said Dr. Gary.

State budget includes funding for projects

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County has been approved for some generous funding “earmarks” in the state budget, according to State Rep. Craig Gagnon.

The State Representative, who represents State House District 11, said that a number of projects in Abbeville County will benefit from items in the budget.

Gagnon described the good news in a recent e-mail highlighting funding for Abbeville County projects, in addition to funds for an

organization in neighboring Ninety Six:

“The funding earmarks that I requested in the state budget are:

Abbeville County Detention Center repairs/upgrades: \$225,000

Abbeville County Sheriff's Office vehicle requests: \$279,000

Abbeville County DSS/DHHS building repairs: \$100,000

Other requests made by the Abbeville County Legislative Delegation, according

to Gagnon, include the following:

“SC FIRST (the affiliate for the Due West Robotics Team): \$150,000

Ninety Six Historical Society: \$12,000

“These have all been approved,” Gagnon continued. “Funds will be forthcoming as soon as the ‘books’ are closed on FY 2022.”

The vehicle request allocation for the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office will fund seven vehicles, Gagnon said.

Abbeville highlighted in Charlotte magazine

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville was recently highlighted in a Charlotte magazine, according to a City of Abbeville official.

“We were featured alongside Greenwood in the Queen City Exclusive Magazine in their June Issue,” said Austin Walker, Community Development Director

with the City of Abbeville. “We partner with the Old 96 District Tourism Coalition to bring writers, bloggers, and influencers into the area to create content and share all the unique things Abbeville has to offer as a rural destination.

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Abbeville's Trinity Episcopal Church has been photographed numerous times. Here's a slightly different angle to consider, from a photo taken shortly after the church's recent “patriotic celebration” in conjunction with the Fourth of July. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

All I Need coming up at Opera House

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Community Performing Arts board is slated to present *All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* at the Abbeville Opera House July 21-24.

Directed by Dr. Brad Christie, the play will be based on the work of Robert Fulghum, an author and Unitarian Universalist minister.

The book on which the play is based includes 50 short essays, and was first published in 1986, according to Wikipedia.

The book explains how the world would be improved if adults adhered to the same basic rules as children--sharing, being kind to one another, cleaning up after themselves and living a "balanced life" of work, play and learning, Wikipedia reports.

As for the Opera House production, there will be an 8 p.m. show on July 22, 3

p.m. and 8 p.m. shows on July 23, and a 3 p.m. show on July 24.

For more information on tickets, visit the ACPA Facebook page.

"Our mission is to produce a broad range of quality productions by professionals and artists."

Abbeville Community Performing Arts presented a summer production of *Romeo and Juliet*, featuring a cast of young people.

Dr. Christie, meanwhile, noted that *All I Need to Know* was one in a series of books by the minister.

"A lot of people remember the books," Christie said Thursday. "Kindergarten was the first. It was a surprise best-seller."

Drawing from his experiences as a pastor, Fulghum wrote about the human condition, and his books took him to the New York Times best seller list.

"They were enormously popular," he said.

The script is enormously faithful to Fulghum's work, so that a "high percentage" of the script of the Opera House play is "word for word" from Fulghum's book.

The play is actually a series of vignettes, with several monologues and a little bit of music.

The cast will feature some familiar faces, including Jodi Miller of Lake Secession, Opera House mainstay Scott Sherard, Tim Higginbotham of Greenwood, Jonah Cooley of Abbeville, Jackie Gilchrist of Greenwood, and Michaela Glen of Abbeville.

"It's a good mix of folks," he said.

Providing musical direction will be Abbeville Presbyterian pastor Stan Colbert, who Christie praised as a man of immense musical talent.

Abbeville County Library System Director Mary Elizabeth Land is celebrating her 20th year in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Filing period for school board, City Council set

By Henry E. Green

The filing period for those individuals wishing to be candidates for the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees and Abbeville City Council will begin on Monday, August 1, at noon, and will last until Monday, August 15, at noon, according to the Abbeville County voter registration office.

Seats up for election include those for Area 1, 3, 6, 7 and 9, for the school board, and for City Council, Districts 1, 3, 4 and 6.

Seats on both the school board and City Council are nonpartisan.

The filing fee for City Council is \$75. Checks for the filing fee must be made payable to the City of Abbeville.

There is no filing fee for the school board.

Those wishing to file need to do so at the voter registration office, Suite 2500 at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex.

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



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Council approves ambulance purchase

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County Council, meeting Monday night, agreed to buy a used ambulance to replace one which had been damaged in an accident.

Following an executive session, Councilman Rick Campbell made a motion to purchase on an emergency basis a used 2019 Ford ambulance from Belton Emergency Services in Anderson County, for no more than \$50,000 from insurance settlement funds for a recently wrecked Abbeville County ambulance. "It was a not at fault accident that totaled our ambulance," said Assistant County Director Barry Devore.

The accident, which occurred on March 24, did result in some injuries. "Our employees on the ambulance did sustain some injuries," he said.

The injuries were not life-threatening.

Vice chairman James McCord seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously by all present.

Council member Charles Goodwin and Jason Bonds were absent from the meeting.

In other matters, the County had allotted some money in their FY 23 budget to purchase two new fire trucks, but the bids came

in much higher than anticipated, "even higher than we thought," and so the County is having to reevaluate the situation.

"No decisions have been made," said Garner.

"We had budgeted \$650,000 (for the fire trucks)," he went on to say.

The County is evaluating other funding sources, and options for equipping the vehicles and the like.

"We've made huge investments in the fire service over the years," said Garner, noting that the County has spent as much as a million dollars on self contained breathing apparatus equipment.

Also Monday night, Council had a public hearing and passed second reading on an ordinance to amend the County road system by deletion and removal from the county road system a portion of Country Lane.

Council passed a resolution amending Resolution 2021-23 purchasing Sheriff's vehicles and authorizing the County Director to enter into a purchase agreement with O.C. Welch Ford-Lincoln, Inc. of Hardeeville, for the purchase of three Ford Police Interceptor SUVs not to exceed \$104,500.

Council passed a Resolution supporting the South Carolina Sestercentennial Commission and recog-

nizing and approving of the Abbeville County 250 Committee.

This is in connection with an effort to commemorate the American Revolution.

Council passed a Resolution supporting WCTEL/WC Fiber, LLC in efforts to apply for a South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff Broadband Grant to provide broadband services in Abbeville County to benefit its citizens.

Also passed was a resolution for Abbeville County to present 25 percent matching funds not to exceed \$7,500; should Abbeville County be chosen to receive a Palmetto Sites Program Grant Award for the Corbin Road Industrial Site.

Council passed Resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with LaBella Associates of North Charleston, for engineering and environmental services at the Abbeville County Landfills.

Mack Beaty of Abbeville spoke during the public comment meeting, wanting to know why the county is charging a fee on unimproved parcels of land.

The fee is a "fire protection service improvement fee," said Devore Tuesday.

It is designed to enhance fire and first responders service in the community, he went on to say.



The parking lot of South Side Baptist Church of Abbeville was adorned recently with American flags, in conjunction with the Fourth of July. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Hydro dam still helps to 'peak shave' power

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville's hydro dam at Lake Secession is still helping to meet some of the City's power needs, according to the City's Deputy Administrative Officer, Mike Clary.

"The Hydro-Dam at one time was able to power the entire City!" said Clary in an e-mail.

"However, as the power demand increased, the dam was not able to keep up with the demand and it no longer

supplies a large percentage of the City's power.

At this time, the dam's primary power generating purpose is to peak shave, which means it can be used to offset some of the power the City purchases from Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (PMPA), especially during peak consumption hours, according to Clary.

"Each year many factors can impact the effect of the dams peak shaving ability, most notably the weather,"

he said.

Current estimates are that the dam's peak shaving capabilities save the City about \$300,000 per year in power costs each year, which helps the City to keep its electrical rates as low as possible.

Two significant projects at the dam have been recently completed in the past few years., and those include a "new walkway on top and the rewinding of the smaller turbine," Clary continued.

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There was a small power outage Thursday night in Abbeville, and a number of houses were without power on Church Street. This utility truck could be found responding to the Abbeville neighborhood. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Power outage affects city's western side

By Henry E. Green
There was a small power outage Thursday night in Abbeville, affecting the western portion of the city, said the City of Abbeville's Deputy Administrative Officer Mike Clary. "There was a power outage on Church Street Thursday that was due to

a falling limb," said Clary Monday. The power was out for an hour or so for several houses from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., he said. In addition, there was a four minute outage occurring about 10 p.m. and affecting a number of customers on

the western side of the city, according to Clary.

This was an outage due to work being done on Vienna Street substation. "It probably impacted about 200 customers," he said. "The four minute outage was a planned outage due to that maintenance work."

Community calendar

Abbeville County Democratic Party to meet
The Abbeville County Democratic Party will meet Thursday, July 14, at 7:00 pm at the Abbeville Civic Center, Room B, located at 404 North Main Street,

Abbeville, SC. All are welcome to attend. **Free online workshop planned**
The Freshwater Coast Community Foundation will present "Farm Management Tips and Tools" on July.

AI Anon Group to meet
The Serenity on Trinity AI Anon Family Group will meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 103 Bowie Street, Abbeville. For more information, one may call 864-450-5052.

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Municipal officials to go to MASC gathering

By Henry E. Green
Municipal officials from Abbeville County will travel to a Municipal Association of South Carolina conference this week.

"The MASC is having their annual meeting this week in Charleston," said Mike Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer for the City of Abbeville Tuesday.

"The annual meeting offers representatives from the City the opportunity to receive continuing education, training, and stay up to date on some of the innovative ways other municipalities are addressing today's complex issues," he said.

"This year's annual meeting will feature presentations on topics that cover a

variety of relevant issues. These topics include the following:

- Economic Development for communities of 5,000-20,000 residents
- Sustainable design practices

--The role of the SC Election Commission in Municipal Elections

--Civic Storytelling and Marketing

--Upcoming and Recently passed legislation that will impact municipalities

"The hope is that by attending these meetings, City leadership will be able to implement some of the best practices discussed and presented to make improvements right here at home," Clary said.

"In fact, over the past several years a number of the City's programs have been inspired in part by looking at best practices from other municipalities. Some of these include the implementation of City Initiatives such as the Small Business Incubator as well as staying informed on upcoming grant opportunities. This year a number of Council members as well as a few members of City staff will be in attendance."

Other municipal officials in Abbeville County will be represented as well. Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland said Monday that a number of representatives from that Savannah valley community will be in attendance.

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Volunteers Needed for Program in Abbeville

Submitted by
Don Goforth

Do you have a family member or know of someone who enjoys working with children and would make a wonderful mentor, tutor, or storyteller? Piedmont Agency on Aging is seeking volunteers for its Foster Grandparent Program where volunteers go into schools or the Head Start Center in Abbeville to assist teachers and help young children in various ways such as help children learn colors and shapes, and read books to children. For older students, Foster Grandparent volunteers help students who may be struggling with math or help them with reading. The Foster Grandparent can help reinforce lessons taught by the teacher and also encourage and praise a student which will help to improve their self-esteem.

The Foster Grandparent Program, which was established in 1965 by the Federal Government, is part of AmeriCorps and is geared towards lower income individuals 55 years old and older that meet the income eligibility guidelines set by the Corporation for National & Community Service. For volunteers who meet the criteria, they will be able to receive an hourly stipend of \$3.15 per hour for serving as a volunteer and they will receive assistance with the cost of transportation. Individuals with an annual

income of \$27,180 or less for a household of 1 person or income of \$36,620 for a household of 2 people will be eligible to receive the hourly stipend. The agency has a form that is used to determine the annual income which also includes deductions for medical expenses, etc. If needed, transportation may be able to be provided.

The Domestic Volunteer Service act of 1973, Section 418 and 404 (f), provides that payments received by Foster Grandparents shall not be subject to taxation or be treated as wages or compensation for certain purposes, including retirements benefits. The Social Security Administration has issued an instruction that stipends are excluded as income in determining how much a volunteer will receive in his or her retirement fund check. The law provides that payments a volunteer receives are not counted in figuring his or her eligibility for Supplemental Security Income, food stamps, low income housing, or any other federal program that bases the eligibility on income.

Schools in the Abbeville area that need volunteers include Long Cane Primary School, Diamond Hill Elementary School and Westwood Elementary School. Volunteers are also needed for the GLEAMNS Head Start Center.


Each candidate for the

Foster Grandparent Program must submit an application with references and go through an interview process. Each one has to pass a background check. Each applicant will be fingerprinted and have a background check with SLED, the FBI and the National Sex Offender Registry before they can be a part of the program.

Don Goforth is the agency's director of the Foster Grandparent Program for Abbeville, Greenwood and Saluda Counties. "The Foster Grandparent Program is a wonderful way for people to get involved in the community," said Goforth. "The volunteers in the Foster Grandparent Program feel that they are making a difference in the lives of the children they assist."

For over 50 years, thousands of volunteers across America have participated in the Foster Grandparent Program, helping students in various ways. Piedmont Agency on Aging is delighted to sponsor this program where an older generation of volunteers can assist children – who will be the hope for the future.


For more information about the Foster Grandparent Program for Abbeville, Greenwood and Saluda Counties, you can contact Don Goforth, the Director of the Foster Grandparent Program at 864-223-0164, ext. 223 or by email at: dgo-forth@piedmontaoa.com



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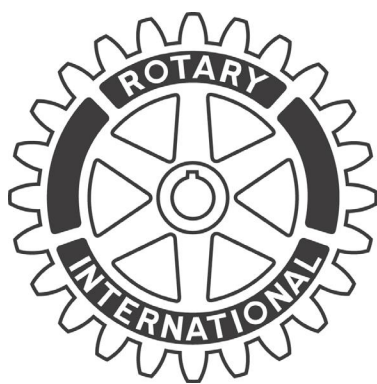
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Obituaries

Dudley

Donald Campbell 'Don' Dudley, 88, of Abbeville, husband of the late Barbara Pressley Dudley, died Monday, July 4, 2022, at Oaks of Greenwood. He was born in Abbeville County to the late Henry Hoyt Dudley and Dora Campbell Dudley.

Mr. Dudley proudly served his country in the United States Army. A retired building inspector for the city of Norcross, GA, he was a member of Prospect Methodist Church, Lawrenceville, GA. As a master craftsman, his ability to design and construct beautiful furniture and toys was widely known. Mr. Dudley's family will always cherish a wide selection of his creations.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Jack Dudley.



Donald Campbell 'Don' Dudley

Mr. Dudley is survived by his children, Keith Dudley (Karen) of Jefferson, GA, Deborah 'Debbie' Daly (Eric) of Abbeville, SC, Terri Fisher (Tom) of Anderson, SC and Alice Eberhardt (Steve) of Abbeville, SC; two sisters, Frances Gibson and Patricia

Leonard, both of Lafayette, Louisiana; seven grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

A service to celebrate Mr. Dudley's life, with military honors, was 2:00PM, Friday, July 8, 2022, at Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville Chapel with Rev. Jason Wilson officiating. The family received friends following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions, in memory of Mr. Dudley, may be sent to Grace United Methodist Church, 145 Grace Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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 Dudley family.

Obituaries

Morgan

Sara Ella Knox Morgan, 85, of Wardlaw Street, Abbeville, wife of the late William 'Bill' Morgan, passed away Monday, July 11, 2022. She was born in Abbeville to the late James Wallace Knox, Sr. and Ella Brooks Ferguson Knox.

Sara was a life-long member of Warrenton Presbyterian Church. A 1954 graduate of Abbeville High School, she had a perfect attendance record through her 12 years of school, never missing a day.

Sara had over 60 years in retail, in Abbeville, at Belk Simpson Department Store, The Bargain Cloth Store and Sara's Fabrics, which she closed on December 31, 2011. She had loyal customers who came to shop with her from as far away as Georgia and North Carolina. She was presented the Abbeville "Key to the City".

A very generous and kind person, Sara was always helping and thinking of those in need. She was a true Southern lady and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, James W. 'Jimmy'



Sara Knox Morgan

Knox, Jr., sister-in-law, Shelby W. Knox; brothers-in-law, Thomas D. Steading and Talmadge V. Littleton; nieces, Patti K. Nickles and Kyle K. Thompson; nephew, Tracy B. Littleton, who lovingly cared for Sara until his passing.

Sara is survived by her brothers, Frank E. Knox of Abbeville and Robert W. Knox of Greenwood; sister, Frances K. George (Charley) of Greenville; niece, Lynn W. Littleton of Abbeville, who lovingly and diligently cared for Sara in her declining years and was aided by her children, Blair Littleton Wallace and Brook Littleton, who were special to Sara. She is also survived by numerous other nieces and nephews; sisters-

in-law, Sen T. Knox, Pamela R. Knox, Alice W. Knox and Sandi P. Knox; step-children, Keith Morgan (Charlotte) and Kristi Marlow (Wynn).

A service to celebrate Sara's life will be 4:00PM, Thursday, July 14, 2022 in Harris Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. Frank McCoy and Rev. Jay Herring officiating. A private burial will be held at a later date at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions, in memory of Sara, are sent to Warrenton Presbyterian Church, 191 Watts Road, Abbeville, SC 29620 or Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646; or Alzheimer's Association, SC Gift Processing, 4600 Park Road, Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28209.

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Abbeville Area 7

West Carolina Board of Directors

WCTEL ELECTION



I am the owner of Dependable Auto Care in Abbeville. I bring to the table 30 years of business and customer relation skills. My background and skills as well as previous board experience contribute to WCTEL members, the board, and employees. I would be the right candidate to once again represent not only Abbeville members but members but members of all areas.

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- Six years' experience on the WCTEL board
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- Director involved in the decision to upgrade the City of Abbeville to all fiber network for a better member experience.
- Involved in forming the FCCF

Well, it's been three short years and it's time again for the WCTEL board election for Abbeville.

Voting will begin mid-July and run to mid-August. You are ONLY able to vote online or mail in.

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Commentary

City Customers receive rate increase

By Lamar T. West, Sr.

The United States of America is currently experiencing the worst recession in over 40 years with no sign of getting better for at least two to four years.

This is a grave problem for most of us in Abbeville who are on fixed incomes (I have always wondered who is not on a fixed income). We don't know anyone who can just go to work and declare, "I need more money this week, how 'bout it, boss?"

Salespeople can earn more if they sell more, but they also take home less if they sell less. So, for the purposes of this commentary, just humor me and let's say the majority of people are on a fixed income.

Most of us who happen to own their own businesses know for a fact that the owner is the last person to be paid. Owners pay their employees, utilities, water, sewer, sanitation, insurance, taxes (federal, state, city, county, AND school taxes). Remember, if you do not pay these things, penalty and penalty with interest will incur until you do pay, or you will go out of business and still owe.

Most small business or businesses in general cannot just raise the price of their services or products unless they are a monopoly. People begin to look elsewhere or stop using their product entirely, which in turn puts them out of business gradually or immediately. Either way, they are gone. No worries for City, County or School, though!

So if you think you own your property, think again.

Unlike the business, the real property is not a depreciable asset and taxes must be paid or the property will be sold, and taxes will be paid by the new owner of the property.

If you own your own business and slow or hard times come, you tend to cut back and try to do with less. You may change some of your production habits. You explain things to your employees: you come together and work together.

Note that if you are a monopoly such as a fuel company, you just go up on your prices. If you are an electric company, you just increase your prices. If you are a

water company in an area where it is illegal to dig a well, you just charge more for water. If you are a sewer company where it is illegal to dig a septic tank, you raise the price on sewer and you do this knowing the majority of your customers are on a fixed income, so without robbing a bank or begging on the street, they will soon just die off. Problem solved.

We say all that to say this: the Creator of this world requires only 10% of our offerings, yet our local, state, and federal governments believe this is a time to raise taxes and give employees a higher pay scale? Do they not realize this is what causes and feeds inflation?

In last week's issue of "The Press and Banner," the City of Abbeville was proud to announce their plans to change the pay scale of City employees. They stated the starting pay as of November 1 will be \$15.00 per hour. Not knowing what the starting pay is, we will take a guess. Let's guess \$12.00 for \$12 to \$15 is a \$3.00 per hour increase which equals \$120 per week. We would assume you can't give the low man in the scale a \$3.00 increase without passing that increase to everyone or at least the hourly employees. After all, if someone was already making \$15, should they not now receive \$18 per hour?

Let's guess the City of Abbeville has 300 hourly employees. Multiply that times \$120 per week and you get an additional \$36,000 per week. The City of Abbeville will need to charge us who are not getting a \$120 per week raise.

We know the cost of living is going up mostly based on stupid (not dumb because they know better) financial and policy decisions made by our federal government and there are NO immediate solutions to these mistakes. We can't fire them all!

This does not mean our City and County need to make the same mistake. As much as we would like to pay everyone what they think they are worth (and I promise you NO one thinks they are worthless), we cannot without making others suffer.

I believe the newspaper

stated the city "WANTS" 1.5% more for electricity, 1.34% more for water, 4.48% more for wastewater and 12% more for "sanitation." That equals a 19.32% increase (our God only requires 10% to run the whole world).

We are now paying an additional 12 cents per gallon on gasoline and our roads and streets are crumbling. It is impossible to drive the streets of Abbeville legally and dodge potholes. As with most things government is involved in, LACK OF MONEY is NOT the problem.

Let's see if the people we have elected and hired can tighten their (the City's) proverbial belts and do their job with the money they have. We can assure most businesses are trying their best.

Is there a business in Abbeville aside from monopolies who increase their prices 20%?

When gasoline is consistently between \$4.00 and \$5.00 a gallon, it is not the store or station you purchase it from making the extra money. They still are not making over 3 to 5 cents per gallon.

We are reminded of the old saying, "If you have all the feathers in a bucket that you can carry, can you carry one more feather?"

We are not sure we can carry the next feather the City is asking for.

Not to beat a dead horse, but we can probably look at County taxes and School taxes WANTING more as well.



Abbeville County Library System Director Mary Elizabeth Land read stories to the kids at the Livery Stable during the Juneteenth celebration in June in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Memories of 'Major of St. Lo' endure

By Henry E. Green

Just before Ruth Bacon of Abbeville read aloud the poem "The Major of St. Lo" during Trinity Episcopal Church's recent Star Spangled Celebration, she noted that the major, who happened to be her uncle, would very much have appreciated it.

After all, he was an English major while a student at The Citadel, and he loved poetry, she noted.

During his time at the military school he was also class president and a football star, she added.

He seemed destined for a bright future, but his life was cut short when he was killed in World War II.

Howie was leading his men in the assault on the

German-held town of St. Lo in France following D Day when his life ended at the age of 36.

The U.S. Army's Third Battalion entered St. Lo with Howie's body on the hood of the lead jeep, so that Howie would be the first American to enter the town, according to Wikipedia.

His flag-draped body was placed in the rubble of St. Croix cathedral and soldiers filed past in a show of respect, Wikipedia states.

The memory of the Major has been kept alive through the years in various ways.

Written by John Auslander (1898-1965), the poem, meanwhile, closes with the lines, "Ride through our hearts forever/through our tears, more splendid

than the hero hedged with spears!"

Ruth's brother Tom, indeed, was interviewed several years ago for an ETV program which included a segment on the Major of St. Lo, a program which was held in conjunction with Veterans Day.

Tom several years ago visited France, where he visited the grave of his famous uncle, and where the people still hold Americans in high regard.

There was even a television show episode called "The Major of St. Lo", an episode which aired on June 5, 1956, and which starred Peter Graves, who later found fame as a leading character on "Mission: Impossible."

PUBLIC NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

A general election in Abbeville County of The Abbeville County School Board will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Any person wishing to register to vote in this election must do so no later than Sunday, October 9, 2022. Voter registration by mail applications will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, October 10, 2022.

The following offices shall be included in this election:

- Area 1
- Area 3
- Area 6
- Area 7
- Area 9

Candidate Filing Period:

Filing Opens: Noon on Monday, August 1, 2022
Filing Closes: Noon on Monday, August 15, 2022.

Filing Hours:

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Locations:

Abbeville County Complex, 903 W. Greenwood Street, Abbeville SC 29620
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Filing Fee: There is no filing fee.

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At 6:00 pm on the day the election, the Abbeville County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at Abbeville County Administrative Complex, 903 West Greenwood Street, Room 2500.

On Thursday, November 10, 2022, at 11:00 am, the Abbeville County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in the special election. These hearings will be held at Abbeville County Administrative Complex, 903 West Greenwood Street, Abbeville SC 29611 Room 2500.

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Beloved reservoir

Friends of Lake Secession strive to keep their community strong

By Henry E. Green

It's good to have Friends, especially if you're a lake.

The Friends of Lake Secession, known commonly by the acronym FOLS, used to be called the Lake Secession Rocky River Property Rivers Association.

Connie Peeler is the chairperson, and Conway Shirley the co-chairperson, with Dave Armstrong serving as the treasurer, and Darlene Detweiler the secretary.

The organization, which has about 200 members, "strives to build a strong community and enhance our life-style through improvements and beautification around Lake Secession.

LSRRPOA was formed in 1988 to ensure that the "quality of water that flows through Lake Secession is safe, to provide a forum for discussion and actions on lake related issues and help preserve the quality of life for all lake users," according to an LSRRPOA brochure.

Today the Friends present a boat parade, and fire works about the Fourth of

July, and plan to have a "poker run" on the lake in September.

The Friends also sell T-shirts. "That's where we make our money for the fire works," said Connie.

There is also a Christmas get-together. "We try to have a quarterly meet and greet," said Conway, noting that this is to reach out and meet new lake property owners.

There has been considerable growth and new construction at Lake Secession. "The lake is just growing by leaps and bounds," said Conway. The two women were steadfast on one subject. "The Friends of Lake Secession are NOT the lake police, and the organization does not make laws.

"We have no authority," said Connie.

"We meet once a month," she went on to say. Those meetings take place at the Lake Secession Community Building at 2443 Lake Secession Road, Iva.

The two ladies thanked the Abbeville and Anderson

Sheriff's Offices, as well as the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, for their presence on the lake.

The majority of the FOLS are property owners at the lake--some of them live full-time at the lake, and some are seasonal.

All love living at the lake, a 1,460 acre, six mile long reservoir operated by the City of Abbeville.

"To me, it's just peaceful," said Conway.

"Peaceful, with an extra friendly atmosphere," said Connie.

"It's like we're all friends," said Conway.

The lake is not without challenges. Novice boaters who do not know the rules of being on the water, boaters who are immature or do not have boaters' training--these individuals can pose a concern.

Then, too, some people disregard buoys which have been placed on the lake by DNR to mark shallow areas, or rocks, or other hazards to navigation.



Friends of Lake Secession chairman Connie Peeler (left) and co-chairman Conway Shirley (right) recently talked about their organization and its mission. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Boneyards

By Tom Poland

Their name belies their beauty, though its definition rings true. "Boneyard, | 'bönyärd | Noun, informal, a cemetery." A cemetery they are, the resting places of maritime forests conquered by the sea. I've written about boneyards, now and then spelled bone yards.

"Behold a vanquished maritime woodland where the haul of the moon undercuts trees and tumbles them into the sea. Over time, tides strip and lacquer wood. By day, sun-bleached bones dazzle. By night, they smolder with bioluminescence. Come daybreak, a seascape sublime rises to seduce the shutter."

These driftwood beaches fire up the senses and they can make a writer a tad flowery but there's more here than meets the eye. Bone yards such as Jekyll Island's Driftwood Beach provide firsthand evidence of coastal dynamics. Currents encroach into the maritime forest and tides chew away at roots. Trees tumble into the surf, and salt and sand scour them clean. The sun bleaches them and oaks and other tree species take on the appearance of bones.

To see remnants of a forest stranded in surf is to see death rendered beautiful. The trees resemble statuary and the rootballs of live oaks, loblolly pine, and cabbage palmetto bring to mind seaside tumbleweeds frozen in time. A boneyard looks like a battle scene, and it is—a battle trees lost. The Atlantic's tides lay waste to maritime woodlands. Toppled trees, their sun-bleached

trunk and limbs as white as marble, lie strewn about, monuments to the moon's tides. Stripped of foliage and



Sunrise at Driftwood Beach on Jekyll Island

too. You'll find one on Bull Island in Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge, and you'll find Botany Bay's boneyard on Edisto Island. People tell me about Botany Bay, but I never hear anyone mention Bulls Island. Too inaccessible. Truth is I seldom hear anyone mention any boneyard. Maybe it's because such beaches don't suit sunbathers, swimmers, and those inclined to play games by the seaside. Perhaps there's no good place to erect tents and umbrellas. Maybe it's because to best appreciate them you need to get up before sunrise.



Moments before the sun breaches the horizon

Even death is beautiful in the islands. No wonder photographers and painters love them. And so do people from all walks of

life. Back in June, my sister, Deb, and I got up well before dawn to drive from St. Simons Island to Jekyll Island's Driftwood Beach. In darkness we parked by the road near a sandy path that leads to

the beach. No other vehicles were there. Good. Arriving at Driftwood Beach, however, scads of people walked about taking photos with phones. Bad.

As the sun rose, people left. Before, as, and after the sun came up, I took photos. (I'm an amateur and didn't do the setting justice. I hope to get better with time.) South Carolina has boneyards

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The moon looks down upon her work

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Adversity

Psalm 66:12 "You have caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; but you brought us out into a wealthy place."

I read about a man who was weak and sickly and who was not able to afford a doctor. He lived in the deep woods in an old log cabin. In front of his cabin was a huge boulder. One night he had a vision in which God told him to go out and push against the massive rock in the front of his house all day long, day after day, until God told him to stop. The man got up early the next day and did what he was told. He pushed on the rock as long as he could. After a rest he pushed some more. Each day he pushed a little harder and a little longer. Days rolled into weeks, and weeks into months, as he faithfully pushed against the rock. After several months of pushing the rock, however, the man was getting tired. He began to doubt that his vision came from God. He decided to measure how far he had been able to move the rock during those months. He discovered he had not moved it at all. This man was disappointed, near despair.

He sat on his porch and cried, because he had invested so much time for nothing. But as the sun was setting, Jesus came and sat down next to the man and asked him, "Son, why are you so sad?" The man replied, "because you know how sick and weak I am, and then the vision you gave me built up false hope. I have pushed with all that was within me for many months, and that old rock is right where it was when I started." Jesus said to him, "I never told you to move that rock, I told you to push against the rock." Then Jesus told the man to step in front of a mirror and look at himself. The man did so and was amazed. He had been so sickly and weak, but now what he saw in the mirror was a strong and muscular man. And it dawned on him that he had been feeling better for months, and it was all because he had been pushing on the rock. Suddenly the man understood that the plan of God was not to change the position of the rock, but to change him.

God does not always remove our burdens but He does use them for our benefit. Psalm 66 reveals that God used the burdens to bring the Psalmist into a wealthy place. The words "wealthy place" have been translated as a "place of rich fulfillment."

The weak and sickly man did not move the rock but pushing on it did lead him to a place of rich fulfillment. God has a purpose for the adversities and trials of life—they prepare us for the wealthy place or the place of rich fulfillment. The adversities we face in this life are a prelude to the wealthy place of heaven. The Lord protects us while we are going through the adversities of life. The Psalmist gave God the credit for bringing him through the fiery trials as well as the floods of trouble that came his way.

If you are experiencing a severe trial, remember this verse—God will use it to prepare you for better things and He will protect you while you are going through it.

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At a recent session of The Brew, Abbeville merchant Charlotte Ehney (right) told the story of her shop Southern Succotash. Here she is fielding a question from the Belmont's Susan Botts Petty (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

All together now

An Abbeville merchant tells the story of her shop, Southern Succotash

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville merchant Charlotte Ehney was asked at a recent session of the Brew how she came up with the name for her shop, "Southern Succotash."

It was simple. What involves a lot of things that are seemingly unrelated but work well together when they come together.

Succotash! To be sure, there were other shops using Succotash in their name--when she went to register the store with the state, the name "Succotash" was already taken--and Charlotte had to add a spin of her own.

Her in-laws came to the rescue. Why not add "Southern" to it?

Charlotte agreed, and the name of her store came into being.

It was all in keeping with the mission of the Brew, a program coordinated by the City of Abbeville and the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, and the Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership.

With monthly meetings at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville, the Brew allows merchants to gather, socialize and network.

Merchants talk about their businesses, and discuss their challenges as well as their successes.

During the July 6 meeting of the Brew, Ehney praised the business atmosphere of Abbeville, where merchants

seem glad to help each other and want everyone to succeed.

That's not true in every community, where many merchants seem determined to undercut each other.

And the people who visit her store have plenty of stories to tell--stories replete with history.

People will talk about how they remember when this building or that building was used for something entirely different.

The store, located at 123 Washington Street, offers art and vintage items, according to the Southern Succotash Facebook page.

Town of CF working on various upgrades

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Town Council has been discussing upgrades to various facilities used by the Town, according to Mayor Terrico Holland.

Some painting has been completed at the Ellison Center--both the interior and the exterior.

In addition, the Town has repaired the restrooms beside the basketball courts beside the Ellison Center.

"We're working on painting the baseball dugouts (at the

Center)," he said.

In addition, the basketball court lines have been repainted at the Ellison Center.

"We will be painting some of the outside," he said. There are plans to remodel an interior bathroom.

There are plans also to install a speaker system, and secure a WIFI capability.

"We're working on getting the police department painted an indigo blue," he said, adding that the painting

could begin as early as this week.

Also, ceiling tiles at town hall are to be replaced.

"We're trying to add WIFI to all our facilities," said the Mayor.

He thanked State Rep. Craig Gagnon for all of his help with in securing funding for renovations the Town's Community Building.

"He's been a major help with that project," he said.

Bound for the coast

County to be represented at Association of Counties conference

By Henry E. Green

A number of Abbeville County Council members are expected to attend the South Carolina Association of Counties conference at the Isle of Palms on the outskirts of Charleston August 1-4.

Abbeville County Clerk to Council Lynn Sopolosky said Monday that Council members Drew Simpson, Billy Norris, Rick Campbell, James McCord and John Calhoun are planning to attend the conference.

Sopolosky said that she plans to be in attendance as well.

"Each year, SCAC's Annual Conference provides a dynamic educational experience with opportunities for one-on-one interaction, strategizing, small group discussions and large group learning," according to the

organization's Website.

"More than 600 county officials--representing South Carolina's 46 counties--gather to discuss challenges and opportunities, share best practices and attend training sessions" that strengthen their capacity to lead and serve.

"The Association of Counties is the only statewide organization representing county government in South Carolina," according to the Website, which indicates that since the organization was chartered in 1967, it has worked to empower county officials through advocacy, education, and collaboration.

Concerning the conference, the Website provides a description of a full plate of activities in early August. In addition to an evening educational program, the

meeting offers opportunities to learn more about SCAC's programs and services, and to network with exhibitors and colleagues. Many of the state's top county leaders are also honored with awards and training certificates.

"I generally go to all the classes I can get in," Norris said Monday. He also networks with other Council members from other parts of the state.

"We all learn from talking to each other," he said.

"It's a great opportunity to learn. It's not just a big party, as some think it is.

"The County reimburses (the County Council members) for meals and mileage," he said. "The County does NOT pay for any alcohol whatsoever."

Lake's roots go back to New Deal years

By Henry E. Green

If you grow up in Abbeville, you take it for granted.

The City of Abbeville has a dam.

But seriously, how many cities do you know that have a dam.

For that matter, how many cities own and manage a lake?

The City owns and manages Lake Secession, which is described by South Carolina Department of Natural Resources as a 1,450 acre reservoir, and construction of the Lake Secession dam was a WPA project completed in 1940 by the City of Abbeville.

The Lake Secession Dam impounds waters of the Rocky River for approximately six miles, DNR reports.

According to the Friends of Lake Secession, the City manages Lake Secession in accordance with the terms of the license and the applicable rules and regulations of FERC.

According to a history of the lake found on the Friends Website, and on the City of Abbeville Website as well, the dam and the lake have their roots in the 1930s.

"James Roy Pennell,

a 1910 civil engineering graduate of the University of South Carolina, began acquiring land and water rights along the Rocky River in the early 1930s. Land was acquired in the vicinity of Price's Grist Mill for Pennell's hydroelectric power project.

"In January 1933 Pennell, a citizen of Spartanburg, and W. H. White of Abbeville applied to the South Carolina Secretary of State to charter the Abbeville Power Company, Inc. In February the South Carolina Senate approved the charter for the purpose of providing inexpensive electricity to rural locations. Pennell and White announced that about 1,200 acres would be inundated by construction of a concrete dam. The reservoir created by the dam was to be 7 miles long and a maximum of three-quarters of a mile wide.

"Construction began on June 22, 1933, when rock crushing machinery began operating near the dam site. At this time the planned lake was referred to as Pennell Lake.

"By May 1935, Pennell and White abandoned the project with the dam only 80 percent complete. Presum-

ably they ran out of money to finance the project. C. P. Townsend, City Engineer of Abbeville from 1920 until 1948, recommended that the city take over the project and seek Federal funds to complete the abandoned dam works.

"In November 1938, the City of Abbeville secured the land and water rights for the Pennell project. At that time 215 acres remained to be purchased. The deed was not recorded until August 1939. Pennell and his associates had invested \$214,000, yet the City was able to purchase the abandoned project for \$135,000. Dam construction was resumed on August 28, 1939, with John B Britton, State Senator from Sumter County, as the principal contractor.

"In November 1940, the concrete dam and two-story brick power house were completed and the spillway was closed. The Rocky River began to back up at the rate of one foot per day.

On December 3, 1940, the turbine were engaged and electricity from the generators was first transmitted, and in January, 1941, the City announced the official completion of the project.

Earmarks would help with renovations

By Henry E. Green

(See related story.)

Earmarks from the state are expected to help make possible renovations at the Abbeville County Law Enforcement Center and a building located on Highway 72 and housing the local Department of Social Services, according to State Rep. Craig Gagnon.

"Repairs and upgrades to the Abbeville County Detention Center are urgently needed," Gagnon said.

"These will enhance the safety of the courtroom and prisoner and intake. These

are needed for protection of staff, witnesses, judges, counsel, jurors, etc. Repairs with this funding also include plumbing, HVAC, flooring, sally port doors and lighting."

There is also money to repair the Department of Social Services building in Abbeville.

"The building housing the DSS and DHHS is in disrepair," Gagnon said. "The County no longer receives funds from the State to house the DSS/DHHS in order to make repairs on

this building.

"The reception area's air conditioning system is broken and the summer temperature in this area is consistently in the upper 80s with oppressive humidity. There are leaks in the roof when it rains, (and) water pours in forcing employees to put buckets out.

There is mold on the ceiling panels where there are leaks indicating the likelihood of black mold in the workplace. These funds would repair the roof and HVAC unit for the lobby."

Troy man faces meth trafficking charge

A man from Troy faces drug charges after a traffic stop on the outskirts of Abbeville, according to an Abbeville County Sheriff's Office incident report.

Barry Wayne Henderson,

48, of 1957 Highway 20, Troy, was arrested on the afternoon of July 11 after a traffic stop.

He was charged with trafficking meth over 10 grams but less than 28 grams,

according to the Sheriff's Office.

As of Tuesday, he was at the Abbeville County detention center awaiting bond, the Sheriff's Office reported.

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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT 2021

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Public Water System (SC0110001)

CITY OF ABBEVILLE, S.C.

Spanish (Española)

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber. Tradúscalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Is my water safe?

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) as required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This report is designed to provide details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies. This report is a snapshot of last year's water quality. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

Do I need to take special precautions?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Water Drinking Hotline (800-426-4791).

Where does my water come from?

The source of drinking water used by the City of Abbeville (System no. 0110001) is Surface Water from the Wilson Creek Branch of Richard Russell Lake. Our Water Treatment Plant is within the city limits of Abbeville on 406 Vienna Street. Our plant is a conventional surface water treatment facility which is presently rated to produce 4.5 million gallons per day with a maximum production capacity of 9.0 million gallons per day. Our current production level is around 3.2 million gallons per day at peak. We encourage the citizens of Abbeville to plan a visit to the Treatment Plant to see how the water you are supplied is treated. Please feel free to contact Ray Hilley at 864-366-2427 to arrange a tour of the facility.

Source water assessment and its availability

Raw water sources are most susceptible to contamination from runoff or environmental conditions. For more information about source water assessment, visit <https://scdhec.gov/environment/your-water-coast/source-water-protection>

Why are there contaminants in my drinking water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity: microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wild life; inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming; pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses; organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems; and radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities. To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data Table

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the calendar year of this report. Although many more contaminants were tested, only those substances listed below were found in your water. All sources of drinking water contain some naturally occurring contaminants. At low levels, these substances are generally not harmful in our drinking water. Removing all contaminants would be extremely expensive, and in most cases, would not provide increased protection of public health. A few naturally occurring minerals may improve the taste of drinking water and have nutritional value at low levels. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done in the calendar year of the report. The EPA or the State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. As such, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. In this table you will find terms and abbreviations that might not be familiar to you. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the definitions below the table.

Water Quality Data Table

Lead and Copper - Inorganic Contaminants

Contaminants (unit of measure)	ALG	AL	90th percentile	# Samples Exceeding AL	Exceeds AL (Yes/No)	Sample Date	Typical Source
Copper-action level at consumer taps (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.072	0	No	2019	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead-action level at consumer taps (ppb)	0	15	0	0	No	2019	Corrosion of household plumbing systems. Erosion of natural deposits.

Chemical Constituents

Contaminants (unit of measure)	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect in Your Water	Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Typical Source
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	0.45	0.45 — 0.45	No	2021	Runoff from fertilizer use. Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium (ppm) [unregulated]	NA	NA	5	5 — 5	No	2021	Naturally occurring.

Disinfectant and Disinfection By-Products

Contaminants (unit of measure)	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL, TT, or MRDL	Detect in Your Water	Range	Violation (Yes or No)	Sample Date	Typical Source
Chlorine (ppm)	4	4	1.0 RAA	NA	No	2021	Water additive used to control microbes.
HAAs [Haloacetic Acids] (HAAs) (ppb)	No goal for the total	60	27 LRAA	13.4 — 42.3	No	2021	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes] (ppb)	No goal for the total	80	55 LRAA	37.8 — 95.1	No	2021	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

Turbidity Data

	Limit (Treatment Technique)	Level Detected	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Highest single measurement	1 NTU	0.260 NTU	No	Soil runoff
Lowest monthly % meeting limit	0.3 NTU	100.000%	No	Soil runoff

Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration.

Total Organic Carbon Information for

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations section.

Compliance with Other Drinking Water Regulations

Violation Table

Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
QUALIFIED OPERATOR FAILURE	12/01/2021	02/01/2022	We failed to have a qualified person operate our water system for the period indicated.

The Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule reduces exposure to disinfection byproducts for customers of community water systems and non-transient non-community systems, including those serving fewer than 10,000 people, that add a disinfectant to the drinking water during any part of the treatment process.

Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that the average U.S. household uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day or 100 gallons per person per day? Luckily, there are many low-cost and no-cost ways to conserve water. Small changes can make a big difference - try one today and soon it will become second nature. Visit www.epa.gov/watersense for more information.

- Take short showers.
- Shut off water while brushing your teeth.
- Use a water-efficient showerhead.
- Run clothes washer and dishwasher only when full.
- Water plants only when necessary.
- Fix leaky toilets and faucets.
- Adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered.
- Teach your kids about water conservation.

Source Water Protection Tips

Protection of drinking water is everyone's responsibility. You can help protect your community's drinking water source in several ways:

- Eliminate excess use of lawn and garden fertilizers and pesticides - they contain hazardous chemicals that can reach your drinking water source.
- Pick up after your pets.
- If you use a septic system, properly maintain your system to reduce leaching to water sources or consider connecting to a public system.
- Dispose of chemicals properly; take used motor oil to a recycling center.
- Volunteer in your community. Find a watershed or wellhead protection organization in your community and volunteer to help. If there are no active groups, consider starting one. Use EPA's Adopt Your Watershed to locate groups in your community or visit the Watershed Information Network's How to Start a Watershed Team.
- Organize a storm drain stenciling project with your local government or water supplier. Stencil a message next to the street drain reminding people "Dump No Waste - Drains to River" or "Protect Your Water." Produce and distribute a flyer for households to remind residents that storm drains dump directly into your local water body.

Additional Information for Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. CITY OF ABBEVILLE (0110001) is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Tables for Unit Descriptions and Important Drinking Water Definitions

Unit Description	
Term	Definition
ppm	ppm, parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/L)
ppb	ppb, parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (µg/L)
pCi/L	pCi/L, picocuries per liter, quantity of radioactive material.
mrem	mrem; millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
NA	NA, not applicable
ND	ND, not detected
NR	NR, monitoring not required but recommended

Important Drinking Water Definitions	
Term	Definition
AVG	AVG: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average (RAA) of monthly samples.
LRAA	LRAA: Locational running annual average. Average of results for samples taken at a particular monitoring location.
MCLG	MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
MCL	MCL: Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
TT	TT: Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
AL	AL: Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
ALG	ALG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.
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Theus new football coach at CFCS

By Henry E. Green
Calhoun Falls Charter has a new football coach. Zak Theus, who spent a number of years as an assistant coach at Palmetto High School, was hired several weeks ago, and he will be at the helm of the Calhoun Falls Charter varsity football team for the 2022 season. "He was strength and conditioning coach for all their athletics (at Palmetto), said

Assistant Athletic Director David Campbell. Marcia Wideman, the new athletic director at Calhoun Falls Charter, said Theus coached seven years at Palmetto, where he was assistant athletic director for two years, strength and conditioning coach for five years, and head JV football coach for three. Theus graduated from Mauldin High School, and

he is also a 2015 graduate of Newberry College. He played football at both Mauldin and Newberry. A number of factors drew the positive attention of Calhoun Falls Charter to Theus. "He had a lot to bring to the football program," said Wideman. That included his experience, his work as strength and conditioning coach, and his concern and love for the students.

Post 2 softball team loses two to Post 20

By Henry E. Green
The American Legion Post 2 softball team lost to Post 20 last week twice last week, but the team was hoping to bounce back last night in the first round of the playoffs, according to Terry Greenfield, Legion coordinator for the Post 2 softball team. Post 2 lost Wednesday 5-0 in Due West to Post 20 of Greenwood, and Thursday, 12-11 to Post 20 in Green-

wood. Thursday night, Kinsley Kay pitched for Post 2, and Gillian Hughes and Liv Scott also saw action from the mound, Greenfield continued. On Wednesday, Gillian Hughes and Mati Cox pitched for Post 2. The Legion team finished their regular season with a record of 11-3, with one loss coming to an Aiken team,

and two losses coming at the hands of Post 20. In Thursday night's game, Legion 2 suffered from critical errors and Greenwood benefit from walks, Greenwood indicated. Last night, Post 2 was slated to host a Legion team from Inman in the first round of the playoffs, he went on to say.



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PUBLIC NOTICE: PHA PLAN

The Abbeville Housing Authority's PHA Plan for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, is now available to the public for review and comment.

The Plan can be reviewed at our main office, which is located at 508 Haigler Street, Abbeville, SC 29620, during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Abbeville Housing Authority at (864) 366-4549.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA CITY OF ABBEVILLE

A General election in City of Abbeville will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Any person wishing to register to vote in this election must do so no later than Sunday, October 9, 2022. Voter registration by mail applications will be accepted if postmarked by Monday, October 10, 2022.

The following offices shall be included in this election:
Abbeville City Council District 1
Abbeville City Council District 3
Abbeville City Council District 4
Abbeville City Council District 6

Candidate Filing Period:
Filing Opens: Noon on Monday, August 1, 2022
Filing Closes: Noon on Monday, August 15, 2022

Filing Hours:
Weekdays: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Locations:
Abbeville County Administrative Complex, 903 West Greenwood Street, Abbeville SC 29620. Room 2500.
864-366-2400 Ext 53

Filing Fee: The filing fee for City Council is \$75.00. Filing fee checks should be made payable to City of Abbeville.

State Ethics Filings: Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at <http://ethics.sc.gov>. Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.

At 6:00 p.m. on the day the special election, the Abbeville County Board of Registrations and Elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at 903 West Greenwood Street, Room 2500.

On Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 11:00 am, the Abbeville County Board of Voter Registration and Elections will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in the special election. These hearings will be held at Abbeville County Administrative Complex, 903 West Greenwood Street, Abbeville SC Room 2500.

The following precincts and polling places will be open during this election from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.:

Precincts	Polling Place
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Abbeville No. 3 Abbeville County Complex	903 W Greenwood St Abbeville SC 29620
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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.

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Address: 530 Jackson Rd. Abbeville, SC 29620
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Estate: George C. Norton, Jr.
Date of Death: 6/10/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100167
Personal Representative: Natasha Saylor
Address: 502 Old Vienna Rd. Abbeville, SC 29620
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Estate: Edgar T. Campbell, Sr.
Date of Death: 6/18/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100168
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Estate: Ronnie Dean Gambrell
Date of Death: 10/6/2021
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Estate: Robert Bryson Nickles
Date of Death: 6/12/2022
Case Number: 2022ES0100173
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Estate: Betty Joyce Lewis
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Case Number: 2022ES0100176
Personal Representative: Lonnie Dale Lewis
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Estate: Carolyn Polston Schoenfeld
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COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CASE NO. 2022-CP-01-00174

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc., PLAINTIFF,

VS.

Jody M. Waters; and Kristy J. Waters a/k/a Krystal J. Waters,

DEFENDANT(S).

(221063.00004)

TO THE DEFENDANTS JODY M. WATERS; AND KRISTY J. WATERS A/K/A KRYSTAL J. WATERS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve copy of your answer upon the undersigned at their offices, 2712 Middleburg Drive, Suite 200, P.O.

Box 2065, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order

of Reference of this cause to the Master in Equity for Abbeville County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53(e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this cause.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County on

June 15, 2022.

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Chamber planning number of events

By Henry E. Green

The month of July will include a number of business-related happenings, according to Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce executive director Anna LaGrone.

Today--July 13--there will be a class on Social Media Marketing at 8:30 a.m. at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

This class will be one in a series of classes in the Chamber's new business education program.

Ian Patrick Harris will be teaching the class. Harris works at Mad Marketing House, a marketing firm which assists small and large businesses through-

out the Southeast, said LaGrone.

"These classes are open to everyone," she said. They are free for Chamber members, and cost \$10 per class for non-Chamber members.

"We'll be learning about all things social media, from effectively using it, from promoting our business, to creating engaging content," she said.

July will also feature a number of grand openings in Abbeville.

On July 15, there will be a grand opening at 10 a.m. for Hope South's new branch at 536 West Greenwood Street.

On July 16, at 9:30 a.m., there will be a grand opening

for the new location of Jessica's Closet at 103 West Pickens.

Finally, on July 22, Indigenous Underground will have its anniversary celebration at 4:30 p.m.

The Chamber will also have at 6 p.m. on July 21 its 40th anniversary reception, which is open to everyone, and will be an informal gathering for commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Chamber's founding on July 21, 1982.

On July 23, the Chamber will present Blue Crab and Blues from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls.



Josh Baughman (left) and John Andrew Bishop (right) were among the outgoing board members recognized at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet held recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Leave 'lost fawns' alone

Submitted by SCDNR

If a deer fawn is found alone in the woods, leave it there, according to the S.C. Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR). Its mother has not abandoned it; she is probably nearby. Removing a fawn from the forest is also illegal because the animal is being taken outside the legal season for taking deer, which is the hunting season.

Many people who come upon a solitary spotted fawn in the woods or along a roadway mistakenly assume the animal has been deserted by its mother and want to take the apparently helpless creature home to care for it. Young fawns like this have not been abandoned and are still in the care of a doe.

The apparently "helpless" deer fawns born during April, May and June in South Carolina will begin daily movements with their mothers in about three or four weeks. Human handling and disturbance of

fawns can cause a doe to shy away or even desert her offspring. Also, a bleating response by the fawn can summon nearby predators.

It's part of nature's plan for a doe deer to leave her fawn or fawns alone for their first few weeks of life. The reason for this unusual maternal action is that the fawn at this age is better protected away from the doe. The presence of the doe nearby would attract predators because the doe lacks the protective coloration of the fawn, and the older and larger doe has a much stronger odor.

A fawn that appears abandoned is merely awaiting a visit from its mother. A doe, after brief periods of feeding and grooming her fawn, will spend much of her day feeding and resting somewhat removed from her young. The fawn ordinarily stays bedded down as if sleeping, but will occasionally move short distances to new bedding sites.

Each spring and summer,

SCDNR gets many calls from people who have discovered these "lost" deer. Young fawns are without a doubt cute and cuddly, but if taken into captivity they grow into semi-tame adult deer that can become quite dangerous. Adult buck deer, no matter how they were raised, are especially dangerous during the breeding season. Even does raised by humans are unpredictable. Occasionally, "tame" deer seriously injure people and, in cases where the deer are a threat to humans, the deer sometimes have to be killed.

People often ask SCDNR if it needs deer fawns for its research projects. Although SCDNR is actively engaged in deer research, current studies do not involve captive animals.

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Rembert C. Dennis Building 1000 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201



Katy Lyn Busby was concentrating heavily on her hula hoop Saturday, July 2, at the Due West Pavilion. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Pet of the Month



With a shiny auburn coat and penetrating hazel eyes, **Buddy** is extra handsome. He's about three years old and he's a big boy so he needs an equally strong human to be his own buddy. He has lived at the shelter for 75 days. Buddy is possibly a hound mix and he would be perfect lying at your feet in the evening after he gets plenty of exercise."

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