



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

Crawford to face Ashley

Runoff in City Council District Four slated

By Henry E. Green

There will be a runoff in Abbeville City Council District Four between incumbent Chris Crawford and Deanna Ashley on Tuesday, Nov. 22. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The precincts involved will be Abbeville One and Two, with polling places at the Abbeville Civic Center and the Abbeville County Courthouse.

Early voting will be on Nov. 16, 17, and 18, at the Abbeville County voter registration office from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Curbside voting will be

available for early voting and on the day of the runoff election for qualified voters.

Deanna Ashley received 66 votes, Chris Crawford 62 votes, and Venture R. Belton 55 votes in the Nov. 8 election, according to unofficial vote totals.

Since no one candidate secured a clear majority in the election, there has to be a runoff between the top two finishers--Crawford and Ashley.

Elsewhere, incumbent Louise Tootsie Aikens ran unopposed in City Council District One, and she got 124 votes, and there were

14 write-ins.

Incumbent John Sutherland ran unopposed in City Council District Three. He received 74 votes, and there were seven write-ins.

In City Council District Six, incumbent Jason A. Edwards won reelection, with 112 votes. Jason Walker came in second in the three-way race, with 46 votes, and Jon E. Porter got 13 votes. There were two write-ins.

For more information, one may call the voter registration at 366-6690, extension 53.



Veterans who had served during various military conflicts were recognized during a recent Veterans Day program presented during by American Legion Post 2. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Abbevillians mark Veterans Day

By Henry E. Green

“The soldier above all other people prays for peace.”

So said George McKinney, the keynote speaker for a Veterans Day program held at the Abbeville County Veterans Foundation Building on Longbranch Street in Abbeville Friday by American Legion Post 2.

McKinney, who recently retired as director of emergency services with Greenwood County, and who is now the president of the Greenwood Rotary Club, told stories of military personnel. One young man had been killed in the line of duty, while another overcame a diagnosis of PTSD to go back to school and get a masters in social work.

“Noah and John are the embodiment of service and sacrifice,” he said.

“Veterans are a diverse group,” he went on to say. They come from a variety of walks of life and ethnic backgrounds, but they share a common commitment to serve.

“Military service is not for the faint of heart,” he said.

The suicide rate among veterans is much higher than the national average,

he said.

It takes courage to ask for help, but there is now a national crisis line that veterans can call, he said.

America has 60,000 homeless veterans--11 percent of all the homeless in the U.S. are veterans.

“Many veterans continue to pay the price for military service,” he went on to say.

Veterans Day started out as Armistice Day, to mark the end of hostilities in World War I, a conflict which someone had called the war to end all wars--alas, as McKinney noted, it was not that.

In addition to McKinney's keynote address, the veterans recognized the oldest veteran present, and the youngest as well.

Winning the honor as the oldest veteran present was Will Fuller, and winning honors as the youngest was Melissa Jackson, a veteran of the Marine Corps.

Fuller, who lives in the Irmo area on the outskirts of Columbia, said he was born in 1947 and raised in Greenwood.

His military career included service in the Air Force and the South Carolina State

Guard.

He went on to say that he had a cousin who owned a flower shop on Court Square in Abbeville.

Thirty four year old Melissa Jackson, meanwhile, is a veteran of the Marine Corps, and commander of Vets Helping Vets.

Meanwhile, First Vice Commander Jason Church paid tribute to the service personnel thought to be missing in action or prisoners of war.

A special table with a special arrangement had been set up, and Church explained the symbolism of the pieces of the arrangement, meant to symbolize that a place had been set for the serviceman or servicewoman, and friends and family are awaiting their return.

Also during the program, military spouses were recognized, and Abbeville County veterans affairs officer Teresa Mahaffey read aloud the Lord's Prayer for Military Families.

Samantha Brooks sang the National Anthem, and veterans of various military conflicts were recognized.



West Carolina Tel and the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation recently hosted a meeting in Abbeville to discuss the Internet and Abbeville County. Here Lee Logan (left) of the FCCF and Abbeville County Council chairman Billy Norris (right) had a conversation following the meeting. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Trustees choose option

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees voted Tuesday night to fund \$10 million for facilities upgrades with the use of \$7 million in acquisition bonds, with the remaining \$3 million to come out of the District's fund balance.

Voting in opposition were trustees James Tisdale and Glynda Bryson, according to meeting minutes.

The state had awarded the District \$38 million to fund facility upgrades at Dixie and Abbeville high schools and at the Abbeville County Career Center, but the District is still having to raise \$10 million to bring the project to fruition.

In voting for the acquisition bonds, the trustees followed the recommendation of trustee Keith Dunn.

The trustees had been considering several options for raising the \$10 million, and the vote Tuesday night came after lengthy discussion.

The board also passed first reading on the 2023-24 year-round modified school year calendar, with trustees David Brooks and Keith Dunn opposing.

The trustees also unanimously agreed to follow the administration's personnel recommendations.

The trustees also discussed the lawn maintenance award, and plumbing recommendation.

The board voted to give lawn maintenance services to Holtzclaw Lawn Services and Wiggington Enterprises, to take care of lawns and athletic fields at District facilities.

The trustees also voted to award plumbing services to John Davis Plumbing, to replace pipes at Cherokee Trail Elementary, at a cost not to exceed \$150,000.

During the meeting, which lasted approximately three hours, the board also elected officers, and heard updates on finance, curriculum and technology.

The trustees assembled at 6 p.m., with Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary swearing in newly elected or reelected board members, and presiding over the election of board officers.

Sworn in were new members Lisa Alewine and Charles Angel, and newly reelected members Brad Evans, Tim Rhodes, and James Tisdale. Tim Rhodes was elected chairman, James Tisdale vice chairman and Keith Dunn secretary.

There was then a Gold Star Highlights segment, in which

the Dixie High School FFA chapter was recognized for its recycling program.

FFA members Carson Wilson, Mary Katherine Hannah, Emalie White and Rozlyn Partain gave a presentation on the program.

In addition, AHS Panther football players Addison Nickles, and Ty Cade were recognized for having been asked to play in the “North-South” football game--a game featuring many of South Carolina's best high school players.

AHS assistant coach Gil Cade was recognized for having been asked to be one of the coaches in the event, and finally, AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles was honored for having achieved 200 victories in his coaching career.

The board went into executive session to discuss personnel and construction contracts.

When the board returned to open session, the trustees began to discuss a maintenance update from Mike Reepe, and then went into another executive session --this time to discuss recommendations for lawn maintenance.



AHS Panther Jacob Ferguson (62) helped lead the “Abbeville” chant at the beginning of the third quarter recently during the AHS-Newberry football game in the second round of the state playoffs. (Photo by Andy Johnston)



Municipal Judge William McNeil (far right) swore in Abbeville City Council members (from left) John Sutherland, Louise Aikens, and Jason Edwards to new terms of office at a recent City Council meeting. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## City Council members sworn in to new terms

**By Henry E. Green**

Abbeville City Council met Wednesday night, welcoming three Council members to new terms of office.

City Judge William H McNeil swore in City Council members John Sutherland, Louise Aikens and Jason Edwards to new terms of office.

Incumbents Sutherland and Aikens ran unopposed in the Nov. 8 election, while Edwards, also an incumbent, held off challengers Jon Porter and Jason Walker to claim victory.

Council passed second reading on an ordinance amending a previous ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget to account for increased revenue collection, grants and the sale of land.

According to the proposed ordinance, the City's Hospi-

ality Fund will be adjusted from \$249,350 to \$299,350. In addition, the General Fund will be adjusted from \$4,432,927.17 to \$4,541,927.17.

Finally, the enterprise fund will be adjusted from \$13,843,078.84 to \$14,031,845.24.

Budgets need to be amended to account for changes in revenues, and expenditures not anticipated in the budget for auditing purposes.

Also Wednesday night, Council passed a resolution endorsing the expenditure of City funds as a required match for a community development block grant for the Abbeville City for the Abbeville City Chestnut Park "Improvements Project."

The City is applying for a Community Development Block Grant to install playground equipment and a

pavilion at the Chestnut Park at 400 Chestnut Street.

The Community Development Block Grant requires a minimum match of 10 percent for the grant if awarded. The match would come to \$10,000, which will come from the City's hospitality fund.

Council approved the 2023 City Holiday Schedule. Among the holidays to be observed will be New Year's Day on Jan. 2, and Martin Luther King Day on Jan. 16, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In addition, Council appointed Gruff Herrman to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Council also went into executive session to discuss contractual matters, including the City Manager employment contract.

(See related stories.)

## City of Abbeville

# Christmas tree lighting slated for tonight

**By Henry E. Green**

The City of Abbeville's Christmas Tree lighting has been rescheduled because of Hurricane Nicole, and will be held tonight--Wednesday, Nov. 16--on Abbeville's Court Square at 6:30 p.m., according to Austin Walker, Community Development Director with the City of Abbeville.

The Christmas Tree light-

ing had originally been slated for Nov. 10, but had to be rescheduled because of the threat of inclement weather because of what started out as Hurricane Nicole.

Dance Dynasty will be providing entertainment for tonight's tree lighting, said Walker.

Mayor Trey Edwards is expected to light the tree. The tree is artificial, having

been built on a framework over "Big Bob", a bell on Abbeville's Court Square.

The tree lighting will help to usher in the Christmas season in Abbeville--a season replete with special events.

These events will include Handmade for the Holidays, Breakfast with Santa, the Reindeer Run, and, of course, the City's Christmas parade.

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# Meeting of the minds

## WCTEL, FCCF host gathering about broadband in Abbeville County

By Henry E. Green

Put your heads together. That was the message Monday at the West Carolina Tel headquarters on the Highway 28 Bypass in Abbeville, as approximately 30 people gathered together to talk about the future of broadband in Abbeville County.

Representatives of the City of Abbeville, Abbeville County, Abbeville County School District, Abbeville County Legislative Delegation, and U.S. Representative Jeff Duncan were among those assembled for a sort of "lunch and learn" session, in which those in attendance learned about West Carolina Tel—where it has been, and where it is going.

Presented by West Carolina Tel and the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation, the meeting featured a welcome by Brad Evans, chairman of the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation.

West Carolina Tel was established in 1952, and through the years has formed valuable partnerships with municipalities, counties and school districts.

"We connect people with the world," Stephen Taylor of West Carolina told those assembled.

That mission is in conjunction with the vision which West Carolina's founders had more than seven decades ago.

Today the cooperative is looking to expand broadband within Abbeville County. It has 96 employees, 34 contractors, and \$45 million in terms of infrastructure investment currently in progress.

WCTEL is looking to expand broadband within Abbeville County, and has

identified as many as 1,200 addresses without Internet access.

"We've applied for funding for under-served areas," said WCTEL CEO Jeff Wilson.

The cooperative is collaborating with Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative, and has expanded into Greenwood County, and Columbia County, GA, and the city of Newberry, and is in discussions with the city of Anderson and Anderson County for future collaborative efforts.

Wes McAllister, WCTEL board chairman, paid tribute to the vision of the founders of the cooperative, and various dignitaries recognized also the co-op for its contributions to the community.

"We like what WCTEL is doing," said State Sen. Mike Gambrell, a member of the Abbeville County Legislative Delegation.

"It's really impressive how well you've collaborated," said Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary.

The meeting is slated to be the first of a series. Evans announced at the close of the meeting that the City of Abbeville is expected to have a similar meeting in February, and Abbeville County will have one in June.

WCTEL has about 12,000 members, and 32,000 Internet customers, said Lee Logan, a board member at West Carolina Tel.

This was the first in a series of meetings where county elected officials are meeting to address issues of concern to the county," said Logan Tuesday.

This first session concentrated on Internet coverage in the county, which was highlighted in the County Council strategic plan, he

continued.

There are three areas in the county that have either inadequate broadband service or none at all, according to Logan.

"These three areas were covered by another telecommunications company back in 1952 when West Carolina was originally chartered," he said. "Therefore they were outside the footprint of WCTEL when it was chartered."

"Because they don't have adequate broadband coverage WCTEL has applied for state and federal grants that would pay for the installation of fiber in those three areas," he said. "Hopefully we'll get word on those grants within a few months."

"One reason for growth in employees is because we are determined to maintain and improve the quality of service and products provided to our 12,000 members," he said.

The next two county focus groups will be held with County and City Council leadership.

"The primary reason for this expansion is to provide net income to replace the loss of universal service funds that affected all rural co-ops.

Logan explained that in years past these funds helped provide significant revenue for basic telephone services in rural America, and over the past 10 years those revenues have been cut significant, due to changing federal regulations that affected telephone co-ops throughout the U.S., and if they had not been replaced from other income outside of our traditional service area, our cost to the membership would have increased dramatically.



Doug Kauffman (left) spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about Rotary's battle to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. Among his listeners was Abbeville Rotary Club president Lou Paradis (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Brandon Johnson

## newcomer to Council

By Henry E. Green

Brandon Johnson is a newcomer to Abbeville County Council, but he is no stranger to Abbeville County.

The 37-year-old Johnson ran unopposed in the Nov. 8 election for County Council District 1, which had been represented by Jason Bonds, who decided not to run for reelection.

Johnson used to work for Abbeville County EMS, but he is now an electrician.

"I own my own electrical business," he said

A resident of the Abbeville County portion of Honea Path, he grew up in the Honea Path area.

"I've been on the same

road my whole life," he said. A 2003 graduate of Belton Honea Path High School, he went to work after high school in public service.

"I started out dispatching in the Anderson County fire department, and then I came to work for Abbeville County EMS as an EMT Intermediate," he said.

He graduated from Midlands Tech in 2008 with a certificate in conjunction with his paramedic certification.

He continued working with Abbeville County, making his way up through the ranks to the position of EMS supervisor.

He then worked with EMS

in Anderson County, before deciding to focus on his electrical business.

Today he runs his own electrical business—Johnson Electric—based in Honea Path.

"I have a wife and one son," he said.

His wife Rebekah teaches fourth grade in Anderson School District Three. His five-year-old son Reid, meanwhile, is in kindergarten.

He has never held public office before. "I just want to continue to help make Abbeville County a better place to live, work and raise a family," said Johnson.

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## County Council

# Miller wins honors in telecommunications

By Henry E. Green

An Abbeville County employee has won top honors in the world of telecommunications, Abbeville County Council was informed Monday night.

Abbeville County E-911 Director Sharmel Miller has been named South Carolina Director of the Year by APCO/NENA, an organization which sets standards for telecommunications, and serves as a credentialing organization.

Miller was honored with this award at a recent conference, Garner said.

County Council held a public hearing on Ordinance 2022-13 to amend the text of specific sections of the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, which was adopted on Feb. 11, 2008.

Vicki Lopez, Regional Sales Representative for Harris Govern, gave a presentation on software services it could provide to various county departments.

They have one integrated software solution that encompasses the offices of the auditor, the treasurer, the assessor, delinquent tax collector and finance and administration.

Council took the presentation as information, and will make a decision in coming months on whether to make an agreement with the company.

Council passed third reading on Ordinance 2022-08 to approve a contract for the transfer of approximately .42 acres located at 588 Corbin Road in Abbeville County and to authorize the

County Director to execute such an agreement, a deed of conveyance and other necessary documents.

Council also passed third reading on Ordinance 2022-11, to amend the county road system's index of road by deletion and removal of Clinkscales Road from the county road system.

Council also passed second reading on Ordinance 2022-13 to amend the text of specific sections of the Zoning Ordinance 07-22 of Abbeville County, which was adopted Feb. 11, 2008.

Also passed was Resolution 2022-38, authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Lakelands Termite and Pest Control for pest control services on County buildings.

Council member Drew Simpson voted in opposition—he said that he did not believe a change in pest control services was necessary.

Also passed was Resolution 2022-40, authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual agreement with Pickens Construction of Anderson for the resurfacing and rehabilitation of nine roads in Abbeville County, for a cost not to exceed \$689,777.

These roads are located at various points throughout the county.

Council also passed Resolution 2022-42 authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship agreement with S&S Construction of Anderson for construction of road access projects for Diamond

Hill and McKee Fire Department on McIlwain Road in Abbeville County, not to exceed \$155,942.05.

Also approved was a resolution 2022-42 authorizing the payment of any future or outstanding balances for the Fleettalk Radio System from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Fleettalk is the trade name for a new 911 system which the county has adopted. The new system will be “live” by the end of this week or the next week.

The County has been working, since adopting it last year, to secure the installation of the equipment.

“There was a lot of infrastructure that had to be built,” he said. For example, a communications tower is being built in the Donalds/Honea Path area to accommodate the new system.

Council also named Susie New to the Title III Funds Committee, Steven Beauford to the Board of Assessment Appeals, and Lynne Hester to the Library Board.

Mack Beaty of Abbeville spoke during the public comment segment of the meeting, emphasizing that County Council needed to display more transparency, and to adhere more strongly to the Freedom of Information Act, particularly in the realm of executive session, and explaining the reasons for going into executive session.

“We seem to be woefully inadequate in transparency,” he said.

Council member Jason Bonds was absent from the meeting.



Abbeville County E-911 Director Sharmel Miller has won South Carolina Director of the Year honors, and she was recognized by Abbeville County Director David Garner (left) at a recent County Council meeting. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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# Grant aims to help homeless students

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District saw a definite need when it applied for a grant which is designed to help tackle problems arising from homelessness, according to Elizabeth Crocker, director of secondary programs with the Abbeville County School District.

Crocker was asked how the District assessed homelessness among students in the District. How many students have experienced or are experiencing homelessness, she was asked.

“Yes, I did apply for this grant,” she said. “On average, we have around 30 students in the district each

year who qualify and apply for McKinney Vento status. However, the national data estimate is that 2.7% of students experience homelessness, which would be about 80 students in our district. During the 2021-22 school year, ACS D identified 32 students as McKinney Vento. We had a total student population of 2911 with 69% Pupils in Poverty (2008 students).

According to a “Pupils in Poverty” national estimate, “we could have 130-200 students experiencing homelessness in our county,” she continued.

“We have identified substantially less than the

estimated number by both national measures. We hope that with a family services coordinator working for our school district, we can make sure that no student is missing out on support necessary to meet their educational potential.”

The federal McKinley Vento Act “protects the rights of children and youth in homeless situations to attend and succeed in schools including preschools,” according to the District.

The grant, from the State Department of Education, is for \$40,000 a year for three years, the District reported.

# Abbeville Chamber presents upcoming holiday events

Submitted by Anna LaGrone Executive Director

Handmade for the Holidays is a vendor-based event that showcases the work of local artisans and small business owners and which encourages shopping local for the holidays. This is a great way for a small business owner who may not have a brick and mortar but who still wants to be a part of Abbeville's Christmas events to shine. We have many of our Chamber members participating this year, including Stone Grove, Wired Treats, Cedar Ridge Farm, Kissell Creations, Marie Butler of Close to my

Heart, Commercial Printing, and Sherwood Designs, to name a few. The majority of our vendors are Abbeville County-based small businesses and artisans who are excited to be a part of this “Shop Local First” Christmas event. We hope to bring shoppers to the downtown area to patronize our restaurants and our service-based industries as they do some Christmas shopping at this event and at our wonderful businesses on the Square. Handmade for the Holidays will be held on November 18th and 19th at the Livery Stable, with vendors available 10-6 on both days. The Cookie Walk will be

held on December 3rd from 1-3 pm. Get in the Holiday spirit with this family-oriented event that gives you the opportunity to enjoy delicious cookies as you meet the merchants and get ideas for those Christmas lists! Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Chamber or over the phone at 864-366-3806.

Breakfast with Santa a family-friendly event traditionally held before the Abbeville Christmas Parade. Bring the whole family for breakfast at the historic Belmont Inn and let the kids meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/child.

## a Word from “THE WORD”

Rev. Dr. John Keith



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# Forgiveness

**Genesis 50:19-20 “Joseph said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant it for evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring about as it is this day to save many people alive.’”**

“Reader’s Digest” once asked its readers to complete this sentence: “I Never Regret...” Here is how some of their readers responded. “I never regret... the day I quit smoking.” Sandy Biss, Elbow Lake, Mn. “I never regret... taking naps and leaving large tips.” Rhianon Rae, Hershey, Pa. “I never regret... serving my country.” Sharon Parsons, Oak Hill, Oh. “I never regret... eating the last cookie.” Christina Hicks, Clarksville, Tn. Listen to this last response, “I never regret... forgiving the person who caused me pain, which gave me relief I never thought I could have.” Erika Jones, New York, NY.

Forgiveness: ponder that for a moment. It is a sweet word to experience but a difficult precept to extend. In our text, the brothers of Joseph, who had hated him and sold him into slavery came to him wanting to experience his forgiveness. Their father Jacob had died, and they feared that Joseph would extract vengeance on them. They tell Joseph that before Jacob died he wanted them to tell Joseph to forgive them. I believe that they made that up, for if Jacob had said that

I believe he would have told Joseph himself. In Joseph’s reply to them I see the principles of forgiveness.

First of all, notice that Joseph did not deny that he had been wronged. He told his brothers that what they had done to him was evil. They meant to hurt him. When you have been wronged, acknowledge it but don’t dwell on it. Joseph did not dwell on what they had done to him. He did not harbor any bitterness toward them nor wish them any harm. I wonder how long it took Joseph to come to that attitude? We don’t know, it may have taken several years. The important thing is, he did get to that place. That is the important thing for us—get to the place where we do not harbor resentment or desire revenge.

Second, discern what God is doing through the wrong you have suffered. Joseph did not dwell on the wrong they had done to him, he focused on what God did through it. They meant it to harm Joseph, but God meant it to help preserve not only the lives of the Egyptians but his own kinfolk as well. Joseph came to realize that God had a higher purpose

for his suffering. When we have been wronged we need to look for what God is doing. What happens *in* you is more important that what happens *to* you. Joseph had suffered a tremendous hurt at the hands of his own brothers, but God used it for a greater good to an entire region. When something awful happens to you, instead of getting down in the dumps, begin to look around for what God is doing. I promise you, He is doing something.

Third, declare the goodness of God—even in the wrong that you have suffered. Joseph looked beyond his hurt to what God had accomplished. He was giving the credit and praise to God. God was in control the whole time—not his brothers. Had God not allowed it, they could have done nothing. If you look at vs. 21 you will notice that Joseph had no desire to punish his brothers for the wrong they had done to him. He told them not to be afraid and that he would provide for their families. He spoke kindly to them and comforted them. By his words and actions Joseph strove to show them that he had forgiven them for what they had done.



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# Country calling

## Jason Taylor serves two Methodist churches here in Abbeville County

**By Henry E. Green**

Jason Taylor is the new pastor at Shiloh and Gilgal United Methodist churches in rural Abbeville County.

"They're just quiet spots in the world," Taylor said of the two churches, which are about eight miles apart and which have about 20 members each. Both were founded in the 1820s.

Taylor is no stranger to rural settings, however.

Born and raised in a rural portion of Spartanburg County, he graduated from Boiling Springs High School, and then in 1999 from Clemson.

He went through the ROTC program at Clemson, before serving in the U.S. Army, and then going into the world of health care administration after leaving the service.

He went to work for Blue Cross Blue Shield, and then moved on to South Carolina Medicaid, and then Prysm Health.

"That was for a combined 16 years," he said of his health care time.

His life took a turn, though,

and that turn came in October, 2020, when he was plagued by a feeling of being restless and unfulfilled.

"I started searching for answers," he said.

That included seeking out some pastors for advice.

He ended up calling Candler School of Theology in Atlanta.

"Would you mind sharing your syllabuses with me?" he asked.

The minister he was talking to answered, "I'll send you the syllabuses. Are you being called into the ministry?" "I blurted out, YES!" Taylor recalled. It was an answer that came from deep within him.

Fast forward to 2022, and Taylor is a student at a Union Theological Seminary in Charlotte.

His two churches are right in line with his upbringing. "Rural life is what I knew," he said. "It's like I'm living an aspect of life that I thought was gone."

Was it the right thing to do? Well, Taylor recalls traversing the Square recently, and seeing in a store a cross

made of olive wood from the Holy Land.

To him, it was a validation, a milestone on a spiritual journey.

"I was brought up Baptist," he said. His wife, meanwhile, is Methodist, and in 2007, he became a Methodist, too.

Both Shiloh and Gilgal were established in the 1820s, and at each church most of the congregation members are related.

He preaches at Gilgal at 9:30 a.m. and at Shiloh at 11 a.m., preaching to congregations that look out for each other.

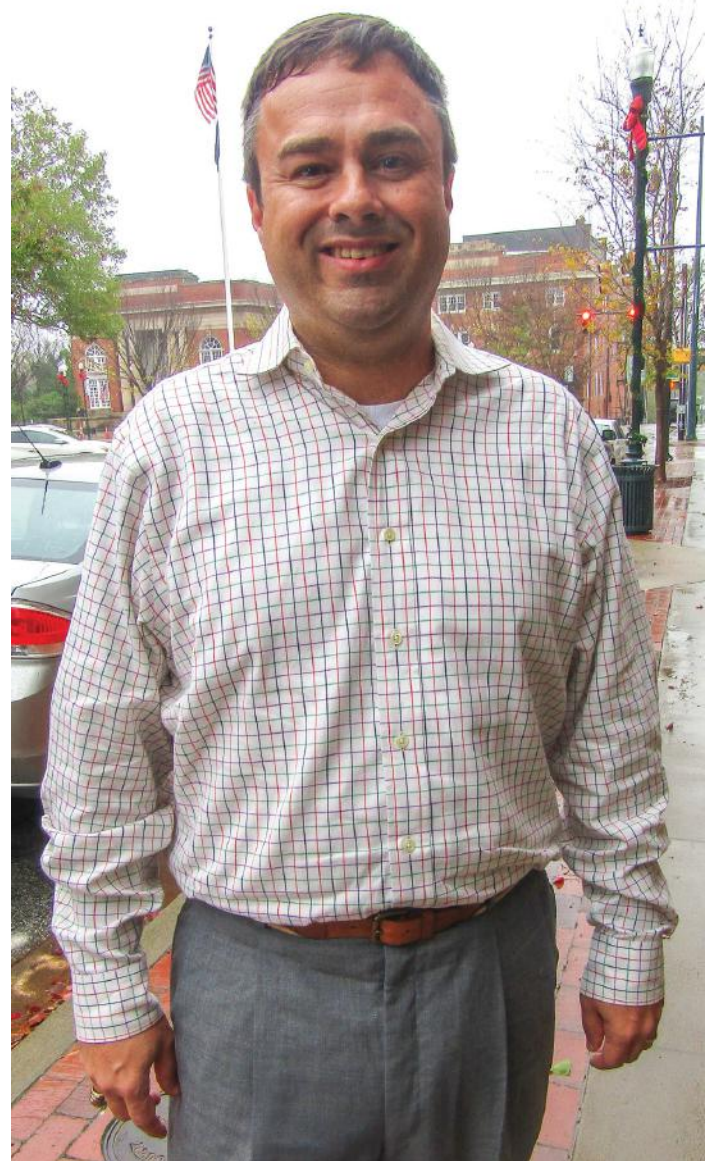
"I've gotten to know everybody," he said. "This is like another branch of family."

He comes to Abbeville County on Thursdays for visitations and on Sundays to deliver sermons.

"I live in Greenville," he said. "My son is a senior at J.L. Mann."

Through the week he works on his sermons.

"The Holy Spirit will take the message where it needs to go," he said.



Jason Taylor, the pastor of Shiloh and Smyrna United Methodist churches, recently spoke about the life of a clergyman. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# District program focuses on homeless

**By Henry E. Green**

Angela Pruitt is the new Job Coach and Family Services Coordinator with Abbeville County School District program designed to help the homeless.

The School District recently received a McKinney Vento Homeless Education Subgrant from the South Carolina Department of Education.

With the award from the Department of Education, the District will be able to fund a part time family services coordinator who will be tasked with increasing the District's identification of and outreach to McKinney Vento students for at least three years, the District reported.

"The federal McKinney-Vento Act protects the rights of children and youth in homeless situations to attend and succeed in school, including preschool," according to information supplied by the District.

"The Act applies to all children and youth who do not have a fixed, regular and adequate night time

residence, including those who are staying with friends or relatives because they have lost their housing, are awaiting foster care placement, or are living in emergency or transitional shelters, motels, domestic violence shelters, campgrounds, inadequate trailer parks, cars, public spaces, abandoned buildings or bus and train stations."

Angela Pruitt has been hired to fill the role of Family Services Coordinator," said Elizabeth H. Crocker, Director of Secondary Programs with the District.

"She will be working with students in our school district who experience homelessness, ensuring they do not have any lapse in education opportunity. Angela is perfectly qualified for the role of Family Services Coordinator due to her many years of experience working with First Steps. She has a heart for reaching those in need across Abbeville County and has extensive connections to ministries and service organizations in our region.

"We have blended this family services role with another district role to give her a full-time, newly formed position. Ms. Pruitt's new title is Job Coach and Family Services Coordinator, and she began this week!

The Job Coach part of her new position requires that she work with students at Abbeville and Dixie who are at-risk of not graduating from high school to help them reach that finish line. She is also working to coordinate work internships for students who intend to enter the workforce immediately after high school. These internships will provide students with supervised on-the-job training and teach them soft skills.

Kathy Bernard, said Crocker, is the supervisor for the Job Coach piece of this new position. Bernard is the District's Director of Special Services.

Pruitt had been working as a guidance counselor at Abbeville High School before taking the new post.



The City of Abbeville held its annual Scare on the Square recently, and held a costume contest in conjunction with the event. Harlyn-Kate Holladay was named the Queen of Halloween. (City of Abbeville photo)

# Committee allocates money for projects

**By Henry E. Green**

The Abbeville County Transportation Committee approved funding for some projects requested by various municipalities Monday evening.

The Town of Due West requested , and the CTC agreed, to \$250,000 as matching funds for a sidewalk project connecting the dead-end sidewalk on College Street to the dead end sidewalk on Haynes Street.

There is a safety issue for students and town citizens in recent years, according to information from the Town. Primary funding is through the SCDOT's Transportation Alternative

Program--a grant applied for by the town in the amount of \$1, 125,000. The CTC matching fund use would be contingent upon receipt of the grant.

The committee also agreed to a request by the Town of Calhoun Falls for \$370,000 to rehabilitate the northwest dead-end spur of Cherokee Street and the southeast dead-end spur of Barnwell Street.

The CTC also agreed to a request from the City of Abbeville for \$570,000 to rehabilitate Standpipe, Brooks and Maple streets, along some sidewalk replacement on Maple Street.

The members of the Coun-

ty Transportation Committee (CTC) are the same as those of Abbeville County Council.

The committee allocates for transportation projects money allotted to Abbeville County through a state fuel tax

The CTC meeting took place following the regular monthly Abbeville County Council meeting.

Council went into executive session for about an hour, came back into open session, took no resulting action, adjourned the Council meeting, and began the CTC meeting.

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Jennifer Curtis of Hite & Stone distributed candy to youngsters in the Scare on the Square in downtown Abbeville recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# West wins reelection in House District 7

**By Henry E. Green**  
State Rep. John Taliaferro "Jay" West IV, an Abbeville County Legislative Delegation member who represents State House District 7 in the General Assembly, has won reelection. In the Nov. 8 general election, West, a Republican, defeated Democratic challenger Chris Salley. Here in Abbeville County,

West won eight votes to 13 for Salley, but in the district as a whole the legislator prevailed. According to unofficial vote totals from scvotes.gov, West won reelection with 77.35 percent of the vote, to 22.49 percent of the vote for Salley. State House District 7 takes in a small portion of northern Abbeville County,

but the majority of the district lies in Anderson County. West, meanwhile, is a businessman and consultant who resides in Anderson, according to the 2022 South Carolina Legislative Manual. An Erskine graduate, West has been serving in the House since 2017, according to the Legislative Manual.



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# Speaking their minds City Council hears concerns during meeting's public comment segment

**By Henry E. Green**  
Three individuals spoke their minds to Abbeville City Council during Council's public comment segment Wednesday night. Conditions on Adams Drive are not what they should be, two sisters told Council. Laureen Dawson Riley told Council that her mother has lived on Adams Drive for 49 years, and she is concerned about how her mother lives in a neighborhood where one can hear gun shots, and where there have been shootings, and where there is speeding. Council member Faye Thomas said that she has been working with City Manager Blake Stone on matters related to Adams Drive. Speed bumps may not be placed on Adams Drive,

because it is a state road, Thomas said. She went on to say that as far as the shootings are concerned, the Police are sometimes frustrated in their efforts to solve cases because people are scared to give them information for fear of reprisals. "Something needs to be done," said Nancy Dawson, the sister of Laureen Dawson-Riley, who told Council, "We on Adams Drive are going to stand up for our property," she said. Meanwhile property owner Nathan Reuland, who said he owns the Knox Building, commonly known as the Poliakoff Building, on Court Square, said he was frustrated with the City's closure of streets and placement of port-a-potties during City

festivals, including the Hogs and Hens event. As a business owner, he wanted to be given advance notice of City plans to close streets for designated periods of time. Reuland, who lives at Lake Secession, also expressed concerns about the placement of port-a-potties in downtown Abbeville by the City. Placing a port a potty close to a restaurant is a "turn off." Reuland said that he had spoken to a number of merchants, who had similar concerns regarding street closures and port a potties during the City's festivals. He emphasized that he is a strong supporter of the festivals. "I just need to plan accordingly," he said Thursday.

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# Let the sunshine in

## *Freedom of Information Act provides access to governmental functions*

**By Henry E. Green**

The Freedom of Information Act makes records and meetings of public bodies open and available to citizens and their representatives in the press, according to the South Carolina Press Association.

"This openness is important because it allows the public to learn about the performance of public officials and the expenditure of public funds," according to the Association.

As a citizen of South Carolina, an individual has the right to attend meetings of commissions, councils, boards and other public bodies.

One has the right to see and copy records of public bodies. A record may not be withheld and a meeting may not be closed unless a specific exemption applies.

A public body is any entity supported by public funds, even in part, or that expends public funds.

All public body records and meetings are open and available to the public.

Public records include all books, papers, maps, photographs, cards, tapes, recordings, "or other documentary material regardless of physical form or characteristics that is prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by a public body," according to the Association.

Public bodies in South Carolina are able to withhold certain kinds of records. Examples include highly personal information such as Social Security numbers, and legal correspondence

that violates attorney client privilege.

### **Public meetings**

Meanwhile, the law says that a public meeting is a gathering of a quorum or simple majority of a public body either in person or by telephone or computer, to discuss and act upon public business, the Association continues.

The FOIA requires public bodies to announce the schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of each year, and agendas must be available at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting. Agendas may be amended within 24 hours with a two thirds vote.

### **Executive session**

While public business should be performed in an open and public manner, there are certain exemptions in the FOIA that a public body may use to go into a closed meeting.

Among them are discussions of the hiring, firing, promotion or discipline of an employee or student, the discussion of contract negotiations, including the sale of property, and the receipt of legal advice.

Before a public body may go into executive session, it must approve a motion in open session, stating the specific purpose of the executive session and identifying the specific exemption that covers the topic.

"A general reference such as 'personnel matters' is not sufficient," the Association states. The members of the public body must vote on the motion.

No votes or actions may be taken in the closed session, and all votes must be made in front of the public.

Public meetings, except for executive sessions, may be recorded or filmed, providing that they do not interfere

with the meeting.

### **Minutes**

Public bodies must take minutes at the meeting, and minutes are considered public records.

### **From the Attorney General**

"The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) was enacted to provide direct access to the functions of government to the general public and the press," South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson has said.

"Government agencies and public officials have a duty to disclose any public information requested through FOIA unless the information is protected from disclosure by law."



Valencia Mattison, MPH, Abbeville Area Medical Center Community Health, Wellness and Outreach Department Community Health Coordinator, provides important health education and assistance resources to the community. (Photo contributed)

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# A Memorial Service was held for Dr. David Martin

by Sharon Brooks Martin

A Memorial Service was held for Dr. David E Martin III on August 30, 2022 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Wabasha, Minnesota where Dr. Martin labored for twenty-two years as their General Surgeon. A tree was planted in his memory as well as a plaque being placed at the base of the tree.

Wabasha is located on the Mississippi River and is a small, enchanting town where the residents enjoy the beauty of their location and the deep friendships of each other. The windy afternoon reminded me of David and our sailing adventures. It was a most appropriate setting for David's memorial service. When David resided in Wabasha, he enjoyed boating and fishing on the Mississippi River. His home was waterfront and easy access.

The Memorial was organized by Tom Crowley, a long-time employee of the hospital and former CEO, with the assistance of Darlene McDonald of Wabasha. The late Ralph (Pork) McDonald and his wife Darlene were lifelong friends of Dr. Martin's.

Dr. Mike Ebersold, Neurosurgeon, was the initial guest speaker at the Memorial. He had asked to train with Dr. Martin in his early years. He had not intended to become a surgeon but was influenced by Dr. Martin and the scope of his surgical expertise. He stated he would be at the hospital working with David during all holidays, weekends, and anytime the opportunity arose. Dr. Ebersold was affiliated with the Mayo Clinic and performed surgery on President Reagan. He also performed brain surgery on a son of the Prince of Arabia. Dr. Ebersold said he agreed to board a jet and fly to Arabia for the follow up visits.

The Memorial Service also included Dr. Martin's anesthesiologist of eighteen years who spoke about his interview with the CEO. He said he was in the middle of the interview and was introduced to this man that looked like a Greek God. Immediately, Dr. Martin said, "So, you are my new anesthesiologist." He said he was looking at several openings at various hospitals and had not made a decision. Dr. Martin took him from the hospital interview to his house to get the boat in the water for several hours. He then arranged a four-person golf game at the Coffee Mill Golf course that Dr. Martin and Ralph McDonald designed, develop, and help finance years prior. At the end of the day, they ended up at Slippery's for five o'clock

beverages and dinner. Jerry Pearson, CRNA, stated that was the first day of the next eighteen years of being at Dr. Martin's side. Slippery's owner was a friend and has been gone for years. The movie, "Grumpy Old Men" was based with experiences in Wabasha and Slippery's. We joked that I was Ann Margaret and David could have his choice of which grumpy old man he could be. It was a heartfelt tribute shared with the attendees that described the wonderful times of David's work, play, friends, and the place he called home for twenty-two years.

Dr. Dan Foley, longtime Emergency Medicine physician, was present as well. Dr. Foley and his wife had dinner with David in Cocoa Beach in late 2020 when they were passing through on vacation while David was on his sailboat, the Chasse Maree. Dr. Foley, and his cousin, Dr. Jim Foley, Cosmetic, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeon, were colleagues and friends of Dr. Martin throughout the years. I shared that I found a picture of one of the Foley's around 1970 with a pretty girl sitting on a sofa. Dr. Foley had long hair in the photo. Dr. Dan Foley was quick to say that the picture was of Dr. Jim Foley. Again, the warmth shared through their memories opened a window into the time Dr. Martin served in Wabasha.

At the Memorial, Father Russell blessed the tree, a Brandywine Maple. Prior to the ceremony, I had put some of David's ashes around the roots of the tree. I mentioned to the group that David loved wildflowers and that I had planted a wildflower garden this Spring in his memory. I used some of his ashes mixed with the seeds. It was a wonderful garden, with blooming flowers through the summer. I had one particular plant that was tall and green. It never bloomed, and I kept going over to it and realizing it was now over six feet tall. It continued to grow, and I was beginning to wonder if something magical was happening. My brother-in-law came to visit, and he asked why I was growing that tall weed in my garden. I disagreed and said it was a wildflower and after ninety days, had not bloomed. He laughed and said I was harvesting a weed. I told this story at the Memorial. I said, "Come spring, the Brandywine Maple will be blocking the view from the cafeteria". I shared with the group that I had added David's ashes to the roots so as spring comes, so will the growth!

It was wonderful to hear the stories and to observe the love and warmth the crowd still felt toward their Dr. Martin. One particular story that was told was of a deer hunting mishap of a young basketball player. He was brought in on the back of a pickup truck by his friends. Jerry, the CRNA said by all standards, this young man was dead. He shouldn't have survived. He had a gun shot injury to the chest, lost blood and was unconscious. He had been brought out of the woods and initially the friends were headed to a larger hospital and realized there was no time. Dr. Martin often spoke of this story and the fact that this young man not only survived but was able to return to the basketball court. Although it was a miracle he survived, David was thankful to have been the person in the right place at the right time with the skills to help this young man. Tom Crowley sent an email to me this week stating the young man, (now grown) had been identified and was writing a note to me, sharing his appreciation and thanks for David's work in helping to save his life.

Darlene McDonald, now retired Registered Radiological Technician, said it was not out of the ordinary to be at a local high school Friday night football game and hear announced overhead, "Dr. Martin, Jerry Pearson, and Darlene McDonald, please report to the hospital." They would immediately leave and respond to the emergency that awaited them. What really struck me and has me reflecting, is the closeness of this group that worked so well together, friends for life, and the respect that developed as a result. I am so thankful to have been able to visit with David his friends in Wabasha and to have shared in this beautiful memorial to the indelible legacy of his work in Wabasha.

Near the end of David's journey, he asked me if I had seen Pork. (Nickname for Ralph McDonald). I asked him if Pork had been to visit. He said yes. I felt relief and happiness. I had been praying for an easy transition for David. I wanted a Saint to come and be at his side. In my humble moments of prayers being answered, I know God sent Pork to be with David. Pork had leukemia and passed five years previously. David had flown to Wabasha to spent time with Pork when he heard the news. Friends forever, even in eternity



## Structure fire damages rural home

There was a structure fire on Martin Road in rural Abbeville County in the Donalds area on Saturday, Nov. 5, said Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams.

Fire fighters from Donalds, Keowee, and Due West, and Broadmouth responded to the incident, having received the call at 4:10 a.m. Fire fighters arrived on the scene to find heavy smoke and moderate fire in the rear of the structure. Fire crews requested the

assistance of Craytonville Fire Department in Anderson County for water supply, and Honea Path fire department for water supply and manpower.

The fire was brought under control in about an hour, and the cause of the blaze is believed to be an electrical malfunction, the Fire Marshal continued.

Four people were in the home and were alerted by their smoke alarm, and they escaped without injury.

The occupants lost their home and belongings, and the Red Cross provided assistance, said the Fire Marshal.

"Smoke alarms save lives," he said. "In this case, four lives were saved due to properly working smoke alarms."

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These young ladies were among the multitude of people dancing to the beat of the Swingin' Medallions during the City of Abbeville's Hogs and Hens Festival. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Program at WMS to recall life of Davis

**By Henry E. Green**  
Do the right thing.  
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These were among the principles the late Ron Davis instilled in student-athletes at what used to be J.S. Wright High School, before Abbeville County schools were integrated.

Davis has passed on, but his legacy is by no means forgotten.

Thus, there will be a special program on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 3 p.m. at Wright Middle School, where a plaque honoring his memory will be installed, said Claude Thomas of Abbeville, a J.S. Wright High School graduate who remembers Davis well, and learned much from the educator, who coached football, baseball, and basketball.

Thomas, who is helping organize the program at WMS, remembered Davis with fondness and admiration.

Davis was a prominent figure in athletics at what used to be J.S. Wright High

School, serving as a coach, physical education teacher and athletic director at J.S. Wright.

During his time there he inspired generations of student-athletes with the principles he instilled, and that inspiration helped them succeed in a number of ways—a number of the athletes he coached went on to participate in sports at Division I schools, and a number of other students made their way to high positions in life.

After his time at J.S. Wright High School, he went to work for GLEAMNS, an agency with which he worked for many years, before he passed away in 2014.

Davis lived a life replete with accomplishments. A graduate of Benedict College, he went on to get a masters at Clemson.

He received the South Carolina Order of the Palmetto, the highest award given to a civilian by the Governor of South Carolina.

Before his death, a group of former students and ath-

letes had begun looking for a way to honor Davis, said Thomas.

It was a project that began as far back as 2011, when Davis was honored with an appreciation dinner.

Fast forward to 2022, and plans for this special program at J.S. Wright Middle School, into which J.S. Wright High School had evolved, are coming to fruition.

The program on Nov. 20 is expected to include reflections by the late educator's former students and athletes on their interactions with Davis, and others who knew him well.

They are expected to include Dr. Curtis Martin, as well as Sandra Taylor Babb, who worked with Davis at GLEAMNS.

Thomas thanked the Abbeville County School District, including WMS principal Brandon Burdette and School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary, for their cooperation.

The public is invited to attend.

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## A good thing Being a Meals on Wheels volunteer can be a rewarding experience

**By Henry E. Green**  
Meals on Wheels needs volunteers, according to Betty Moore, a site manager with the Center Street Cafe in Abbeville.

Meals on Wheels is a program whereby meals are delivered to home-bound seniors here in Abbeville County and surrounding counties.

Here in Abbeville County, the program is coordinated through the Piedmont Agency on Aging, and it serves about 200 seniors.

Volunteers deliver the meals daily Monday through Friday to seniors living in the city of Abbeville and on the outskirts.

The volunteers pick up the meals at the Center Street Cafe on Center Street about 10:30 a.m., and it takes about an hour to deliver the meals.

Each volunteer has about 15 seniors on his route.

In addition, the Piedmont Agency on Aging has a related program in which meals are delivered every two weeks to seniors living in rural Abbeville County.

The meals, which are prepared in Greenwood at the nutrition center of the Piedmont Agency on Aging, follow a menu which is prepared by a nutritionist who makes sure that daily nutrition levels are met.

The meals feature minimum daily requirements of important nutrients.

A senior wanting to participate would need to contact Upper Savannah Council of Governments, and talk to Langley Richardson at 864-941-8069.

The senior has to be at least 60 years of age, and must fill out an applicant.

The meals are all free. Anyone wishing to be a volunteer may contact Betty Moore at Center Street Cafe at 366-9666.

Volunteers who would like to have regular routes are welcome, as well as substitutes who would serve only on certain days—all are welcome.

"We can accommodate the hours they're available," she said. "Most of the people just work one day a week."

A volunteer must provide his own transportation, according to Moore, who said a number of people come and give of their time during their lunch hours, and there are retired people who give of their time as well.

Being a volunteer is "very rewarding, as these volunteers may be the only smiling faces these seniors see all day," she said.

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Abbeville High School's Ty Cade (3) was focusing on the end zone during the AHS victory over Newberry in the second round of the playoffs. (Photo by Andy Johnston)

## Panthers to take on Fairfield Central Friday

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville High School Panthers will take on Fairfield Central this coming Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Hite Stadium in the third round of the state playoffs, according to AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles.

"They have a great football tradition," said Nickles Monday. The Griffins, he

said, are well-coached, and their coach is one of the most respected high school coaches in South Carolina. Fairfield Central, which is located in Winnsboro, has a "spread" team, with "tremendous athletes", and an excellent defense.

Their kicking game is excellent as well, said Nickles,

who noted that the Panthers are 1-1 against the Griffins.

Abbeville is coming off a lopsided win over Newberry in the second round of the playoffs, and the Panthers, who were Region champions during the regular season, annihilated Columbia in the first round of the playoffs.

## November rain Abbeville High School Panthers muzzle Newberry Bulldogs

By Henry E. Green

Like Ol' Man River, Abbeville High School just keeps rolling along, with the Panthers muzzling the Newberry Bulldogs 49-7 Thursday night.

The game had originally been scheduled to be played Friday night, but it was moved up so as not to conflict with the bad weather anticipated from Hurricane Nicole.

As of press time, the Panthers were waiting to see whether they would face Fairfield Central or Silver Bluff in the next round of the playoffs.

Thursday night's game shared many of the same characteristics as earlier playoff games--the Panthers jumped out to an early lead, and then settled in, substituting liberally as the second half featured a running clock.

The Panthers, who piled up more than 300 yards of offense, led 42-0 at halftime, and cruised in the second half.

Abbeville opened its scoring spree early in the game, on a touchdown run by

Jamal Marshall.

Zay Rayford, a few plays later, added to the score with a 56 yard run, finishing off a drive that began at the Abbeville 45. With a successful PAT, Abbeville led 14-0.

The Panther blitzkrieg continued in the second quarter, with a 24 yard touchdown run by Ty Cade. Again, the PAT was good, and AHS led 21-0 with 10:47 in the first half.

A Newberry punt gave Abbeville possession at the Panther 44, and a 46 yard Karson Norman run gave AHS a first down at the Newberry 10. From there, Marshall rambled in for the touchdown, and with a successful PAT, AHS led 28-0.

The scoring floodgates had opened. AHS kicked off, and a touchback gave Newberry possession at the Bulldog 20, but on the next play, Newberry coughed up the ball, with Jackson Uldrick recovering the fumble for the Panthers.

On the very next play, Jha-Louis Haddon rambled in for the score, and AHS ended up leading 35-0.

On their next drive, the

Bulldogs came up short when they went for the extra yardage on a fourth and one situation, and AHS took over on downs at the Newberry 44.

Ty Cade caught a pass which put AHS in the driver's seat, with a first down at the Newberry 12.

Two plays later, A. Patterson rambled in for the touchdown, and Abbeville led 42-0 with 4:26 left in the half.

In the third quarter, Abbeville mounted a 70 yard, four-play touchdown drive that ended with a 51 yard run by JhaLouis Haddon.

Several plays later, the Panthers' Damarcus Leach intercepted a Newberry pass, allowing the Panthers to set up shop at the Newberry 45.

In the closing minutes of the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs finally scored a touchdown with a pass of approximately 20 yards. "I thought we played well," said AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles following the game, adding that he was "really pleased with the kids' effort."



Karson Norman (16) was one of the offensive threats on display for the Abbeville High School Panthers, during Abbeville's second round playoff victory over Newberry. (Photo by Andy Johnston)



Jamal Marshall (6) showed Friday night, in the game with Columbia, why he is one of the Abbeville High School Panthers' major weapons. (Photo by Andy Johnston).

## Football contest

# David Fogle claims this week's crown

By Henry E. Green

David Fogle of Abbeville is the winner for this week's Press and Banner college football contest, according to Contest Editor Lamar West.

"This week's winner is David Fogle," said West. "David Fogle, James Hughes and Solomon Bowie only had 4 selection wrong. A relative low scoring week of 647 points in the 15 game selection David was the closet with a guess of 751 points. James Hughes (801) and Solomon Bowie (850). "With only two regular season games left on the college football schedule your chance of taking home the prize is narrowing. With conference championship and other late games we may be able to have a final contest for Saturday, December 3, 2022.

"So good luck girls and boys, ladies and gentlemen. "We will be judging again next week. We really do

NOT judge We just add and subtract."

The week was one which Carolina fans would love to forget, as Our Beloved Chickens were bitten by the Florida Gators, 38-0.

USC turned the ball over three times, and could not manage anything on offense, other than the one shining example of Beamer Ball, in the form of a fake punt which resulted in Carolina's only touchdown.

The road gets even bumpier this coming week, when South Carolina hosts Tennessee. No, folks, it will not be pretty--unless you're a Tennessee fan.

We're not even going to make a prediction on this one. Let's just say that Carolina is in the midst of the Orange Crush segment of the schedule--a segment that started with Florida and will end with Clemson.

Meanwhile, Clemson will enjoy a bit of smooth sailing, when the Striped Felines

host Miami. The Hurricanes will be downgraded to a tropical depression. . . . Clemson 35, Miami 3.

Elsewhere in the country, Alabama prevailed over Mississippi, and both Michigan and Ohio State cruised.

Speaking of Michigan and Ohio State, we see a Wolverine victory when Big Blue visits Columbus in a couple of weeks.

Yes, Ohio State will be playing at home, but we cannot forget how surprisingly vulnerable the Buckeyes looked against Northwestern recently, before finally rallying to win 21-7.

We believe Michigan will wear the Buckeyes down, and go on to win. Ohio State will be looking to avenge its loss in Ann Arbor last year, but we believe that Michigan has "turned the corner" in the series, ending the era of Buckeye dominance--temporarily, at least.



Michaela Harrison (Pitcher/OF) for Abbeville High School signed to play softball with Lander University. Pictured: Kelsey Brown (sister), Gatlin Brown (nephew), Katrina Harrison (mom), Grady Brown (nephew), Michaela Harrison, Michael Harrison (dad), Carson Harrison (brother) (Photo contributed).



The scoreboard said it all at Hite Stadium, as Abbeville High School defeated Newberry in the second round of the state playoffs in varsity football. (Photo by Andy Johnston)

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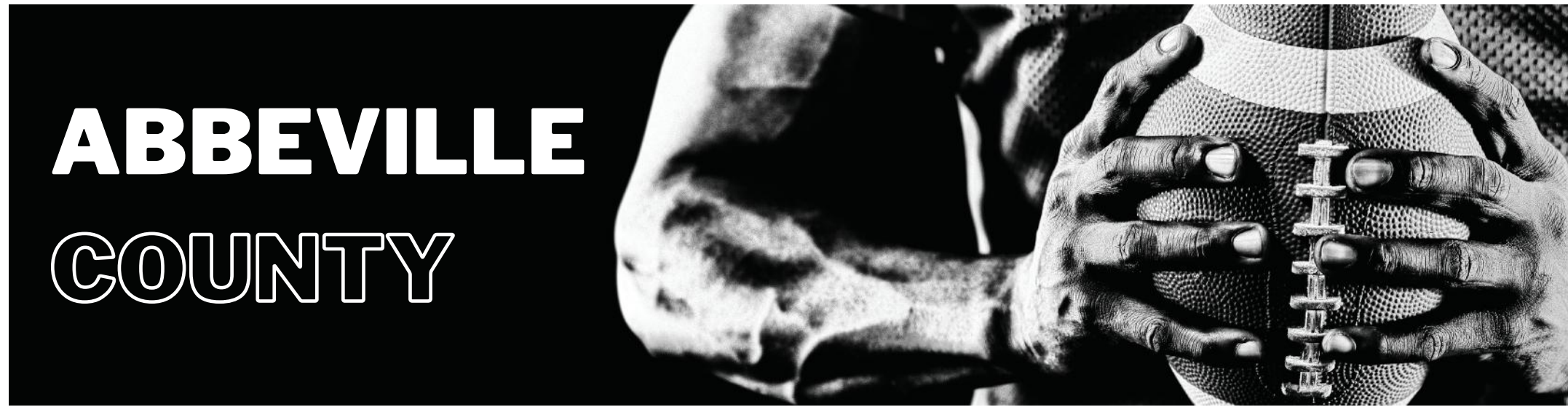
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Personal Representative: Sarah P. Burdette  
Address: 369 Ray McMahon Rd. Iva, SC 29655  
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Estate: Terry Lee Taylor  
Date of Death: 09/19/2022  
Case Number: 2022ES0100280  
Personal Representative: Brenda Means  
Address: 61 Deckside Drive Iva, SC 29655  
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Estate: Julia S. Petty  
Date of Death: 8/18/2022  
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Personal Representative: Edith I NEW  
Address: 977 Old Abbeville Hwy, Abbeville, SC 29620  
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Estate: Savannah Leeann McCall  
Date of Death: 7/21/2022  
Case Number: 2022ES0100286  
Personal Representative: Katelyn Daniell Gray  
Address: 503 God Hope Church Rd. Starr, SC 29684  
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Estate: Ella Louise Gladden  
Date of Death: 08/07/2022  
Case Number: 2022ES0100291  
Personal Representative: Danielle Cyrus  
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### NOTICE OF SALE

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

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

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

AND

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

being a little more or less.

Derivation: Book 322 Page 574  
405 Horse Farm Road, Iva, SC 29655-8136

TMS/PIN# 032-00-00-61

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

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

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

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

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Attorney for Plaintiff  
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Abbeville County  
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### NOTICE OF SALE

**NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2022-CP-01-00127 BY VIRTUE** of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: Truist Bank, formerly known as Branch Banking and Trust Company vs. Sharon Melissa Sanderson, the undersigned Master In Equity for Abbeville County, South Carolina, will sell on December 5, 2022 at 02:00 PM, or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the Courthouse, City of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

**A TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN DUE WEST TOWNSHIP, ABBEVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, KNOWN, DESIGNATED AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS TRACT 4, CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 4.4 ACRES ON A PLAT THEREOF, ENTITLED "BOUNDARY PLAT**

**FOR CLAIR STEINER FARM PROPERTY NEAR DUE WEST" MADE BY N. WAYNE REYNOLDS, SR., DATED AUGUST, 1978, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR ABBEVILLE COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 24, AT PAGE 5, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION THEREOF.**

**SAID TRACT OF LAND IS SUBJECT TO RESERVATION BY CLAIR W. AND MARTHA H. STEINER, THEIR HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNS OF THE RESERVATION OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY APPURTENANT ACROSS THE EASTERLY SIDE OF SAID TRACT OF LAND, 80 FEET IN WIDTH FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO AND FROM S.C. STATE HIGHWAY NO. 181 TO AND FROM LANDS OF**

**STEINER LOCATED ON THE SOUTHERLY SIDE OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED PROPERTY WHICH RIGHT-OF-WAY IS A RIGHT-OF-WAY APPURTENANT TO THE LANDS HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED.**

**ALSO: A RIGHT-OF-WAY APPURTENANT 50 FEET IN WIDTH TO AND FROM S.C. STATE HIGHWAY NO. 181 AND TO AND FROM THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED LANDS HEREIN CONVEYED LOCATED ADJACENT AND PARALLEL TO TRACT 3 DESCRIBED ON THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PLAT, WHICH RIGHT-OF-WAY IS A RIGHT-OF-WAY APPURTENANT TO THE LANDS HEREINABOVE DESCRIBED.**

**THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO ROGER ALLEN SANDERSON AND SHARON MELISSA SANDERSON,**

**AS TENANCY IN COMMON WITH RIGHT OF SURVIVORSHIP, BY DEED OF LAURIE D. STAHL AND WILLIAM L. STAHL, JR. DATED JULY 14, 2011 AND RECORDED JULY 15, 2011 IN BOOK 289 AT PAGE 131 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR ABBEVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.**

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 76 Proud Hope Ln, Due West, SC 29639  
TMS: 050-00-00-012

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the \*, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but in the case of non-compliance to be forfeited and first ap-

plied to the costs incurred by the Plaintiff related to the sale and the balance then applied to the Plaintiff's debt in a manner suitable to the Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.75% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing

easements and restrictions, easements and restrictions of record and any other senior encumbrances.

In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.

The Honorable Roy R. Hemphill  
Master In Equity for Abbeville County

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### NOTICE OF SALE

**2022-CP-01-00148**

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

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

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

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

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

recorded December 6, 2016 in Deed Book 322 at Page 79.  
TMS No. 108-08-03-009  
Property Address: 507 Sunset Drive, Abbeville, SC 29620

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

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

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

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

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

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

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