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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."

Election results

Runoff slated between Freeman, Edwards

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County residents went to the polls yesterday, choosing from a variety of candidates on the local, state and national levels.

The Abbeville County voter registration and elections office supplied unofficial vote totals.

Locally, there were a number of contested races. Abbeville Mayor Delano Freeman was being challenged by Trey Edwards, Josh Baughman and Eric Delgado.

Baughman received 26.64 percent, Delgado 16.91 percent, Edwards 27.79 percent, and Freeman 28.39 percent.

There will be a runoff election between Freeman and Edwards on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Abbeville City Council member Jim Grant was facing a challenge from Matt Gambrell, and Gambrell prevailed, winning 60 percent of the vote.

County Council member Charles Goodwin, a Democratic incumbent, faced a challenge from Republican Nicole Matthews, and Goodwin prevailed, winning

67.82 percent.

Democratic incumbent Ronnie Ashley faced Republican challenger Mark Dorn for Abbeville County Coroner, and Dorn won, receiving 51.56 percent of the vote.

In U.S. House District Three, Jeff Duncan, the Republican incumbent, faced Democratic challenger Hosea Cleveland,

In Abbeville County, Duncan received 68.18 percent of the vote.

In State Senate District Four, Republican incumbent Mike Gambrell faced Democratic challenger Jose Villa Pliego, and Gambrell in Abbeville County got 79.13 percent of the vote.

In State Sen. District 10, Democratic incumbent Floyd Nicholson faced Republican challenger Billy Garrett, and Garrett in Abbeville County received 63.08 percent of the vote.

In State House District Seven, Republican incumbent Jay West faced Democratic challenger Andrea Bejarano-Robinson, and West in Abbeville County received 44.19 percent of the vote.

David Brooks in the Abbeville County Scool District Board of Trustees in Area Five, ran unopposed, with a write in candidacy from Patricia Davis.

At press time, the unofficial results showed Brooks winning by a total of 75.08 percent, or 678 votes, compared to a write in vote of 225.

Billy Kennedy was reelected Mayor of Donalds, with 75 percent of the vote.

Abbeville County voters joined voters across the Palmetto State in casting ballots for the U.S. Senate race, where Republican incumbent Lindsey Graham was facing Democratic challenger Jaime Harrison.

In Abbeville County, Graham received 64.52 percent of the vote, and he won statewide as well.

The alcohol sales referendum in the county passed, with over 60 percent of voters voting yes.

Turnout was heavy, with 77.58 percent. A total of 12, 521 voters turned out.

"We had a total of 6, 320 absentees," said voter registration director Kim



Among the participants in the Boos and Brews Beer Walk presented by the Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association were (from left) Janice Corriveau, Rick Corriveau, Jonathan Myers, and Amanda Myers. (Photo courtesy of Nicole Quinn)

Merchants hold 'boos and brews' beer walk

By Henry E. Green

The Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association held a beer walk Friday night in conjunction with Halloween.

The Boos and Brews Walk attracted about 130 participants, according to Jennifer Creswell, Association president.

"We did craft beers," she

Many of the participants

were in costume, and enjoyed various beers and ciders at the 17 stops in downtown Abbeville.

Each participant was given a commemorative glass at the final stop, which was at Wings 101.

Among the newer stops were Iconic Burger and the Brickyard Tavern. It was the first time Iconic Burger had participated in the beer walk,

Indigenous Underground was also among the stops. The Association is now planning to have Small Business Saturday, the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

"We are also tentatively working on an ugly Christmas sweater Wine Walk," she said.

More details on this wine walk are to be announced.



The City of Abbeville presented Scare on the Square recently, and kids in their spookiest costumes made stops at various points around the Square, including this one where they were greeted by Jimmy Wilson and Janice Corriveau in front of the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Trump and Biden

Presidential race highlights wild year

By Henry E. Green

Tuesday provided the exclamation point to one of the most contentious recent memory.

Donald Trump 98 electoral votes to 95--a nail-biter of a contest.

When Donald Trump ran in 2016, he was running as an outsider, but in 2020, he was running as President, and the election was something of a referendum on his Presidency.

Trump drew large crowds in a whirlwind of rallies in the closing days of the campaign.

Biden, on the other hand, worked hard to rebuild the "blue wall" of states that Trump broke through back in 2016.

2020 has been the year of the pandemic, of course. and Democrats criticized Trump for what they said On the other hand, there come.

were those who believed Trump was better able to age began, there were manage the economy.

U.S. Presidential races in biggest and ugliest part of be very difficult for Trump At press time, former Vice would like to forget--a and it would be a relatively President Joseph Biden year that included every- "short" night. was leading President thing from civil unrest to unrelenting hurricanes.

> paign may have been the turnout, More than 100 in early voting, according to USA Today.

Democrats were hoping Senate, and here in South Carolina, the race between incumbent Republican Senator Lindsey Graham and Democratic challenger Jaime Harrison was expensive--with millions of dollars being spent by both sides.

In the days leading up to the election, much was made of the "battleground states," such as Florida was his lack of leadership and Pennsylvania, which in tackling the coronavirus. could determine the out-

As election night coverpredictions that if Florida The coronavirus was the went for Biden, it would a year many Americans to come back and win,

On the other hand, if devastating wildfires to Trump took Florida, we would be in for a long The big story of the cam- night--or series of nights--indeed.

The Presidential race in million ballots were cast Florida was tight. Polls showed that more Latinos voted for Trump in 2020 than in 2016, and Latinos to regain control of the are a major political block in Florida.

Early in the evening, CNN projections showed that Biden won Vermont, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Trump won, by these projections, Indiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee, South Dakota, West Virginia, Arkansas, Louisiana, Utah, Kansas, and Kentucky.

Post 2 planning Veterans Day program

By Henry E. Green American Legion Post 2 is planning to present a Veterans Day program on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m. at the Abbeville Veterans Memorial Foundation Building on Longbranch Street in Abbeville, said American Legion Post Two

commander Terry Green-The speaker will be Carol Scales, a retired naval lieutenant commander,

Greenfield said. "She is currently the president of Star Fort Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers

Association of America), " he said.

In addition, the oldest veteran and the youngest veteran present will be recognized.

"Each will receive a gift certificate from a local restaurant," he said.

The veterans from the various eras--Vietnam, Desert Storm, and other conflicts and wars--will be recog-

nized, Greenfield continued. "And there will be a special appearance by Abraham

Lincoln," he said. Gerald Pitts, a veteran who lives in Greenwood County

will be dressed as Honest Abe.

Finally, there will be recognition of military spouses, and a poem dedicated to military spouses will be read aloud.

"We'll have some music as well," Greenwood said. All veterans and the community are invited to attend.

Veterans Day evolved from Armistice Day, marking the armistice signaling the cessation of hostilities in World War I in 1918--"the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.'

Take Action to Fight the Flu

Submitted by **Director of Health AAMC**

1. Take time to get a flu vaccine

·The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses. While there are many different flu viruses, a flu vaccine protects against the viruses that research suggests will be most common.

·Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations.

·Everyone 6 months of age and older should get a flu vaccine every year before flu activity begins in their community. The CDC recommends getting vaccinated by the end of October.

·Vaccination of high risk persons is especially important to decrease their risk of severe flu illness.

People at high risk of serious flu complications include young children, pregnant women, people with certain chronic health conditions like asthma, diabetes or heart and lung disease and people 65 years

and older.

·Vaccination also is important for health care workers and other people who live with or care for high risk people to keep from spreading flu to them.

·Children younger than 6 months are at high risk of serious flu illness, but are too voung to be vaccinated. People who care for infants should be vaccinated instead.

2. Take everyday preventative actions to stop the spread of germs.

·Try to avoid close contact

with sick people. While sick, limit contact with others as much as pos-

sible to keep from infecting ·If you are sick with flu

symptoms, the CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

·Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand today! (888) 977-3319

·Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

·Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs like the flu.

3. Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes

·Antiviral drugs are different from antibiotics. They are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaled powder) and are not available over-the-counter.

·Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick. They may also prevent serious flu complications. For people with high risk factors, treatment with an antiviral drug can mean the difference between having a milder illness versus a very serious illness that could result in a hospital stay.

·Flu symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people also may have vomiting and diarrhea. People may be infected with the flu and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.

To schedule a safety talk, call Service Coordination



Dixie High School's Student of the Quarter: Mr. Prescott, principal, and Mr. Milford, assistant principal, presented the students a certificate and a cup of candy for their hard work. (Photo contributed)

Hands-on experience

Career Center cosmetology students to open up services to public

By Henry E. Green

The South Carolina Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation is allowing the Abbeville County Career Center cosmetology classes to extend their services to the public on Thursdays and Fridays, Dr. Mason Gary told the school board last week.

The cosmetology students will be able to offer their services to both men and women, and the program

will begin on Thursday, Nov. 5.

The students will offer cosmetologist-related services, such as those for nails, facials, and hair, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., said Career Center director Dorinda Bell Friday.

The services, which will be by appointment only, will be conducted for a nominal cost.

"The money that's generated goes back into the program," she said.

The students get hands-on experience through offering

their services to the public.

"We do have to follow DHEC guidelines for COVID-19," she continued, noting that customers will have to wear face coverings for the appointments, and of course the students will be wearing masks as well.

To make an appointment, one may call the Career Center at 366-9069.

District gains control of road behind Dixie

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District had requested control of a road behind Dixie High School, so as not to conflict with school traffic, and SCDOT recently granted the School District's request, Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary told the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees at the board's Oct. 27 meeting.

The road had been maintained by the state, and is about 200 yards in length, according to Dixie principal Paul Prescott.

"It's always been paved," said the principal.

Having the School District control the road will allow the District to maintain it, and will allow the District to control access to it, and post a speed limit on it which will make it safer for students

and faculty who use it.

In years past, the District had only limited ability to refurbish a Dixie parking lot because it did not control the road.

"The District now controls the road," he said, noting that the road actually looks more like a parking lot than a road.

"That's why we wanted control over it, because it was bizarre."

a Word from "THE WORD"

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Two Short Words

1 Thessalonians 5:16 "Rejoice evermore"

Adisappointed first grader trudged up the front path. "I'm one of the children at the manger in the Christmas play," she announced glumly. "That' wonderful! Why so sad?" asked her mother. "I wanted to be an angel. They're the ones that sing the song of rejoicing." Then she added, "I can't rejoice unless I'm an angel."

That little girl was suffering from a common misconception—that only angels rejoice. In his letter to the Thessalonians. Paul instructs us to "rejoice evermore." In spite of meanness and persecution, rejoice.

In our world there seems to be so little to reioice about and vet the Word of God instructs us to "rejoice evermore." Let me share three thoughts from these two short words.

First of all, it takes faith to rejoice evermore. If we were to only look at the circumstances of life, we would not rejoice but if in faith we look to the promises of God, we can reioice. Hebrews 13:5 "... for He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you." What a wonderful promise. It is one we can rely on even if our present situation looks hopeless. God Himself has promised us that He will never leave us nor forsake us. No matter what happens, we can trust that promise. That is something we can rejoice about. We can rejoice in the promise of 1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken vou except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make a way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." You can rejoice in that promise no matter what you are going through. Secondly, our rejoicing is

not based on our feelings. In spite of our feelings, we can rejoice. In spite of how we feel we can rejoice, because we know who is in control. God is ultimately in control and His hand is on the thermostat of our lives and He controls the heat of suffering. A familiar verse that is often quoted during adversity is Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." That verse says, "we know..." how do we know? We know by faith, not our feelings.

Feelings will tell you that God has abandoned you but faith replies that "all things work together for good to those who love the Lord." Romans 8:28 does not say that all things are good but that all things "work" for good. God uses all things in our lives to work our His purpose for us. If we believe that we can rejoice in the hurtful things that happen to us because we know that they have a purpose. Now, keep in mind, we may not know what that purpose is, but God does. For instance, Job never knew why he was suffering. He did not know that there was a battle in the heavenliness between the evil one and God. All he knew was that he was hurting awful bad.

In the end, God blessed Job twice as much as

before. If you are going through a time of suffering and finding it difficult to rejoice, remember, there is a purpose for your suffering and God may be doing something through your suffering that will turn out for your benefit later on.

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Third, our rejoicing creates fellowship. It creates two types of fellowship. One is with our fellow sufferers. You may forget the ones you laughed with but you will always remember those who wept with you. When someone comes alongside you during a time of suffering and weeps with you, that is such a special time that you will never forget it. You can rejoice that your suffering has brought the comfort of your friends to your side.

The second type of fellowship is with God. Philippians 3:10 "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death." In order to really know Christ, we have to suffer with Him. In order to know the power of His resurrection, we must have fellowship with His sufferings. Have you ever considered it a privilege to suffer for Christ? The early disciples did—Acts 5:41 tells us, "so they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name."

Two short words but powerful and profound. If we literally put into practice these two words it would change our lives and the lives of those around us.



AAMC wins Zero Harm Awards

Hospital's commitment to eliminating medical errors recognized

Submitted by Meg Davis

The South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA) has recognized Abbeville Area Medical Center (AAMC) for its tremendous efforts eliminating medical errors as part of the SCHA's Zero Harm program.

AAMC won awards for having no central line associated blood stream infections (CLASBI) in the ICU for 24 consecutive months and no hospital onset MRSA for 72 straight months, a testament to the dedication of their clinical staff and the facility's commitment to the highest quality of care, even in the face of the extraordinary challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am very proud of our staff's remarkable efforts to provide safe, quality care to our patients," stated Cindy Buck, AAMC Interim CEO. "It is through their hard work and dedication that we continue to be recognized as a Zero Harm award recipient." SCHA's Zero Harm Awards were started in 2014 to

have eliminated or avoided specific preventable hospital-acquired infections over an extended period of time. These awards are indicative of a culture committed to patient safety and providing highly reliable care. The hospital data used for these awards is independently verified by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Thanks to collaborations with BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina and The Joint Commission Center for Transforming Health, South Carolina hospitals have been united in statewide efforts to create a culture of high reliability and reduce harm in our facilities by implementing robust, evidence-based practices that are making a positive impact on patient safety and quality of care.

According to Thornton Kirby, President and CEO of SCHA, the Zero Harm Awards are also part of the Association's efforts to guide and support the

celebrate hospitals who state's hospitals in creating true "Zero Harm" cultures by recognizing the efforts of the amazing clinicians in South Carolina's hospital and health systems who work every day to provide high-quality care.

> "Zero Harm is about taking the principles of high reliability and applying them to how we deliver healthcare in South Carolina," said Kirby.

"The fact that the state's hospitals increased the number of Zero Harm Awards in the midst of a global pandemic is a testament to their commitment to improving care delivery."

For a full list of 2020 Zero Harm winners and to learn more about the program, please visit the SCHA Certified Zero Harm webpage.



AAMC recently received two Zero Harm Awards for having no central line associated blood stream infections (CLASBI) in the ICU for 24 consecutive months and no hospital onset MRSA for 72 straight months. Pictured left to right with the award are: Chris Ceraldi, MD, incoming Trustee; Chris Oxendine, MD, outgoing Trustee; Selena Goodwin-Hay, incoming Trustee; Mike Johnson, Trustee; Laura Baughman, RN, Infection Control; Bobby Clarke, Trustee; Keith Scott, MD, Chief of Staff; Paul Crawford, outgoing Trustee; and Barry Dunn, Trustee. (Photo contributed)

County developing leadership course

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County government is developing a program to develop leadership skills among its employees, according to Abbeville County Director David Garner.

It would be a series of classes open initially to designated employees, including department heads of the larger departments, Garner said Thursday.

Topics to be included would include team building, conflict resolution, effective decision making, empowering others, goal and objective setting, and others.

Piedmont Tech is developing the course work in conjunction with the county, and would assign a professor or instructor for the class," he said.

Some of the course work would be online, and some in person, said Garner, who

Pet of the Month

said the course is still being developed by Piedmont Tech, and the plan is for the course to last six to nine months.

Twelve to 15 people would be taking this course at a time, the County Director continued.

It's professional development," he said, noting that the COVID pandemic has halted many conferences which employees used to attend in order to secure that development.

This course would provide an opportunity for the county to offer this kind of instruction in house "on an annual/regular bases."

It would all be free to the employees, and would be part of the county's training education budget.

County officials are hoping to start it sometime next year -- ideally in January, Garner continued.

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Pictured from left to right: Darren Lewis, WCTEL Board Member; Lee Logan, WCTEL Board Member; Andy Rousey, Abbeville Youth Center Executive Director; Brad Evans, FCCF Chair. (Photo contributed)

WCTEL and the FCCF contribute to the Abbeville Youth Center

Submitted by Virginia Smith

Coast Community Founda- County students. tion (FCCF) Chair, Darren Lewis, WCTELBoard Mem- WCTEL and the FCCF for ber, and Lee Logan, WCTEL this donation to the new pro-Board Member, present a check for \$1,600 to Andy Rousey, Abbeville Youth tangible way," said Rousey. Center Executive Director.

new SAT Tutoring Program see the impact and opportuoffered by the Abbeville Brad Evans, Freshwater Youth Center for Abbeville bring to the students.

> gram and partnering with us to impact our community in a Logan responded, "FCCF

The check will help fund a and WCTEL are eager to nities this new program will

We would also like to thank "We are very thankful to the Abbeville Youth Center and Mr. Rousey for the many wonderful opportunities they offer all Abbeville County students for both personal growth and educational advancement."

Veterans Day program to be held in Due West

By Henry E. Green There will be a Veterans Day program in Due West on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at

11 a.m. at the home of Due West Town Council member Marty Yannarella. The guest speaker will

about the importance of Veterans Day. In addition to Duncan's pre-

be U.S. Congressman Jeff

Duncan, who will speak

speakers offering remarks. Deb Morris of Abbeville will be reading a poem aloud, and Darius James of Due West will be laying a wreath.

Yannarella is asking those planning to attend to practice social distancing and to wear masks. "I've got plenty of room," he said.

The program will be held outdoors at the corner of Strong Circle and North sentation, there will be other Main Street in Due West.

This is the second year for the program, which Yannarella is sponsoring himself., and which is being held on his property.

"I put a little monument to veterans on the corner," he said.

Yannarella is himself a veteran, having served in the Air Force and the Army.

The public is invited to attend the program.



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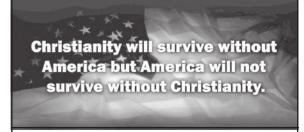
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United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County had a table at the Hogs and Hens festival, presented by the City of Abbeville recently. Helping distribute literature and accepting donations for UCMAC were (from left) Connie Normand, Mike Shirley, and Selena Goodwin-Hay. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Workshop to tackle ways to set up Website

By Henry E. Green

The Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development is planning to present an online workshop-- "How to Create an E-Commerce Website" on Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Clemson University lecturer Wilder Ferreira,

"Your website will be the face of your brand," according to information from the Center for Rural Development. "Learn how to choose an eCommerce platform that gives you professional business tools and full customization."

The workshop will provide

tips on how to set up an online store.

For more information one may e-mail wferrie@clemson.edu or call 864-642-8758.

The event is being sponsored by Clemson University and the Small Business Development Center.

Ferreira is no stranger to teaching workshops in this area--workshops which typically have to do with business management.

These dealt with various ways to improve one's business. One was entitled "Building Your Cultural Intelligence Through Diversity," for example.

This past summer, he

worked to help create a farmers market pavilion in

Calhoun Falls.
The market, whose last day for this year was Oct. 1, attracted as many as 1,000 visitors, he has said.

The Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development evolved from the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation, an organization which has in a number of ways endeavored to strengthen the entrepreneurial spirit within Abbeville County.

Ferreira, for example, has helped coordinate business plan development competitions among area high school students.

Wright Middle selling Christmas ornaments

By Henry E. Green

This year's Wright Middle School Christmas ornament will feature the old caboose located on the grounds of the Abbeville County Historical Society's McGowan-Barksdale Bundy House in Abbeville, according to Wright Middle School media specialist Ann Hawthorne.

The Seaboard Air Line Railroad Caboose is part of the Society's railroad park, highlighting the significance of railroads in Abbeville County's history.

Every year, Wright Middle School sells Christmas ornaments highlighting an Abbeville landmark--each year features a different landmark.

The Burt-Stark Mansion and Trinity Episcopal Church are just a few of the landmarks which have been highlighted in the ornaments in years past.

The proceeds from the sale of the ornaments go to benefit the WMS media

For example, funds from the sale have been used to purchase books for the center.

The ornaments will be on sale at Wright Middle School, and at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, she continued.

The ornaments sell for \$10 apiece, said Hawthorne.

This is the 32nd year that the school has been selling the ornaments, the media specialist said.

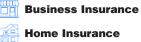
"Some older editions are still available," she said.

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2020 Operating Budget Total Revenues: \$ 2,690,994 Total Expenditures: \$ 2,827,733

2021 Proposed Operating Budget Total Projected Revenues: \$2,907,144 Total Projected Expenditures: \$3,035,520

Proposed estimated percentage change in operating budget expense between 2020 and 2021 is 7.2% (\$205,787) This includes \$110,000 in capital projects and equipment replacement.

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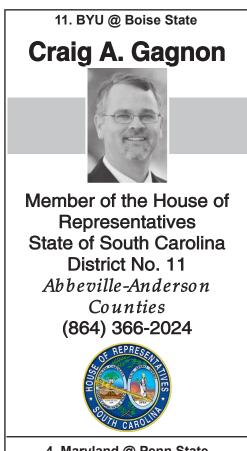
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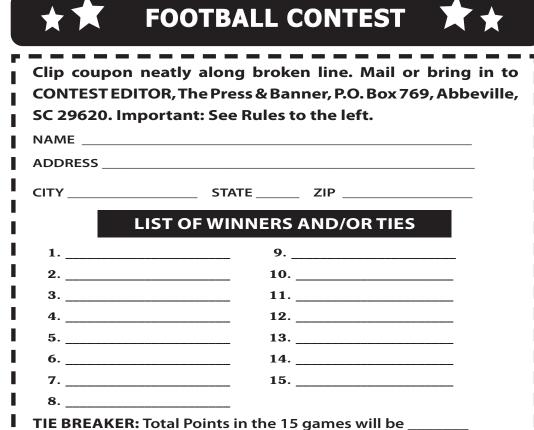


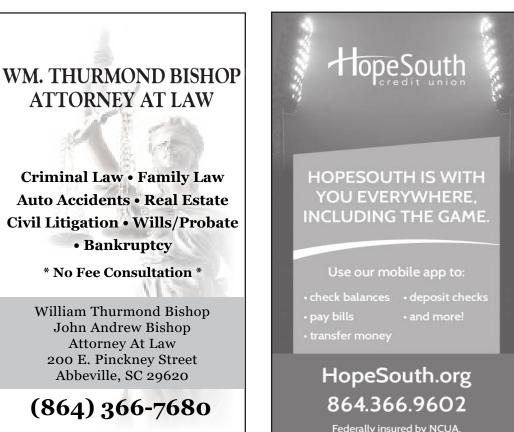


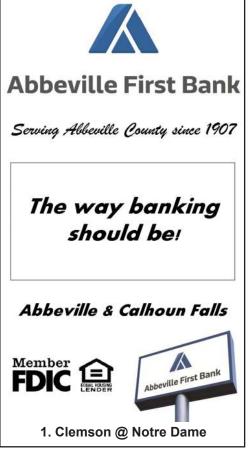




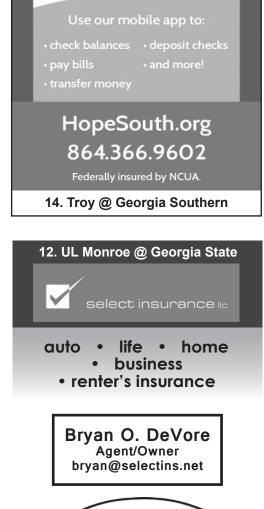
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The Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition presented a bluegrass festival on the practice field at the Calhoun Falls Charter School recently. Coalition member Ken Tinsley (right) posed with Steve and Kathy Snyder, who are originally from Pennsylvania but who recently moved to Calhoun Falls. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Erskine performs well in 2021 US News Best Colleges rankings

Submitted by Joyce Guyett

Erskine College has been listed in the U.S. News Best Colleges for 2021. Erskine placed seventh among "Best Regional Colleges" in the South and is the top-ranked South Carolina school on the list.

"I'm delighted that Erskine College has been recognized once again in U.S. News Best Colleges," Provost of the College Dr. Tom Hellams said. "The exceptional efforts of our faculty and staff continue to communicate the value of Christian higher education at this historic institution."

Among the Best Regional Colleges in the South, Erskine placed fourth in the teaching."

Undergraduate Teaching category. This recognition is based on data from college presidents, provosts, and admissions deans who were asked to nominate up to 15 schools in their Best Colleges ranking category for strength in undergraduate teaching. "Our professors deserve special commendation for this accomplishment," Hellams said.

Director of Admissions Kasey McNair is a 2017 Erskine graduate, so accolades given to her own college teachers strike a chord with her. "I've experienced myself how wonderfully attentive and helpful Erskine's professors can be," she said. "It's great to see them recognized for their

Erskine also placed eighth in the Social Mobility category, which looks at graduation rates of students receiving Pell Grants.

This academic year, with a record-breaking 820 students in the college, Erskine's performance in U.S. News Best Colleges is gratifying for Dean of Enrollment Management Dr. Tim Rees. "Continuing to earn top rankings demonstrates the quality of education a student receives from Erskine," he said.

The U.S. News Best Colleges edition for 2021 assesses more than 1,400 bachelor's degree-granting institutions on 17 measures of academic quality. These rankings are now in their 36th year.





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A Slice of Mike

" A Few Nuggets of Information"

By Mike Elis

I am a math guy by nature. Being in entertainment promotions and ticket sales, I am constantly running

numbers in my head. I attended University of Georgia and, although I was not a math major, I took an intern position teaching algebra to middle school kids. I seriously thought at one time that I wanted to be a teacher, but after one year of teaching and winning the "Best New Teacher of the Year" award, there was no doubt in my mind that I could never keep that level of enthusiasm year after year and I resigned. Raising two children confirmed my decision was correct.

Being left-brained and always the analyst is a blessing and a curse. I have always been great at math and science, but sometimes puts me out as an over-thinker and exposes my fault of needing balance and rationale in a world that doesn't always offer that in all matters.

Two weeks ago, I was driving near my home in North Carolina. In front of the local Burger King, their marquee sign simply read, "Now Hiring \$10.50 per Hour." Underneath these words, on the next line, read "Chicken Nuggets: Eight for one dollar.

Now, to most people, that is it. Two pieces of information communicated and that's it, right? Well, not to this left-brained, analyzing over-thinker.

connected the two. By doing the math, I came up with the fact that the starting pay equates to 84 chicken nuggets per hour. I somewhat chuckled to myself as I am probably the only person who thought of putting these two statements into an intersecting relationship.

I wish I could say that I left it at that, but I didn't. When I got home and surfed my Facebook page, one of the Abbeville facebook pages had a posting from the local Burger King. I can say without a doubt that the Abbeville Burger King is probably the best one I have ever visited. The service is great, the food comes out hot, and I am always greeted and thanked as a customer

should be. I decided to write this column after a discussion with their manager, Stephanie Porter. Stephanie always posts their specials and takes great pride in what they do. I explained the somewhat crazy takeaway from our local Burger King and then I decided to ask her, "And by the way, do employees get a discount while on shift?" Stephanie told me that employees get a 50% discount during their shift.

So, now my mind was exploding. This would mean that employees during shift, with taking advantage of their discount, actually could receive 168 chicken

Right away, my mind nuggets per hour while on shift. With Stephanie also sharing with me the information that the average employee works a six hour shift, that would equate to 840 nuggets per shift. Not too shabby. Add to this 105 sauce packets (as each 8 piece order comes with one sauce packet), and this becomes a pretty lucrative deal if you are willing to trade the cash for stocking poultry product and dipping

I mean, a five day shift could result in 4200 chicken nuggets; and a yearly salary of 218,400 chicken nuggets and 27,250 sauce packets could be reason enough to cross the road and not fowl or foul up the interview process.

If you do decide to go that route for employment, you can wow the manager when he/she asks you "Where do you see yourself in five years," you can answer in terms of chicken nuggets.

If they run out of chicken nuggets, not to worry, folks. Stephanie posted today that their fresh baked chocolate chip cookies are two for a dollar.

Oh no, here my mind goes again.

Don't forget to listen to the "Mike on the Mic" show on WZLA every other Friday from 11am until 1pm. Country music, stand-up comedy, and call in on the topic of the day. Like "Mike on the Mic WZLA 92.9" on Facebook.

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9:00am-12:30pm Monticello Golf Course

(1148 Barksdale Ferry Road McCormick)

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Abbeville Shopping Center - Hwy. 28 (future Abbeville YMCA/old Fred's location) Day change to accommodate those traveling for Thanksgiving



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Plexiglass shields fight coronavirus in school

By Henry E. Green

Plexiglass shields are among the many weapons being used in the classroom against the spread of the coronavirus in the school system, and Abbeville County School District Director of Student Services Skip Hopkins recently explained how the shields are being used. "We purchased plexiglass shields early in August for our K-4 and K-5 classrooms to add a layer of protection due to kindergarten classrooms being equipped with tables for students instead of desks,"

"We believe that these measures, along with our cleaning protocols have kept our Covid cases very low in K4 and K5 classrooms. We also purchased these shields for elementary classrooms so that teachers could implement guided reading strategies to assist

students. "With many students returning from virtual to face to face instruction last week, we equipped classrooms where social distancing (6 feet) was compromised, with light weight foam board that has windows for viewing. Schools that have students switching

classes will take the shield with them when they transition to another classroom. "We are very proud of the efforts made by students, teachers, ACSD employees, the school board, and parents that have helped us to safely operate during these extremely challenging

times."Hopkins provided at the Oct. 27 school board meeting a report on shields and other protective measures, and school board member Tim Rhodes commended Hopkins and his team for their hard work to protect the students from



The recent Abbeville Rotary Bowl, held in conjunction with the Abbeville Youth Athletics Homecoming, featured Kings and Queens in various age divisions. In the 10U division, the Rotary Bowl King and Queen included Mikel Bolden, sponsored by Ha'Khira Power (middle couple). The first alternate included Preston Thomas-Smalls, sponsored by Ja'Niyah Hamilton, and the second alternate included P.J. Deveaux, sponsored by Constance Tillman.



The recent Abbeville Rotary Bowl, held in conjunction with the Abbeville Youth Athletics Homecoming, featured Kings and Queens in various age divisions. In the 12U division, the Rotary Bowl King and Queen included Joshua Harrison, sponsored by Mary Ashley Williams. The first alternate couple included Drake Cutter, sponsored by Alivah Richev. The second alternate included Jamiyus McManus, sponsored by Sariyah Jackson (Photo courtsey of Will Poteat)

US House of Representatives

South Carolina Needs Hunters to Thrive

Submitted by Congressman Jeff Duncan

From the upstate down through the lowcountry, South Carolina has always celebrated its rich hunting heritage. That is why this month, sportsmen and women across the Palmetto State will take to the woods and fields in droves to take part in the fall hunting tradition that is as old as the state itself.

Despite what some uninformed anti-hunting activists may say, hunting is about deepening our connection to the natural world around us and establishing a direct connection with the food that we eat. It was President Theodore Roosevelt who famously said, "In a civilized and cultivated country, wild animals only continue to exist at all when preserved by sportsmen." Roosevelt, a champion for hunter led conservation efforts, went on to say that "The excellent people who protest against all hunting, and consider sportsmen as enemies of wildlife, are ignorant of the fact that in reality the genuine sportsman is by all odds the most important factor in keeping the larger and more valuable wild creatures from total extermination."

Hunters contribute the vast majority of the funding

received by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources through license fees and federal excise taxes placed on firearms. ammunition, and other hunting equipment. Their department is responsible for enhancing our residents' quality of life, both now and for future generations through improved understanding, wise use, and safe enjoyment of healthy, diverse, sustainable, and accessible natural resources. Less hunters means less funding for conservation for all of South Carolina.

In the North American model of conservation, hunters play a key role in the management of wildlife species. This proven system has helped save and manage wildlife populations in the United States for over a century. Deer hunting in particular is a key management tool used by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. Deer hunting quotas as informed by wildlife population research keep populations stable and provide wildlife biologists samples and feedback that provide insight into disease spread and herd health throughout the state. It's important to stress that legal, regulated hunting has never caused a wildlife population to become threatened or endangered in the United States.

Hunters aren't just good for conservation and wildlife management; they are also a vital part of our local economy. South Carolina boasts close to 850,000 sportsmen and women across the state who routinely spend millions of dollars each year during their pursuits. Hunters provide an overall average economic contribution of \$2.74 billion while supporting almost 32,000 iobs throughout the state.

In a time when our country is still feeling the impacts of a global pandemic, hunting has turned into a safe way for Americans to recharge, reconnect, and more importantly, social distance.

For South Carolina to continue to enjoy its bountiful natural resources and robust wildlife populations, we need a robust population of sportsmen and women, too.

Representative Jeff Duncan has served South Carolina's 3rd congressional district since 2011. Will Galloway is a Clemson University student and avid hunter. Cyrus Baird is the Manager of Government Relations at the Safari Club International and a graduate of Clemson University with a degree in Wildlife Biology.

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The Abbeville 8U team, composed of seven and eightyear-olds, defeated a Williamston team at the recent Abbeville Rotary Bowl, held at Hite Stadium recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)





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Four Abbevillians recently returned from serving in the Middle East. In "camo" are Clay Hall (left) and Bo Koon (right). (Photo courtesy of Clay Hall)

Ryan Jefson (left) and Tyler Delgado (right) were part of a group of young men from Abbeville who recently returned from National Guard service in the Middle East. (Photo courtesy of Clay Hall)



No place like home Four Abbevillians return from serving

in National Guard in Middle East

By Henry E. Green

Four young men serving in the South Carolina National Guard recently served in the Middle East as part of Charlie Company, 4-118 IN, 30th ABCT, and recently returned

ABCT stands for Armored Brigade Combat Team.

"We're all mechanized infantry," said Clay Hall, who, with Ryan Jefson, Tyler Delgado, and Timothy "Bo" Koon all went to a part of the world distinguished for its volatility.

All recently returned to Abbeville from service that was, to say the least, interesting.

"I went to northern Syria," said Hall. Syria is a place that is home to an immensely complicated political situation, where the principal players include various Syrian factions, the Russians, and the Turks.

Ryan and Tyler were on a mission that is still classified, a mission that took them to the "north central" portion of the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Koon was in Kuwait, where he was training his fellow soldiers in the use of a type of machine gun.

None of them saw combat, but all filled their own particular niches, and all of them were happy to return home

"I was a corporal," said Clay, while Ryan and Tyler were both specialists, and Bo was a staff sergeant and squad leader.

"All of us left in June, 2019, for Fort Irwin in California," Hall said. "That's where the National Training Center is."

After a stint in the Center, which Clay said is located in the Mojave Desert, they all came home for two weeks.

Then, on August 14 of last year, they all went to Fort Bliss, in El Paso, where they did their pre-mobilization training, and they left in October, 2019, for their deployment overseas, and altogether they spent

about 11 months overseas. All were in their twenties or early thirties, these young men in the prime of life all had loved ones back home.

"I have a wife, Magen," said Clay, and the two have a daughter, Zoey.

Clay's deployment took him away from some good times with his little daughter.

"I missed her first birthday and her second birthday,' he said.

Meanwhile, Ryan has a wife named Sarah, Tyler is unmarried, and Bo married after he returned to Abbeville.

Clay doesn't expect to be deployed overseas again, but that depends on the mission requirements of the Army.

His time overseas is definitely an occasion for reflection. Asked how he would describe his time overseas in a few words. he answered with three words--"long and arduous."

"But I wouldn't change it for the world," he added. During their time in the Middle East, the world went through some interesting times.

"We were over there during the crisis with Iran,"

And of course, there was the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic definitely changed things. It "reduced our quality of life."

At the base where he was staying, the soldiers enjoyed working out at gyms, but when the pandemic came, the gyms closed.

It took away something that they enjoyed in an otherwise harsh environment, an environment without grass and trees, an environment that was basically "in the middle of the desert."

"It wasn't home," he said. And the reputation of the Middle East as a volatile place is richly deserved, according to Hall.

"Every time you turned around there was something happening," he said.

"When you're back home it's not your problem," he said, noting that when you are serving in the U.S. military in the Middle East, you have to be aware that you might have to respond to a crisis.

Needless to say, he is exceedingly glad to be home, and all the nice things that come with it.

Hall believes that able-bodied males should serve in some capacity, noting that it teaches responsibility.

And 16 weeks of basic training will give you an appreciation for civilian life, including the simple things that most of us take for granted.

"I learned how nice it is to sit in a chair," he said. "I came home and sat in my recliner."





November 3, 2020: Twins celebrate their 60th birthday

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WMS students shine in peace poster contest

By Henry E. Green

Three Wright Middle School students have claimed honors in a Lions peace poster contest

WMS eighth grader Audrey Lewis won first place in the contest, which was coordinated at Wright Middle by art teacher Cecily Morris.

She was joined by fellow eighth graders Megan Wachs in second place and Brandi Guzman in third place.

Aubrey will go on to Lions district competition. Morris noted that the contest promotes peace, and every year has a different theme.

This year it is peace through service. said Morris. Aubrey, meanwhile, produced a poster featuring individuals serving in various occupations, from fire fighting to the medical field.

The Abbeville Lions Club is part of the international network of Lions Clubs. Here in Abbeville County, there are three Lions clubs--in addition to the one in Abbeville, there are clubs in Due West and Calhoun Falls.

The Abbeville Lions have a scholarship program for local high school students, have adopted a segment of Highway 28 Bypass on the western outskirts of Abbeville, and have taken part in vision screenings for students in area schools.



Wright Middle School eighth graders are local winners in the annual Lions Peace Poster contest. Audrey Lewis (left) won first place, Megan Wachs (center) second, and Brandi Guzman (right) third. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

'Farewell' times two

James Tisdale, Brandon Adger make school board statements

By Henry E. Green

Two school board members said their own versions of "good-bye" recently.

James Tisdale, Jr., said good bye to his stint as chairman of the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees, though he will continue to serve as a school board member.

"We have term limits (for the chairman)," he said. A school board member may serve two years as chairman, and then he has to retire as chairman for at least a year before he is eligible to serve again.

Tisdale is finishing up his second year as chairman. The board will elect a new chairman at its November 17 meeting.

"We're going to swear in the newly elected board members, and then elect

board officers--chair, vice chair and secretary," he

School board members volunteer their time to serve on the board, and as officers.

Tisdale has been serving on the board since 2006, and his current term on the board began in 2018.

There are term limits only for the post of school board chairman, but not for the posts of vice chairman or secretary.

For Brandon Adger, the good-bye was a little different. Adger, who has been representing Area Two on the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees, is retiring from the board after opting not to run for reelection, and the meeting represented his last meeting as a school board member. In other news, the trustees:

· Learned from Dr. Mason Gary that Dixie High School had, for the spring of 2020, the second highest SAT scores among 1-A high schools in South Carolina, and Abbeville High School had the sixth highest scores among 2-A schools.

- Dr. Gary has been serving as interim superintendent for the District, and the trustees recently voted to enter into a contract with him for him to serve a three year term as superintendent.
- · Were told by District director of instruction and accountability Brandi Sears that the District's Title I plan has been approved, and all schools in the District are now included in the Title I program.

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Lions District Governor Judy Scott (right) recently presented Abbeville Lion Sandi Hood (left) with awards for her service as a Lion. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Lander to begin offering dual credit for ACSD

By Henry E. Green

Lander will begin offering a dual credit program to students in the Abbeville County School District, Brandi Sears told the school board recently.

Sears is the School District's director of instruction and accountability, and she informed the school board of the good news about dual credit during the Oct. 27 school board meeting.

"Lander is offering for ACSD students to take dual credit courses through the university beginning Spring of 2021," she confirmed in

an email Wednesday.

"We will continue to offer dual credit classes through Piedmont Technical College and the Abbeville Career Center in addition to these."

Other interesting things are happening in the world of the School District's curriculum as well.

During the school board

meeting, Sears showed a short video about the curriculum during the 2020-2021 school year, with students having the choice of the iTECH Academy and the in-person classroom alternative offered by the School

The video included pictures of both the in-person classroom, with social distancing, and computer instruction.

Finally, she told the board that the District's Title I plan has been approved, and all of the District's schools now fall under the plan.

Title I is a federal program which provides for schools with large concentrations of low income students that can get supplemental federal funds to help students attain educational goals.



Jimmy Wilson (left) and Janice Corriveau (right) took tickets at the gate for the recent Abbeville Rotary Bowl. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

School District getting COVID relief money

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County School District will be getting more than \$300,000 from the state in connection with COVID relief, according to Roni Scott, the District's finance director.

"It is federal money, allocated by the state," said Scott Plexiglass partitions, etc.; Wednesday.

"The funds will come from "Coronavirus Relief Fund" and the exact amount allocated for Abbeville

County School District is \$333,978.03," she went on

"Each district in the state received an allocation based on the number of students. The funds can be used for school safety, such as PPE, cleaning supplies, school nurses for schools who do not have one; supplemental services for students to address deficits resulting from COVID-19,

which includes interventionists, after-school learning, etc.; and technology used to support on-line learning. "We will use the funds for safety supplies, and if there are funds remaining, we will use them for technology. All of our schools, except \$760,000. Abbeville County Career Center, have a full-time up to \$50,000 are available nurse. We have several other 'pockets' of federal funds to address the supplemental services for students."

Sandi Hood honored for service to Lions

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville Lion Sandi Hood was recognized by Lion District Governor Judy Scott in a presentation on Abbeville's Court Square Friday morning.

Lion Sandi received two awards from Lion Judy. The first award was in recognition of her excellence in reporting service activities by club members.

The second award was for Lion Sandi Hood's being named one of the New Voices of the Lions, also in recognition of her leadership in the projects of the local club.

This was the second award that Lion Judy had presented to an Abbeville Lion on Abbeville's Court Square

Scott had presented a leadership award to Abbeville Lion JJ Jackson several weeks ago.

Hood is in her third year of being a Lion. An Abbeville resident, she is the former office manager for Tahoma Rubber & Plastics in Abbeville.

Hood is currently the first vice president of the Abbeville club. She is also a member of the City of Abbeville's planning commission, and serves as a volunteer with the Community Outreach Center, and serves as well as secretary of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

The Abbeville Lions have adopted a segment of Highway 28 Bypass in Abbeville,

and periodically they pick up trash along the portion of the road they have adopted.

The Abbeville Lions Club is one of three Lions clubs in Abbeville County--the others are based in Due West and Calhoun Falls.

They are all part of an international Lions service organization, with more than one million members, and whose motto is "We Serve."

Helen Keller, speaking at a Lions convention in Ohio, called on her listeners to be "knights" for the blind.

Through the years, Lions have endeavored to make life better for the visually impaired.

Area Lions have conducted vision screenings for students in local schools.



The City of Abbeville presented Scare on the Square on Thursday, Oct. 29, in anticipation of Halloween. Kids went around the Square and were given plenty of candy. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

CARES Act funds available for loan to businesses affected by pandemic

Submitted by **David Hays**

Businesses which were temporarily forced to close, experienced loss of revenue or were otherwise negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic might be eligible for business loans from the new Upper Savannah CARES Revolving Loan Fund (CARES RLF). Also, businesses whose products or services are in high demand due to the pandemic could be eligible.

The lending area includes Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, New-

berry and Saluda counties. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided \$1.5 billion to the EDA for economic development assistance programs to "help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus." As part of the CARES Act, funding was provided to expand Upper Savannah's RLF capacity.

The total available in the new CARES RLF is

Working capital loans of at terms of up to five years at a 1 percent fixed rate. Real estate and equipment loans of up to \$100,000 are available at terms of up to

15 years at a 2.5 percent funds available but at less fixed rate. This is not a attractive terms. forgivable loan.

on behalf of our Upper Savannah region," said Upper Savannah Assistant Director Sam Leaman, who administers the loans.

"These funds will not only the economic fallout from this pandemic but provide economic resiliency going forward," he said.

Leaman has operated the original RLF since it was created 32 years ago to be an alternative funding source available to start-up and expanding businesses in the Upper Savannah Council of Governments region of Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick and Saluda counties. In 2015, Newberry and Lexington counties were added to the eligible list of counties. Generally, this program

is designed to fill the gap between the financing available from traditional private sector sources (i.e. bank loans and equity) and the total financing need. To be eligible, these projects must result in the creation of permanent jobs and leverage private sector investment. This RLF continues to operate and has information.

The new CARES RLF is "We are very fortunate to available to businesses be able to receive these partially or completely newCARESActRLFfunds closed by local or state officials to stop the spread of the coronavirus such as restaurants, certain retail stores, personal services,

Loans are also available help businesses survive to businesses forced to close or curtail operations due to employees testing positive for the coronavi-

> Businesses experiencing loss of revenue due to the general economic downturn or logistical problems are also eligible as well as those negatively impacted by other factors linked to the pandemic.

> Businesses whose products or services are in high demand due to the virus will also be targeted for lending. For example, there are businesses in the Upper Savannah Region that manufacture medical supplies, personal protective equipment (PPE) such as masks, and components for medical equipment.

> Borrowers, lenders and others interested in helping small businesses are encouraged to call Leaman at 864-941-8056 for more

Obituaries

Jones

Kathy Parnell Jones, 63, of Calhoun Falls, wife of Glenn Jones, died Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the Abbeville Area Medical Center. She was born in Abbeville to Sue McLane Parnell and the late Howard Parnell.

Kathy graduated from Calhoun Falls High School, class of 1975, as well as Piedmont Technical College. She was associated with SCANA/SCE&G for several years. Kathy, employed as an R.N. with Self Regional Medical Center in the Women's Center for 20 years, also served as school nurse at John C. Calhoun Elementary School. Her capable and efficient skills were well-known amongst her co-workers and patients, alike. Atalented seamstress, she enjoyed sewing and was a member of the Quilting Club. Kathy



Kathy Parnell Jones

will be fondly remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to knowing her.

She is survived by her Warden (Robbie) of Goose Creek and Michael Wayne Jones (Melody) of Calhoun Falls; her mother, Sue, of houn Falls Chapel is assist-Calhoun Falls; two brothers, ing the Jones family.

Ken Parnell of Calhoun Falls and Kevin Parnell (Jennifer) of Mt. Pleasant; and five grandchildren, Adalynn and Nathan Jones and Reece, Bennett, and Grady Warden.

A service to celebrate Kathy's life was 11:00AM, Saturday, October 24, 2020 in the South Side Baptist Church fellowship hall in Abbeville.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Kathy, may be sent to the Raynaud's Association, Inc., 11 Topstone Rd., Redding, CT 06896 or all who had the pleasure of by visiting www.raynauds. org/donate-now.

A message of condolence husband of 45 years, Glenn; may be sent to the family by her children, Ashley Jones visiting www.harrisfuneral.

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PTC offers maximum flexibility through in-person, online and hybrid course options

Submitted by Kristine Hartvigsen

One of the big draws for students enrolling at Piedmont Technical College (PTC) traditionally has been the smaller class sizes and direct personal access to instructors. And while PTC professors have moved heaven and earth to maintain close contact with their students at a time when pandemic pushed instruction into the virtual realm last spring, many students simply learn better in person. It is those students, in particular, who should know that they can find in-person options on campus today.

"The fact is that we are already holding classes in person on our campuses right now," said Dr. Keli Fewox. PTC's vice president tuition dollars.

for academic affairs. "Some 800 to 1,100 students a day are taking in-person classes on our Greenwood campus alone."

Fewox noted that every educational division of the college, including general education, is offering in-person options for students who need them. Classes that students are coming to campus for include courses in English, mathematics and economics.

Many transfer students attend PTC to complete basic prerequisite courses they can apply toward study at a four-year institution. In many cases, they need not wait to continue that general coursework. They have in-person options in place today so they not only can save precious time but also

In accordance with federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, social distancing and other protective protocols are being strictly enforced. Students are required to wear an appropriate face covering at all times they are on campus, and they are expected to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others wherever possible. Individuals coming to campus are screened by questionnaire before they are allowed on campus.

"The community has the impression that we are still operating completely virtually," Fewox said. "We have not been completely virtual since early summer. Students have been coming to campus in small groups since the first of June."

Fields

Matthew Thomas Fields, 36, of Abbeville, husband of Lauren Sorrow Fields, died Thursday, October 29, 2020 at his home. He was born in Abbeville to James Thomas 'Tombo' Fields and Lisa Harris Fields.

Matt attended Greenwood Christian School and Calhoun Falls High School where he excelled in baseball as a pitcher. He was presently employed with Prysmian in Abbeville. Matt enjoyed the outdoors; he spent many hours on the river and hunting for arrowheads. Artistically talented, he could often be found drawing or writing. Matt was an enthusiastic Georgia Bulldogs fan and never missed an opportunity to cheer them on. He was dearly loved by his family, pleasure of knowing him.

Matt was preceded in death by his grandparents, Martha and Autrey Fields and Linda and Bill Marsh and his moth-



Matt Fields

er-in-law, Jean Sorrow.

He is survived by his wife, Lauren, of Abbeville; his children, Brayden Fields, Alexis Hudson, Tyler Hudson, and Bentlee Hudson; his father, Tombo Fields (Kerry), of Lake Secession; his mother, Lisa Fields, of Abbeville; his friends, and all who had the siblings, Laura Beth Fields and Bryce Fields, both of Abbeville, Terry Scott (Chastity) of Lowndesville and Aaron Walker of Decatur, AL; his beville is assisting the Fields father-in-law, Vic Sorrow, of

Abbeville; his goddaughter, Natalie Gable; his constant and faithful companion, his dog, Draco; and a wide circle of extended family and friends.

Aservice to celebrate Matt's life was 4:00 PM, Sunday, November 1, 2020 in the Harris Funeral Home Chapel. Those attending were encouraged to wear Georgia Bulldog colors. The family received friends immediately following the service.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Matt, may be sent to the Caroline Project - Suicide Prevention, 104 Whitehall St., Abbeville, SC 29620.

The family is at their respective homes.

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

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Obituaries

Clinkscales

Margaret C. Clinkscales, 89, of Iva, wife of the late Jim Caldwell Clinkscales, died Monday, November 2, 2020, at the Abbeville Area Medical Center. She was born in Abbeville to the late Dudley O. and Annie Lee Suttles Carwile.

A 1947 graduate of Antreville High School, Mrs. Clinkscales was employed with Milliken & Co. - Abbeville Plant for many years. As a life-long member of Little River Baptist Church, she enjoyed playing the organ and piano; music was an integral part of her life.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Clinkscales was preceded in death by a brother, Hugh Carwile. She is survived by two sons,

and Jack Clinkscales (Dana); a sister-in-law, Sue Carwile; four nieces, Jan Harrison (Bubba), Patti Campbell (Terry), Joyce Culbreth (Kent) and Vickie Simpson (David); three nephews, Ken Carwile, (Stephanie), James Moore (Mary Beth) and Carroll Moore (Rene); five grandchildren, Jay Clinkscales (Becky), Brad Clinkscales (Brittany), Joseph Clinkscales (Suzanne Dodd), Jordan Clinkscales (Samantha) and Justin Clinkscales (Laura) and ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2:00 PM, Friday, November 6, 2020 in Little River Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends following John Clinkscales (Sherry) the graveside service.

The family expresses their deep appreciation to Mrs. Clinkscales special caregiver, Kason Rosser, for her love and care.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Clinkscales, may be sent to Little River Baptist Church, 2847 Keowee Road, Honea Path, SC 29654 or to the charity of one's choice.

The family is at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, John and Sherry Clinkscales.

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

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Clinkscales

Waldrop 🕦

Thomas Lee Waldrop, 73, of Nation Road, Hodges, husband of Donna Smith Waldrop, died Thursday, October 29, 2020 at Abbeville Area Medical Center.

Born in Laurens, he was a son of the late Arthur Lee and Amanda Mae Ella Saxon Waldrop. Tom was a former deputy sheriff with the Laurens County Sheriff's Department and had served in the US Army during the Vietnam War in special forces and was a Green Beret. He attended

Harris Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of the home; stepchildren, Ashley Ariail (Austin) of Dallas, TX, Michael Festa of Simpsonville and James Festa (Keri) of Spartanburg; brother, John Alan Waldrop (Gail) and niece, Erin Leigh Freeman (Will), both of Abbeville; three step grandchildren; a great niece; three great nephews and his beloved dog, Darby.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Harley Funeral Home Chap-

el with the Rev. Frank Thomas officiating. The service will be livestreamed and can be viewed by visiting www. harleyfuneralhome.com, where messages may be left for the family.

Society, Relay for Life for Greenwood, SC, 1901 Brunswick Avenue, Suite 100, Charlotte NC 28207 (www.cancer.org) or to Harris Baptist Church, 300 Center Street, Greenwood, SC 29649.

DHEC Care Line Open The DHEC Care Line is the event said. staffed from 8 a.m. to 6

p.m. every day. They are prepared to answer general questions about COVID-19. Please call 1-855-472-3432. Meeting postponed

The Abbeville County Forest Landowners Association Memorials may be made Board has decided the to the American Cancer next scheduled Association meeting on November 16th will be postponed.

Veterans Day program planned

American Legion Post 2 is organizing the 2020 Vets Day program, Nov. 11th at 11 am, 200 Long Branch St. Carol Scales USNR (Ret) and currently President of the Star Fort Chapter of MOAA (Military Officers conducted Saturday Nov. 7, Association of America). "As and youngest Vet, recognize each era of service, Viet-

The Outdoor Fall Bazaar at Little Mountain Presbyterian Church, 3836 Highway 28 N, Abbeville, will be held Saturday, November 7th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "We will offer soup by the quart and hot dogs to go, crafts, canned goods and baked

goods," a spokesman said. There will also be a Blood the church parking lot from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Advance registration for the blood drive can be made The guest speaker will be at Abbeville Presbyterian Church, Jane Todd 864-378-4857 or Little Mountain Pres. Church, Teri Walker 864-296-4813. Drop-ins will also be welcome.

> **Guild plans workshop** The Abbeville Artist Guild Accommodations Tax.

Community Calendar nam, etc.," a spokesman for is sponsoring a painting workshop taught by Jeffery Callaham on Saturday, Church plans fall bazaar November 21, 2020 or Saturday, December 5, 2020 at the Abbeville Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$25 for AAG members and \$35 for non-members. The cost includes all the materials needed, but those planning to attend are asked to bring their favorite paint brushes and to bring their own lunches. Space Connection Blood Drive in is limited to 10 people for each day and the deadline to register is November 15. To sign up, email the guild at abbevilleartistguild@gmail. com or call 864-366-5881 and leave a message.

> This project is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts and Abbeville County

McMeekin

Virginia Frances "Fran" Stancil McMeekin, widow of R. Tedford McMeekin, passed from this earth on Oct. 31, 2020 from complications of Alzheimer's. She was the daughter of the late Marvin and Lorene Brooks Stancil. She was raised in Oconee County and graduated from Seneca High School. She was a graduate of Greenville General Hospital nursing school and worked as an RN for many years. She and Ted moved to Abbeville, SC in 1966 to raise their family and stayed until Ted's passing in 2002. She also operated several businesses over the years including a daycare and a picture frame shop. Fran also served as a Girl Scout leader, a Sunday School teacher, a member of the City Zoning Board, a member of Daugh-

ters of American Revolution and the Taylors Lion Club.

Fran loved to write and draw and paint. She loved jewelry and big, fancy pocketbooks. She was a genealogy enthusiast and was proud that she had traced her roots to the 1700's. Fran loved her friends at

Abbeville First Baptist Church and being a member of the Red Hatters. Survivors include: a daugh-

ter Ginger Williamson (Lee) of Easley, SC; two sons Dave McMeekin (Cheryln) of Greer, SC and Dr. Stan McMeekin (Beth) of Taylors, SC; a sister Gail Stancil Harbin (Bill) of Seneca, SC; nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers Mike Stancil and Steve Stancil. Both of Westminister, SC.

Graveside services will be

2020 at 2:00 PM in Forest usual, we will have the oldest Lawn Memory Gardens with the Rev. Reiny Koschel officiating. The family will greet friends following services at the graveside. MASK ARE REQUIREDATTHE GRAVE-SIDE, PLEASE.

Memorials in memory of Fran may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 950 W. Faris Rd. Greenville, SC 29605 or to First Baptist Church Abbeville, 307 North Main St. Abbeville, SC 29620.

Online condolences may be made to the McMeekin family by visiting www.chandlerjacksonfh.com

The Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is assisting the McMeekin family.



Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Submitted by Lizz Walker

November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. At AnMed Health, we're encouraging low-dose CT Screenings for those who qualify to catch lung cancer

Lung Cancer Awareness month is intended to raise

ease, fund-raise for re- lower the risk of getting lung search to find the cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and a

More people in the United States die from lung cancer than any other type of cancer, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The awareness about the dis- most important thing to do to

cancer is to not smoke or quit if you are a smoker and avoid secondhand smoke.

Current smokers or those who have not smoked in less than 15 years may be eligible for lung cancer screening by low-dose CT. Early detection and treatment can increase the survival rate from 15-92%



On a rainy, rainy Thursday morning of Oct. 29, the Abbeville County School District presented a food distribution, free to community residents, at the old Fred's parking lot in Abbeville. District representatives are here, waiting for the food to arrive. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Obituaries

Maggiacomo

Christopher "Jock" Antony Maggiacomo, 30, resident of 4854 Hwy. 71, passed away Tuesday Nov. 3, 2020.

Born July 18, 1990, he was a son of Bridgett Troger Barber and Charlie Coxe.

Chris worked in the Telephone business as a telephone pole inspector. He enjoyed music, the beach and outdoor life in general and hanging with his friends. Chris had a genuine love of life and will be remembered for his outgoing personality.

Survivors include: his mother Bridgett Barber (Tal) of Abbeville, SC; his father Charlie Coxe (Kelly) of York, SC; a son William Isaiah Maggiacomo of Greenwood, SC; a daughter Madi Hill of Abbeville, SC; a sister Jackie Coxe of Abbeville, SC; five brothers, Duece Coxe of Abbeville, SC, Benjamin Greene of Conway, SC, Thomas (Chad) Barber and his



Christopher "Jock" Maggiacomo

Greene of Conway, SC, Nathan Greene of Troutman, NC, and Coleman Coxe of York, SC; Co-Parent and best friend Sarah Thompson of Greenwood, SC; Maternal grandmother Barbara Carpenter (Marlon) of Abbeville, SC; Maternal grandfather Elmar Troger (Yuki) of Okinawa, Japan.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather Steven grandparents Bill and Vivian

A Celebration of Chris's life will be conducted Thursday, Nov. 5, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Mike Evans officiating. The family is at 1003 Sharon Church Rd. Abbeville, SC.

The family will receive friends Thursday morning from 10:00 until 11:00 at the funeral home prior to services.

Memorials in memory of Chris may be made to Open Door Christian Center, 209 E. Main St. Clinton, SC 29325 or to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made to the Maggiacomo family by visiting www. chandlerjacksonfh.com

The Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home and Cremation Service is assisting the Maggiacomo family.

Good Samaritans

School District pleased with recent food distribution here in Abbeville

By Henry E. Green

Few would deny that we are living in challenging times, times that have resulted in food insecurity for

The Abbeville County School District food-giveaway at the old Fred's parking lot in Abbeville attracted numerous people on a rainy, rainy day.

The School District collaborated with an organization called Save the Children, a group looking to address food insecurities in the community, according to the District's Chief Administrative Officer, Dr. Lori Brewton.

The distribution was conducted through a program called Farmers to Families, which delivers food boxes to rural communities.

These food boxes weighed about 32lbs each and each had fresh fruits and vegetables, protein, and dairy items, Brewton said.

On the morning of Thursday, Oct. 29, motor vehicles lined up in the parking lot in anticipation of the giveaway.

It was a morning marked by rain and wind, a morning marked by the passage of Tropical Storm Zeta through the area, but that apparently made little difference.

Number of coronavirus

School District representatives were on hand to distribute the food in the drive-through format.

In one hour and 40 minutes, as many as 1,150 boxes of food were passed out, said Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary said last week after the distribution.

"It was awesome," he said.

The superintendent was very pleased with the turnout, and he characterized the project as an example of the School District giving back to the community.



James Albert "Jimmy" Lander, 90 years of age, died on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at his home in Newberry, SC surrounded by loved ones.

Born April 9, 1930 in Abbeville, SC, he was a son of the late Anne Louise Cheatham Lander and the late William Jones Lander. He graduated from Abbeville High School, attended NC State University and Erskine College, and graduated from Lander University in 1986.

James Lander exemplified love and commitment. He was a loving husband, father, friend, a soldier and a family man. He demonstrated and lived by his Christian beliefs. He spent years serving his country and state, community, and church.

He enlisted in the SC National Guard in January 1948, appointed Commissioned Officer from Palmetto Military Academy (SC) March 12, 1953. Jim was ordered to Active Duty March 17, 1966 until September 16, 1971, which included tours in both Korea and Vietnam. COL Lander returned to the SCArmy National Guard September 17, 1971 and retired as Chief of Staff on October 31, 1985. His military awards include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Award, Vietnam Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal-Korea, RVN Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Honor Medal, and Medal.

After retiring from the SC Army National Guard, he always flying" with Jolene commanded the SC State and his dog Chloe. He will Guard with the rank of Major be missed dearly. General (SC).

As a citizen, Jim has a served the Abbeville City



James Albert 'Jimmy' Lander

Council, Newberry Boy Scout District, Newberry Rotary Club, Newberry Exchange Club, Newberry County Development Board, Newberry County Literacy Council, Newberry County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission, and the Newberry County Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (Meals on Wheels). He was the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions for his community involvement. For his distinguished service to state and nation, Jim was presented the Order of the Palmetto in 1985. He continued his service to SC and was elected to the SC Senate in 1992, serving until elected to the SC Office of Comptroller General (1999-2003).

A man of faith, Jim was a member of First Baptist Church of Newberry where he served as a Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and member of the choir. One never had to wonder how he would receive you, always with love and happiness!

He especially enjoyed spending time with his the National Guard Retired family and friends and loved sitting on the front porch "where the flags are

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, long history of involvement Jolene Smith Lander, his in civic organizations. He children Britt Snelling (Howard) of Fort Mill, Leslie Orr

(Sam) of Newberry, Gail Floyd (Lewie) of Lexington, Jeannie Brehmer (Henry), of Kinards, and LTC (Ret) David Lander (Kim) of Fort Mill. He is also survived by his grandchildren, who he helped raise, Shannon Beckham Berley (Will) of Prosperity, Andrew Beckham (Nichole) of Blair, and Samuel Beckham (Courtney) of Newberry, a brother Robert Benjamin Lander, of Due West, and his chosen special family friend Kathy Sadler. Jim has 15 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughters, Terrie Lander Duffy and Vickie Lander Beckham.

A special thank you to all of his caregivers and to Prisma Health-Hospice.

Graveside funeral services with military honors will be conducted at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 in Newberry Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Harmon officiating. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church, 1020 Boundary St., Newberry, SC 29108 or to Boys Farm Inc., 6655 SC-34, Newberry, SC

29108. To those attending the graveside service on Wednesday, it is the request of the family that all adhere to COVID-19 recommendations including wearing a mask and practicing appropriate distancing. All are invited to take a drive down Main Street and give a honk and a wave as you pass the house "where the flags are always flying". Your love and friendship are very meaningful to all of them.

Messages may be shared with the family at www. whitakerfuneralhome.com.

Whitaker Funeral Home, Newberry is assisting the

By Henry E. Green

The number of coronavirus cases in Abbeville County has reached 700, according to figures from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

According to DHEC, there were 700 confirmed cases of coronavirus in Abbeville County as of Monday, Nov. 2, at 3:13 p.m. The confirmed number of coronavirus-related deaths stood at 13.

Among Abbeville's neighboring counties, Anderson County ad 5,740 cases, and 193 confirmed coronavirus-related deaths.

and 60 deaths.

cases in county hits 700

262 cases and six deaths. there were 170,048 positive mend that you receive roucases, and 3,697 coronavitine testing once a month rus-related deaths, DHEC or sooner if someone

whole, there were more than symptoms," according to 9 million cases, and more DHEC. than 230,000 Americans have died from the virus.

Worldwide, there are nearly 47 million cases, and 1.2 symptoms, it is still possible million deaths.

Adults ages 65 and older, pass the disease to friends, and people with underlying family, and loved ones."

Greenwood County had medical conditions are at 2,487 cases and 69 deaths, risk of becoming severely while Laurens had 1,935 ill with the coronavirus, and should take extra precau-McCormick County had tions, DHEC advises.

"If you are out and about in In the state as a whole, the community, we recomyou've been around tests In the United States as a positive or if you develop

> "While many people with COVID-19 have mild or no they could be infected and

Obituaries

Scott

Mrs. Shirley Mills Scott, 84, of Lincolnton Highway, Elberton, passed away on Saturday, October 31, 2020, at her home surrounded by her family. She was the wife of 45 years to the late Joel Miller Scott. Shirley was born in Elberton on June 29, 1936, daughter of the late Charles Henry Mills, Sr. and Martha Elizabeth Jones Mills. She was a 1954 graduate of Elbert County High School. After high school, Shirley worked as a Southern Bell 28, 1959.

was affectionately referred to, was a faithful Falls; honorary grand-United Methodist Church Stockbridge, GA; brother, for many years. She en- Charlie Mills and his wife joyed helping with Vacation Bible School and, with sister, Gloria Sale and her barbecues.

A faithful housewife and Gaines Bailey of Elberton, mother, Shirley was often seen helping on the and nephews. farm raking hay. Through For the last three years

the years, she worked at Woolworth's and Factory Outlet in Elberton and was the contributing writer of the "Petersburg News" for The Elberton Star. In her free time, she loved putting together jigsaw puzzles and rocking in her rocking chair or swing on the porch.

Shirley is survived by her children: Martha Key and her husband Scott and Lamar Scott, both of Elberton, GA, and Milton Scott and his wife Susan of Calhoun Falls; her beloved granddaughters: Saman-Operator in Atlanta before tha Wood and her husband returning to Elberton and Brantley of Calhoun Falls, marrying Joel on March and Kristin Scott and her fiancé Ryan of Piedmont; "Miss Shirley", as she great-granddaughter, Callie Grace Wood of Calhoun member of Woodlawn daughter, Lucy Cabrera of Carol of Bowman, GA: Joel, helped with church husband David of Dewy Rose, GA: aunt, Marietta

GA; and numerous nieces

of her life, Shirley lived at Magnolia Estates in Elberton where she enjoyed playing bingo and special events. Aspecial thank you to the angels at Magnolia for their love and care.

The family received friends at Berry Funeral Home from 6:00-8:00 on Monday, November 2, and other times at the home.

Funeral services were at Woodlawn United Methodist Church at 4 o'clock on Tuesday, November 3, with the Rev. John Moore officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Flowers are accepted and contributions may be made in her memory to Woodlawn United Methodist Church, c/o Priscilla Madden, 3792 Brad Dixon Road, Elberton, GA30635.

Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.berryfh.com.

Berry Funeral Home & Crematory of Elberton is respectfully in charge of arrangements for Mrs. Shirley Mills Scott.







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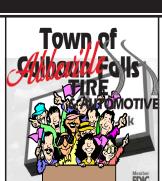
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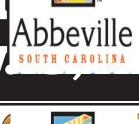






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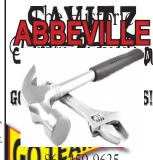
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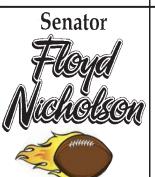
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Zeta brings howling wind, rain to remind us of busy hurricane season

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County was not left untouched by the remnants of Tropical Storm Zeta, one more reminder of what has been an extremely busy hurricane season.

Thursday morning, rain and howling winds greeted Abbeville County residents when they woke up.

Abbeville County School District schools were closed Thursday in anticipation of the strong winds.

There were scattered power outages as well.

Abbeville County Director David Garner said Thursday afternoon that he did not know of any property damage, or any injuries, resulting from the storm Thursday morning.

"We had a couple of minor outages," said Judy Willis, assistant utility director with the City of Abbeville Thursday afternoon.

A tree fell and broke a primary power line in the North Main area of the City Thursday morning.

Two households were without power for about an hour and a half because of the fallen tree, from 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

There was another outage in the Secession Avenue/ Washington Street area and it lasted about an hour and affected seven homes, due to a "center phase fuse" blown "due to extreme wind gusts."

"We were really lucky compared to other areas," she said

"We're just thankful that it wasn't any worse."

"We did have some outages due to the storm," said Ellis on Friday. "At the peak we had 800 members without service. These were scattered throughout the four counties we serve. Abbeville, Anderson, McCormick, and Greenwood were all affected. We had several poles broken, numerous lines down, and trees on lines causing these outages. All were back on by 5:00 pm yesterday. Today several of our crews have gone to assist Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative in their restoration efforts. They were the hardest hit of the 20 coops in South Carolina.

Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris Cowan said that his town experienced "no major problems" from the storm.

Due West Mayor Jeannie Knight reported Thursday that her community emerged without major damage.

"Just some limbs down but nothing reported damaged or anyone injured," she said.

"The Utility Department had recently cleared off limbs around the power lines so that helped to prevent power outages. That wind was strong this morning. I'm thankful that it was a fast-mover!

Gardening gifts that provide years of enjoyment

Submitted by Melinda Myers

The popularity of gardening is at an all-time high and people are discovering its many benefits. Some want to grow safe and nutritious food, others are boosting the beauty of their landscape, and many are turning to gardening to relieve stress. With the holidays right around the corner, it's the perfect opportunity to support new and experienced gardeners with a thoughtful garden-related gift.

Help small space gardeners expand their growing space and reduce maintenance with self-watering elevated cedar planters. Elevated gardens add garden space to a balcony, deck or patio while raising the garden bed to a comfortable and easily accessible height. The self-watering system makes gardening easy with proper, less frequent watering to ensure success.

Do the same for indoor plant enthusiasts with stylish terrariums, plant stands, and lighting features. Terrariums are still popular, creating a decorative means for providing the moisture and humidity tropical plants need. Copper and rot resistant mango wood terrariums (gardeners.com) add a new and decorative twist to this traditional growing system.

Plant stands allow your favorite indoor gardener to maximize any available space. Shelves filled with greenery help improve indoor air quality, reduce stress, and can elevate one's mood. New modern metal plant stand designs add a modern vibe to the indoor garden display.

When space is at a premium, give the gift of vertical gardening accessories. Birdcage planters provide a unique way to display tropical or seasonal

flowers. Lower them to tabletop level to use as a centerpiece or decorative element in seasonal indoor displays.

Don't overlook the cooks in your life that may be intrigued by moving their garden indoors. Keep them stocked with fresh herbs and vegetables. Increase their growing space and needed light with a gift of energy efficient LED grow lights in an attractive stand like the Oslo customizable LED Grow Lights. For those with very limited space, consider an organic kitchen caddy planter kit. A windowsill or countertop herb garden is a great way for anyone to add garden-fresh flavor to winter

Make gardening a fun and accessible experience with the help of a deep seat kneeler that when flipped over, converts. Or add storage and mobility with a Deluxe Tractor Scoot with Bucket Basket. The handle allows you to easily take your tools and garden scoot with you to every corner of your landscape.

And don't forget the stocking stuffers. Who doesn't need extra plant tags, ties and gloves? Consider replacing the stocking with a colorful Tubtrug. These flexible lightweight tubs are perfect for harvesting garden produce, collecting weeds or transporting anything from one space to another.

The gift of gardening provides lifelong benefits. Supporting family and friends with useful tools and equipment can increase their gardening enjoyment and success. And don't forget to add a few of your favorite garden related items to your gift list.

You'll eliminate the stress and guesswork for the giver and you both will appreciate a gift that provides years of function, beauty and memories.

"Roadtripping"

Road trips are a fun way to pass the time while learning about history and the nearby beauty that surrounds us. Grab a friend or family member, hop in the driver's seat, set your GPS, and head out for some fun!



This uninvited Covid-19 pandemic has pretty much affected every aspect of our daily lives... work, school, sports, and travel! Yes, travel! For me, travel has been the biggest heartbreaker! While many places have slowly begun to open back up, with social distancing still in place, some places continue to remain closed or have limited hours of operations. It definitely makes this "Roadtripping" article a bigger challenge to come up with content, so here's a different twist!

I used to consider a cemetery just plain out CREEPY, but now I find them beautiful, full of history & extremely interesting. Many of the older cemeteries have gorgeous ironwork, elaborate headstones and statues, while others can be quite primitive. Some headstones have a list of the deceased's accomplishments, while others tell stories of simpler times. Some show favorite hobbies, or even a favorite sports team! A few "tombstones" describe exactly how the deceased met their demise. Others have inscriptions that can be quite amusing!

For me, the older the cemetery, the better! They're engulfed with so much added character compared



to the newer ones with the flush mounted, bronze markers hugging closely to the ground. I do understand the concept, since the flat markers make lawn maintenance at perpetual care cemeteries much easier. At the same time, the newer markers make it quite difficult to find a particular grave. Their similarity makes them lose their individuality and the only major difference is the flowers placed on the grave.

While traveling on trips, don't miss out on the adventure of checking out a vintage cemetery. Some of the most awesome ones I've visited are The Bonaventure Cemetery near Savannah, Ga in the town of Thunder-

bolt. Featured in the 1997 movie, "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," you'll also find the grave of Johnny Mercer there. Mercer was a singer/songwriter, and the co-founder of Capital Records. Benches near his grave have many of his well-known songs inscribed in them. Many of you may remember

the song, "Moon River," made famous by Andy Williams. Johnny Mercer wrote this particular song about the river that borders Bonaventure Cemetery.

Graniteville Cemetery in Graniteville, SC is another of my favorites! This moss draped cemetery has plenty of interesting history, but the most famous is the Grave of the Little Boy. In 1855, a child traveling by train fell deathly sick. He was removed from the train in Graniteville in order to seek treatment. Unfortunately, the gravely ill child died, unable to tell anyone his name. A local cabinetmaker made the boy a simple coffin, and the townspeople put their money together to have a simple tombstone created with the inscription, "The Little Boy". To this day, his identity remains a mystery, but many people continue to visit his grave daily,

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leaving trinkets and toys as a way of showing they will never forget this child. I too have visited this cemetery & grave at least 4-5 times and recently did a photoshoot there that turned out amazing.



Graniteville Cemetery holds another lesser known, sorrowful, but interesting story about two other children, Mary Emma Atkinson and Demsy Cline. These two were inseparable best friends. Little Mary Emma fell into the waters of the Augusta Canal, which runs through the center of the town of Graniteville. Without a second thought, Demsy jumped in, desperately trying to save her. Sadly, the undertow overtook them both and they were drowned. It was suitable that these best friends were laid to rest eternally, side by side.

You don't have to go far, since some of our local cemeteries have quite a bit of history to share too. Just recently I learned Abbeville has its own grave of the unknown soldier. A Confederate soldier from Alabama, thought to be around 30 years old, died of smallpox. His body was brought by train and buried on nearby Secession Hill. For years his grave laid hidden in undergrowth. Recent efforts were made to create a more appropriate and deserving headstone and grave site for this unknown soldier. Go visit it if you haven't seen it. I

Hopefully, after reading this, I may have changed someone's thoughts on cemeteries. Mine have certainly changed. Next time you pass by a cemetery, stop and absorb a little history.

For the faint of heart, I recommend visiting during daylight hours! Don't forget to bring your camera along!

Don't forget to bring your camera! Stay tuned for more "Roadtripping" with Pam Kimsey Latham!

Sports & Recreation



Tyrell Haddon (4) led the way in rushing for the AHS Panthers during their 48-0 victory over Crescent recently. (Photo courtesy of Kristi Murphy).

AHS Panther jayvees demolish Crescent, 36-7

By Henry E. Green

Wednesday night in ju- Cox continued. coach Shane Cox.

Jamal Marshall scored on coming week to play. yard run, Cox continued.

ing touchdown of 27 yards, Oak, Emerald, and Christ This team has some speed and Mikhelyn Bowie scored Church.

at Hite Stadium in Abbev- loss this season has been clement weather Thursday. ille, said AHS jayvee head to Greenwood, are scheduled to travel to Liberty this

a 32 yard run, and on a 24 In addition to the victory to work with," Cox has said. over Crescent, the jay- "They have been working Elijah Owens had a rush- vees have defeated West extremely hard this year.

on a 25 yard run, and De- The jayvees typically play The Abbeville High School ontarius Washington had a on Thursday nights, but defeated Crescent 36-7 five yard touchdown run, the game with Crescent was played on Wednesday nior varsity football action The jayvees, whose only night in anticipation of in-

> "The kids on the team this year have been a pleasure

Dixie girls cross country team to run in state meet

By Henry E. Green

try team will run in the state combined 1A/2A qualifying with a time of 24:54, and championship on Friday, meet held Saturday. Prescott.

The girls cross coun- 22:26, followed by Adyson

November 6 at 11:30 in They finished fifth out 25:07. Columbia, said Dixie girls of 12 teams in their race. cross country coach Cayce The top runner was Rachel Prescott with a time of try team qualified for the Ashley with a time of 22:46,

state meet by virtue of Mackala Kent with a time The Dixie girls cross count heir performance in the of 24:08, Ansley Prescott Clara Angel with a time of

> "The top six teams from our qualifying race get to move on to the state championship," said Prescott.

The 54th annual Abbeville Rotary Bowl was held on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Hite Stadium, in conjunction with Abbeville Youth Athletics homecoming. The event featured Abbeville recreation football teams like this one entering the stadium. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



James Hughes claims this week's contest prize

By Henry E. Green

James Hughes of Calhoun Falls claims this week's Press and Banner college football contest, winning the \$50 prize with a "perfect" entry, according to Contest Editor Lamar T. West.

"Our first of the year 100% winner" was James Hughes, said West.

James sent in three entries, with one missing no games at all, another missing one game and a third missing two games.

There were seven entries missing only one selection, and 10 entries missing only two, he went on to say.

"James saves 'Mr. Tie Breaker' from having to work overtime this week," West said.

If James had not had an entry with no misses, 'Mr. Tie Breaker would have needed to pay Adam Perdue the \$50 prize, as his guess of 902 points was closest to

the 903 total points scored. Hughes is the king for a week where the biggest news of the week seemed to be happening off the football field, with Clemson quarterback Trevor Lawrence testing positive for the coronavirus.

As was said at least once, the news sent "shock waves" through the Clemson community, and indeed throughout the world of college football.

Lawrence had to sit out the game against Boston College this past Saturday, and Clemson actually had to come from behind to beat the visitors from Massachusetts.

Lawrence is not slated to play when the Tigers travel to South Bend to take on Notre Dame, but we have the feeling that the Kitties will still have the talent to pull out a win.

Yes, folks, we picked up the

crystal ball and the repair shop, and we're putting on our turban...

Clemson 35, Notre Dame

South Carolina, meanwhile, will be hosting Texas A & M. While the USC offense shows flashes of brilliance, the defense . . . well, not so much. Those Gamecock fans who watched the LSU game might agree.

So, as much as we would like to predict a Gamecock victory, like the one over Auburn, the crystal ball shows otherwise.

Aggies 28, South Carolina

And as for our friends on the other side of the Savannah River, we believe Georgia will defeat Florida.

The Dogs are by no means perfect, and their quarterback has had his issues, but the Gators have had their issues as well.

Georgia 21, Florida 17.

Abbeville rolls over Crescent Tigers, 48-0

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville put the "roll" on Crescent Friday night in varsity football action, as the Panthers tamed the Tigers, 48-0, and clinched the Region championship.

In claiming its fifth shutout of the season, AHS struck early and often, with the Panthers setting the tone with a 35 touchdown pass play on a connection between AHS quarterback Thomas Beauford and Antonio Harrison.

in the first quarter, and the Panthers cruised from there.

On their second possession of the game, the Panthers connected for a score on another pass play, with Beauford connecting with Harrison on another 35 yard TD strike.

This time, the Panthers went for two, and were successful, and AHS led 14-0 with 6:48 in the first quarter.

Things got worse for the Tigers, who had a punt blocked on their next pos-

Cade. Luke Evans fell on it Abbeville's Burton ramto produce a Panther touchdown. With the PAT good, AHS led 21-0 with 5:37 in the first quarter.

On their next possession, first down of the game, on a pass completion to their own 44, but several plays later they went for the extra yardage on a fourth and six, and did not make it, and AHS took over on downs at the Crescent 48.

Five plays later, Tyrell Had-AHS led 6-0 with 9:55 left don scrambled into the end zone on a three yard run, and with a successful PAT, AHS led 28-0 with 40 seconds left in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Haddon scored on a 32 yard scamper, finishing up a drive which began at the AHS 12. Again, the PAT was good, and AHS led 34-0.

> Early in the second half, Crescent recovered an AHS fumble at the AHS 38, but the Tigers could not capitalize on the opportunity.

AHS took over on downs at session by the Panthers' Ty the Panthers' own 45, and

bled into the end-zone four plays later, on a three yard run which put AHS up 42-0 with 8:40 left in the third.

Harrison scored on a 20 the Tigers made their first yard run late in the third quarter, and though the PAT was blocked, AHS was leading 48-0, and that is the way it stayed.

> It was definitely an evening of superlatives for the Panthers, who were led by Tyrell Haddon, with 125 yards.

> The Panthers will conclude their regular season by hosting Liberty this coming Friday at 7:30 p.m.

> This will be another Region game for the Panthers, and it will be Senior Night for AHS, said AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles.

> Liberty has a wellcoached team, said Nick-

> "They have some athletes who can really run," he went on to say, noting that they can pass, too, when the occasion calls for it.



Abbeville High School's Ty Cade blocked a Crescent punt Friday night, and Luke Evans recovered the ball for a touchdown as AHS pounded Crescent 48-0. (Photo courtesy of Kristi Murphy)

Dixie loses to Whitmire in varsity football action

By Henry E. Green

Whitmire defeated Dixie this past Friday night in varsity football action, 34-7, at Whitmire, said Dixie head football coach Vic Lollis Tuesday.

"It wasn't one of our better games," he said.

Whitmire had only 84 yards of total offense, and Dixie had about 160 yards.

"We had some crucial turnovers in crucial areas of the field," he said. The Hornets had at least two fumbles.

"We had bad field position most of the night," he said,

adding that the Wolverines went south." blocked a Dixie punt.

Dixie scored a touchdown with a 15-yard pass play from Michael Ashley to Hunter Satterfield, cutting the Wolverine lead to 10-7, but the Wolverines returned the following kickoff for a touchdown to go up 18-7, with a two point conversion.

The turnaround in scoring was a demoralizing factor for the Hornet team, Lollis indicated.

"You could feel it on the sideline," he said. "The atmosphere on the sideline

The Whitmire contest was the last Region game for Dixie, Lollis continued.

Dixie will host Crescent this coming Friday, Nov. 6, in a game which will also be kiddie camp night, highlighting a cheerleader camp for little girls.

The Hornets will close out the regular season by hosting West Oak the following week.

Both Crescent and West Oak are 2-A schools, and Dixie is 1-A.

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fans," he said.

The Wright Middle School football team, under coach Mike Bolden, has finished its season without a loss. Bolden is shown here at the Abbeville Rotary Bowl, where he coached an Abbeville rec team. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Wright Middle finishes season undefeated

By Henry E. Green Wright Middle School defeated Clinton 44-8 Wednesday night in Abbeville to put the finishing touches on an undefeated middle school football season.

Wright Middle School head football coach Mike Bolden said the Wildcats played seven games, and gave up only 14 points the entire

"This is my first year as head coach," he said, noting that he had been an assistant coach for about eight years.

Asked what he attributes his team's success, he pointed to " growth in the team.

"We had a lot of guys return from last year. We became one family. We had some good leadership."

Bolden also paid tribute to cheerleader coaches. " his assistant coaches.

"I've got the best coaches you can ask for," he said. Greg Rayford, "Red Dog" Sutherland, Neil Dawson, Bryan Sanders and Jordan Hall are his assistant coaches, helping mold the team into the success it has become.

Bolden, who coaches also an undefeated 9-10 Abbeville Rec team, said the Wildcats combine a good defense with a good offense--an offense which likes to run AND pass.

"We mix it up," he said. The Wildcats, who he said finished as Region champs, play with considerable enthusiasm. "They're ready to go," he said.

He also praised the Wright Middle cheerleaders and

Sunny skies

54th Abbeville Rotary Bowl provided a good time for all at Hite Stadium

By Henry E. Green

The 54th Rotary Bowl was held Saturday at Hite Stadium, providing a good time under sunny skies for adults and kids alike--and football, football, football.

Presented by the Abbeville Rotary Club, the Rotary Bowl traditionally features a day of recreation football, with Rotarians taking tickets at the gate, providing the play-by-play from the press box, and serving yummy things in the concessions building.

In addition to the football, Rotary Bowl courts are traditionally named in the various age divisions.

This year the Rotary Bowl was held in conjunction with the Abbeville Youth Athletics homecoming.

In the 8U division, the Rotary Bowl King and Queen included Tristan Sutherland, sponsored by Kendall Thomasson.

The Rotary Bowl courts included, according to information supplied by the by Rotary Bowl:

The first alternate in the 8U

division included Kordarius Wells, sponsored by Ty'hira Campbell, and the second alternate was Colton Busbee, sponsored by Mattibeth

The Rotary Bowl King and Queen in the 8U (7 and 8 year old) division included Tristan Sutherland, sponsored by Kendall Thomasson.

In the 10U division, the Rotary Bowl King and Queen included Mikel Bolden, sponsored by Ha'Khira Power.

The first alternate included Preston Thomas-Smalls, sponsored by Ja'Niyah Hamilton, and the second alternated included P.J. Deveaux sponsored by Constance Tillman.

In the 12U division, the Rotary Bowl King and Queen included Joshua Harrison, sponsored by Mary Ashley Williams.

The first alternate couple included Drake Cutter, sponsored by Aliyah Richey.

The second alternate included Jamiyus McManus, sponsored by Sariyah Jack-

On the football field, Abbeville teams typically play teams from neighboring communities. Saturday, the Abbeville teams all came out on top.

The Abbeville 12 U team defeated the Anderson G'Dawgs 32-0, and in the 8U division, Abbeville defeated the Williamston Mustangs 20-0,

In the 10U division, Abbeville defeated the 10U Williamston Mustangs 45-0.

"It was absolutely a successful Rotary Bowl," said City of Abbeville recreation director Nick Van Horn Monday.

The Abbeville Rotary Bowl is just one of the projects in which the Abbeville Rotary Club is involved.

The club helps support Abbeville County First Steps, UCMAC, Angel Tree Ministry, Abbeville Youth Athletics, and provides scholarships to individuals from Abbeville, Dixie and Calhoun Falls Charter, said club president John Andrew Bishop.



The Abbeville rec 10U team, composed of nine and 10-year-olds, was one of the winners in the Abbeville Ro-



The 54th annual Abbeville Rotary Bowl featured a victory by this Abbeville recreation 10U team, composed of 9 and 10-year-olds. Here are the kids relishing their victory over a team from Williamston. (Staff photo by Henry

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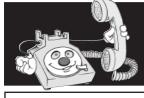
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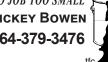
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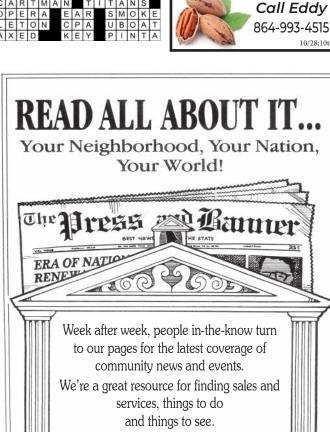
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