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Lynne Hester of Calhoun Falls was presented in 2019 with the Calhoun Falls Personality of the Year award by Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris Cowan. (Photo courtesy of Sherlyn York)

Personality recipients reflect all walks of life

By Henry E. Green

Through the years, recipients of the Calhoun Falls Personality of the Year award have included some very prominent figures in the town's history.

Herman Powell was the first recipient of the award, back in the early 1960s. He won for the year 1962.

The award was originally given by the Calhoun Falls News, said Sherlyn York, the longtime executive director for the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce, before she retired in 2016.

York was the winner for the year 1992. The plaque was presented to her by Frances Hall during the Calhoun Falls Springtime in the Falls festival.

Rev. Jack Ray, the previous year's winner was on hand for the presentation.

Velma Timms had nominated York for the honor.

York was Calhoun Falls Chamber executive director for 29 years.

“It was an honor that somebody thought enough of me to write a letter,” she said.

In the early days of the award, a number of the award presentations were made at area churches, she said.

The winner for 2018 was Lynne Hester, who has worked hard for the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition.

The recipients reflect a variety of walks of life. The late Earl Putnam, who won the award for 1986, served as mayor of Calhoun Falls, while Faye Crocker, who won for 2016, has made her mark in banking, as a

guiding force behind Hope-South credit union.

Mrs. Flo LeRoy, who won for 1984, was a beloved teacher, and Earl Wright, the winner for 1985, continues to serve the community in a variety of ways—he has helped out with coaching at the Calhoun Falls Charter School for example.

According to custom, recipients for a particular year are recognized the following year. Thus, the recipient to be honored in May of this year will be recognized for the year 2020.

The award was not presented last year because of COVID concerns.

Nominations for this year's Calhoun Falls Personality award, for which the recipient will be honored need to be turned in by April 23.



City of Abbeville special events coordinator Emily Bledsoe recently talked about the upcoming Abbeville Spring Festival. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Abbeville's spring festival almost here

By Henry E. Green

(The following article is the first in a series.)

The Abbeville Spring Festival is coming up, starting the evening of April 29, and running all day April 30 and all day, May 1, said City of Abbeville special events coordinator Emily Bledsoe.

Presented by the City, it will provide a blend of music, food, crafts and good times—all centered in downtown Abbeville.

Last year's festival was cancelled due to COVID, but this year, the City decided on a different course.

Encouraged by the success of last fall's Hogs & Hens festival, the City decided to have the Spring Festival again. “We're excited to have

it again,” said Bledsoe.

There will be no mask mandate for the Festival, whose roots go back to the 1980s.

On the other hand, masks are definitely not discouraged, either.

“Obviously if people feel more comfortable wearing them, we certainly encourage it,” Bledsoe said. “We're still discussing possible measures regarding staff and vendors, but it shouldn't affect the public. There will be increased cleaning on the amusement rides as well.”

One essential ingredient of the Festival, of course, is the music.

Bledsoe released the line-up schedule of entertainment for the festival:

Thursday, April 29th

Jeff Edwards Band 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

The Band Silver 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Friday, April 30th

Conspiracy Band 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Eloveation 8:30 PM - 10:30 PM

Saturday, May 1st

Eric Weiler 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Weatherman Band 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Matt Buckland 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Swingin' Medallions 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The music line-up includes some truly big names. The Swingin' Medallions, for example, have roots going back to the days when they have a monster hit with “Double Shot of My Baby's Love” in the mid-1960s.

AAMC still welcoming COVID vaccinations

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville Area Medical Center is still welcoming vaccinations for COVID 19.

The vaccination clinic is located at 901 W. Greenwood Street, Suite 6 which is behind the Healthcare Center and the former location of our Neurology office. Appointment requests can be made by emailing the address aahcvax@AbbevilleAreaMC.com or by calling 366-1647, according to Abbeville Area Medical Center marketing director Meg Davis.

As of Sunday, April 11,

a total of 2,038 positive cases had been reported in Abbeville County, with 31 confirmed coronavirus-related deaths, according to DHEC data.

Among Abbeville's neighboring counties, Anderson County had 19,366 cases and 459 deaths, and Greenwood County 7,200 confirmed positive cases, and 150 coronavirus-related deaths.

Laurens County had 6,239 confirmed positive cases, and 145 coronavirus-related deaths, while McCormick County has 783 confirmed

positive coronavirus cases, and 17 coronavirus-related deaths.

In South Carolina as a whole, there were a total of confirmed positive coronavirus 471,396 cases, and 8,165 deaths, according to DHEC.

According to published reports, 31.2 percent of the people in Abbeville County have received at least one COVID shot, as opposed to 37.7 percent in Greenwood County, 27.9 percent in Laurens County, and 46.6 percent in McCormick County.

Council hears public transit presentation

By Henry E. Green

Getting to where you need to be.

Ah! That is the question.

Abbeville County Council met Monday night, hearing a presentation from Dr. Bill Boone, executive director for United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County, and he asked Council to compose a resolution asking a McCormick group to be a transit provider for Abbeville County to help meet the need for a public transportation system here. (See related story.)

Abbeville County is one of seven South Carolina counties without a public transportation system, said Boone, noting that such a system is needed.

The need for a public transportation system was also noted in an Abbeville Area Medical Center study from several years ago.

Meanwhile, United Chris-

tian Ministries of Abbeville County is a nonprofit, all-volunteer organization based in Abbeville with three ministries—a food pantry system, an emergency assistance ministry, and a medical clinic.

Boone became aware of the need for a transportation system—he said he had been told that many clients were having problems, for example, getting to their appointments at the clinic.

Working with the organization Ten at the Top, UCMAC formed a committee and produced a survey which it sent out earlier this year, a survey which confirmed the need for public transit in Abbeville County.

Many people could not work because they did not have transportation.

Solutions?

Boone noted that grant money is available for which the County would

not pay anything. He also called for Abbeville County Council to come up with and pass a resolution to support McCormick Area Transit in the McCormick organization's submission of a grant proposal which would help establish a public transportation system here in Abbeville County, and that the McCormick organization would be the transit provider for such a system.

McCormick Area Transit has been recognized for its excellence in providing public transportation in McCormick County.

The City of Greenwood, he said, asked for McCormick Area Transit's assistance in setting up a transit system, said Boone.

The transit system in Abbeville County would serve, at least initially, people with medical needs.

Council took the presentation as information.

Council recognizes Telecommunicators

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County Council also passed a resolution recognizing Abbeville County telecommunicators during National Telecommunicators Week.

The telecommunicators of Abbeville County E-911 are the “eyes and ears” of public safety, County Council chairman Billy Norris said. “They do a great job,” he said.

Also Monday night, Council passed third and final reading on an ordinance to establish requirements and procedures for property owners to apply for their property to be considered rehabilitated historic property and to receive special property tax assessments.

Council agreed to purchase a turbo power gas water heater to be installed at the Detention Center, to be purchased at a price not to exceed \$35,000 from Thermal Resource Sales of Greenville.

The agreement represented an amendment to a resolution which had previously been tabled by Council.

Council also had first reading on the following:

- Ordinance 2021-03, a budget ordinance for the fiscal year beginning July 1 of 2021.
- Ordinance 2021-05

to authorize the County to charge and collect a uniform service charge for the improvement of Fire Protection Services provided in Abbeville County.

- Ordinance (2021-06) providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding two million dollars aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of Abbeville County.
- All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary, per Ordinance 05-11.

Council also passed a number of resolutions:

- A resolution authorizing the establishment of a fund to hold the direct federal aid received by Abbeville County pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act and to establish procedures for the accounting and distribution of such funds.

Abbeville County is scheduled to receive approximately \$4.7 million in direct federal aid (the “Funds”); and the County is due to receive approximately 50% of the Funds within 60 days of the bill’s passage.

Council agreed to the resolution with an amendment proposed by Council member Drew Simpson, that any expenditures would have to be approved by Abbeville County

Council.

- A resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contractual relationship with Pickens Construction of Anderson in the amount of \$7,427 for driveway improvements to Abbeville County Headquarters Access Road in Abbeville County.

- A resolution authorizing the County Director to extend the contractual relationship with Smith Gardner of Columbia for engineering and environmental services at the Abbeville County Landfills through June 20, 2022.

- A resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a contract with Election Systems & Software, LLC for the hardware maintenance and software license; maintenance and support services agreement for July 1, through June 30, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$7,780. This is for the Abbeville County voter registration and elections office.

Council also appointed Steve Ellis to the Title III Funds committee, and Rene Ellis to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

In other news, County Director David Garner noted in his County Director’s report that Council will have its second budget workshop on April 26.



Abbeville County telecommunicators include Tokoyo Gray (left), a telecommunicator with four years experience, Kayla Rhodes (center), 911 supervisor with almost 10 years experience, and on the right is Ashstan Voyles, who is on her final day of training. Rhodes submitted this picture of these telecommunicators on duty recently. (Photo courtesy of Kayla Rhodes).

County planning to close ‘County Farm’

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County government is planning to close the Abbeville County Prison Farm, according to reports.

Trusties from the South Carolina Department of Corrections stay at the County Farm, which County sources say is being closed due to

security reasons. The building is old and needs new wiring and new plumbing.

The plan is to close the building within the next two weeks, and move the trusties into the jail itself, where they would be housed in a separate

wing, and would not mingle with the existing jail population.

The County Prison Farm is located on the Old Calhoun Falls Road across from the Abbeville County Career Center, and on the western outskirts of the city of Abbeville.

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Donalds firefighters acquire fire truck

By Henry E. Green

Donalds Fire Department has a new fire truck, according to Donalds Fire Department chief Ronnie Vaughn.

The Town helped fire department to purchase the truck, with the Fire Department raising about \$25,000, and the Town contributing about \$7,000, to help purchase a 2011 F350 vehicle. "It is basically a mini-rescue vehicle," he said. "It will be running first responders, extrication, jaws of life."

The vehicle will also be used to cope with spills of hazardous materials, added Vaughn, adding that the Fire Department is applying for

a V-SAFE grant to acquire equipment to put on the truck.

"We've asked for \$30,000," through the V-SAFE grant program, Vaughn continued.

The newly acquired vehicle "adds to our fleet," he said, noting that in the past, the department had used a brush truck, used to fight brush fires, on first responder calls.

The fire truck will provide another tool in emergency situations, taking the pressure off the brush truck.

The newly acquired vehicle helps the department be more prepared. "We bought it from Red Truck Sales,"

based in Sulfur Springs, Texas, according to Vaughn.

Vaughn said that he and Assistant Chief Clay Martin flew out to Sulfur Springs, and, with the purchase complete, drove the truck back—a 14-hour drive altogether.

The Fire Department, which has about 18 members, has had the truck a couple of weeks, and the truck is in the process of becoming operational.

"I would like to express my gratitude to the community and the Town of Donalds for their help," he said. "The Town of Donalds has been very generous to the Fire Department."



Donalds Fire Department recently acquired a fire truck. (Photo courtesy of Ronnie Vaughn)

Boone voices need for transportation services

By Henry E. Green

(See related story.) Could a grant fund a system of public transportation for Abbeville County?

William Boone, executive director of United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County, spoke to Abbeville County Council Monday night with what he termed as a possible solution to what he believes is a need for public transportation in Abbeville County.

UCMAC is an organization which has three branches to serve those less fortunate, including emergency assistance, food pantries, and a free medical clinic.

Through 2011, public transit was available to residents in 39 of the 46 counties in South Carolina, according to Boone.

In 2011, the following seven counties were identified as not having public transit service supported by any of the funding programs administered by SCDOT: Abbeville, Greenwood,

Laurens, Saluda, Cherokee, and Union.

In 2015, Abbeville Area Medical Center conducted a community health needs assessment, Boone continued.

Thirteen different organizations representing Abbeville County were asked to list critical needs for Abbeville County, and seven listed transportation as a critical need.

UCMAC continues to hear from patients and clients who have trouble accessing needed services due to a lack of transportation, according to Boone.

UCMAC, meanwhile, conducted a survey during January and February of this year, and the key findings of that survey included the following:

--A total of 258 surveys were submitted.

Sixty percent of the respondents live or work in Abbeville, 21 percent in Calhoun Falls, five percent in Iva, four percent in

Greenwood, three percent in Lowndesville, three percent in Due West, and four percent live or work in 12 other surrounding South Carolina or Georgia towns.

Over one third of them need assistance to get to a destination, and over half need transportation to doctors offices and grocery stores.

Thirteen percent cannot work because of a lack of transportation.

A solution? Boone likes the National RTAP Community Rides Grant, which he described as a one year pilot project, which would provide \$100,000 and no cost to Abbeville County.

It would focus on providing primary medical-related transportation.

He proposed that Council consider passing a resolution to support McCormick Area Transit submitting the grant and designate them as the transit provider.



Christy Hedden receives promotion at Edward Jones

Submitted by Jennifer Erwin

Christy Hedden has been promoted to senior branch office administrator at the Abbeville branch office of financial services firm Edward Jones. Christy has been with Edward Jones the past 7 years.

Jennifer Erwin, the local Edward Jones financial advisor, said she is very deserving of the promotion. "Christy has demonstrated an outstanding ability to juggle the many complex tasks and responsibilities associated with helping run this office. I'm very pleased that her exceptional ability and dedication to the firm have been recognized and rewarded," Erwin said.

To be named a senior branch office administrator, an individual must meet specific training requirements, demonstrate exceptional performance when completing office responsibilities, handle the complex tasks associated with running a high-volume office, and typically must have at least five years' experience with the firm.

"I am so pleased to receive this promotion," Hedden said. "It's terrific to be rewarded for a job well done. Of course, it can be challenging at times, but it's always educational and I really enjoy my work."

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Johnny Johnson has an exhibit of his art at the Abbeville Welcome Center for the month of the month of April. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Local artist has exhibit

By Henry E. Green
 There is a new Abbeville Artist Guild exhibit at the Welcome Center in Abbeville for the month of April. The exhibit consists of items done by Johnny Johnson, an Abbeville artist who enjoys painting churches, among other things. "I will paint most anything, but I've done a lot of churches," he said. There is a room at Harris Funeral Home which includes a number of paintings depicting churches in Abbeville, paintings which Johnson has done over the years. The Welcome Center exhibit includes a number of church paintings, as well as depictions of local landmarks, such as the Belmont Inn and the Burt Stark Mansion. The church paintings include depictions of Trinity Episcopal Church and Main Street United Methodist Church. Most of his "church paint-

ings" are currently at Harris Funeral Home, and these include depictions of Abbeville Presbyterian and Sacred Heart Catholic, just to name a few. Why churches? "That was something (Harris Funeral Home funeral director) Brad (Evans) asked me to do," said Johnson. Churches are by no means the only subject of his artistic leanings, however. "I do landscapes, seascapes, farm scenes," he said. He has been an artist since he was six. "By the time I was 12, Mother had me going to a private teacher." Johnson did his first oil painting when he was 13 years old--a Siberian snow leopard standing beside a pool of water. He still has the painting, in fact, and it is hanging on a wall in his living room at his home on the outskirts of Abbeville. "I'm about two miles outside the city limits," he said.

He has been painting from time to time throughout much of his life, but he was never serious about it until he retired from truck driving. "Mostly I paint just to paint," he said, although if someone asks him to paint something specific, he will do it. People have asked him to paint pictures of their pets, and sometimes of their homes, said Johnson, who is an Abbevillian from way back. "I was born here," he said. He graduated from AHS in 1973, and then the world of work took him to employment with the highway department, and Coca Cola, among others. Johnson, whose wife is deceased, has two grown children--a daughter who lives in Greenwood and a son who is in the Army and is currently stationed in Savannah, GA, and several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

A Slice of Mike

"The Tired Contest"

By Mike Elis

My name is Mike Elis and I'm a workaholic. My threshold for how much business one man can conduct is beyond comprehension. With all the plates I'm spinning in the world of entertainment, I can't seem to shut my brain down, sit back, and enjoy the entertainment sector of the world that I created. I've turned into my father who was similar in his business. He was always business before family and I am not sure he ever slept. It seemed like no matter what time I woke up or headed to bed, I could always find him sitting behind his desk with a pipe in hand and a phone to his ear. He was talking to the other people from Planet NoSleep plotting to make one more business deal and conquer the world. "You know what you need to add to that to-do list of yours? Anap. That is what you need." These were the words of my good friend Chuck. We had lunch recently, and after a long day and a half of no sleep and my working on projects, I am sure the exhaustion showed on my face. My reply was leaning across the table with full curiosity and attention; "Tell me of this word nap you speak of." After a very large lunch with my dear friend at Longhorn Steakhouse, I went home and tried to follow Chuck's advice. I got in my jammies, enjoyed a cup of hot tea, and then snuggled under the covers. That lasted all of about 15 minutes when I realized the nap concept was not for me and I had work to do. I have noticed that when

I ask my friends how they are doing, the number one response I get is "tired." I am rarely that tired and the answer I always seem to give is "crazy busy." I was driving a few weeks back with two friends in my car and one said he was tired. The other friend in the car asked in reply, "You think you're tired?" The two went back and forth explaining why they were so lacking in their sleep requirements. It was like there was a crown they would win with the title of "King of Exhaustion, 2021." The stories and excuses they threw at each other were worthy of the prize and as I was mentally keeping score, I knew this was going to be a difficult judging process. I gave a solid B+ to the story about one of the kids vomiting after dinner; he would have received an A- grade but the kid got sick on Kraft Macaroni and Cheese, and I have never met any kid that got sick on that stuff. Kids live on it so he lost points for that. Also, the kid didn't get any on the sheets requiring a late night linen change. Amateurs. His rival from the back seat of the car went into the story about his wife complaining and crying about her drama all night and it was, let's just say, not a time of the month that would be her most shining moment. Now it is always the advantage of the person who goes second in this exchange as they know what they are up against. But to use his wife in the story, who our small

circle knows is very whiny and difficult, and to add the visit of monthly terror to it as well? This was dirty play at its finest, like a chair shot in wrestling when the referee isn't looking. Pure genius, A+. It was then that a miracle happened. I have heard the tired contest many times from many different exchanges, and what happened made history. My friend from the front seat bowed his head, nodded in defeat, and replied, "You, my friend, are more tired. I'm sorry I complained." "Yeah, well if we could only live the dream of Mr. Funny up here, telling jokes and getting paid for it. Must be nice." How did I get dragged into this? I was blindsided. Fine, I will defend my honor. "You guys have eaten my wife's cooking, right? She cooked last night, and on top of that, my kids discovered Tik Tok." My two friends looked at each other in horror. The one who was in the back seat asked, "Those two occurred on the same night?" "Yup." I will take that crown, thank you very much. I reigned supreme. Chuck, I promise to nap some day. I've heard great things. "Until I'm six feet under, baby I don't need a bed... gonna live while I'm alive, I'll Sleep When I'm Dead" -- Jon Bon Jovi. *Don't forget that Friday, April 16th at the Abbeville Opera House, Ropin' the Wind: The Garth Brooks Tribute with special guest Caleb Wolfe. Get your tickets now at abbevillecitysc.com*

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Legislative summary

Senator Mike Gambrell
Legislative Summary
April 9, 2021

The Senate Finance Subcommittees continued meeting with agencies reviewing budget requests. Next week, the full Finance Committee will begin work on the budget, preparing it for presentation to the Senate in a few weeks.

There were many bills being discussed and debated in the Senate Chamber. Some of those that were passed and sent to the House for their consideration included subjects such as beach parking access, when auto insurance rates may be increased, ignition interlock devices, and liability insurance for certain boats. S.623, a bill I introduced, would prevent a rate increase on automobile insurance from being applied during a policy period. Any rate increase must only come at the beginning of

a new policy period. S.28 provides that in certain situations, drivers charged or convicted of impaired driving must install an ignition interlock device in order to be licensed to drive again. S. 40 was of interest to many of our citizens as it prevents a municipality from restricted roadside parking on state owned property on the barrier islands. Locations such as the Isle of Palms and Folly Beach had restricted public parking along the road by the public beaches during last year's COVID-19 precautions, and visitors were not able to access the beach once those limitations were lifted. S.29 requires liability insurance for any watercraft powered by a motor of more than 50 horsepower.

Legislation was passed in the Senate that makes the vaccination for COVID-19 voluntary, and an employer may not dismiss an employee who refuses to take the vaccination. S.533 prohib-

its paying sub-minimum wages to individuals with disabilities, and April was designated as Child Abuse Awareness Month in South Carolina. This is a national program to raise awareness in families and communities to protect children, strengthen families, and see our next generation thrive. More information can be found at www.childwelfare.gov.

Developments and information on the COVID vaccine can be found at the DHEC COVID-19 site, which is updated daily. <https://scdhhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine>.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I can be reached at my district address, Post Office Box 194, Honea Path, S.C. 29654, 864-844-3614; or at my legislative office in Columbia, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, S.C. 29202, 803-212-6032, or through my email address: MikeGambrell@scsenate.gov.

Bond issue would address public safety

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County Council is planning to fund some major capital needs through a bond issue.

Council had first reading Monday night on "Ordinance (2021-06) providing for the issuance and sale of not exceeding two million dollars aggregate principal amount of General Obligation Bonds of Abbeville County" in the words of the Council meeting agenda.

"All first readings are read into the record by the Chairman, and a vote is not necessary, per Ordinance 05-11."

Abbeville County Director David Garner said Tuesday that the bond issue is intended to meet needs that are related to public safety.

One focus of the bond issue will be on purchasing new air packs for County firefighters, according to Garner, who indicated that

the hope is to provide at least 140 air packs.

The bond issue is also designed to replace about half of the fleet of vehicles for the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office, and to provide communication upgrades for Abbeville County E-911, Garner continued.

Abbeville County ordinances must pass through three readings before taking effect.

Chamber plans Daddy Daughter Dance

By Henry E. Green

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce is planning to hold its annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, April 23, at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville, according to Juli Wilson, the Chamber's interim executive director.

This event provides an opportunity for young fathers to bond with their elementary and middle school aged daughters.

There will be food, and a DJ, and lots of fun at the

dance, which the Chamber has held every year for many years.

This is also a major fundraiser for the Chamber. "Out of the money that we make, we give three scholarships," said Wilson.

There is one scholarship apiece for Abbeville, Dixie and Calhoun Falls Charter.

"Tickets are currently on sale here at the office," said Wilson. "It's \$25 for a dad and a daughter. Each additional daughter is \$10 apiece."

About 250 people were in attendance last year, and the Chamber is aiming for a similar number this year.

Concerning COVID considerations, masks are encouraged but not required, she said.

Previous Daddy-Daughter dances have been held in February, but this gathering, being held in April, will have more of "prom" feel than that of Valentine's Day, Wilson indicated.

Community calendar

Hash sale planned

There will be a hash sale at Cold Spring Fire Department on Saturday, April 24, beginning at 7 a.m.

The hash is \$10 per quart, and the fire department is located at 2106 Highway 20. "First come, first served!" a spokesman said. "Over 1,000 quarts will be available."

For more information, one may call Chuck Bagwell at

366-5512.

Greenhouse sale scheduled

The SC Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe (JDLH) will run its Spring 2021 Greenhouse Sale on the following dates and times:

- Thursday April 15, 2021 | 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 16, 2021 | 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 17, 2021 |

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The sale, run by JDLH students and staff, will include veggies for \$1, bedding plants for \$2, and hanging baskets for \$10. For a full Greenhouse Plant List, visit <https://delahowe.sc.gov/news/2021-04/jdlh-spring-2021-greenhouse-sale>.

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House week in review

Rep. Craig A. Gagnon, District 11--SC House of Representatives
April 8, 2021

We are 13 weeks into the 2021-2022 Session and the State House is not slowing down. This past week was 'crossover week'. We spent the week pushing to get as many important bills passed out of the House as possible. This deadline is important as it makes the bills passed by our chamber more likely to be considered by the Senate this session. Some of the issues we focused on this week were advancing our gun rights, establishing tax conformity, enhancing penalties for heinous crimes, and improving education.

Constitutional Carry

In the House advanced our firearm laws in South Carolina. Just a couple of weeks ago, the House passed H. 3094, a bill that allows open carry with training. On Wednesday, I voted in favor of our Second Amendment rights. This bill, H. 3096, allows permit-less carry in South Carolina. This bill passed by a vote of 69-47 and now moves over to the Senate.

Clementa C. Pinckney Hate Crimes Act

By a vote of 79-29, the House passed the Clementa C. Pinckney Hate Crimes Act on Wednesday. This bill does not criminalize anything that is not already a felony, but increases the penalty for a felony found to be motivated by a person's discrimination against another's race or gender. This motivation must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt, and a jury decides (not a judge).

I did not support this bill as I feel it is a violation of the "equal protection under the law" principle in our federal constitution. It sets up a "special class" of citizens who are, in these types of bills, MORE important than the rest of us. A crime is

a crime and despite your internal motivation (which is known only to the Lord), you should be punished accordingly.

Tax Conformity

Each year, the House passes a tax conformity bill that puts the State and Federal tax codes in line. This is an important bill to ensure when you go to file your taxes, our State rules match those of the Federal Government. This year we had a very large amount of people file for unemployment in SC due to the pandemic conditions and shut-down. This bill exempts the first \$10,200 of benefits these folks received from State tax income, ensuring that these people are not penalized for the hardships they involuntarily faced. This bill, H. 4017, unanimously passed the House.

Education Bills

Life Scholarships (H. 3588) - This bill amends the criteria for Life Scholarships, requiring certain English, Mathematics, and Computer Science coursework to be completed for eligibility. This completion takes place during a student's senior year to better prepare them for college. I was in favor of this bill, which passed Thursday.

Non-Certified Teachers in the Classroom (H. 3590)- I voted in favor of this bill, which allows public school districts to hire noncertified teachers (such as those who are retired or switched careers) for any school, career, and or technology center that have open teaching positions up until 5 days before the school year. Although these teachers may not comprise more than 25% of the staff and must have certain experience/academic requirements, this ensures that students have a teacher in the classroom no matter what. This passed by a vote of 99-17.

SC WINS (H. 3144)- I voted in favor of establishing

the SC Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SC WINS). This means that certain students attending a two-year technical school are eligible for a scholarship upon meeting certain criteria and requirements. This passed the House on Wednesday by a vote of 105-1.

Other Legislative News Training Firefighters (H. 3466)- This makes it more affordable for rural fire departments in South Carolina to operate. When a fire department trains a firefighter, they will be reimbursed for the costs of training if another fire department hires the trainee within a certain time. The reimbursement will come from the new employer of the firefighter. This protects the smaller departments that lose firefighters to larger, more desirable departments. I voted for this bill and it passed by a vote of 108-2.

COVID-19 Rent Assistance (H. 3770)- This gives access to millions of dollars in federal rent assistance and relief. It authorizes distribution and provides a manner for distribution. It gives aid to those who have experienced hardships during COVID-19, are at risk for experiencing homelessness, make less than 80% of the area's median income, etc. This passed the House and Senate with amendments. It came back to the House this week, where it passed the General Assembly and moves to the Governor's desk. I voted for this bill.

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Bat out of . . .

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce banishes those bats

By Henry E. Green
 Bat-free!
 The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce had had a problem with the infamous creatures so closely associated with a certain holiday at the end of October.
 The Chamber, which is located at the Welcome Center, had had bats flying around throughout the building for the past several weeks, according to Juli Wilson, interim executive director of the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.
 The bats would fly around

at particular times of the day.
 "Usually around 3 o'clock, they would start taking flight," she said.
 She finally called some wildlife removal people, who told her that the mammals were getting in through the chimneys on top of the building.
 The chimneys were so old that the mortar on them had begun to disintegrate, providing an opportunity for the bats to get through.
 AAAC Wildlife removal, from Lugoff, discovered that after coming in through the chimneys, the bats would

come in through a hole in the ceiling.
 "They stuffed the hole with the steel wool," she said.
 The wildlife people came on Friday, March 26, and after the hole in the roof was sealed--well, no more bats.
 The bats never bit anybody. "Thank goodness," said Juli. She did find two dead bats in the Chamber, and she had them removed.
 "I'm glad it's over with," she said, adding that she does not know of anyone who likes bats flying around their heads while they are trying to work.

Council considering fire service fee

By Henry E. Green
 Abbeville County Council is considering a uniform fee to fund a fire service to supplement the service of rural volunteer firefighters in Abbeville County, said Abbeville County Director David Garner.
 Council had first reading Monday night on "Ordinance 2021-05 to authorize the County to charge and collect a uniform service charge for the improvement of Fire Protection Services

provided in Abbeville County." Council does not vote on ordinances on first reading. The ordinance is rather read into the record.
 Garner explained Tuesday that the fee would be levied on the unincorporated areas of the county, which receive fire protection from rural fire fighters
 The fee, which would be about \$20 per property parcel, would provide for three or four firefighters to

staff, full time, fire needs in Abbeville County from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, when most volunteer rural firefighters would be working.
 These several firefighters would staff county fire stations--each firefighter in different regions of the county.
 If the ordinance passes, then the County could conceivably begin implementing the plan around January of 2022.

Task force planning Drug Take Back Day

By Henry E. Green
 Be Well, Abbeville substance abuse task force will be having a Prescription Medication Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 24, said Betsy Royal, prevention specialist with Cornerstone, the area commission on alcohol and drug abuse.
 This will be an opportunity for members of the community to bring to designated locations unused or expired prescription medications for secure disposal.
 Abbeville Police Department and Abbeville County Sheriff's Office will be set up to collect the medications at the Ingles parking lot, and the Due West Police Department will be doing the same outside the Due West Police Department headquarters.

Cornerstone staff members will be at Ingles to distribute Narcan nasal spray to community members, free of charge.
 Narcan is "an opioid overdose reversal medication," said Royal.
 Narcan is typically administered right after an overdose, to help the patient until emergency medical services can arrive.
 "It should be in everybody's first aid kit, in my opinion," she said.
 Many people think Narcan is used only in case of illicit drug abuse, but Royal says this is not the case.
 "Overdoses can occur by accidentally mistaking a prescription medication," she said.
 The Drug Take Back event is conducted every April

and every October in conjunction with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency throughout the country. DEA disposes of the drugs collected, Royal continued.
 Much of the drug abuse in the U.S. starts with misuse of prescription medications, so a drug take-back day makes sense, and can strike at the root of the problem.
 The task force has set a goal to collect 50 pounds of prescription medications, said Royal.
 The task force is made up of about 20 active members, including representatives of law enforcement, Cornerstone, the medical community, the school system, mental health community--among others.

Donalds man sentenced to 20 years in prison for months-long string of burglaries

A Donalds man will spend the next two decades behind bars after pleading guilty Friday morning to a massive rash of burglaries that spanned three counties over nearly three months, 8th Circuit Solicitor David M. Stumbo announced Friday.
 According to a recent news release from Solicitor David Stumbo's Office.
 James Steven Brown Jr., 39, pleaded guilty to more than a dozen charges, including first-degree burglary and grand larceny, related to a string of burglaries spanning Abbeville, Greenwood, and Laurens counties. Circuit Judge R. Lawton McIntosh then sentenced Brown to concurrent 20-year sentences on two first-degree burglary charges along with other concurrent prison sentences on the slew of remaining charges to which he pleaded guilty.
 Brown's crime spree began

in June 2017 in Abbeville County where he robbed a number of storage sheds and outbuildings.
 The spree continued into Greenwood and Laurens counties where Brown broke into at least two homes where the owner had recently died and the owners' children were dealing with the recent loss of a loved one while also dealing with the burglary of the loved one's home.
 Brown ran from police on at least two occasions before he was eventually caught and detained in Anderson County.
 Senior Assistant Solicitor Micah Black handled the case for the state with assistance from 8th Circuit Investigator Chris Wilkie and Victim Advocate Sarah Paris. Brown was represented by Tristan Shaffer of the Abbeville Public Defender's Office.

Solicitor Stumbo praised the work of his staff along with the excellent cooperation between the three law enforcement agencies, including Abbeville, Greenwood and Laurens county investigators. The Solicitor particularly pointed out the great investigative work of Captain Matt Graham and Lt. Jeff Hines of the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office, as well as Investigator Ricky Madden of the Greenwood County Sheriff's Office.
 "I cannot say enough about the tremendous amount of teamwork and cooperation between several agencies to take this career criminal off the streets," Solicitor Stumbo said following the plea proceeding. "I am proud that our Abbeville court team was able to ensure that James Brown will no longer be a nuisance to our citizens for many years to come."

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Raines planning mental health event

By Henry E. Green
Krisi Raines of Abbeville is planning a big event in late April to raise awareness of the importance of mental health.

"The event is on April 24th at Abbeville Health and Fitness Parking Lot sponsored by Bow and Arrow Center of Hope," Raines said in an email. "We are also partnering with Cornerstone, Abbeville City Police Department, and the Substance Abuse Task Force. We are so thankful to have these great Abbeville friends and supporters help with the event. The event is to help people understand the importance of mental health as well as physical health."

According to Raines, this event is the first of its kind in the Abbeville area.

"It is not a health fair, but an educational event featuring fun outlets for our mental/physical health as well as a time to learn new coping strategies. Each activity has been planned with a purpose. Every individual who attends will register at a table before entering the event to ensure we give each of them valuable mental health information."

The event will feature 10 minute massages for brain and body care, healthy snacks, two-workout classes, and those planning to work out are asked to bring mats or towels to participate.

The classes are at 9:15 and 10:15. The first class

is a "Pound" class with Theresa Philips and the 10:15 class, with Haley Baldwin, offers "boot camp" instruction.

There will be a tent that includes mental health education, tattoos, rock painting, nails, and hair wraps for teens.

"There will be a Mental Health Photo Booth for people to encourage others through fun pics," she said. "We will also have a Chalk Memorial Featured to share a memorial to a loved one lost to suicide or to write inspirational messages to anyone struggling with a mental health issue."

"We encourage everyone to wear their Nobody Fights Alone t-shirt," she said, adding that they can also be purchased the day of the event. "We

will have information from 911, NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness), Mental Health First Aid, and Federation of families.

"We have so many great teens, college students, and adults volunteering at all our stations. The event has been paid for through amazing sponsors including Mental Health First Aid and Bow and Arrow Center of Hope. Donations are welcome for future events for our community."

Raines is known for her work with mental health here in Abbeville. Last year, she was a guiding force behind a suicide awareness event on Abbeville's Court Square.

She has also been an instructor in mental health first aid.

Young people in CF priority for Harmon

By Henry E. Green

Howard Harmon of Calhoun Falls won last week's special Calhoun Falls Town Council election, and helping the young people of Calhoun Falls is one of his top priorities.

Harmon, 59, is a pastor at Walnut Grove Baptist Church in rural Abbeville County, and works for Flexible Technologies.

He is also the founder and president of Youth Outreach Ministry, based in Calhoun Falls. This ministry is designed to help young people in a variety of ways, including guest speakers, entertainment, instruction in job skills.

"I'm a gospel recording artist, too," he said, noting that he works with a group

called the Mighty Gospel Aires, based in Calhoun Falls.

"We released our latest CD just last December. I'm the lead singer, writer, and manager."

A lifelong resident of Calhoun Falls, he has never run for Town Council before the election last week.

"I don't consider myself a politician," he said, adding that he is concerned for the welfare of the residents of Calhoun Falls.

Some of the Town officials and some of the residents as well, asked him to consider running, since he was already active in the community.

He wants to focus on attracting a grocery store to Calhoun Falls, and to establish something for the

young people in this Savannah River valley community.

"Really, young people don't have anything to do in Calhoun Falls," he said, adding that the Town needs to have something in the way of more activities to keep them occupied.

Establishing a youth center might help, in Harmon's opinion. The Ellison Center, he believes, is not being used to its full potential, and he believes it could be the site of programs to help instruct young people, especially through computers, to supplement the instruction they already receive in school.

He has a wife, Sara, and a daughter, Karmayia White.



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Love, Stan

Safe Home planning 'drive thru' event

By Henry E. Green

Laurens County Safe Home will be presenting a Community Care Package Drive Thru event on Thursday, April 15, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at 763 Highway 28 Bypass--the former location of Fred's--in Abbeville.

Safe Home will be providing care packages with basic personal care items and household items.

Those planning to be in the drive-through are asked to remain in their vehicles.

For more information, one may call 864-682-7270.

Laurens County Safe Home is a domestic violence shelter, said Leeann Brock, DSS liaison with Safe Home.

"We take care of Laurens County, Saluda County and Abbeville County," she said. "We do serve a good many from Abbeville."

Safe Home has had drive-through before, according to Brock.

"We did one last month

in Saluda," she said. "We had over 75 (participants) in Saluda."

The plan is for household items such as paper towels, and toilet paper and cleaning supplies, as well as food boxes, to be distributed at the Abbeville event.

In addition, a representative of DHEC is scheduled to be on hand to distribute information on COVID and vaccinations.

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Community shocked at EC alum's death

By Henry E. Green

The Due West community is in shock at the tragic death of an Erskine alumnus and members of his family.

Dr. Robert Lesslie, 70, and his wife Barbara, 69, were pronounced dead in their home in Rock Hill along with their grandchildren Adah Lesslie, 9, and Noah Lesslie, 5, according to published reports.

A man who had been working at the Lesslie home, James Lewis, 38, of Gastonia, was found shot to death outside.

Authorities say they were shot by former NFL player Philip Adams before he killed himself.

Authorities had not at press time determined a motive.

Lesslie was, according to published reports, a Dixie High School and Erskine College alumnus, and his father, T.E. Lesslie, was a chemistry professor at Erskine during the 1960s and 1970s, and Barbara Smith Lesslie also graduated from

Erskine.

According to published reports which quoted Lesslie's website, the doctor worked for decades as an emergency room doctor, board certified in both emergency medicine and occupational medicine and serving as emergency department medical director for nearly 15 years at Rock Hill General Hospital.

He and his wife had four children and nine grandchildren, and were actively involved with their church, as well as with Camp Joy, which works with children with disabilities, and where Lesslie worked as a camp physician for a week each summer.

Adams played in 78 NFL games over five seasons for six teams, and finished his career with the Atlanta Falcons in 2015.

"I did not know Robert or Barbara personally," said Due West Mayor Jeannie Knight. "They were Erskine students around the time

(Jeannie's husband) Jim and I returned to live in Due West in 1979. Jim was one of Robert's chemistry professors at Erskine. And Robert earned high marks as a Chemistry student. Others in the Due West Community taught Robert in his public school years in Due West as well as teaching his sisters.

"Robert's father, Ellis Lesslie, was also a teacher in the Science Department at Erskine during our early years back after Jim completed graduate school at UNC.

"This is such a terrible situation for that family. To lose Robert and Barbara and the two young grandchildren is certainly a tragedy, but to have it be in such a violent way is inexplicable. I would say that the folks here in Due West and many of the Erskine alums of that time are in shock and grief stricken for the Lesslie family in Rock Hill.

Memory makers

High schools having proms this year after pandemic forced cancellations

By Henry E. Green

The times they are a changin', Bob Dylan used to sing.

Abbeville County high schools are hoping that Bob was right, at least when it comes to proms and the pandemic.

Prom season is here, and Abbeville County high schools, after canceling their proms last year because of COVID, are scheduling those unforgettable high school events this year.

Evening gowns, flowers, tuxedos, slow dances--proms are intended to be memory makers, aren't

they?

Area high schools think so. Dixie High School had its prom last month.

"We had prom on March 27th at the Livery Stable in Abbeville. Prom is a right of passage for high school students," said Dixie principal Paul Prescott. "We felt it was necessary to have prom since our senior class had it cancelled last year. The theme for this year's prom was a Night in Vegas. Mrs. Sherry Duncan sponsored prom with the help of the BETA Club. The decorations from this year's prom were the ones we intended

to use last year. Several young ladies commented that they got to wear the dress they had bought for the 2020 prom. A great time was had by all.

Abbeville High School will have its prom on April 17 at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville.

And Calhoun Falls Charter will have Prom 2021 on Saturday, May 8, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the Gardens of Abbewood, at 664 Mill Road S, Greenwood, according to Calhoun Falls Charter principal Kalan Rogers.

Obituaries

Brickle

William Hamilton Brickle, 92, of Lowndesville, husband of Betty Lou Threlkeld Brickle, died Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at his home. He was born in Greenville to the late Earle Bell Brickle and George Brickle.

Affectionately known as 'Papa', William was a graduate of Lowndesville High School and employed with the former Milliken & Co. - Abbeville Plant, retiring in 1993 with 46 years of dedicated service. He took delight in growing and harvesting vegetables which he generously shared with his family, friends and community. William also enjoyed restoring his antique Camaro, participating in and traveling to car shows. He was a member of Smyrna United Methodist Church and worshipped at Union Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by his brothers and sisters.

He is survived by his wife



William Hamilton Brickle

of 64 years, Betty Lou; son, Billy Brickle (Carol) of Lake Secession and daughter, Sharon Brickle of Lowndesville; five grandchildren, Curtis Brickle (Jennifer), Paige Bowser (Ben), Cyndi McGee (Reid), Caroline Morgan (Harrison) and Preston Carwile; seven great-grandchildren, EmmyLou, Billie Anne, Wesley, Spencer, Gracie, Jessie and Tripp; his nieces, nephew and their children, Sandra Parnell (Luke), Cole, Sam, John Orr; Dolores Graham

(Jeri), David Earl, Gregory; Johnny Brickle (Teresa), John John; Shelby Jones, Angel, Carmen; Daisy Church (James), Natalie; and his beloved canine companion, Buster.

Funeral Services were 3:00 PM, Sunday, April 11, 2021, at Union Baptist Church in Iva with Rev. Kyle Caudell and Rev. Scotly Willoughby officiating. Burial followed in Smyrna Cemetery. The family received friends following the graveside service.

Memorial contributions, in memory of William, may be sent to Smyrna United Methodist Church, PO Box 100, Lowndesville, SC 29659.

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

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

Obituaries

DeLoach

Clarence Lamont DeLoach, 98, resident of Frank Pressley Drive, widower of Kirby Jennings DeLoach, passed away Monday, April 12, 2021 at Abbeville Medical Center.

Born November 06, 1922, in Fairfax, SC, he was the son of the late Nathaniel James and Jewell Reynolds DeLoach. Clarence was a graduate of Aiken High School and the University of South Carolina, where he received his Bachelor's in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Mr. DeLoach was a USA Army Veteran of World War II.

He was twice married, first

to the late Helen Matthews and then to Kirby Jennings DeLoach.

Surviving are a daughter, Cheryl DeLoach Kelly (Wade) of Atlanta, GA; and two sons, Richard Frank DeLoach of North Myrtle Beach, William Reynolds DeLoach of Palm Harbor, FL; and six grandchildren. Also surviving are Kim and William Sears, and Caroline Jennings Latham.

He was predeceased by a son, Michael Lamont DeLoach; a brother, James Framton DeLoach; and a sister, Betty Tuer.

Graveside services will be

conducted at 1 PM on Saturday at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens with Rev. Brenson Jennings officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society PO Box 1741 Greenwood, SC 29648 and Alzheimer's Association 123 W. Antirim Drive, Greenville, SC 29607.

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Sports & Recreation

Baseball

AHS picks up two wins over Ninety Six

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville High School claimed two impressive victories over Region foe Ninety Six last week in varsity baseball action.

The Panthers smashed the Wildcats 7-0 in varsity baseball action Thursday night in Abbeville.

Thomas Beauford and Trent Delgado pitched for AHS Thursday night.

The game had initially been scheduled for this past Friday, but was moved up due to the threat of inclement weather Friday night.

With the victory, and with

a win earlier in the week at Ninety Six, AHS remains undefeated in the Region.

Tuesday's game was another decisive victory for the Panthers, as AHS defeated Ninety Six 13-1, according to Abbeville High School head baseball coach Nick Milford.

Milford provided the highlights of Tuesday's victory. "Tyler Overholt pitched a complete game one hitter while striking out 12," said the coach.

"He also was four for four at the plate with a grand slam and a solo home run.

Thomas Beauford also had a home run in the game. Ty Price and Trent Delgado had multiple hits for the Panthers as well.

After the win Thursday, the Panthers improved to 9-2 (5-0) in the Region, Milford continued.

AHS was slated to host Christ Church yesterday evening, and to day the Panthers will travel to Dixie for a 7 p.m. game, before traveling to Christ Church on Friday, April 16, for a 7 p.m. game.



Abbeville's Tyler Overholt (6) heads home to score a run during the Panthers' game against Ninety Six last Thursday night in Abbeville (Shawn M. Knox)

Dixie's Lady Hornets shine on in softball

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School Lady Hornet varsity softball team defeated Calhoun Falls Charter 19-0 in three innings Monday, according to Dixie softball coach Ben Snipes.

"We were led offensively by Ashton Crocker, Makinsie Ware and Mati Cox," Snipes said. "All three had multiple base hits, and combined for eight RBI's. The winning pitcher was Mati Cox giving up no hits and striking out

four batters. We are now 9-2 on the season and 5-0 in region play."

The Lady Hornets were slated to host McCormick yesterday, and to travel to High Point Academy on Thursday, Snipes said.



Abbeville's Cody Thompson (17) reaches out to connect with a pitch during the Panthers' game against Ninety Six last Thursday night in Abbeville (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)



Abbeville's Taylor Scott (10) connects with a pitch during the Panthers' game against Ninety Six last Thursday night in Abbeville. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

Erskine Women's Tennis Win Fifth Straight Match, Knock Off Barton 6-1

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

WILSON, N.C. – The Erskine College women's tennis team won its fifth consecutive and its second straight Conference Carolinas match taking down Barton College 6-1 on Tuesday afternoon.

THE MATCH: Score: Erskine 6, Barton 1; Records: Erskine (9-3, 4-1 CC), Bar-

ton (7-3, 3-3 CC); Location: Wilson, N.C.

Singles: Emma Bentz def. Marissa Stevenson 6-1, 2-6, 6-0; Eimear Maher def. Marie Guillaume 6-0, 6-3; Luize Valtere def. Isabella Caballero 7-5, 6-2; Faith Wright def. Grace McCartney 6-1, 6-0; Czarina Aguirre def. Ada Vargas 6-4, 1-6, 6-2; Lana Vukovic def. Claudia Capellades 7-5, 6-3

Doubles: Stevenson/Maher def. Bentz/Guillaume

6-3; Valtere/Wright def. Caballero/Capellades 6-3; Aguirre/Vukovic def. Vargas/Prudencio 6-4

The Fleet challenge Chowan University (5-6, 2-3 CC) tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m.

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Erskine Athletics Revises Fan Policy for Outdoor Sports

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

The Erskine College athletics department has revised its fan policy for all and outdoor sporting events for the remainder of the semester.

All permanent seating, such as bleachers, will now be open to the public, although masks are still

required and ask that you continue to practice social distancing.

The indoor policy remains the same as previously updated. To view the current indoor fan policy, click here.

Attendance policies for all road contests against Conference Carolinas (Conf. Carolinas Policy Page) and non-conference opponents will be at the discretion of the

host institution and fans are encouraged to check with the host institution for any restrictions on attendance.

All Flying Fleet home games will continue to be streamed on the Fleet Sports Network as part of the Conference Carolinas Digital Network. Events can be viewed using streaming devices such as Roku, AppleTV and Amazon Fire.

Fishing Derby will be no-go this spring

By Henry E. Green

Following COVID guidelines, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will not be having its Fishing Derby in Calhoun Falls this spring, a spokesperson with the Corps has said.

"Our COVID guidelines are not permitting events such as the Fishing Derby quite yet," said Annette Dotson, a park ranger with the Corps.

The fishing derby, a spring-time event that is typically held in April, has for a number of years been held at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls, helping introduce young people to the joys of fishing.

A portion of the lake is stocked with fish, providing a source of delight for young people. The event is designed for children aged

15 and younger.

The Corps has collaborated with a number of agencies and organizations, including the South Carolina and Georgia departments of natural resources, and the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition, to present the event, which in addition to the fishing typically includes a water safety program.

Paddle Fest coming up in May at Blue Hole

By Henry E. Green

The Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition is planning a Paddle Fest on Saturday, May 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls.

The Coalition skipped the Paddle Fest last year because of COVID concerns, but the event is coming back this year.

Paddle Fest typically highlights the joys of kayaking on Lake Russell, and the Coalition as an organization seeks to highlight the recreational and tourism opportunities at the lake.

Hank Hatchell will be providing musical entertainment at Paddle Fest, which is just one of a number of events presented by the

Coalition.

The organization in March presented the Lake Russell Hustle, a 5K run/walk event, and last fall the group presented a concert by Little Roy and Lizzy on the practice field at Calhoun Falls Charter, for example.

More information on Paddle Fest will be provided closer to the date.

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Fleet drop home bout against Fort Valley State, 45-21

Submitted by
**Erskine Athletics
Department**

The Erskine College football team (1-5) lost 45-21 against Fort Valley State University (2-0) at J.W. Babb Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Craig Pender was 24-for-37 with 260 yards and two touchdowns as Erskine out-gained the Wildcats through the air, 260 to 204.

The Fleet managed just 31 rushing yards while Fort Valley State totaled 299 yards on the ground and averaged 5.9 yards per carry

Senika McKie finished with a game-high 13 catches and a team-high 131 receiving yards and a touchdown, while Devante Roberson caught a touchdown for the second consecutive week.

Brandon Lane (12) and Jarvis McClurkin (11) led the Fleet in tackles, while Tyler Hayes finished with two sacks.

HOW IT HAPPENED

First Quarter:
Fort Valley State opened the scoring on their first possession as a 45-yard field goal capped a 13-play drive and gave the Wildcats a 3-0 lead. Along touchdown minutes later gave the vis-

itors a 10-0 lead after the opening quarter.

Second Quarter:
Less than five minutes in to the second quarter, Fort Valley State made it three possessions, three scores when the Wildcats scored from 13 yards out and took a 17-0 lead. But, Erskine followed with their best drive of the first half. Craig Pender found Kevon Catoe for a first down to get the chains moving. Pender then had an 18-yard run for another first down before a defensive pass interference set up first-and-goal for the Fleet. Despite three straight completions, Erskine could not punch it in and were forced to go for a 4th and goal from the two-yard line. Pender connected with Senika McKie and Erskine got on the board, trailing 17-7 at the half.

Third Quarter:
However, the flood gates opened for the Wildcats to begin the second half, as they scored three touchdowns within the first five minutes of the third quarter and held a commanding 38-7 lead. But, Erskine responded on a seven-play drive finished by a Devante Roberson 41-yard receiving touchdown. Both defens-

es held their own for the remainder of the quarter, sending the game to the fourth game with Fort Valley State leading 38-14.

Fourth Quarter:
After a couple of punts and a Pender interception, the Wildcats added to their lead with another touchdown, making it a 45-14 game. But, Erskine's freshman QB responded by completing four of five passes on the ensuing drives before running in a touchdown from one yard out on the Fleet's final drive of the game as Fort Valley State came out with a 45-21 road win.

The Fleet conclude their 2021 spring season back at home next Saturday against Limestone University (1-3, 1-2 SAC) at 12:00 p.m.

Follow the Flying Fleet all season long to get schedule updates, scores, highlights, photo galleries, game notes and more at www.erskinesports.com.

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'Miracle Cat' picks incorrect lotto numbers for 37th straight week



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Abbeville pitcher Thomas Beauford (12) delivered a pitch during the Panthers' game against Ninety Six last Thursday night in Abbeville. (Photo by Shawn M. Knox)

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Editorials & Comments

The Passive Acceptance of Tyranny

Submitted by
Claudia Yakowchuck

There are few people more dangerous than those who can be convinced that tyranny is justified.

Throughout this past year, governments around the world have spent an immense volume of resources convincing people that they should accept nothing less than complete government control over their lives. From flashy ads to polished press conferences, heads of state standing in front of ad-covered lecterns delivering scripted messages while their science advisors (often appropriately dressed up in white lab coats or scrubs) stand behind them to give their message an official, "scientific" patina.

You aren't meant to see this as tyranny. Of course not. You are meant to see this simply as what you need to do because these are the times we live in. After all, it's not like you have another choice, or there could possibly be other available options. Accept our tyranny, and if you don't, you are "anti-science," or you are "selfish," or you are certainly going to get people killed.

I don't think it started that way. Some may disagree, but I think at the very beginning, when knowledge was limited (and what little we had painted a terrifying picture), most people involved in the decision-making genuinely thought it was the right thing to do. And you could sort of see the uncertainty and veiled panic even in government officials those days. Almost everyone was truly, genuinely scared.

But then something switched, and I don't know when the switch happened. It was probably different based on where you are in the world, but I think that barring some places, we are firmly in tyrannical territory. Somewhere along the line, the people calling the shots realized that the degree of power they were granted didn't have to be short-lived. Not only that, but people were lauding them as heroes for taking basic freedoms away. They were getting speaking gigs outside of those press conferences, constant interviews, Emmy awards, book deals, the whole nine yards.

And surely it became noticed that it didn't really matter if the restrictions were ridiculous or were logically (or practically) likely to do nothing at all. People would quietly accept them at worst or applaud them at best.

The same goes for so many public health officials. People who would normally be spending their career behind a desk were elevated to celebrity status. They became media darlings, received massive raises, and in the case of one notorious figure, had Christmas Eve renamed to celebrate them.

This sort of praise seemed to be granted to those advocating a very particular kind of policy. To be specific, the harder they wanted the boot pressed down, the more popular they became. If they recommended anything that allocated some power to the people or treated the general public like adults capable of making their own safe decisions, they were castigated by the press.

All Sweden's chief health official Anders Tegnell did was recommend a strategy that prioritized the maintenance of normal functioning life, which

put trust in people to act sensibly, and he was treated like a criminal for it. Look at the differences in treatment between Oxford's Sunetra Gupta and Edinburgh's Devi Sridhar. Between Anthony Fauci and Scott Atlas.

Does it come as any surprise that all the computational modelling had enormous systematic errors that vastly eclipsed random error? If the error was purely random, you would expect that sometimes the models would underestimate deaths or cases or whatever metric was being predicted. Systematics - errors fundamental to the system - are almost always caused by biases. With computer modeling, I can only assume that these biases extend to the architects responsible for them. As playwright David Mamet said, "every fear hides a wish." How convenient was it that they always skewed upwards, allowing tyranny to be continuously justified? How convenient is it that almost all current hot-button issues being promoted by public health officials, from variants to vaccine escape, to long Covid, to the vaccines, somehow not massively reducing transmission, all trend towards granting those at the top more indefinite power? I am not saying these issues are fabricated or not worth concern, but the selection bias is almost comically undeniable. There are innumerable good-news topics to talk about related to the pandemic, chief among them that, with the vaccines outperforming expectations, we're basically out of this thing. You will never hear it from those too accustomed to the spotlight to say things that will inevitably take the spotlight away. Chicken Little was popular at least for a while.

This attitude of who receives praise and who doesn't seems almost entirely paradoxical. Surely, we should be judging a response on a wide array of things: COVID mitigation, of course, but also general societal happiness, economic growth, unemployment statistics, and the maintenance of general freedoms. And yet, the only metric that seems to have mattered is "who did the most to stop the virus" (read: which governments made the lives of the people under them as miserable as possible, and in doing so gathered the most power).

It is amazing to me that someone like Andrew Cuomo is considered a celebrity, while someone like Ron DeSantis is treated like he has blood on his hands. New York state has some of the worst records with COVID on planet earth while Florida is entirely average.

But New York locked down and Florida did not, so the very metric those restrictions are meant to be judged on don't matter.

After a year, it's hard to see what is happening now as anything but extreme tyranny. I think this goes in two directions, and I think for most governments it is some combination of the two.

The first is ineptitude. Right now, Ontario is considering a stay-at-home order and unprecedented travel restrictions because ICU capacity is allegedly "dangerously low." When the lockdown was announced, do you know what the number of people in ICU was? Roughly 450. A province of over 14 million people was shut down because 0.002% of

them were in ICU. Despite our benevolent, science-following leaders telling us about the woes of the global pandemic, they spent a year *not* improving the very thing that was initially at risk of being overwhelmed. The very thing that we weathered a lockdown for in the first place because we were allegedly "not prepared." That excuse worked a year ago, but there is no chance that it can possibly work now.

Other provinces such as Quebec did see fit to start spending 40 million taxpayer dollars per month on COVID advertising, though. Priorities! The burden is shifted onto the general public to cover for the incompetence, and to them the only way out is tyranny. Because government leaders care less about genuine action and more about what gets them reelected, they prioritize the lowest-effort, highest-visibility actions. Increasing hospital capacity is costly and complicated and is not immediately visible. Shutting down the province is far easier to do, and you can bet that people will take notice.

The second direction is a lot more worrying: people in charge have had a taste of what they could have, and they like it. The media is criticizing you for not grabbing power, so why not? Not only that, but this additional power allows you to push legislation quickly. Justin Trudeau tried this very early on when he tried to grant himself the ability to pass legislation without parliamentary approval (it was denied, thankfully, because people still had their senses then).

These tin-pot authoritarians have their chance, and it is probably the best one they will ever get in their lifetimes. History shows a repeating cycle of the people at the top granting themselves ever more power until they must have it taken away. These authoritarians need to constantly be reminded that they only hold their elevated positions because the general public lets them.

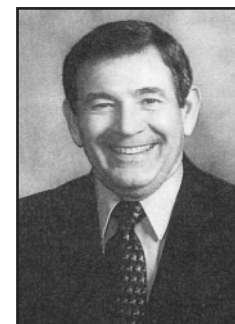
The only way this can be dealt with is through persistent, loud, and organized protests. I think the way governments respond to protests tells you whether this tyranny is originating through incompetence or hunger for power, and it's self-evident which response corresponds to which underlying reason. A huge problem right now is that the very tyranny people are protesting is being used to justify shutting down the protests. We have seen this in many places worldwide, from the UK, the Netherlands, Germany, Hong Kong, Columbia, and Peru, to name just a few. An even larger problem rests, however, in the general public. As we drift into the summer, we as skeptics need to lead the charge in making it abundantly clear that this can never happen again. And to do that, we are going to have to convince a whole lot of people that the things they considered necessary, or even laudable, were in fact tyranny dressed up as a poorly designed science experiment.

It's our duty to stand up against tyranny and for basic human dignity. It's our duty because much like the way this tyranny was fashioned in the first place, and because of the repercussions of passive acceptance looming over our collective necks like a guillotine that will drop at any moment. Do we really have another option?

a Word from "THE WORD"

Rev. Dr. John Keith

Creation of Man



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Genesis 1:26 "Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

The Bible clearly states that God created man. Since God created man, that means mankind is not an accident, not some chance coupling of atoms that randomly came together. British astrophysicist Fred Hoyle compares the likelihood of life appearing on earth by accident as equivalent to the possibility that a tornado sweeping through a junkyard might assemble a Boeing 747 from the materials found there. An accident? I don't think so. Sir Isaac Newton believed the Bible and was a committed Christian. He made a replica of our solar system in miniature. In the center was the sun with all the planets revolving around it in their various proximities. A scientist entered Newton's study one day and exclaimed, "My! What an exquisite thing this is! Who made it?" The scientist who asked was not a believer and Newton

replied, "Nobody." The scientist said, "You must think I'm a fool. Of course somebody made it, and he's a genius." Laying aside his book, Newton arose and laid a hand on his friend's shoulder and said: "this thing is but a puny imitation of a much grander system whose laws you and I know, and I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer and maker; yet you profess to believe that the great original from which the design is taken has come into being without either designer or maker. Now tell me, by what sort of reasoning do you reach such incongruous conclusions?"

Mankind is not accident—he was created by a divine designer. Because God designed man, he is distinctive. Man is distinctive from the animal kingdom. Mankind is created in the image of God.

I do not profess to under-

stand all that the image of God includes, but part of it is that man has a soul—animals do not. Man has the capability of living forever—animals do not.

Animals act instinctively while man has the capability of acting on reason.

Because man is created in the image of God, he was given dominion. God gave man dominion over the earth and over the animals. Man has the ability to rule over animals. God put man over the animal kingdom; not vice versa.

Another part of being made in the image of God is that mankind was created to give God delight.

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Invitation for Bids

Bids for furnishing all labor, equipment, materials, permits and services required for construction of Capital Fund Project SC 12-501-20 for the Housing Authority of Abbeville, S.C. will be received until **2:00 PM local time, Tuesday, May 18, 2021** at the offices of the Housing Authority of the City of Abbeville, 508 Haigler Street, Abbeville, South Carolina. At this time and place all Responsive Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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Contract Forms, Drawings and Project Manual are on file in the office of the Abbeville Housing Authority (PHA) and the Design Firm, MODERNIZATION PLANNING and DESIGN 120 North Acres Road, Greenwood, S.C. 29649. Contact person: Phil Lucas (864) 377-4337

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April 10, 2021 Mary Chase N. Ford, Executive Director

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Contents of storage units (personal and household) listed below WILL BE SOLD to the highest bidder at **Bypass Storage, 712 Hwy. 28 Bypass, Abbeville, SC** on April 24 at 9:00 am:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371PC with the Probate Court of ABBEVILLE COUNTY, the address of which is 903 WEST GREENWOOD ST., SUITE 2300 ABBEVILLE, SC 29620, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371PC) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: U.S. Bank National Association, as indenture trustee, for the CIM Trust 2016-2, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2016-2 vs. April Denise McCoppin; Lendmark Financial Services; C/A No. 2019CP0100421, The following property will be sold on May 3, 2021, at 2:00 PM at the Abbeville County Courthouse to the highest bidder (as to deed book 111 at page 27)

South Carolina, containing 0.877 acres, more or less, and being bounded on the north by State Road S-1-34; on the east by lands or Frank Campbell; on the southeast by lands of Ellis Martin; and on the northwest by lands of Ellis Martin; being shown in detail on a plat by Hugh J. Martin dated June 14, 1969 which is recorded in plat book 17 at page 68. This land being a portion of the 60 acre tract conveyed to Ellis Martin by the heirs of T. J. Foster as set out in deed book 95 at page 52. Said deed being dated August 27, 1957.

(as to deed book 108 at page 613)

a lot of land, situate in

Diamond Hill Township, former school district no.27, Abbeville County, South Carolina, containing 0.478 acres, more or less, more particularly described as "Part B" on a plat thereof entitled "Lot of Land for J. W. McCoppin", made by Hugh J. Martin, RLS, dated May 1, 1970, recorded in the OCC for Abbeville County, South Carolina, in plat book 17 at page 226.

Said lot of land has a frontage of 104.78 feet along the center line of S. C. State Highway No. S-124 and is bounded as follows: bounded on the north by the center lines, of S. C. State Highway No. S-24; bounded on the east by a 0.877 acre tract of land owned by J. W.

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Derivation: Book 342 at Page 430
740 Keowee Road, Iva, SC 29655

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John J. Hearn
Attorney for Plaintiff
Roy R. Hemphill
P.O. Box 100200
Master in Equity for Columbia, SC 29202-3200
Abbeville County (803) 744-4444
011847-04624
Website: www.rogerstownsend.com (see link to Resources/Foreclosure Sales) 4/14, 4/21, 4/28

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Master in Equity's Sale 2020-CP-01-00184

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series 2015A+ against Estate of Mary M. Hagood, et al, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Abbeville County, will sell on May 3, 2021 at 2:00 PM, Abbeville County Courthouse, 102 Court Square, Abbeville, SC, 29620, to the highest bidder:

A Lot of land, together with a dwelling house and other improvements thereon, situate in the Town of Calhoun Falls, Abbeville County, South Carolina, fronting approximately 208 feet on the easterly side of Rice Street and extending back therefrom by the southern boundary line a depth of approximately 147 feet; and extending back from Rice Street by the northern boundary line a depth of approximately 191 feet, and having a width in the rea of approximately 207 feet. Said lot of land is bounded as follows: north by Shirley Street; east by Herman Powell; south by Marion Hewett, Jr., and west by

Property Address: 318 Rice Street, Calhoun Falls, SC 29628
Parcel No. 153-16-04-029

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at

Rice Street. This being the same property conveyed to Asberry T. Hagood and Mary M. Hagood for and during their joint lives with the right of survivorship by United States of America FHA by deed dated 10/21/1976 and recorded on 10/28/1976 in Book 123, Page 375, Abbeville County records, State of South Carolina.

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A personal or deficiency

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Roy R. Hemphill
Master in Equity for Abbeville County
Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC
339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor
Columbia, SC 29201
803-509-5078 / File # 20-45512
Attorney for the Plaintiff 4/14, 4/21, 4/28

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., the County Council of Abbeville County (the "County Council"), the governing body of Abbeville County, South Carolina (the "County"),

will hold a public hearing in the County Council chambers of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex located at 903 West Greenwood Street, Abbeville, South Carolina, 29620, on the question of the enactment of an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE

ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING TWO MILLION DOLLARS (\$2,000,000) AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO" to be considered

by County Council (the "Ordinance"). Pursuant to the authorizations of the Ordinance, the County Council intends to issue not exceeding \$2,000,000 of general obligation bonds (the "Bonds") to provide funds to (1) defray the costs of (i) vehicles and other rolling stock; (ii)

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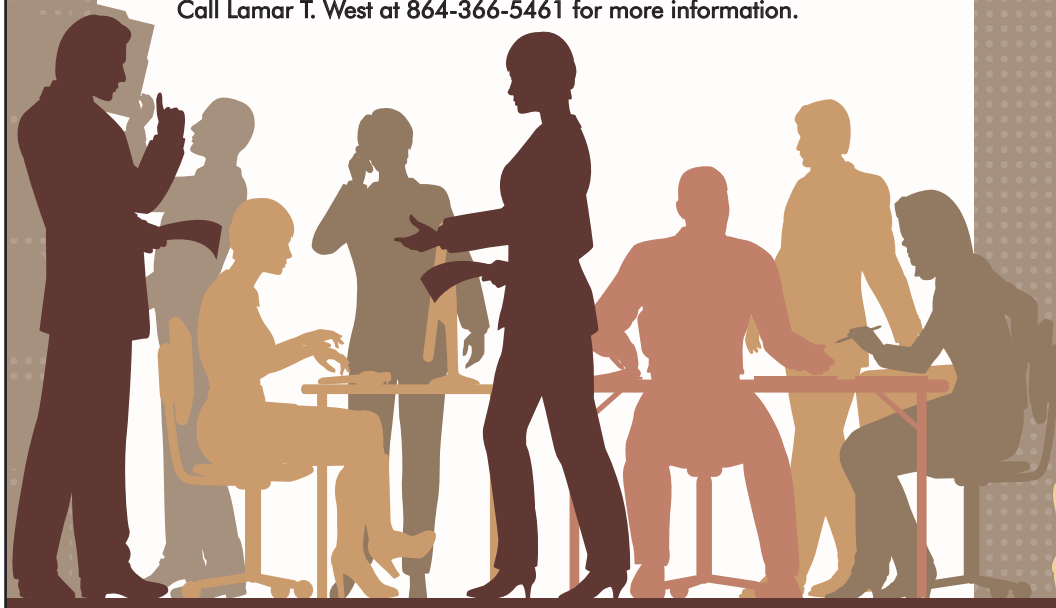


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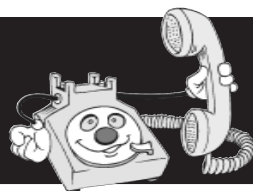
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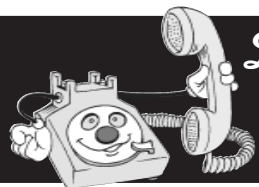
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