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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."

New spin, old story 'Walk through Bethlehem' adds rich perspective on Christmas tradition

By Henry E. Green

Cold Spring Mennonite Church, in collaboration with Cold Spring Mennonite School, will once again present Walk through Bethlehem, and this year it will be Dec. 8 through Dec. 12, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. nightly, and there will even be a new cast member--Curtis the Camel.

Steve Swartzentruber is an associate pastor at the church, which is located on the outskirts of Abbeville, and he explained in a recent phone interview the aim of "Walk," which he said is a joint effort between Cold Spring Mennonite Church and Cold Spring Mennonite School.

Simply put, it is a sort of extension of the "live Nativity" scenes which are part of the Christmas tradition.

"What we're trying to do is share the Christmas story," he said.

This will be the third year for "Walk," which is held near Cold Spring Mennonite Church and Cold Spring Mennonite School and for which there is free admission.

"We don't take any reservations," he noted.

Those planning to take the "Walk" park in a field across the road from the church and then are divided into groups of 25 to 30.

Each group is led on a guided tour of "Bethlehem."

In addition to Joseph and Mary and the Baby Jesus, they will meet people acting out the roles of Roman soldiers, townspeople of Bethlehem, a choir of angels, and shepherds.

There are angels appearing to Joseph, Mary and Elizabeth, and at the end of it all the tour takers will enjoy hot chocolate and cookies inside the church.

"Walk" has produced some impressive statistics. About 100 people are involved in putting on the presentation, and last year 2,000 to 2,500 people came to see it.

"Walk" is planned by a committee, and though you might think that such an undertaking would take months to plan, Steve says that this is not the case.

An undertaking like "Walk" takes a large group of people working together, and everyone has his own task to take care of. "Many hands make light work," said Swartzentruber.

Golf carts are expected to be available to help transport people from the parking area if the need arises.

Swartzentruber notes that the crowds typically come during the weekend, and he advises people to come earlier in the week if possible.



County works on securing more efficient radio system

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County fire chiefs met Monday night with representatives of Abbeville County government and Rock Communications about the firm's proposal for a county-wide radio system for the County's first responders, said Abbeville County Director David Garner Tuesday.

The County has three different radio bandwidths that agencies within the County use for communication--none of which communicate with each other without a dispatcher serving as the medium, Garner said.

The goal of the RFP was

to solicit proposals for upgrading and establishing a unified communications network that could be used by the entire county and municipalities, and to alleviate the existing myriad of issues that the existing system has, the County Director continued.

The RFP, or Request for Proposals, was sent out in August, and after the proposals were received, Garner was asked to help negotiate a contract with Rock Communications, based in Rock Hill, Garner said.

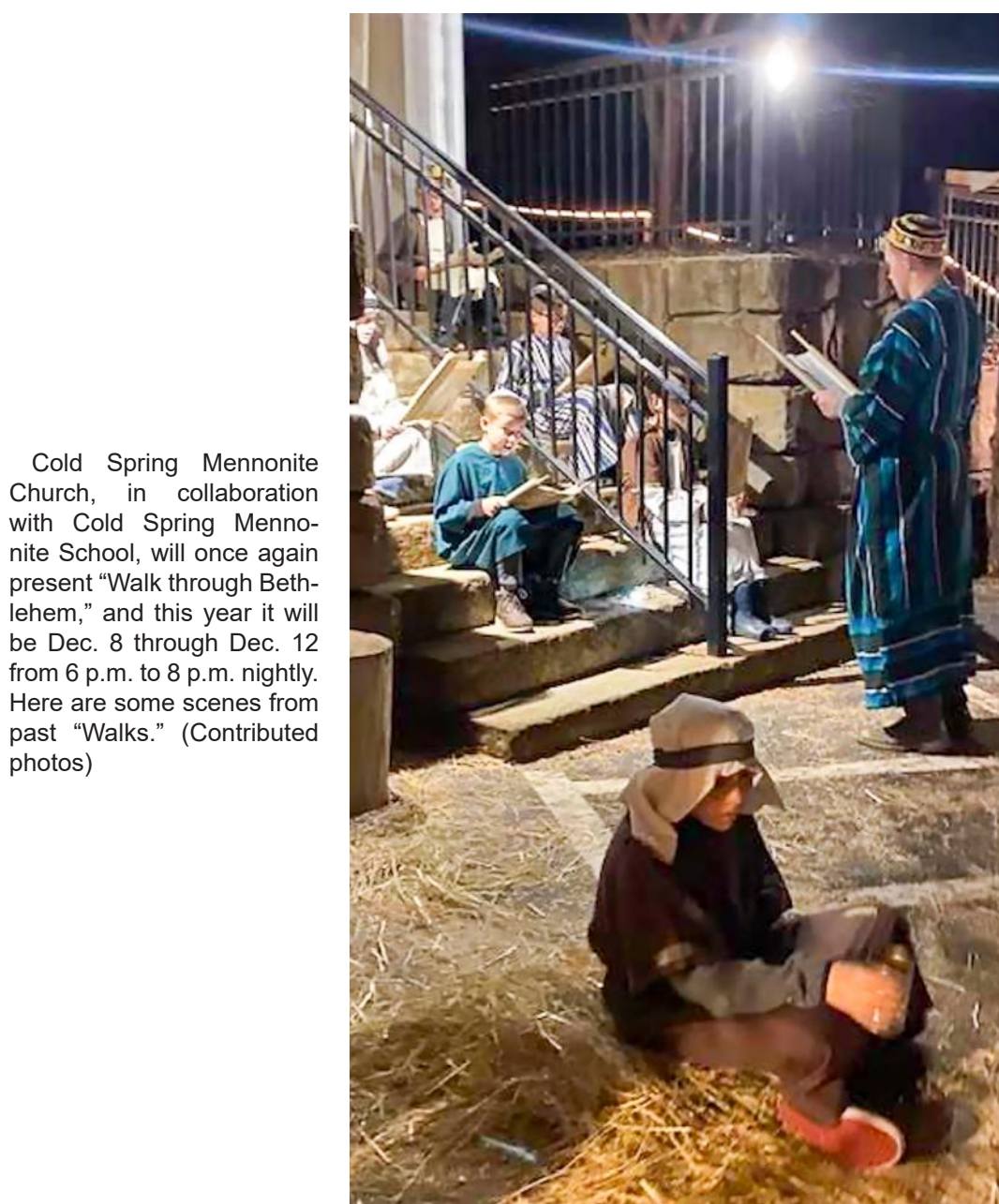
"They do a lot of business with hospitals and school

systems," he said. "They're a reputable and qualified company."

Their proposal was the lowest of all those received over the life of a multi-year contract, he continued.

Garner said he is expected to bring back a proposed contract for Council to review at its December 13 meeting.

A county-wide radio system could unify communications among multiple agencies working together on a single incident--any emergency that would require multiple agencies to respond, Garner said.



Cold Spring Mennonite Church, in collaboration with Cold Spring Mennonite School, will once again present "Walk through Bethlehem," and this year it will be Dec. 8 through Dec. 12 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. nightly. Here are some scenes from past "Walks." (Contributed photos)



Small Business Saturday was a big success in Abbeville, according to reports, and among the merchants who were highly pleased with the event were (from left) Phyllis Davis, Rachael Blackburn, and Kerri Davis of Abbeville Vintage Market on Court Square. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Small Business Saturday a success

By Henry E. Green

Small Business Saturday went well in Abbeville, according to Anna LaGrone, Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce executive director.

"There was a great amount of community support," she said Monday, noting the considerable amount of foot traffic and the shops filled with people.

"The whole day felt like a

celebration," she said.

Merchants marked the occasion in various ways--extended hours, refreshments, door prizes and the like.

"Everyone did something a little different," she said.

And Small Business Saturday was marked by a double ribbon cutting/grand opening--the first since LaGrone began working as executive director at the Chamber in August.

The double ribbon cutting was in honor of Sage and Co., a hair salon, and Red Gate Realty, both on Court Square, and LaGrone was very pleased with the turnout for it.

All in all, Small Business Saturday, the first Saturday after Thanksgiving, turned out well, according to LaGrone.

"It was an extremely successful day," she said.

'Fallen heroes'

Wilson, Ouzts to be remembered with memorial service Wednesday

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson is inviting the community to a memorial service on Wednesday, Dec. 8, in memory and honor of "Abbeville County's fallen heroes"—Sgt. Danny Wilson and Constable Donnie Ouzts.

The service will be held at 9 a.m. at the Abbeville County Law Enforcement Complex at 21 Old Calhoun Falls Road in Abbeville.

A wreath will be laid at a monument in front of the complex, in memory of the two law enforcement officers, who were killed during the Bixby standoff in Abbeville on December 8, 2003, a standoff between members of the Bixby family and law enforcement.

Wilson worked with the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office and Ouzts the Magistrate's Office.

The 14-hour standoff arose

from a land dispute between the Bixbys, who were originally from New Hampshire, and the state of South Carolina.

Rev. Josh Chiles, chaplain for the Sheriff's Office, will be providing a prayer during the service, according to Abbeville County Sheriff's Office victim advocate Monique Bell.

The public is invited to attend Wednesday's event.

Due West parade scheduled for Friday

By Henry E. Green
The town of Due West will have its Christmas parade on Friday, Dec. 5, at 5:15 p.m., according to information supplied by the Town of Due West.

Line-up for the parade will be at 4:15 p.m. at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and the parade will end at the town park on Washington Street.

The grand marshal will be Millen Ellis, who taught at Dixie High School a number of years.

Following the parade there will be carols and hot beverages at the park.

The parade coordinator is Beck Eleazer, who taught many years at Dixie High School.

There will also be a tree lighting in connection with

the Due West Lions' Tree for Life project, following the Due West parade.

The parade in Due West will help to usher in a season of Christmas parades in Abbeville County.

The City of Abbeville, for example, will be having its parade on Saturday, Dec. 11.

Abbeville Police arrest man on drug charges

Abbeville Police have arrested a man on drug charges in connection with a recent incident on Highland Terrace in Abbeville, according to an Abbeville Police Department incident report.

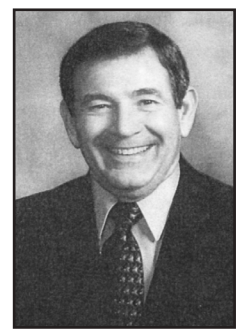
James Ernest Bernard Jennings, 40, of 600 Haigler Street,

Apartment 334, Abbeville, was arrested on Sunday, Nov. 28, according to the report.

He was arrested after crashing his motor vehicle against a tree on Highland Terrace, after leading Police on a motor vehicle chase from the intersection of Haigler and North Main.

He was charged with driving under suspension, reckless driving, open container, failure to stop for a blue light and siren, possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine (one gram or more), and trafficking MDMA (one hundred pills or more), the report continued.

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Psalm 119:50 "This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me."

In the United States we have a nickname for tow trucks—we call them wreckers. However, in Great Britain, they are not called wreckers. In Great Britain, tow trucks have the name "Recovery" written on the side of their tow trucks. Think about that: the same vehicle, the same function, but different terminology. In America when we see a tow truck, we say, "There goes a wrecker." But in Great Britain when they see a tow truck they say, "here comes recovery."

Here in Psalm 119:50 the Psalmist talks about God's Word as a recovery. Basically that is what the word "quickened" means—recovery, repair or restore. Three thoughts come to me from this verse concerning the Word of God.

The first one is that the Word of God is a comfort in a time of affliction. Nothing comforts during a time of affliction like the Word of God. God's promises during a time of suffering give comfort like nothing else. Promises like Psalm 32:7 "You are my hiding place; you shall preserve me from trouble; you shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah." Promises like 1 Corinthians 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also

make a way of escape that you may be able to bear it." What a comfort to have God's Word during a time of affliction.

The second thought is that God's Word gives counsel during a time of affliction. When going through a time of suffering, temptation, heartache, etc. the Word of God will give you counsel on how to handle it. God's Word is our handbook on life—that includes how to handle hurts and afflictions. If someone has hurt you and you are angry with them, God's Word reveals how you should handle that. Luke 17:3-4 "Take heed to yourselves; if thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him."

If you are being persecuted for your faith and talked badly about, Matthew 5:11-12 reveals how to handle that: "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

The third thought is that God's Word gives direction for your conduct during affliction. 1 Samuel 18:5

has this to say about David when he was in the king's court with Saul. "And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely; and Saul set him over the men of war; and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants." If you want to know how to behave yourself wisely, the Word of God will reveal that to you. The Word of God will help you change your attitude toward affliction. In 2 Corinthians 12, Paul talks about his thorn in the flesh. He refers to it as a messenger from Satan sent to buffet him. He prayed earnestly three times for God to remove it but God's answer was, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness." When Paul heard those words, notice how his attitude changed: "...Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, the the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong" (2 Corinthians 12:9b-10). Paul's attitude was changed by God's Word, it gave him direction on how to conduct himself during a time of affliction.

God's Word is adequate to aid and assist us in any circumstance in life—especially in a time of affliction.

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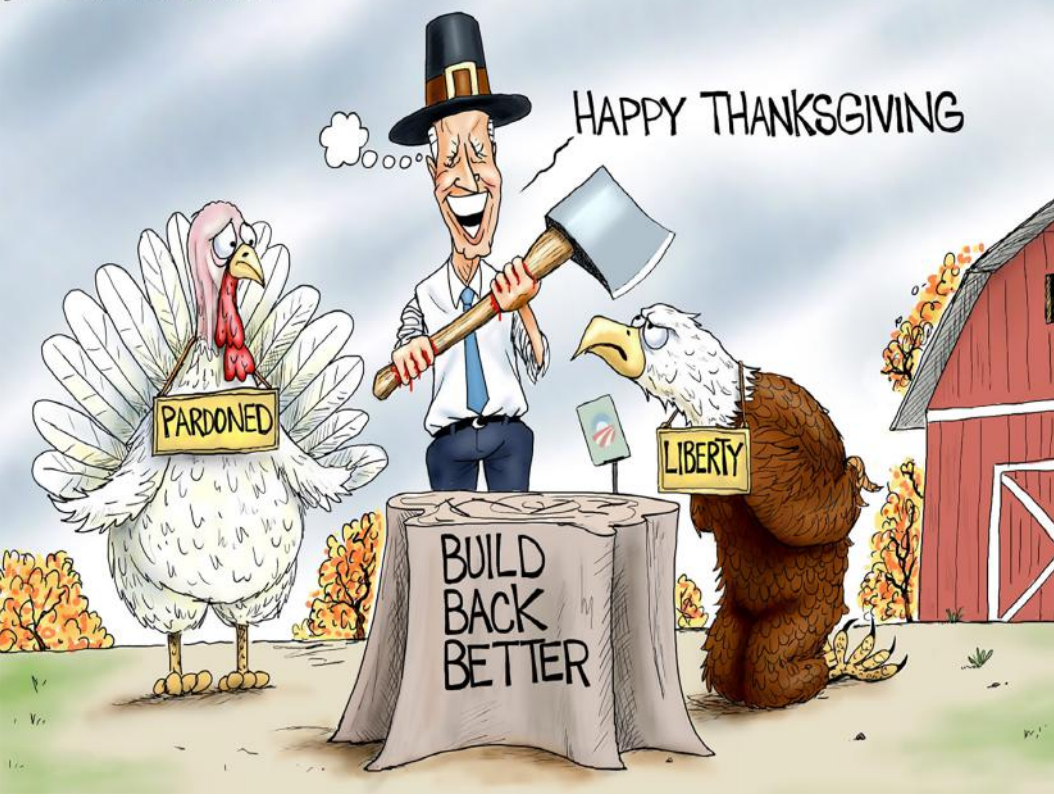
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Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville is getting in the Christmas spirit with this Nativity scene. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Police, Bow and Arrow planning event

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville Police Department and Bow and Arrow Center of Hope are collaborating to present Christmas at the Stable at the Livery Stable on Trinity Street in Abbeville on Saturday, Dec. 11, immediately following the Christmas parade, said Dwane Balchin, Investigator with the Police Department.

The event, which is in its first year, is aimed at kids "of any age" said Balchin.

"We will have story time, hot cider, arts and crafts, pictures with Santa and

much more," he said.

The purpose of the event is to strengthen bonds between the public and local law enforcement.

It is all free to the public. "I'm really proud of the support that Bow and Arrow has received from the Abbeville City Police and we look forward to helping foster relationships within the community and improving mental health," said Krissi Raines, director of Bow and Arrow.

Other participating agencies are Cornerstone and Abbeville County E-911,

Raines said.

Bow and Arrow is a non-profit agency that exists to bring community care for mental health and well-being, she continued.

"The purpose of the event is to continue building and strengthening relationships between the community and local law enforcement," said Balchin.

"Although the event is aimed for children of any age, we would love for everyone to stop by and meet some of your local police officers," he continued.

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The Abbeville High School Classes of 1970 and 1971 celebrated together their 50th class reunion Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the Grand Harbor Country Club on Lake Greenwood. Class of 1970 (1st row): Caroline Alexander Cobb, Mary Jo Boyd Nance, Mary Anne Ayers Rice, Judy Bowen Cannon, Patti Prince Howie, Shirley Williams Booth, Mike Powell. (2nd row): Grayson Jefferies, Tom Oliver, Vickey Holder Ricketts, Roger Gilmer, Donald Johnson, Ronnie Gary, Tony Booth. (Back row zig-zagged!): Russell Keith, Lucile Whaley Culbreth, Fletcher Ferguson, Joe Stalnaker, Tom Grantham, Johnny Grantham, and Roger Hedden. (Photo contributed)



The Abbeville High School Classes of 1970 and 1971 celebrated together their 50th class reunion Saturday, October 23, 2021 at the Grand Harbor Country Club on Lake Greenwood. Class of 1971: (kneeling l to r): Gus Taylor, Mike Cobb, Larry Harrison; (2nd row l to r): Horace Brownlee, Deborah Sentell Joyner, Gina Hagen Stone, Janet Abel Williams, Vicky Bradberry Goodbar, Mary Beth Ware Peck, Anna Thompson Litteral, Judy Bowen Cannon, Jean Nicholson Byrd, Bobby Campbell, and Melva Norris Kay; (3rd row l to r): Doug Gale, Rhett Copeland, Debbie Norryce Temple, Jenny Jones O'Quinn, Jenny Rosenbury Bouknight, Trudi Price Estes, Miriam Chafin Ferguson, Alica New Arnold; (4th row l to r): Lucile Whaley Culbreth, Fredda Bosler Hamby, Jan Scoggins Hair, Dianne Saxon Scott, Charles Sayer, Mike Allen; (5th row l to r): Mandy McDonald Bradley, Tommy Hite, Tommy Winn, Mark Horton and Ricky Norris. (Photo contributed)

Totherow eager to serve in Due West

By Henry E. Green

Due West Town Council has a new member, and her name is Sandra Totherow, according to Abbeville County voter registration and elections director Kim London.

Totherow ran unopposed and received 26 votes in the nonpartisan special election to fill a vacancy on Due West Town Council, with the election held on Tuesday, Nov. 23.

"There were no write-ins," London said. "There were just 26 straight votes for her."

She will serve approximately 24 months of the unexpired term.

Voters cast their ballots at the Due West Fire Department. Voter turnout was very light, said London.

"I am a clerk at the Due West post office, so I know everybody in town," said Totherow Wednesday.

She has been working at the Due West post office since 2005, and she moved to Due West in 2007.

"I started in 2001 with the Postal Service," she said.

Originally from Asheville, N.C., she has lived in South

Carolina since 2000.

This is her first turn at elected office, in a small town where people know each other. "I love Due West," she said.

"I'm a people person," she said. "I just want to make the people here feel like they have a voice."

"That's my main goal: to serve the people. I just want to be fair and honest and objective and to be here to listen to people, and I do think it's an honor and a privilege to be in this position."

Upcoming Santa Stroll and Festival of Trees

Submitted by Andrea Scott, Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont

The 30th annual Festival of Trees, "Star of Wonder!" will be held December 4th and 5th at First Baptist Church. Come and enjoy lavishly decorated trees and beautiful wreaths to get you in the holiday spirit!

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For many years, the Festival of Trees has become a special part of the Christmas celebration for people in our community. In addition, funds raised through the event help to support care for terminally ill hospice patients.

The Santa Stroll is Saturday, December 4th at 10 am also at First Baptist Church. Our 5K walk (3.1 miles) takes you from First Baptist Church through surrounding scenic residential areas... or try the one-mile fun walk. You may

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Submitted by Charles Angel

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Abbeville County First Steps moving

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County First Steps is slated to move into a location behind the Abbeville County School District office, according to Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary.

First Steps will move into a portable behind the building, following an agreement reached between First Steps and the District, Gary said Tuesday.

"They will start moving in December and occupy it in January," said Dr. Gary.

First Steps will pay rent to

the District for the use of the portable, and the rent will cover the cost of utilities.

The District will clean the portable first. First Steps will share the portable with a space for childcare used by Abbeville County Adult Education.

Abbeville County First Steps had been located in Greenwood, and had been using office space there, according to Abbeville County First Steps executive director Angela Pruitt.

"I'm just thankful for the School District providing the space for Abbeville County

First Steps to relocate to Abbeville County," she said. "The School District has been a great partner for years."

The purpose of First Steps, which is a statewide initiative, is to ensure that children are ready to enter the first grade.

"I'm excited (about moving back to Abbeville)," she said. "I think it's a good thing."

She also thanked board member Corinna Gambrell for providing space for First Steps during the month of December.

Erskine College trustees announce new president

Submitted by Joyce Guyette

The Board of Trustees of Erskine College has announced the appointment of Dr. Steven C. Adamson as 18th president of the institution.

Currently provost and executive vice president at Arizona Christian University, where he has served for the last five years, Adamson has garnered 18 years of experience in higher education, including academic administration. He also spent more than 15 years in the corporate world and has engaged in independent consulting work.

Board of Trustees Chair Michael Whitehurst expressed gratitude to the Presidential Search Committee. "They should be commended for fine work and commitment," he said, adding, "We thank the Lord that through His providence, He has brought Dr. Adamson to Erskine to build upon its rich heritage and lead it into the future."

Search Committee Chair Dr. Alan Broyles cited Adamson's "training and education across several disciplines" as well as his "vision and foresight," and said, "We believe Steve Adamson is the man the Lord has appointed to lead Erskine toward her third century of service to the world of Christian higher education."

Adamson believes Christian higher education has a calling distinct from secular education, going beyond imparting the knowledge needed for pursuit of a ca-

reer. "It has the additional goal of enabling students to understand the biblical foundations of such ideas as goodness, justice, truth, and beauty," he says.

At Arizona Christian University, in addition to teaching apologetics, church history, and humanities, Adamson served as chief academic officer for all educational plans, programs, and operations, overseeing and managing academics, athletics, enrollment, information technology, marketing, operations, and student life.

He helped negotiate acquisition of a new 68-acre campus in Glendale and directed the relocation of the campus; supported the successful release of a \$24.9 million public bond offering; supported fund-raising activities resulting in nearly \$10 million in gifts and pledges in two years; led the launch of online programs; and served as accreditation and government liaison officer. While serving as interim CFO, he secured the school's CARES Act Funds, developed the last two university budgets, and was involved in annual audits.

"We are so grateful for the five years that Dr. Adamson has spent at ACU and are thrilled that he and his wife Von have this incredible new opportunity," Arizona Christian University President Len Munsil said. "Erskine College is getting a leader of tremendous faith in Christ, high integrity and steady, diligent and capable leadership."

Adamson's academic career prior to his work

at Arizona Christian University included his role as provost of The Bible Seminary in Katy, Texas, where, in addition to teaching apologetics, church history, and theology, he was responsible for faculty and staff management; provided budgetary and financial supervision of day-to-day operations; and directed academics, admissions, the library, the registrar's office, and recruitment.

He has worked in a variety of corporate settings, including The Aerospace Corporation, El Segundo, Calif.; Booz Allen Hamilton, Vienna, Va.; Global One Communications, Reston, Va.; Teleglobe International, Reston, Va.; and Sprint/Nextel, Reston, Va.

Educated at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb., where he earned a bachelor's degree in computer science and a master's degree in mathematics, Adamson did doctoral work in operations research at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; completed an M.Div. degree at Sangre de Cristo Seminary, Westcliffe, Colorado; and was awarded a Ph.D. in theology at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland.

"I can say without hesitation that my wife Von and I consider the presidency of Erskine College to be the career opportunity of a lifetime," Adamson said. "We both look forward to serving our Lord and Savior in this endeavor."

Adamson succeeds Dr. Robert E. Gustafson, Erskine's 17th president.



A double ribbon cutting/grand opening was held on Saturday, Nov. 27, for Sage & Co., and Red Gate Realty on Abbeville's Court Square. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Workplace Immersion educators gather for a group photo. (Photo contributed)

Educators Describe Firsthand 'Immersion' Experiences in Manufacturing

Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigsen

When Elizabeth Crocker prepared to spend her first day at Prysmian Power Cables & Systems this summer, she did not expect to be awed — literally awed — by the global impact of a local company in the quiet, pastoral enclave of Abbeville County.

"What I thought was most valuable about the experience was to realize what all Greenwood, Newberry, Abbeville, and Laurens produce for the world. That was kind of mind-blowing to me," she said. "Abbeville produces cables to power whole cities!"

An English teacher at Dixie High School, Crocker was one of 21 educators in the region participating in the grant-funded Workplace Immersion Project, which this summer offered teachers and counselors a firsthand view of the advanced manufacturing work environments around the Piedmont Technical College (PTC) seven-county service region. PTC is the lead organization in the multi-agency partnership to help educators fully inform students about opportunities available in growing tech-based industries. Several of them shared their experiences at a celebratory luncheon in July.

To say that Crocker was impressed with Prysmian is an understatement. "Prysmian has an order to do all the high-voltage wire for all of Washington, DC, so Abbeville County is basically going to power the Capital!" she said. "Realizing that impact of just how significant that plant is having for our country and for the world, that was the biggest 'wow.' The second 'wow' was realizing how much of a stable living can be made at the plant. It really changed my perspective."

Crocker noted that several employees have been at Prysmian for up to 30 years, which is a great indicator

of the quality and income potential of the jobs. It also is an indicator that the company will need new talent to replace older workers who have pending retirement plans. In recent months, there is a concerted effort to recruit female workers.

Three of Crocker's recent graduates were interested enough to take tours of the plant. Two actually completed applications, and one was hired the same day. She has been featured in billboards advertising job opportunities at Prysmian.

"My students can earn more than I do, right out of high school, if they have a strong work ethic," Crocker said. "One of my Dixie graduates is on the Prysmian billboard. I am excited about that. She was hired right out of high school and soon will make more than I do after 13 years in teaching! ... These are really good jobs. Prysmian is competitive regarding wages, full benefits, et cetera."

Gwen McAllister, lead guidance counselor at Mid-Carolina High School in Prosperity, had her immersion experience at MacLean Power Systems in Newberry. She says it significantly broadened her understanding of what today's manufacturing plant looks like.

"Most of the time, when I think of factories, I think only of assembly lines," she said. "Then I saw how many aspects there were to it. Everyone has a role, yet it's so very organized. Everyone had different levels of education for different types of jobs. It surprised me the different opportunities that can be available in manufacturing."

McAllister spent time in every department at MacLean and shadowed several department heads, providing a well-rounded immersion. "I got to see quality control. I got to see engineers bring in a new \$1 million machine. I got to see product specialists deal with customers. I got to see the accounting and supply

management departments. ... All of my students could have a job in manufacturing. Manufacturing is good. That is one light that came on for me. There's such a variety of jobs. Anybody can have a job in manufacturing and make a good living."

Aju Alfred is a science teacher at Laurens Preparatory Academy. He completed his immersion at West Fraser's Newberry Mill, which makes diversified wood products. Like McAllister, the workplace he visited was not what he expected.

"This was the first time I have been inside a manufacturing facility," he said. "I had a negative bias against manufacturing in the beginning but found a quality workplace. I worked in most of the departments. It was a wonderful experience. It changed my perspective."

Alfred noted that when young people leave high school, they should have a basic knowledge of computers because they are prevalent in most work settings, including manufacturing. They also should be able to analyze data and communicate effectively with their supervisors. He hopes soon to invite an engineer and HR executive from West Fraser to speak to his classes. Alfred's experience left him impressed with the breadth of opportunities that are available locally.

"Even if you are a high school graduate, you can get a job right here in your hometown," he said. "There are a lot of job opportunities."

All of the educators expressed a willingness to do the immersion again if given the opportunity in another industry. Many are working to incorporate their new knowledge into their conversations with students and lesson plans. "I look forward to working that into my conversations this coming school year," Crocker said.

"I've been talking with our principal about it and hope to get something done by this spring."



Dixie High School English teacher Elizabeth Crocker. (Photo contributed)



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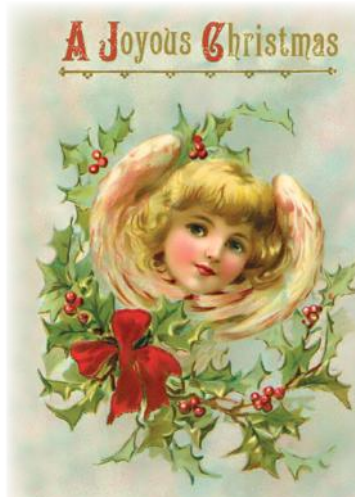


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Stoll Industries, PTC work on employment development program

Submitted by **Kristine Hartvigsen**

Stoll Industries is well-known for the phrase “From the heart of a craftsman.” It’s lived out daily at their facility, as Stoll’s employees work to provide exceptional products, exceptional craftsmanship and a high level of quality and service to customers—as they have been doing for over 50 years.

Now, Stoll is putting those words into action by introducing registered apprenticeships into their workforce development program. The apprenticeship program will allow Stoll to deliver on a commitment to develop their employees into master craftsmen for all of the disciplines needed to produce their unique and sought-after fireplace, cabinet, kitchen, and outdoor grilling products.

“Stoll Industries is very pleased to partner with Apprenticeship Carolina™ and Piedmont Technical College (PTC) to provide a comprehensive approach to developing and training our most valued resource, our employees, to maximize their potential as skilled craftsmen. We recognize the value each employee brings to our company and the Abbeville community by preparing for the future of work through apprenticeship,” said Michael Hyland,

director of workforce development at Stoll Industries.

Stoll Industries has a desire to help its employees maximize their potential in their current jobs and create career pathways within all production operations. Company officials considered the many benefits of registered apprenticeship and decided, in partnership with Piedmont Technical College and Apprenticeship Carolina™, that they would register eight crafts and a supervisor track that encompass the creation of their products for registered apprenticeship.

Individuals who complete three individual apprenticeships within the company each will be considered by Stoll Industries as a Master Craftsman, which provides higher earning potential and a comprehensive skill set, crossing multiple occupations within Stoll Industries.

“Apprenticeships allow employers an opportunity to establish a ‘grow your own’ means of sustaining a workforce,” said Dr. Amy Firestone, vice president of Apprenticeship Carolina™, a division of the SC Technical College System. “With the support of Piedmont Technical College’s educational programs and their willingness to be flexible to meet employers’ needs, apprenticeships have thrived across the seven-county

region.”

Employees in Stoll’s apprenticeship program will receive: structured on-the-job training; classroom learning provided by PTC using their curriculum and faculty; and a nationally recognized credential that is awarded at the conclusion of the apprenticeship, in addition to certifications received from the college for the courses taken.

“We commend Stoll on taking such a proactive approach to employee development with this new set of apprenticeships,” said Dr. Hope E. Rivers, president of PTC. “This new program is a prime example of the way Piedmont Tech can partner with organizations to strengthen the workforce in our region and how we accelerate access to rewarding careers for our students.”

Stoll also has the distinction of registering the first youth apprentice in Abbeville County. Noah Howell, a 2021 Abbeville High School graduate, is attending PTC this fall, while working part time at Stoll, through the Abbeville Promise scholarship program. Stoll Industries was a proponent and sponsor for starting the Abbeville Promise scholarship in 2018, and the benefit to the community has come full circle.



Gathered recently at Stoll Industries, from left: Darris Stoll; Rusty Denning, PTC associate vice president for economic development and continuing education; apprentice Noah Howell; Dr. Hope E. Rivers, PTC president; Dr. Amy Firestone, vice president of Apprenticeship Carolina™; and Dennis Stoll. (Photo contributed)



Noah Howell, Stoll Industries’ first youth apprentice (Photo contributed)



PTC and Apprenticeship Carolina™ officials tour the Stoll Industries manufacturing facility in Abbeville. (Photo contributed)

PTC Partners with School Districts to Strengthen Regional Career Specialist Role

Submitted by **Kristine Hartvigsen**

This month, Piedmont Technical College (PTC) and the Western Piedmont Education Consortium (WPEC) began a partnership to strengthen the linkage between high school students, employers, and postsecondary pathways—ultimately to help students better connect with a career path earlier in their studies and with good jobs after graduation.

PTC will play an active role in the work of the Regional Career Specialist (RCS). The RCS is a longstanding position in the region intended to strengthen services for students on a number of fronts, including career awareness, partnerships with businesses for work-based learning opportunities, and ongoing professional development for school counseling staff.

With the new partnership, the RCS will be able to work alongside college personnel to provide resources designed to assist and to support school counselors and career specialists with the deliv-

ery of career awareness, career exploration, and career guidance activities to students in the Upper Savannah region. The RCS will be housed at Piedmont Technical College.

The Western Piedmont Education Consortium is an association of school districts in the Upper Savannah region in South Carolina that work collaboratively to make their districts more effective and efficient. The Consortium serves 13 school districts as well as affiliate members Lander University, PTC, and the SC Governor’s School for Agriculture at John de la Howe.

“This collaboration is really a natural fit,” said WPEC Executive Director Jim Suber. “PTC is already a great partner to all of our school districts with dual enrollment opportunities, and they are in regular contact with our school counselors and other district personnel, so it makes good sense to strengthen that connection for the benefit of students.”

The partnership began when Suber saw the need to provide additional support for perpetually busy

school counselors in raising awareness among high students about career opportunities and about the ways dual enrollment can be leveraged to help students get on a path to a good job earlier. Suber began a dialogue with PTC President Dr. Hope E. Rivers and SC Department of Commerce Regional Workforce Advisor Matt Wiggins that resulted in an agreement for PTC to contribute financially to the position and to help with day-to-day management.

“We are excited about this new partnership,” said Dr. Hope Rivers, president of PTC. “We have been working to align our dual enrollment offerings with career pathways for students, so deepening our existing work with the school districts makes sense for the college and for students.”

We think this work will ultimately help students clarify their career goals earlier and help set them on a path to success in the future.”

To learn more about dual enrollment at PTC, visit www.ptc.edu/dual.

US Senate

Tim Scott: Build Back Better is not free, and it’s not something we need

Submitted by **Senator Tim Scott**

“Zero down!” “You don’t pay a dime...guaranteed!”

You’re flipping through the channels and the temptation of “free” causes you to stop surfing and see what the offer is all about. The commercial narrator enthusiastically says that you, yes you, can get the latest car or gadget today without paying a red cent. But if you stay tuned till the end when the salesman speed reads the fine print, the pitch that seemed too good to be true is just that. “My Build Back Better Agenda costs zero dollars.” It won’t “add a single penny to our deficit.”

You’d be forgiven for wondering whether President Joe Biden and his party are hocking snake oil or their reckless tax and spend package. Like the misleading commercials, it

doesn’t come as a surprise when the conditions and exception reveal that the price tag isn’t actually as advertised.

Whether it’s \$3.5 trillion or \$1.75 trillion, the Democrat’s liberal wish list still amounts to increases in taxes and decreases in American’s spending power. But the shocking sticker price only scratches the surface of the actual cost of this plan. The real, long-term cost is much, much higher because of the junk that’s in it. That’s why President Biden and the Democrats are hoping the American people won’t take a closer look at what’s in their spending proposal.

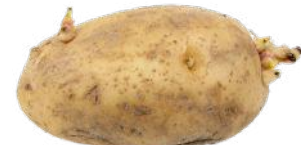
Even before this package, our economy was on the fritz. The partisan spending Democrats passed earlier this year has already caused an inflationary crisis that is hitting middle-class Americans hardest. With the cost of beef up nearly 20 percent,

gas prices up more than 40 percent, and children’s shoes over 10 percent more expensive than last year, our purchasing power has gone down. If passed, this new spending spree would actually reduce wages and raise taxes on 95 percent of middle-class families in the long run.

But that’s not all. To find the money to pay for this plan, Democrats proposed to take those tax dollars and invest an additional \$80 billion to hire more IRS agents to turn around and snoop on taxpayers. They wanted to empower the IRS to know about the transactions of any American that had \$10,000 or more coming out of their bank account in a given year.

The compliance costs would have been crippling for small town institutions, to say nothing of the invasion of privacy for tens of millions of Americans.

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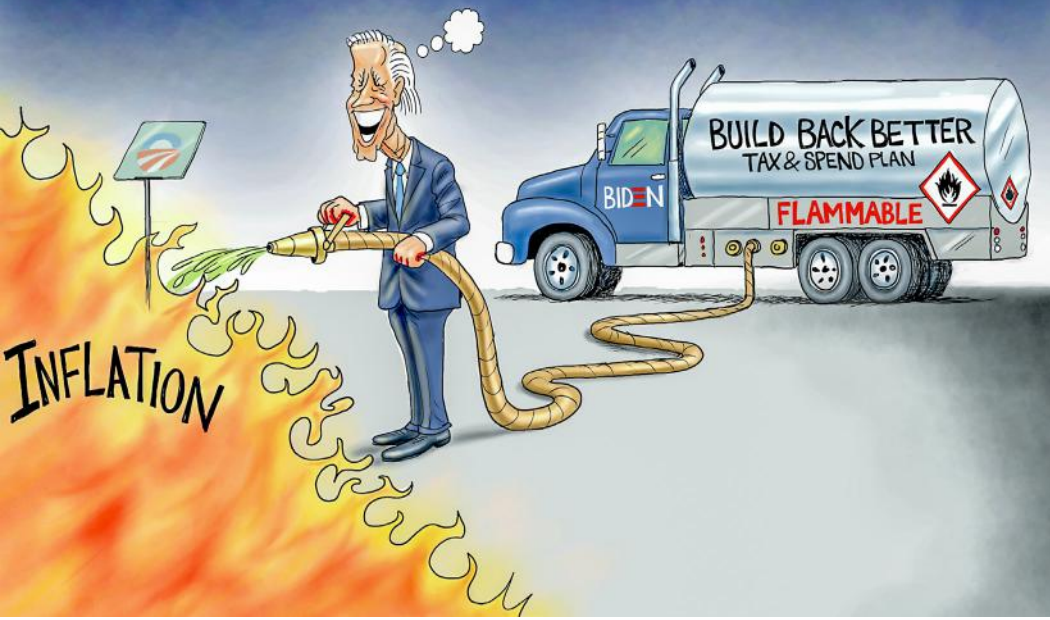
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The Hidden Hand Behind the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Geoff Hult

On April 4th, 1968, civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot in the face as he stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, TN. The official version of history is that a man named James Earl Ray fired this shot from a bathroom window of a rooming house across the street, and did this because of his alleged hatred for black people and for King. Ray had escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary one year earlier on April 23rd, 1967, and was evidently smart enough to travel about the US, Canada, and Mexico without a job and without being caught. But on the day of the assassination he was evidently dumb enough to leave a duffel bag at the scene containing a Remington 30.06 rifle with his prints on it, a beer can also with his prints, and a radio with his inmate number engraved on it. He was caught at Heathrow airport in London two months later and brought back to the States where he pleaded guilty and received a 99 year sentence.

He pleaded guilty because he believed this would help his case, but he never confessed and maintained his innocence until his death in 1998. In 1978, attorney William F. Pepper interviewed Ray in prison for 5 hours, along with 5 others present. At the end, all agreed on one thing:



Civil rights leader Andrew Young (L) and others on balcony of Lorraine motel pointing in direction of assailant after assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who is lying wounded at their feet. Joseph Louw—The LIFE Images Collection/Getty Images

James Earl Ray did not shoot Martin Luther King, Jr. but who did and why would be the subject of Pepper's research until the present day. Pepper became Ray's attorney in 1988 and also became the King family attorney. In 2016, his book "The Plot to Kill King: The Truth behind the Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr." was released. From his nearly four decades of research into the case, his findings were that Ray's escape from prison was orchestrated by the FBI and Ray was set up to be the patsy in King's assassination. Russell Adkins, Sr., the head of the Dixie Mafia, paid the prison warden of the Missouri State Penitentiary with funds supplied by the FBI to enable Ray's escape. Once Ray escaped, he was handled by a man named Raoul Coelho, supplied with money, and was never apprehended because he was under the FBI's "protection" and management. He was given an alias of the name Eric S. Galt, who was a real man living in Canada as well as bearing a close resemblance to Ray. Galt also happened to be working as a defense contractor with US intelligence. If Ray were stopped he would be let go because of who he apparently was. Ray would not have come up with an alias of a man such as this on his own. It was supplied by US intelligence itself. Ray's handler instructed him to buy the Remington 30.06 in Alabama and bring it to Memphis

where the handler placed the rifle and other incriminating evidence neatly and conveniently on the scene right after the shooting of King. Ray realized he'd been set up and was later apprehended in London. Ray was handled and set up as a patsy in a similar way as Lee Harvey Oswald, Sirhan Sirhan, and Timothy McVeigh.

King became a threat to the establishment when he began to speak boldly against the Vietnam war in 1967. King was not someone who could be compromised and would not back down if he believed in a matter. The merging of the anti-war movement along with the civil rights movement was something that was seen as a threat to the power structure and King's influence had to be eliminated. The FBI's disdain for King began much earlier, though. On November 24th, 1964, King received a package and letter from the FBI suggesting he commit suicide or else they would "expose" him as being a fraud. On the day

day after the trial, Coretta King, King's widow, stated: "There is abundant evidence of a major high level conspiracy in the assassination of my husband... in addition to Mr. Jowers, the conspiracy, the mafia, local, state, and federal agencies, were deeply involved in the assassination of my husband." Dexter King, King's son, stated that he believed it was Army Intelligence, the CIA, the FBI, and president Lyndon Baines Johnson who were the main elements behind the plot to kill his father. King's aide, Andrew Young, who was present on the balcony at the shooting and who would later become a US Congressman and the mayor of Atlanta from 1982-1990 stated: "I believe there was a very complex plot that involved organized crime and the military" and that "there were influences in very high places in our government that were responsible for putting all this plot together, especially the FBI."

The mafia and the government working together is nothing new. This was also the case in the assassination of John F. Kennedy. What then, is the difference between organized crime and the federal government? Ted Gundersen, ret. FBI (1951-1979) summed it up: "The CIA makes the Mafia look like a Sunday school class." The government is above the law and more brutal.

of the assassination, Pepper contends that a sniper team from the 902nd Military Intelligence Unit was sent to Memphis as back-up in case the primary shooter failed. Pepper contends that the shooter was Frank Strausser of the Memphis Police Department, who fired from within some bushes that were of the same direction and of a similar angle as the window of the rooming house.

Solomon Jones, King's driver, witnessed the shot coming from these bushes as did half a dozen others. This shot, however, did not kill King and he was killed at St. Joseph's hospital by the chief of neurosurgery, Dr. Breen Bland, MD, by smothering him with a pillow. The witness to this was surgical aide Lula Mae Shelby and was recounted by her son to William Pepper. Bland was the family doctor for the Adkins family of the Dixie Mafia who had helped enable Ray's escape from prison.

A man named Loyd Jowers, owner of a grill at the scene of the shooting, came forward and admitted he had been part of the plot. The King family in turn filed a civil suit against Jowers. On December 8th, 1999, a jury took less than one hour to conclude that Jowers was guilty of being part of this plot; but also that the plot included members of the Memphis PD, the government of TN, and the federal government. James Earl Ray had no involvement other than being the fall guy. The

Fletcher Prouty, Chief of Special Operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff under JFK, stated that anyone who thinks either Kennedy assassination, or the assassination of King were done by individuals, doesn't understand history or how things work. He stated that organizations like the CIA and FBI commonly work together in covert operations such as assassinations and terrorist plots. Alphabet agencies such as these are arms of the monolithic criminal empire which is the US government, and their real job is to enforce the will of this empire and to protect its interests and enterprises, not keep America safe or protect Constitutional rights.

The King assassination is an example of how history has been rewritten and how the media and education system indoctrinate and brainwash the American people into believing in a false reality and false system. But as King stated in a speech on April 30th, 1967, regarding the Vietnam war: "God has a way of standing before the nations with Judgment and it seems that I can hear God saying to America, you are too arrogant..."

"And I shall punish the world for its evil, and the wrong for their crookedness, and shall put an end to the arrogance of the proud, and lay low the pride of the ruthless." (Isaiah 13:11)
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S.C., a national leader on timely financial reporting

By Richard Eckstrom, S.C. Comptroller

Each fall, my office releases the state's financial report for the prior fiscal year.

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, commonly called a CAFR, is a detailed, 300-plus page "report card" on the state's fiscal condition. Prepared the same way businesses put together summaries for shareholders, it includes information on assets, liabilities, long-term debt, revenues, expenditures and cash flows. All states and most towns, cities, counties, school districts and colleges and universities produce such yearly reports.

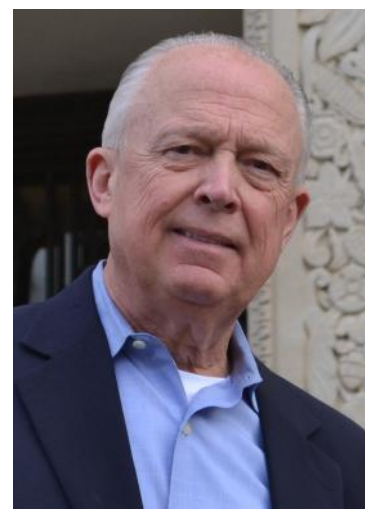
Investors and credit rating agencies rely on them to evaluate the state's ability to repay bondholders. They're also used by state leaders to plan budgets, and by citizen-watchdogs to keep tabs on government.

Of course, they're only useful if they're issued promptly after the close of the fiscal year.

Much can change in the months between the end of a fiscal year and a report's release. The sooner it's published, the more useful and relevant its contents are to those who rely on it. The Government Finance Officers Association, which helps develop government accounting practices, considers reports released within six months to be "on time."

But a whole lot of governments miss that deadline, often by several months. A majority of states -- 29 -- were late producing last year's reports.

That's a shame, because timely financial reporting is



Richard Eckstrom, S.C. Comptroller

critical to good government. It promotes transparency and accountability. It allows government budget officials -- who need reliable numbers from the financial report to put together the next year's budget -- adequate flexibility and planning time. It makes it easier to detect mismanagement and head off potential problems. If fiscal trouble is ahead, an early heads-up is certainly beneficial.

Getting reports out promptly is a service to investors, who are among the most eager to get a hold of them each year. It gives them more time to analyze the information and make informed decisions. Tardy financials could give would-be investors pause.

And timeliness is a factor that ratings agencies consider when setting government credit ratings -- which is to say, it potentially impacts how much we pay to borrow for things like roads and schools.

My staff and I have worked hard in recent years to continually reduce the time it takes to produce the state's financial report -- part of our broader effort to increase fiscal transparency in state government. And I'm proud

to note that South Carolina's report has become one of the best in the country by that measure. In both 2018 and 2019, we ranked second nationally in timeliness -- behind only New York, which is one of a handful of states with laws requiring the reports to be completed early.

In 2020, South Carolina recorded the nation's best publication time -- a feather in our state's cap and a gratifying payoff for a lot of hard work and long hours. The 136 days it took to produce the state's report was nearly 11 weeks better than the national average.

A few weeks ago, on Nov. 12, I released the state's report for fiscal year 2021. It took 135 days -- one day faster than last year. Alas, our time in the top spot was short-lived; despite our improved time, South Carolina is once again second-best -- behind only New York. Those comparisons aside, however, our success bodes well for the state's overall fiscal health. And it sets the right example for our state's municipalities, counties, school districts and other public bodies, who also should strive to publish their financials as early as possible.

South Carolina's annual financial report for 2021 can be viewed at cg.sc.gov. Click "financial reports" on the horizontal menu near the top of the homepage. Then click "Annual Comprehensive Financial Reports."

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



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US House of Representatives

Rep. Duncan Commends Federal Judge for Halting CMS Vaccine Mandate in 10 States

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C.-Congressman Jeff Duncan commends U.S. District Judge Matthew Schelp from Missouri for temporarily halting President Biden's unconstitutional vaccine mandate for CMS healthcare workers in ten states. "The halting of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services vaccine mandate in ten states is great news, and I am pleased to see U.S. District Judge Matthew Schelp upheld the Constitution in blocking the executive branch's overreach

in federally dictating the private medical decisions of millions of healthcare professionals," said Congressman Jeff Duncan. "Though South Carolina is not one of the ten states where the CMS vaccine mandate was halted, South Carolina is also a part of a lawsuit against the CMS vaccine mandate, and I am optimistic the ruling of this case will lead to halted vaccine mandates in states like South Carolina who are also fighting imposing vaccine mandates from the federal government."

"I oppose vaccine mandates in all forms. Employees should never be forced

to choose between receiving a government-imposed shot or losing their livelihood," said Congressman Jeff Duncan. "Our medical professionals who served on the frontlines during the pandemic are now being told to get the shot or get out, and the federal government is overstepping their delegated authority from Congress in imposing vaccine mandates on CMS healthcare workers. This temporary halt on the CMS vaccine mandate is a small victory for medical freedom, and we will continue to push back against the federal government's unconstitutional advances."

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6. Make a scene
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13. Hawaii environs
14. Toothy fish
15. Cone-shaped dwelling
16. White Swan in "Swan Lake" ballerina
17. ____-Wan Kenobi
18. *Decorate with wreaths and holly, e.g.
19. *Either dessert or source of heat (2 words)
21. * ____ Day, or second day of Christmastide
23. Land parcel
24. Strauss of denim fame
25. Broadband access overseer, acr.
28. Clarified butter
30. Acute one and obtuse one
35. Southeastern Asian country
37. Jousting's breastplate
39. Shrewdness
40. Caspian basin river
41. *Pasadena's Tournament of ____
43. Tel ____ , Israel
44. Native American emblem
46. "Why not?"
47. Hitchhiker's quest
48. Omits when speaking
50. Hard to find
52. Bear's winter quarters
53. Hoodwink
55. Scepter's partner
57. *Number of days in Christmastide
60. *"Ugly" holiday party garb?
64. Prepare a letter
65. "Bingo!"
67. Hunger for
68. Pass-the-baton race
69. *Cranberry sauce sometimes comes from it
70. Same as tori
71. Raise the roof
72. German river
73. Stall sound

DOWN

1. Whiny and miserable
2. Shade of beige
3. Finish a ceiling, to a plasterer
4. Marlboro alternative
5. Not digital
6. Bug-eyed
7. Not Uber
8. Social group
9. Ghana monetary unit
10. Second word of many fairytales
11. Cause of Titanic's demise
12. Poetic "even"
15. Burdensome
20. Not this or that
22. Lab eggs
24. Time off
25. *Champagne holder
26. *Wassailing composition
27. Raccoon's South American cousin
29. Feeling of superiority, pl.
31. ____ gum, food additive
32. Furiously angry
33. Exclude or omit
34. *Number of candles in kinara, Kwanzaa
36. *Troika vehicle
38. "Will be," according to Doris
42. Asian goat antelope
45. Potpourri
49. Chevy Suburban, e.g.
51. Builds
54. *Popular holiday wish
56. Munchausen's title
57. *Bedecked arbor
58. Shakespeare, to his friends?
59. And others, for short
60. Minus
61. Tropical edible root
62. Anon's partner
63. Take a load off
64. Like some humor
67. *Traditional main holiday dish

Obituaries

Hagood

Allen Burton Hagood, 59, of Calhoun Falls, SC, husband of Sherry Dickinson Hagood, died Friday, November 26, 2021, at Elbert Memorial Hospital in Elberton, GA. He was born in Abbeville, SC to the late Allen Jackson Hagood and Marie Virginia Lyle Hagood.

Allen attended Abbeville County Schools and Piedmont Technical College. He was employed as a maintenance technician with Pilgrim's Pride Corporation in Elberton, GA for nine years. Allen formerly served on the Calhoun Falls EMS and was a member of Elbert County Gun Club. Allen worshipped at Solid Rock Community Church in Calhoun Falls, SC. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Sherry, of the home; four sons, Allen B. 'BJ' Hagood, Jr. (Trista) of Greenwood, SC, James



Allen Burton Hagood

Hagood (Elizabeth) of Antreville, SC, Dale Hagood (fiancee', Erin Manning) of Abbeville, SC and Billy Shealy (Jessica) of Moncks Corner, SC; two daughters, Maggie Hagood of Versailles, Indiana and Melissa Jacumin (Kris) of Moncks Corner, SC; an aunt, Pat Setzer of Alto, GA; and

eleven grandchildren.

The family received friends, 1:00PM - 2:00PM, Monday, November 29, 2021, in Harris Funeral Home, Calhoun Falls Chapel. Funeral services began at 2:30PM on Monday in the funeral home chapel with Rev. John Ellis officiating. Burial followed in Rocky River Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Allen, may be sent to Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29649.

The family is at the home in Calhoun Falls, SC.

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

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Calhoun Falls Chapel is assisting the Hagood family.

Obituaries

Timms

Nancy Dianne Timms, 74, of Calhoun Falls, wife of the late Harold Terry Timms, passed away peacefully with her two sons by her side on Sunday, November 28, 2021, at the Hospice House in Greenwood. She was born in Abbeville to the late Retha Arizona Addison and Thomas 'Tom' Brown.

A 1965 graduate of Calhoun Falls High School, Nancy owned and operated N + T, a finance company in Calhoun Falls. She was a member of The Swinging Hatters of the Falls club and the Solid Rock Community Church.

Nancy is survived by two sons, Allen Timms and Brian Timms; two brothers, Tommy Brown (Penny) and Billy Brown; two sisters, Glendal Welch and Deborah Scott (Sammy) all of Calhoun Falls; three grand-



Nancy Dianne Timms

children, Ashley Timms Tollison (Cruse), Kortney Allison (James) and Brianna Timms, all of Greenwood; three great-grandchildren, Cruze, Jett and August; and several nieces, nephews and beloved friends.

The family will receive friends 2:00PM - 3:00PM on Wednesday, December

1, 2021, in Harris Funeral Home, Calhoun Falls Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 3:00PM in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Jerry Dalton officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Nancy, may be sent to The MDS Foundation, 4573 S. Broad Street, Suite 15, Yardville, NJ 08620 or Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646.

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Obituaries

Barnes

Ann Cox Barnes, 98, resident of Abbeville Nursing Home widow of Samuel Henry Barnes passed away Thursday Nov. 25, 2021 at Abbeville Area Medical Center.

Born in Walhalla, SC she was a daughter of the late Bunnie Cox and Bertha Mattison Cox.

Ann was a retired textile employee with Milliken Textiles. She was a Charter Member of Southside Baptist Church where she was a member of the Ladies Sunday School Class. She was also a former member of the Abbeville Auxiliary. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include: three daughters Betty Scott of Abbeville, SC, Faye Hall (Joe) of Greenville, SC and Peggy Price of Columbia, SC; one sister Violet Chatos of Greenwood, SC; four grandchildren Mike Price (Maria) Michelle Ponce, Rodney Scott and Donna DeBrew; four great-grandchildren Sloan Scott, Zoe Ponce, Carson Ponce and Storey Gilchrist (Andrew) and Chris DeBrew (Morgan); three great-great-grandchildren Lillie DeBrew, Hines DeBrew and Eva Gilchrist.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday Dec. 1, 2021 at 2:00 PM in the chapel at Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home

with the Rev. Earl Hartley officiating. The burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

The family will receive friends Wednesday afternoon from 1:00 until 2:00 PM at the funeral home prior to services.

In lieu of flowers memorials in memory of Ann may be made to Southside Baptist Church, 505 Greenwood St. Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

Obituaries

Moss

Jack Edward Moss, 68, of Greenwood, died Sunday, November 21, 2021 at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood, SC. He was born in Burlington, NC to the late Wallace R. Moss and Delores G. Moss.

He was a 1971 graduate of Abbeville High School and was a member of the Abbeville High School Grenadier

Band, and attended Lander University.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded by his grandparents who raised him, Ed and Nora Moss.

Jack is survived by his children, Stephanie M. Brown (Bryan) of Mt. Holly, NC and Michelle M. Murray (Marty) of Charleston, SC; sister, Judy Davis Stone

(Andy), brothers, Jimmy Moss (Debra). Johnny Moss (Suzanne) all of Abbeville; two grandchildren, twin grandsons, Renly and Cooper Brown.

The family will have a private ceremony at a later date. Cremation Society of South Carolina - Westville Funerals of Greenville, SC is assisting the family. 11p

Top five!

CF's Jasmine Cade wins Basketball Coaches Association honor

By Henry E. Green

Jasmine Cade, a senior at Calhoun Falls Charter, has been recognized for her talent on the basketball court.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cade of Calhoun Falls, the 5'8" Cade is a forward on the Lady Flash varsity basketball team.

She has been a starter for four years, and last season she averaged 15.8 points a game. She had a total of 284 points last season, and 248 rebounds.

"Last season I won MVP (for the Calhoun Falls Char-

ter team) and All Region," she said. She was also selected first team All Lakelands.

She would like to continue playing basketball in college.

"I'm looking at USC," she said.

She has been playing basketball since the age of seven or eight.

Now she has been selected as one of the Top Five senior female high school basketball players in South Carolina in the 1-A classification, in an honor

bestowed by the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association.

Cade was recognized with the honor on Nov. 17, during a recent program at Brookland-Cayce High School in the Columbia area.

Cade is immensely pleased with the honor. "It makes me very confident," she said.

Basketball is something that she expects will remain a big part of her life. She would not mind turning pro after college, or becoming a basketball coach.

Jasmine Cade has been selected as one of the Top Five senior female high school basketball players in South Carolina in the 1-A classification in an honor bestowed by the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association. (Contributed photo)



Panther varsity boys hoops

AHS looks forward to good season

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville High School varsity boys basketball team has begun practicing in preparation for the 2021-22 season which will begin on Dec. 7, when the Panthers travel to Strom Thurmond, according to AHS varsity boys basketball coach Doug Belcher.

"We've started practicing," said Belcher Tuesday of last week.

Jayvee action will begin at 5 p.m. and the girls game will begin at 6:30 p.m., and the boys game will begin at 8 p.m.

Last year, the Panthers finished second in their Region behind Christ Church, and they made the playoffs, losing to York Prep.

This year Belcher, who is entering his 11th year as coach, has a solid nucleus of players coming back from last year.

They include seniors Jeremiah Lomax, J. Tinch, and Rashee Davis. Tinch also happens to be the Panthers' leading scorer.

"My whole starting five is returning," he said.

Antonio Harrison and Jacob Leach help round out the core of players. Belcher plans to use three small forwards and two guards to anchor his team, with Lomax and Davis playing the role of guards.

Concerning newcomers, Belcher is looking for some Panthers coming up from the jayvee ranks to contribute.

"We're looking for guard play from Zay Rayford and Patrick Singletary," he said.

Belcher feels good about 2021-22. "We're looking to have a decent season," he said.

"Defense first," and "transition offense" -- those are the ingredients of success, Belcher believes.

Christ Church will again be a contender in the Region, said the coach, who noted that the Cavaliers have this year a seven-footer.

The Panthers' home opener will be on Friday, Dec. 17, against Lincoln County, and Region play will begin in January, Belcher continued.

Panthers named to All-Region team

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville High School Panther football stars Antonio Harrison and Zay Rayford have made the All-Region team, according to an Abbeville High School athletics Facebook page.

There were other honors for AHS football players. Selected for All Lakelands honors were Dawson Hughes, Ty Cade, Antonio Harrison, C.J. Vance, Jeremiah Lomax and J. Tinch.

The Panthers this year won the Region title and advanced to the third round of the playoffs, defeating Blacksburg in the first round and Saluda in the second before bowing to Gray Collegiate in the third round.

While Abbeville High School did not make it to the state championship game this year, and the Panthers lost to Gray Collegiate in the third round of the playoffs, the Panther fans we spoke with

did not seem to mind.

"I'm extremely proud of our Panthers!" said Jennifer Erwin, who lives near Due West.

"They had an amazing season. Everyone who helped them be successful should hold their heads high: the coaches, support staff, cheerleaders, parents, and all involved in getting them where they are now.

I can't wait 'til next year!"

Taking no prisoners

Rivalry week in college football brings both ecstasy and heartache

By Henry E. Green

Talk about your sackcloth and ashes.

Carolina fans were in deep mourning following the loss of the Gamecocks to Clemson to the tune of 34-0--in Columbia!

The Charming Kitties have now beaten the Chickens seven years in a row. For lovers of the Garnet and Black, it was not a good thing.

Still, they had an ever so slender silver lining. First of all, before the current seven-year streak, Carolina had beaten the Tigers five consecutive years.

All streaks have to come to an end at some point, folks.

And, as we were reminded, Shane Beamer is in his first year as head coach, and it

will take time for him to build a new program. Beamer actually has done better so far than many expected--Carolina, which won only two games last year, is actually bowl eligible.

And speaking of streaks, Ohio State's winning streak over nemesis Michigan came to an end Saturday 42-27.

The Buckeyes had been triumphant eight straight years over the Maize and Blue. However, when the Scarlet and Gray lost to Oregon earlier this year, something told us that maybe, just maybe, OSU was just not as strong as in past years. It will be the first time in a number of years that the Buckeyes are out of contention for the national title.

Among other rivalry games, Alabama's quadruple overtime win over Auburn must be especially galling to the Tigers. If Auburn, which had led for most of the game, had managed to stay in bounds in the closing moments, and not allowed the Tide a window of time to come back, Alabama would be out of national title contention as well.

Meanwhile, Florida's victory over archrival Florida State helped salvage a disappointing season for the Gators.

Yes, college football's rivalry week produces a roller-coaster of emotions.

As Carolina fans are very much accustomed to saying, wait until next year!

CF Charter girls hoops

Cade optimistic about Lady Flashes

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Charter girls basketball coach Joseph Cade is optimistic about this coming year's season.

"We have all our players coming back," with the exception of one player lost to graduation, he said Tuesday of last week.

"Right now, we have 17 players on the roster," he said.

Last year, the Lady Flashes finished third in their

Region, with a record of 8-4, and they made the playoffs, where they lost to Denmark Olar in the first round.

"I feel pretty good about the season," he said. If the Lady Flashes can avoid injuries, and play up to their expectations, good things will be on their way, according to Cade, who is in his third season as coach of the Lady Flashes.

"I feel that we can make a run for the Region cham-

pionship," he said.

Calhoun Falls Charter will be contending with High Point Academy and Southside Christian for the Region title.

The Lady Flashes were slated to open their season yesterday at Cambridge Academy in Greenwood.

On Dec. 10, the Lady Flashes will go to Dixie for their first Region game, and the first home game of the season will be on Dec. 14 against McCormick.

James Hughes wins week 12 of the football contest

By Lamar T. West, Sr.

The very first entry which I retrieved from the football contest box this past week was James Hughes of Calhoun Falls. I do believe he has already won once or twice this year, so I will, of course, be expecting a nice Christmas gift. **Not!**

James was the first entry graded and missed only three picks. I could have stopped grading entries at that point and saved myself some time. James was the only contestant to miss just three picks. All other contestants missed four or more.

The most picks missed on one entry was 11 (name withheld purposely to protect the innocent).

This week, the odds are better for you to be the winner! There are only 12 games in the contest. The Army @ Navy game will not be played until December 11, 2021, so the winner will not be announced until Wednesday, December 15th. As usual, all entries must be received by Saturday morning on or before December 4th. If mailed, the

entry should be postmarked by Friday, December 3rd.

The final week of the 2021 football contest will pay an additional \$50 if someone gets all the games incorrect. Fifty dollars, per usual, will go to the winner with the most correct with "Mr. Tie Breaker" in play.

Now, back to this \$50 prize if an entry misses all games. This is an educated guessing game, so good luck.

All games must be picked incorrectly to qualify for the second \$50 prize.

AHS alumnus commits to South Florida

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville High School alumnus Jhalyn Shuler has made a commitment to play football at the University of South Florida, said AHS football coach Jamie Nickles recently. Nickles said that Shuler played on the AHS Panther football team, for which he was an outside linebacker. A Shrine Bowl selection for

2019, he was All-Region and All-State, Nickles indicated.

The 6'2", 200 pound Shuler graduated from AHS in 2020, and has been attending Coffeyville Community College in Kansas, according to 247sports.com

The college, located in Coffeyville, Kansas, is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association. Its ath-

letic teams are called the Red Ravens.

The main campus of the University of South Florida, meanwhile, is located in Tampa, Florida. The South Florida Bulls compete in the American Athletic Conference.

Jhalyn is the son of Abbeville County School District Trustee Glynda Bryson.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town of Due West, S.C., Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing and Meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021, in Council Chambers, 103 Main St., Due West, S.C.

The Purpose of Public Hearing and Meeting will be to Review a Zoning Change of Property at the Corner of Gordon Street and Carver Street Extension, Formerly Carver School, Parcel ID 035-09-03-005. Due West Robotics is Requesting a Change from Residential R-3 to Commercial C-1.

A Special Called Council Meeting Will Follow at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, 2021, in Council Chambers, for the First Reading on Ordinance No. 06-2021 "An Ordinance to Change the Above Property from Residential R-3 to Commercial C-1."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ABBEVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS 6 P.M. — December 21, 2021 COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, ABBEVILLE

The Abbeville County Board of Zoning Appeals as authorized by the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, SC will hold a public hearing at 6pm on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, in Council Chambers, 903 W. Greenwood St., on the following appeal:

Request by Deborah J. Crow, of 47 Turkey Creek Rd., Donalds, SC 29638 for a zoning variance to allow subdivision of her property located at 102 Matt Long Rd., Donalds, SC 29638 creating a new lot which is less than the two acres required for new lots in the Forest Agricultural zoning district where the parcel is located. The proposed new parcel would consist of approximately 1.5 acres and is a portion of TMS# 021-00-00-007.

Documents related to the above appeal are available for public inspection in the office of the Planner/Zoning Administrator at the County Administrative Complex, 903 W. Greenwood St., Abbeville, SC 29620.

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Legals

NOTICE OF MASTER'S FORECLOSURE SALE

CASE NO. 2021-CP-01-00150

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **Abbeville and McCormick Counties Habitat for Humanity, Inc. a/k/a Abbeville/McCormick Habitat for Humanity, Inc.** against **Sarah L. Carroll; et al.,** **l, the Master-in-Equity for Abbeville County,** will sell at public auction on the **6th of December, 2021, at 2:00 PM,** at the **Abbeville County Courthouse, Courthouse, Abbeville, South Carolina,** to the highest bidder the following described property:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land together with improvements thereon situate, lying and being in City and County of Abbeville, South Carolina, being more particularly

shown and designated as Lot B-29 and Part of Lot B-30 of Crestview Subdivision as shown on plat thereof prepared by N. Wayne Reynolds, RELS, dated October 10, 2000, and recorded in Plat Book 52 at Page 17, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County, which is incorporated herein by reference and made part and parcel hereof. According to said plat of survey the within parcels are contiguous and when taken together as a whole contain 0.47 acres and front for a distance of 137.38 feet on Hunter Street and extends back therefrom along its northern boundary for a distance of 146.16 feet, more or less, and for a distance of 152.10 feet along its southern boundary, and is bounded in the rear along its western boundary for a total distance of 139.07 feet, more or less, and is bounded as follows: on the north by Lot

B-31 and part of Lot B-30 (a parcel containing in the aggregate 0.45 acres); on the east by Hunter Street; on the south by Lot B-28; and on the west by Lots B-3 and B-2. Reference is made to the aforesaid plat of survey for courses, distances, metes and bounds.

This is the identical property conveyed to Abbeville and McCormick Counties Habitat for Humanity, Inc. by deed of Deborah T. Harrison dated December 21, 2010, and recorded in the OCC for Abbeville County in Deed Book 286 at Page 163. Abbeville and McCormick Counties Habitat for Humanity, Inc. subsequently conveyed said property to Sarah L. Carroll by deed dated November 14, 2014, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County in Book 308 at Page 206 on November 18, 2014, and corrective deed dated December 15,

2015, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County in Book 315 at Page 354 on January 11, 2016.

TMS #: 122-10-02-006.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the **Master-in-Equity** at the conclusion of the bidding five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the same to be applied to the purchase price in the case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance with the terms of sale. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within **thirty (30)** days of the close of bidding, then the **Master-in-Equity** may

re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day at the risk of the said highest bidder until obtaining full compliance with the terms of sale.

As no personal or deficiency judgment is being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale.

Purchaser to pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of **0.00%** per annum.

Sale is subject to any past due or accruing assessments, property taxes, easements, and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances. If Plaintiff or Plaintiff's rep-

resentative does not appear at the scheduled sale of the above-referenced property, the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement.

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search before the foreclosure sale date. The property will be sold without any warranty or representation as to title or otherwise by Plaintiff or Plaintiff's counsel to purchasers at the foreclosure sale or other third parties.

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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.

Estate: Steven Owen Brown
Date of Death: 06/08/2021
Case Number: ES0100280
Personal Representative: Deborah Anne Lariccia Brown
Address: 129 Third Ave. Iva, SC 29655 11/17;3tc

Estate: Tammie Denise McClain-Irby
Date of Death: 9/6/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100306
Personal Representative: Roger A. Irby
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Date of Death: 10/3/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100307
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Address: 1877 Cedar Springs South Abbeville, SC 29620 11/17;3tc

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Date of Death: 9/15/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100314
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Estate: James Ralph Lindley
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Estate: Nancy Rebecca Brock aka Nancy B. Brock
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Case Number: 2021ES0100320
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Address: 1125 Turkey Creek Rd. Ware Shoals, SC 29692 11/24;3tc

Estate: Jimmy Clayton Smith
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Case Number: 2021ES0100323
Personal Representative: Brooke L. Smith
Address: 1259 Hwy 72 West, Abbeville, SC 29620 12/1;3tc

Estate: George Visanka Guy
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Case Number: 2021ES0100324
Personal Representative: George Taylor Guy
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that James A. Hudson dba VVT Cafe intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of Beer, Wine, & Liquor at 113 S. Calhoun Shores Pkwy, Calhoun Falls, SC 29628. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than December 3, 2021. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
- (2) The specific reasons why the application should be denied;
- (3) That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
- (4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
- (5) The name of the applicant and the address of the business to be licensed.

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Pet of the Month

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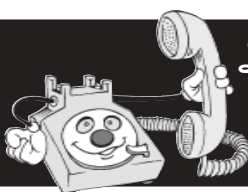
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This inflatable soldier, looking like he just stepped out of "The Nutcracker," stands guard outside a house on North Main in Abbeville in a classic Christmas pose. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



This manger scene adorns the grounds of the Abbeville Presbyterian Church in Abbeville for the Christmas season. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Donalds planning Christmas parade

By Henry E. Green

The town of Donalds will have their Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Presented by the Donalds fire department and the Town of Donalds, the parade will begin at 2 p.m. and will begin at Tribble Street, said Donalds Fire Department Chief Ronnie Vaughn.

Line up will begin at 1 p.m.

Area first responders will be the grand marshals. Nurses and doctors are asked to show up at Tribble

Street and Highway 178.

They are being asked "to bring their own vehicles," he said.

The parade will be led by the Hardwood Cruisers motorcycle club, which will have a blanket drive, and one may donate a blanket by dropping it off at the Donalds fire department, according to Vaughn.

The line up route will be from Highway 184 to Tribble Road. "We will have signs put up," he said.

Among the entries in the parade will be the Dixie High School band, several dance clubs, and plenty of floats.

The parade will proceed through downtown Donalds before breaking up on Park Street.

Prizes will be awarded for the best parade entries, including \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place.

For more information, one may call Vaughn at 864-378-5557.

CF Christmas parade slated for Saturday

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls Christmas parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, beginning at 2 p.m., according to Rebecca McCaslan, executive director of the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber is presenting the parade as well as a Christmas market on the same day.

The market will begin at 9 a.m. and will last until 4 p.m., and will be located at the Farmers Market Pavilion

in Calhoun Falls.

There at the market will be vendors selling Christmas items and gifts, including make up, bath-related items, crafts, wreaths--just to name a few.

The parade, meanwhile, will begin at the Old Market Place parking lot and proceed down Savannah Street, making a right turn on Cox Avenue, and dispersing near the Farmers Market.

Santa will be available

at the Farmers Market for pictures after the parade.

The Calhoun Falls Personality of the Year, Michael Brandt, will be the grand marshal.

There will be floats from local businesses and churches, as well as dignitaries, among others.

"Everybody's welcome to attend or participate," she said. "We want it all!"

For more information, one may call McCaslan at 828-0799.

Hunters 4 Hungry Chili Cookoff December 11th

Submitted by Fred West

Hunters 4 Hungry is doing a fundraiser BBQ Chili cookoff on Dec. 11th at Greenwood Farmers Market from 12 to 8. We get a large amount of Deer usually at the end of the year. All entries must be received by Dec. 7 to qualify for prizes. Prizes will be decided by customer's choice. Tickets will be sold for samples and we are in need of sponsors and vendors who want to sell crafts. All city and state laws must be followed. Contact Fred West at (864) 407-8310 or email fredwest0625@gmail.com.

We can also be found on Facebook at Hunters 4 hungry Abbeville Gwd & Lrns. There will be two divisions for BBQ. BBQ kings professionals who can sell all day and BBQ weenies or amateurs that may only have samples so they may have the chance to grow and learn.

Our organization has donated over 3,000 lbs of meat and over 4,000 canned goods to families of all four counties. We will be accepting both cash and non perishable food items. Please help us feed our communities. A community united cannot be divided. If you are in need now,

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