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Proposed anti-loitering ordinance voted down

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council met Wednesday night, voting down a proposed anti-loitering ordinance which had aroused considerable controversy.

Council voted down second reading on an ordinance providing regulations on loitering and “failure to stop,” a plan whose proponents said would encourage effective policing throughout the City.

Opponents, however, were concerned about a possible infringement of civil liberties.

The proposed ordinance had passed first reading earlier this year, but only by the narrowest of margins--5-4.

The proposal was then not seen on the agenda for several months.

Wednesday night, the proposed ordinance reappeared on the agenda. However, Mayor Trey Edwards proposed amending the planned ordinance.

The amendments would include the requirement that police officers would be trained in the provisions of the new ordinance. In addition, the ordinance would not take effect for 30 days after passage.

However, the motion to amend the ordinance was voted down, as was a motion by Edwards to table, and the ordinance itself.

All three votes were by

a 3-5 margin, with Council members Louise Aikens, Chris Crawford, Faye Thomas, James Jackson and Jason Edwards voting in opposition.

Voting in favor were Council members John Sutherland and Matt Gambrell, and Mayor Trey Edwards. Council member Benji Greeson was absent from the meeting.

Noting that the fine for violation ranges from zero to \$500, Council member Fay Thomas wondered if the fine could be capriciously levied based on personal likes and dislikes, with one person charged \$500 and another zero.

Police Chief Ron Bosler, answering from the audience, noted that the fine would start with a very low sum, and would increase with subsequent offenses--it would not start with a \$500 fine.

In other matters Wednesday night:

Edwards presented a proclamation for Mike Bedenbaugh for his work to restore Trinity Church.

There was a presentation by Caroline Gaddis of Anderson Brew. (See related story)

Council tabled for further study first reading on an amendment ordinance authorizing the rezoning of

one property at 540 West Greenwood Street from R-6 to General Commercial.

Edwards said he wanted more information on what kind of commercial activity would be at the spot.

Council heard a report from Community Development Director Austin Walker on the economic impact of this year's Spring Festival. (See related story.)

Council approved a Chestnut Street park bathroom bid from General Construction, at \$58,600.

Council reappointed James Hoppers, Deborah Sutherland and Keisha Parker to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Also Wednesday night, Council reappointed Jennifer Creswell to the Historic Properties Protection Commission.

Edwards noted that creating a new thoroughfare in the city is under discussion--the new thoroughfare would provide additional access to Hickory Heights apartments.

In other news, City Manager Blake Stone introduced to Council the City's new public works director--Gregg Barfield.

Council also went into an executive session, but took no resulting action upon returning to open session.



During a recent Abbeville City Council meeting, Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards (left) presented Mike Bedenbaugh (right) of Preservation South Carolina with a proclamation in honor of his work on restoring Trinity Church in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Glowing report Andy Price describes construction boom here in Abbeville County

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Building and Planning Department just finished up possibly its biggest fiscal year yet, according to Abbeville County Director of Building and Planning.

“Indeed, the Abbeville County fiscal year which ended June 30 marks the busiest year in the history of the Abbeville County Building and Planning Department which began operation in the year 2000,” said Price.

“The previous fiscal year (2019-2020) was a record year, but was only a modest increase over the normal numbers from the previous 5-6 years. 2020-2021 was an entirely different story and saw 1,215 permits issued with a total construc-

tion value of nearly \$38 million. Compared to the previous year's 1,042 permits with a value of slightly under \$22 million, this represents a 71% increase in construction investment in Abbeville County over the previous 12 months.”

What accounted for the success?

“Though residential housing starts showed a modest increase, the major change was with regard to commercial investments,” said Price. “A multi-million dollar apartment complex, new restaurants, stores, and expansions of Abbeville County-based industries top the list of projects that contributed to a great year. A large increase was also seen in smaller residential projects, such as remodel-

ing, home additions, new garages, outbuildings, and swimming pools.”

The success is not confined to one area of Abbeville County, Price said.

“The ‘construction boom’ is spread throughout the county, with commercial hot spots being the City of Abbeville and the Town of Due West. Residential new construction is scattered with the exception of Lake Secession where new homes, renovations, and additions are numerous.”

And there was more good news.

“Based on the current volume of phone calls, inquiries and other indicators, it is expected that the trend will continue for the foreseeable future.”



The Second Annual Black Excellence Expo was held at Chestnut Street Park in Abbeville recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Calhoun voices concern over train crossing

By Henry E. Green

An Abbeville County Council member recently voiced concern about train crossings in Calhoun Falls.

Council member John Calhoun mentioned at a recent Abbeville County Council meeting that railroad crossings in Calhoun Falls are sometimes a source of inconvenience.

The railroad crossings block Kershaw and Anderson streets, and sometimes a train will stay at the crossing for long periods of time.

This is a potential problem for emergency medical services in terms of response.

County Director David Garner concurred during the meeting. “It is a repeated problem,” he said.

Calhoun mentioned the problem during a segment of the County Council meeting in which Council members could report on concerns from their individual districts.

Other citizens confirmed concerns about the crossing.

“We have been experiencing more frequent trains blocking the crossings,” said Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris Cowan Thursday. “It has become more noticeable

in the community from the increased complaints.”

Fire and police departments have to detour around the area to get to where they need to go, when the crossing is being blocked, according to Calhoun Falls Fire Chief Darrell Manning.

Manning said that in situations where a train is blocking the crossing, the response time is delayed “for up to four minutes a lot of times,” for the fire department.

“That could make a life or death difference, for fire and EMS both,” he said.



A number of stores in downtown Abbeville celebrated Christmas in July recently to encourage summer shopping. This decoration from Crate and Quill adorned Abbeville's Court Square. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



There was a ribbon cutting for the new Hardee's in Abbeville on Wednesday, July 14. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Ribbon cutting held for new Hardee's

By Henry E. Green
Hardee's has moved to a new location here in Abbeville, and there was a ribbon cutting Wednesday for the new building, located at the corner of West Greenwood Street and South Main. General manager Jennifer Burkett cut the ribbon for the new Hardee's, part of a chain known for its delicious thickburgers.

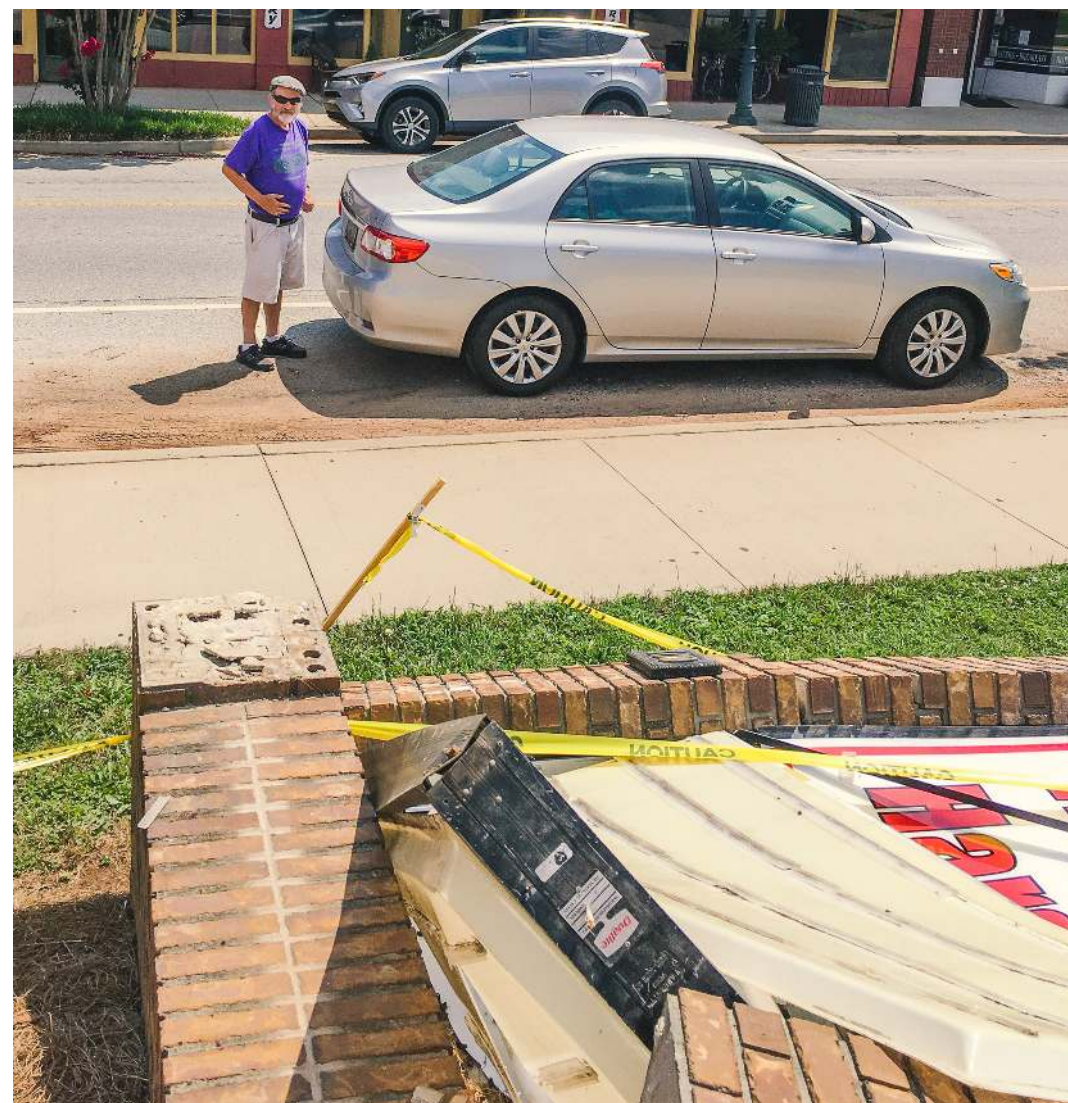
The restaurant opened at its new location on Tuesday, July 13, and the hours are 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., according to Hardee's district manager Diane Pulley. The restaurant will offer a 10 percent discount for hospital employees, showing their hospital badges according to Troy Horn, director of operations. Help is wanted, and those

wishing to apply may visit pleaseapplyonline.com/saddlepeak. The new building has a modern look, with an interior that features an open ceiling and exposed beams, according to Horn. According to Wikipedia, Hardee's Restaurants, LLC, is an American fast food chain operated by

CKE Restaurant Holdings, Inc., with locations primarily in the southern and Midwestern United States, and the headquarters of Hardee's is in Franklin, TN. Hardees's has 1,800 restaurants in the United States, and locations in 1,400 countries, according to a company website.



Matthew Johnson is the president of the Abbeville Rotary Club for 2021-22. He is the Executive Director of The Renaissance Senior Living in Due West. A graduate of Lander University, he has been working in health-care in the Upstate since graduation. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The buzz in the Abbeville Hardware on Friday, July 9, was the fact that people saw Henry Green actually get into a car and drive away. No one in the store had ever seen Henry drive, and some of those individuals were life-long residents of Abbeville. We all know how much Henry walks up and down North Main Street and so we thought Henry walked everywhere he went.

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City of Abbeville, SC

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This year's Abbeville Spring Festival was highly successful, a report suggests. This ferris wheel was one of the features. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Report to City Council

This year's Festival highly successful

By Henry E. Green

This year's Abbeville Spring Festival attracted the biggest Festival crowd in recent years, according to a report presented at the Abbeville City Council meeting Wednesday night. "Attendance at the 2021 Spring Festival is estimated to have been 12,000 attendees over the three day period," stated the report, which had been prepared by the City's Community Development Department. "This is the biggest crowd seen in years. Thankfully, the Festival saw clear skies and temperate weather the entire time. People were itching to get out after a year of doing little during COVID." "The layout of the festival was also changed this year as the stage was moved to a more logistically sound location," the report continued.

"These changes seemed to result in a less crowded feel and a higher quality experience for Festival goers." Ticket sales for rides also increased, "with this being the highest grossing year in the history of the festival."

"When looking at overall revenue, this was the most revenue ever brought in for the Spring Festival." There was also success in marketing the event, as this year the City had a more aggressive social media marketing campaign.

The City intends to increase marketing of the Festival on social media "and explore other marketing platforms as well." The Festival, held this year April 29 through May 1, featured arts and crafts, live music, festival rides, food vendors, downtown shopping, and a car show.

This year's event had an estimated economic impact of \$630,615.71.

It all reached a positive conclusion. "The 2021 iteration of the Abbeville Spring Festival was a breath of fresh air for all involved," the report stated. "It has been shown to be a success by most measurable economic standards; the impact on local businesses remained as strong if not stronger than in previous years," the report stated.

"Moving forward the City will continue to look at ways to improve the Festival, in particular the infrastructure required to put the Festival on, while continuing to cultivate those characteristics which have turned Abbeville and this event into a regional attraction."

Gagnon reelected delegation chairman

By Henry E. Green

State Rep. Craig Gagnon has been reelected chairman of the Abbeville County Legislative Delegation.

Gagnon was elected by his fellow Delegation members on Monday, July 12, at a Delegation meeting at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex.

In addition to Gagnon, members include State Sen. Mike Gambrell, State Rep. Jay West, State Sen. Billy Garrett.

Gagnon said that as chairman, he will volunteer his time, and his responsibilities

will include speaking on behalf of the Delegation, and serving as liaison between the Delegation and various municipalities in Abbeville County.

The State Representative, who has been chairman of the delegation since 2012, will preside over meetings of the Delegation.

These meetings are held "when necessary," he said Tuesday.

The work load of the various county legislative delegations vary from county to county, he continued.

Gagnon is also a member

of the Anderson County Legislative Delegation, which he says has "more duties" than the Abbeville County Legislative Delegation.

Many county delegations had much more power in the past, before "home rule" legislation was passed many years ago, he said.

Gagnon, who represents State House District 11 in the General Assembly, is a Republican.

Originally from Lowell, Massachusetts, the state legislature resides in Abbeville with his wife Robin.

County tackles reassessment process

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Assessor's Office is busy tackling reassessment, the process of bringing property up to fair market value, according to Abbeville County Assessor Gregg Currin.

The property reassessment will be reflected on next year's tax bills.

"We don't want to surprise anybody," he said.

The process of reassessment is not an easy one, said Currin, who has four people to assess 19,631 parcels here in the county.

The process will take from now until next year, when

reassessment notices will have to be sent out.

Currin said he and his staff began legwork for reassessment in late 2018. Because of COVID, the process had to be postponed one year.

"It only happens once every five years," Currin said.

By state law, all 46 counties in South Carolina must conduct the process of reassessment, but they do not all do it at the same time.

The processes are "staggered" among the counties, according to the Assessor.

Currin and company assess land, houses, and commercial properties,

but not industrial property, which is assessed by the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

They build on data gathered previously, so that they do not have to reinvent the wheel, so to speak, and they note any changes to property.

"Busy" is the operative word for the Assessor and his team these days.

"We're on the road six days out of the week," he said.

Currin noted that despite his title, he does not assess taxes.

"All I do is put value on property," he said.

A Brew for you

New City of Abbeville program aims to help small businesses grow

By Henry E. Green

Taking a cue from the City of Anderson, the City of Abbeville is launching the Brew, a program which it hopes will strengthen the business community and enhance the entrepreneurial spirit.

"The Brew is the City's newest economic development program to engage and connect entrepreneurs with the community," said the City of Abbeville's Community Development Director Austin Walker.

The program officially launches on August 4, and subsequent meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month at 8:30 a.m. The location for the first meeting is to be determined, Walker said.

Caroline Gaddis, the Business Education and Events Manager for the City of Anderson Economic Development, will be the first presenter.

"She developed and launched The Brew program in 2020, which has since been picked up in several other counties," Walker said. Caroline will

cover what The Brew is, how it started, why it's important, who should be involved."

Gaddis of Anderson made a presentation to Abbeville City Council Wednesday night, and talked about the origins of the Brew in Anderson, and how it has been adopted in Laurens and other communities, and now Abbeville.

"We're thrilled about y'all starting this," she told City Council.

Walker, meanwhile, said that the second Abbeville Brew meeting will be September 1 at Two Brews with owner Matt Gambrell.

The Community Development Director said each program will begin with a presentation of six to 10 minutes from a local entrepreneur.

"The presentation features an overview of their business, why they started their business, and where they want to see it grow in the future," she said. "For start-up businesses, the presentation features their background, business idea, and plans for opening in the future. They will end

the presentation with 3-4 questions for the audience. The questions can be related to a particular challenge they are facing or general matters that will help them accomplish their business goals. The audience then uses the time remaining for Q&A and feedback to help and support the presenting entrepreneur.

The Brew will serve as a catalyst to small business and entrepreneurial goals set forth in the City's Downtown Mater Plan, according to the Community Development Director.

"The mission of The Brew is to bolster and engage small business through community feedback," said Walker. "With that said, The Brew is open to the public and we encourage anyone interested in helping grow small business in the area to attend. Our speakers will come from businesses throughout Abbeville County."

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State Rep. Craig Gagnon (right) recently presented Lois Rhodes (left) of Calhoun Falls with a framed copy of a resolution passed by the State House of Representatives in recognition of Rhodes and her excellent work for the Abbeville County Library System. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Unwelcome wave

Delta variant spearheads virus surge

By Henry E. Green
The pandemic is making a comeback. Just when you thought it was safe to take off your mask and start living again, the coronavirus surge, spearheaded by the Delta variant, is making things difficult again. While the coronavirus surge is predominantly among the unvaccinated, there are enough reports of the virus "breaking through" to infect fully vaccinated people to produce a measure of fear among those who have received their shots. The situation is serious enough that Los Angeles County, for example, brought back its mask mandate, according to reports. Locally, "caution" seems to

be the operative word. "There are reports of health care workers advising people to wear masks even if they are vaccinated, given the recent surge in COVID?" The Press and Banner asked Meg Davis, Marketing, Foundation and Volunteer Services Director. What's the word from AAMC? Davis, in turn, referred the question to AAMC family physician Dr. Trey Moore. "While, as a health care organization, we continue to follow CDC guidelines, the recent reports of growing COVID-19 numbers in all 50 states is concerning," stated Moore. "Even though I have been vaccinated for COVID-19, I personally err on the side of caution and wear a mask when in large

crowds, especially indoors, to avoid any potential risk of contracting the virus and potentially spreading it to others who are not vaccinated." Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary was asked about the effect the surge is having on the School District. "Given the surge in COVID cases, and the Delta variant, do you all plan any changes in policy on masks, etc., for the coming school year?" Dr. Gary was asked. "We will follow CDC guidelines and as of now we have not been notified of any changes," he replied. Masks are optional for teachers and students but not required."

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Black Excellence Expo held at park

By Henry E. Green

An expo at Chestnut Street park in Abbeville Sunday afternoon highlighted businesses serving the African American community.

In the Second Annual Black Excellence Expo, vendors housed in tents to shield them from the hot sun offered items from nutrition products to those for health and beauty.

There were bounce houses/slides for the kids, and you could cool yourself off with frosty lemonade. There

was an ice cream truck on hand as well, and a DJ provided high-energy music.

The Fierce Dance Company, the Phoenix Academy of Art, and United Outlaws Cheerleading were also on the agenda.

The purpose of the gathering, organizer Asia Tate of Abbeville said in June, was "to promote and uplift diverse businesses in the community."

These businesses need to network with each other, and encourage each other, in

order to ensure their mutual success, she said.

There was no admission charge to attend the event, which featured an estimated 30 vendors.

Tate had outlined her plans for the Expo during a presentation to Abbeville City Council in June.

Tate lives in Abbeville, where she graduated from AHS in 2015, and recently graduated from Lander in December, 2020, with a degree in early childhood education.



Angela Lee and her nephew, Keydan Lomax, enjoyed the Second Annual Black Excellence Expo, held at Chestnut Street Park in Abbeville recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Kids enjoyed this bounce slide and bounce castle at the Second Annual Black Excellence Expo, held at Chestnut Street Park in Abbeville recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Community calendar

Elbert Theatre making plans

Encore Productions will be having performances for the third show in the 2021 season 9 to 5 the Musical August 6-8 and 13-15 in the Elbert Theatre in Elberton, GA. For more information, one

may call the Elbert Theatre Office at 706-283-1049.

Online workshop to look at email marketing

"Email marketing - How To Do It Right," a free online workshop, will be held on July 28 from noon to 1:30 p.m. by Freshwater Coast

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Hospital board to meet
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Burdette new principal at Wright Middle

By Henry E. Green

Wright Middle School has a new principal, and Brandon Burdette is his name.

At six feet seven inches tall, Burdette says, "I'm easily noticed."

Yes, he played basketball in high school. "I went to Dixie High School," he said. Not only did he play on the Hornet basketball team, for which he was the center, but he was also a tackle for the football team, and a pitcher in baseball, and played soccer one year.

He was indeed quite active in high school, before moving on to Erskine, where he received his bachelors degree in special education. He taught at Crescent High School three years, and coached varsity football there, too.

"In 2009, I moved to Green-

wood High School," he said. He taught there six years, and coached football as well.

"In 2015 I became the assistant principal at Emerald, and I kept that same position for six years," he said.

"Now I'm entering my 16th year in education," and Wright Middle is his first principal's job.

Coming to WMS from Emerald, he is making the transition from high school to middle school, and he finds both similarities and differences.

"I am a local person who has been in Abbeville County my whole life," said Burdette, who grew up in Donalds.

He went to Abbeville County schools in his youth, and he knows how effective they are, and he plans to

continue that effectiveness, and build on it, too.

"I have a wife and two kids," he said. His wife, Ruth, to whom he has been married 15 years, works in human resources for Prysmian.

"I have a 13-year-old named Logan, who will begin his eighth grade year at Dixie High School this year, and Brantley is my 10-year-old, and will be in the fifth grade at Cherokee Trail," he said.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity at Wright. Wright offers a quality educational experience for all students.

"I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, parents and community and students to make Wright as great as it can be."

Brandon Burdette is the new principal at Wright Middle School. (Photo courtesy of Brandon Burdette)



Mary Lou Edens of Abbeville is retiring as the executive director of the Tracy Jackson summer program of General Instruction For Tomorrow (GIFT). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



When is a fee a tax? State Supreme Court ruling involving Greenville County creates buzz

By Henry E. Green

Will a state Supreme Court ruling on fees in Greenville County affect Abbeville County?

The repercussions from the judgment could be far-reaching.

"There was a Supreme Court ruling on fees in Greenville County," said Abbeville County Director David Garner Thursday. "It has the possibility to impact Abbeville but the decision has several layers to it. We are still discussing with our County Attorney on how it affects us and what/if any changes need to be made."

According to the Greenville News, the South Carolina Supreme Court struck down a pair of measures in late June that Greenville County used to increase its road

maintenance fee and establish a telecommunications assessment.

The court found that a \$25 fee on registered vehicles and annual \$14.95 fee charged to property owners in the county are illegal taxes.

State Supreme Court Justice John W. Kittridge was quoted as saying, "Local governments, for obvious reasons, want to avoid calling a tax a tax."

"We are diligently working on this situation to see how it could possibly affect Abbeville County," said Abbeville County Council chairman Billy Norris Wednesday.

"We're still in the process of figuring out how much it would amount to."

"This is a concern statewide because it could affect

every county."

"We're trying to stay ahead of the situation and minimize the impact it would have on Abbeville County."

The current Abbeville County fees are as follows, according to Garner:

Landfill, \$55; Road Maintenance, \$13.99; Public Safety, \$62.50, and Animal Shelter, \$9.

"The reason that the counties put on these fees--we can't raise taxes because of Act 388," said Norris.

"That's the only option counties had to raise the necessary funds (through fees)."

Norris said a lower court ruling in the 1990s found the fees in another part of the state to be legal, but this latest ruling apparently overturns that.

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Reasons vary for building condemnation

By Henry E. Green
 "This property is condemned."

How many times have we seen that ominous message in front of a structure?

Or how many times do we see a bulldozer tearing down a building?

It is a message replete with a certain sadness, but a City of Abbeville administrator recently spoke about the story behind the message.

"Speaking in general, if a building is declared unsafe, unfit for human occupancy, or abandoned we (the City)

may condemn it," said the City of Abbeville's Deputy Administrative Officer Mike Clary.

"There is a wide range of criteria that a building may meet to place it in one or more of these categories. The most common is that a building has been abandoned and lacking maintenance for so long that the roof becomes inadequate in preventing water to enter the structure which can lead to a number of major issues.

"We have condemned buildings for health hazards,

roof damage, structural integrity issues, and being an attractive nuisance to children and criminal activity.

In the last eighteen months the City has condemned 26 structures.

"Once a building is condemned it may still be repaired and brought into a condition where it is no longer condemned. At times the City will tear down condemned structures based on danger posed to the public and available funding."



A number of people picked up trash at the Harbison cemetery on the outskirts of Abbeville recently. They included (from left) Loy Sartin, director emeritus of the Benjamin Mays Historic Site, Richard London of Abbeville, and Robert Robinson of Abbeville. Those present made plans for another clean up, with the date to be announced. Not pictured were William Butler and Helen Coleman, who helped out, too. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Filing period for Donalds special election to end

By Henry E. Green

The filing period for the Town of Donalds special election on August 31 will close on Friday, July 23, at noon, according to Abbeville County Voter Registration and Elections Kim London.

The filing period opened on July 14, and will be for a special election to fill the unexpired term of the late Millie McDonald, who passed away on June 13,

London said Friday.

McDonald had been elected to Donalds Town Council in November of 2020. Donalds Town Council members serve four year terms.

Those persons wishing to file as candidates for the special election must do so by petition, collecting signatures from five percent of the registered voters in the Town of Donalds.

At press time, "no one has

brought in a petition," said London.

Anyone wanting to file as a candidate may call the office at 366-2400, extension 53, or may visit the office in person for the necessary petition paperwork.

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DeMaggio & Timmerman wed

Jeanne Elizabeth DeMaggio, Laurens, NY and James Anderson Timmerman V "Anders," Abbeville, SC were joined in marriage on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Glendale Manor in Brookneal, VA. The Rev. Daniel Royster was the officiating clergyman.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard DeMaggio of Laurens, NY. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson Timmerman III "Andy," of Abbeville, SC. He is the grandson of Mrs. Jo Anne Timmerman of Columbia, SC.

A program of wedding music was provided by Kevin Wright. The bride was given in marriage by her mother and father. Mrs. Kimberly Hoffman, childhood friend of the bride, of Rome, NY was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Miss Maria Burch, high school friend of the bride of Oneonta, NY; Mrs. Sarah LeFort Kirshner, high school friend of the bride, of Charleton, MA; Mrs. Marisa DeForest, high school friend of the bride, of Unadilla, NY; Miss Carlynn Timmerman, sister of the groom, of Abbeville, SC; Miss Emily Jutras, college friend of the bride, of Williamsburg, VA; and Miss Madeline Fiol, college friend of the bride, of Lancaster, PA. The flower girl was Miss Elli Burch, of Oneonta, NY. The bride's book was kept by Mrs. Jeanne Martin, aunt of the bride, of Deer Park, NY.

The bride wore a sleeveless ivory wedding gown



Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson Timmerman

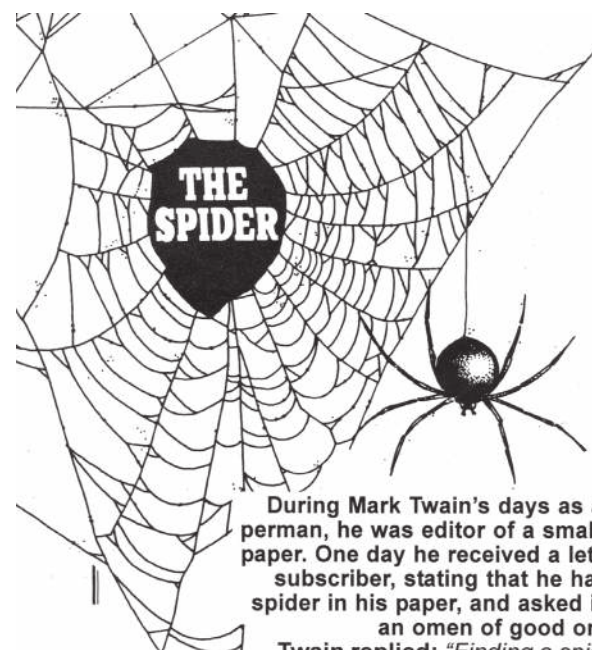
with a train and a veil. The attendants wore full-length dresses adorned in alternating wisteria and grape. The flower girl wore a white dress with a grape sash.

The groom's father served as Best man. Groomsman were Preston Koschel, high school friend of the groom, of Greenville, SC; Ethan Gilbert, college friend of the groom, of Bedford, VA; Colton Tucker, college

friend of the groom, of Rock Hill, SC; Pierce Royster, high school friend of the groom, of Abbeville, SC; Zeke Evans, high school friend of the groom, of Abbeville, SC; Ethan Cuttill, high school friend of the groom, of Abbeville, SC. The reception was held in the barn at Glendale Manor. Born in Portchester, NY, the bride is a graduate of Morris Central School. In

2021, she received a B.S. in Cinematic Arts from Liberty University. Born in Abbeville, SC, the groom is a graduate of Abbeville High School. In 2021, he received a B.S. in Cinematic Arts from Liberty University. They are both working on various film sets in the Southeast.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple resides in Atlanta, GA.



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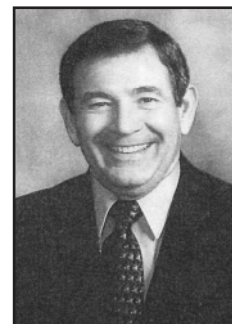
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Psalm 55:22 "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved."

I read a beautiful story about a woman named Cici who had a small son named John who was attached to a stuffed gorilla. John wagged that gorilla around everywhere, and I do mean everywhere. His mother could sneak the gorilla away for a quick laundering during nap time but heaven help her if John awoke before his friend, "Rilla" was out of the dryer. Because John lugged "Rilla" around everywhere it came as no surprise that his seams began to weaken and his stuffing began to leak. As Cici tells it, "Rilla" was in desperate need of some corrective surgery, not to mention a stuffing transplant. One day, John waddled up to Cici, held up his battered and beloved "Rilla" and said, "Mommy, 'Rilla's' broke." Cici explained that she would be happy to fix "Rilla" up—a little new stuffing, some seam reinforcement, and he would be all better again. John held "Rilla" out to her and said, "Fizziest, Mommy." But when she reached down to take the little gorilla in her hands, she found that it had a two-year-old firmly attached to it. He would not let go of his beloved "Rilla." As parents know, a tug-of-war with a two-year old is always accompanied by loud cries and copious

tears. Finally in desperation, Cici said, "I can't fix it until you let go of it!!!" Cici says that at that moment the Spirit of God tapped her on the shoulder, as it were, and she realized that God was waiting for her to let go of several things too. Children aren't the only ones who have difficulty letting go of things. Adults have trouble letting go of their burdens. The caption over Psalm 55 describes this Psalm as a "contemplation of David." It seems as if David is contemplating some burdens in his life and comes to the conclusion that the only thing he can do with them is to give them to the Lord. Three thoughts come to my mind from this passage about how to deal with burdens. First of all we have to recognize that we cannot handle our burdens on our own. David's contemplation concerning his burdens made him realize that he could not handle them by himself—he must cast them on the Lord. The Lord did not design us to carry the weight of the world on our shoulders—even though we think we can. We wear ourselves out trying to carry burdens that the Lord would be more than willing to carry for us if we would only give them to Him. Second, we must release

our burdens to the Lord. Like little John and "Rilla," we want our burdens taken away but we have a firm grasp on them and hold on to them. Our text tells us "cast your burdens on the Lord..." you cannot half-way cast burdens on the Lord. In his contemplation about his burdens David realizes that he must completely cast his burdens on the Lord—he cannot cast them on the Lord and hold onto them himself—and neither can we. Third, when we obey this command and release our burdens to the Lord there is rejoicing. What a relief to rid ourselves of burdens we should not carry. What a relief to realize that whatever burdens we have we can cast them on the Lord. You will notice that when you look at this verse there is no limitation to what burdens we can cast on the Lord, our text just tells us to cast our burden on the Lord and does not list the ones exempted. "Any" burden you have you can cast it on the Lord, whether it is a spiritual burden, a physical burden, a financial burden, a family burden or whatever—cast it on the Lord. When one realizes that and obeys it, he has blessed relief. Whatever burden you bear—cast it on the Lord.



There was a pinning ceremony at the Village Career Center on Whitehall Street in Abbeville on July 8 for the Center's Medical Assisting Program. Owner/operator/instructor Melanie Turman of Abbeville (center) presented students Tanika Parks (left) and Chacovia Stevens (right) with pins and certificates of completion. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

One third of population fully vaccinated

By Henry E. Green
Recent data shows that only about one third of the population of Abbeville County is fully vaccinated against the coronavirus. Mary Lou Edens of Abbeville shared with The Press and Banner "Covid-19 Vaccination data for Abbeville County, SC as of July 13, 2021. "I looked at Citizen Times.com, statesman.com and greenvilleonline.com," said Edens. "They all had the

same statistics and, thus, the same source," she said. As of July 13, in Abbeville County, 7,409 people have been completely vaccinated, meaning that 30.05 percent of the population has been completely vaccinated, and 69.9 percent of the population is not fully vaccinated, Edens continued. The data comes as the state of South Carolina is experiencing a surge in

Covid cases. Meanwhile, a look at the Stacker Website shows that one of Abbeville's neighboring counties has the highest rate of fully vaccinated people in the state. As of July 10, McCormick has 48.7 percent of its population fully vaccinated while Greenwood has 35.9 percent, Anderson 29.1 percent, Laurens 27.5 percent, and Saluda 21.7 percent, Stacker reports.

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Winchester new WMS assistant principal

By Henry E. Green

Brandon Winchester is the new assistant principal at Wright Middle.

Winchester comes to Wright Middle from Lexington School District One, where he was the assistant principal at Rocky Creek Elementary School.

He has already begun working in his new post, in preparation for the 2021-22 school year, which will begin on August 17.

Born and raised in Ninety Six, where he currently resides with his wife Tara and their six-year-old son Wells, Winchester graduated from Ninety Six High School in 2005.

He went on to get a bachelor's degree from Lander University, where he studied fine arts.

Winchester went on to secure a masters degree from Concordia University

in Portland, Oregon, where he studied curriculum and instruction.

"My other degree is an education specialist degree" in school administration and supervision from Clemson University, where he graduated in 2018.

He began his teaching career as an art teacher and an English teacher at Saluda Middle School in 2009.

He moved to Brewer Middle School, where he taught art and English again. After that, he went to Belton and Honea Path middle schools, to serve as their JAG career specialist prior to his time at Rocky Creek.

JAG stands for Jobs for America's Graduates, in which he worked with middle school students who were identified as needing extra academic or behavioral or emotional assistance.

"It's a national program,"

said Winchester. "I was actually the state specialist of the year, my last year doing it."

Why did he become a teacher?

Winchester explained that his decision was influenced by the support his teachers gave him when he was growing up, without which he would not be as successful as he is today.

"I can't imagine being in any other career field," he said.

At Wright Middle, he will be working with principal Brandon Burdette.

And why did he choose Abbeville?

"Abbeville has always had a great reputation (as a school district)," in terms of academics, he continued.

Wright Middle "has always been consistently good in growing their kids," he added.



Pastor Paul Prodoehl of Yahweh Apostolic Ministries, based in the town of Monetta, South Carolina, visited Abbeville recently, and could be seen blowing this horn on Court Square. Prodoehl was accompanied by his wife, Linda, and the Yahweh Apostolic Ministries has, as its mission, "proclaiming God's true name to all nations." (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

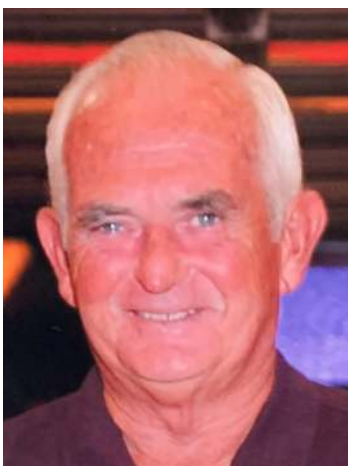
Obituaries

Dutton

Jerry C. Dutton, 71, of Elberton, GA, husband of Dianne Scott Dutton, died Monday, July 19, 2021 at Anmed Health Medical Center in Anderson. He was born in Royston, GA to the late Edgar and Mamie Boles Dutton.

Mr. Dutton and his wife owned and operated S & B Vases in Elberton for many years. A part owner and driver of race cars, he was an avid race car fan. Mr. Dutton enjoyed spending time by the pool with his family and friends, especially his great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, J.C. Dutton, Amos Dutton and James Dutton; two sisters, Kathleen Grizzle and Ruby Nell House; and a son-in-law, Jeff



Jerry C. Dutton

and Geneva Grimes; two brothers, Garrison Dutton and Charles Dutton; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends 1:00PM - 2:30PM, Thursday, July 22, 2021 in Harris Funeral Home, Calhoun Falls Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 3:00PM in the funeral home chapel.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mr. Dutton, may be sent to the charity of one's choice.

The family is at their home in Elberton.

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 Dutton family.

Obituaries

Young

Margaret Ann Clarke Young, 90, resident of 101 Cameron Lane widow of James "Jim" William Young passed away Saturday July 17, 2021 at her home.

Born in Savannah, Georgia she was a daughter of the late Louis Daniel Clarke and Gladys Clark Clarke.

Margaret was a graduate of Abbeville High School and a retired School teacher having taught kindergarten and First grade for over 25 years. She was also a member of Westside Baptist Church. Margaret was an avid reader, loved to sew, and walk on the beach. She especially enjoyed spending time with

family and friends.

Survivors include: five daughters Kathy Hagen (Glen) of Abbeville, SC, Julie Hanks (Billy) of Iva, SC, Kay Cameron (Chris) of Abbeville, SC, Jackie Owens of Due West, SC and Beth Campbell (Wayne) of Abbeville, SC; a grandson Greg Young (Glenda) of Abilene, TX; two sisters Lois Great-house of New Orleans, LA and Lucy Cooper of Savannah, Georgia; twelve grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday July 20, 2021 at Westside Baptist Church at 11:00 AM with the Rev. James Long officiating.

The burial followed in Melrose Cemetery.

The family received friends on Monday evening from 6:00 until 7:00 PM at the funeral home.

Memorials in memory of Margaret may be made to Westside Baptist Church, 308 Haigler St. Abbeville, SC 29620 or to Hospice of the Piedmont, 408 West Alexander Ave. Greenwood, SC 29646.

Online condolences may be made to the Young family by visiting www.chandler-jacksonfh.com

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

Dunlap

Larry Pruitt Dunlap, 92, husband of Mary Elizabeth Devore Dunlap of Donalds, died Monday, July 19, 2021 at Abbeville Nursing Home.

Born in Donalds, he was a son of the late Marvin Lamar and Fannie Belle Dodson Dunlap. He was a member of Donalds United Methodist Church. He worked as a math teacher at Honea Path High School, as principal at Wright Elementary, and then as principal at Honea Path Elementary. He also formerly served as a board member of Abbeville Hospital, a member of the Honea Path Lions Club, and as Mayor of Donalds. Mr. Dunlap was also a veteran of the United States Air Force.

In addition to his wife of the home, Mr. Dunlap is survived



Larry Pruitt Dunlap

by one son: Steve Dunlap and wife Crystal of Donalds; two grandchildren: Kylie Hamrick and husband Jonathan, and Drake Dunlap; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Lamar and David Dunlap; and three sis-

ters: Frances May, Hilda McGee, and Ruth Hancock.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at Donalds United Methodist Church with Rev. Gregg Varner and Rev. Jones Brewer officiating. Burial will be private.

The family is at the home and will receive friends Wednesday from 9:30 - 10:45 at Donalds United Methodist Church, prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Greenville Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, PO Box 157, Donalds, SC 29638, or to Abbeville Nursing Home, 83 Thomson Circle, Abbeville, SC 29620.

Messages of condolence may be left for the family at www.ParkerWhitePruitt.com.

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Abbeville County Director David Garner recognized during Monday night's County Council meeting graduates of a leadership course for County employees. These graduates include Lynn Sopolosky, Daniel Shaw, Andy Price, Ashley Giles, Sharmel Miller, Gregg Currin, Melissa Motes, Will Blackwell, Travis Alewine, Tim Williams, Matthew Graham, Jessica Bridges, Barry Devore, according to a list Garner supplied. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

US Senate

Scott, Colleagues Introduce Resolution in Support of the Cuban People

Submitted by Senator Tim Scott

U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) joined U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) in introducing a Senate resolution (S. Res. 303) in support of the courageous Cuban people as they lead historic protests throughout the island against six decades of repression and tyranny from the Castro and Díaz-Canel regime. The resolution highlights the dictatorship's long record of oppression against pro-democracy leaders, political opponents, and civic movements. Following this weekend's wave of peaceful protests, the regime has arbitrarily detained José Daniel Ferrer, leader of Cuba's Patriotic Union of Cuba (UNPACU), Berta Soler, leader of the Ladies in White, Luis Manuel Otero Alcántara, leader of the San Isidro Movement, and 200 Cubans.

Joining Scott and Rubio in introducing the resolution are Senators Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), John Kennedy (R-La.), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W. Va.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), and Jim Risch (R-Idaho).

"We must be crystal clear in our support for the brave Cubans standing up to the oppressive socialist regime that has robbed its people of their freedom for too long," Scott said. "The eyes of the world are fixed on the protesters demanding their

God-given rights. As they wave the American flag in the streets of Cuba, we are reminded of what America symbolizes for people around the globe and our responsibility to declare with a unified voice: We stand for freedom and justice everywhere."

"The Cuban people are courageously standing up for their freedoms after 62 years of subjugation under a communist dictatorship," Rubio said. "This is truly a historic moment, and one that as a Cuban American I'm proud to witness. The people of Cuba have made their voices clear. We must stand in support of the Cuban people's ongoing efforts to live in a nation free from tyranny and censorship."

"This week, the heroic freedom fighters across Cuba have struck fear throughout the brutal Castro dictatorship and shown incredible determination in the fight to regain their freedom and put an end to the oppressive communist Cuban regime," R. Scott said. "For decades, the Castro regime has tried to spread communism throughout Latin America and now, with the world watching, the Cuban people are saying no more. Now more than ever, the United States must stand strong in its support of liberty and democracy for the Cuban people and make clear that we will never stop fighting for a new day of freedom in Cuba."

"America stands with the Cuban people and their calls for freedom and opportunity after decades of oppression by the communist regime," Tillis said. "I am proud to join this resolution with my colleagues and applaud Senator Rubio's leadership."

"The Cuban people have lived under the tyranny of a communist regime for far too long," Daines said. Throughout history we've watched

communism fail and freedom prevail. As thousands of Cubans stand up against oppression, America and our allies must stand with them in their fight for liberty."

"Cubans are risking their safety to demand freedom and the blessings that come with it," Kennedy said. "America must support Cubans in their historic struggle for liberty. To that end, Congress and President Biden should stand with the people of Cuba against its Communist regime both now and in the coming days."

"We stand in solidarity with the people of Cuba and their rejection of communist oppression," Capito said. "I am inspired by their courage as they join together to fight for freedom and liberty against tyranny. At this critical moment, America should be united and steadfast in our support for those seeking these fundamental human rights."

"The Cuban regime has committed murder, torture, and egregious human rights abuses against generations of Cubans," Cruz said. "My family knows all too well the evil of the Communist Cuban regime, as my father was imprisoned and tortured by Batista, as was my aunt by Castro. This story is all too familiar to too many Cubans. I am proud to join Sen. Rubio on this resolution to send a clear message of support to all those fighting for liberty. The American people stand with the freedom loving people of Cuba."

"Thousands of Cubans are bravely risking their lives in pursuit of a more democratic future, free from communist tyranny," Risch said. "Their efforts are inspiring, and I'm proud to introduce this resolution with my Senate colleagues in support of freedom and democracy for all Cubans."

CF voucher distribution scheduled

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls senior voucher distribution will be held Tuesday, July 27 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Calhoun Falls Town Hall at 401 North Washington Street in Calhoun Falls, according to Becky Wilson, meals ministry director with Piedmont Agency on Aging.

There is a program coordinated by South Carolina Department of Social Services to provide farmers market vouchers.

The Piedmont Agency on Aging is handling the voucher

distribution locally.

The vouchers come in sets of five, and each is worth five dollars.

Senior citizens use these vouchers to obtain fruits and vegetables from farmers market vendors who are participating in the program. "Most of them (senior citizens) use them locally," she said.

The voucher distribution in Calhoun Falls is for seniors who have already signed up online for the vouchers.

To obtain the vouchers during the distribution event,

a senior needs to present a photo ID.

The deadline for application for the vouchers has already passed.

The vouchers may be used with qualified vendors throughout the state, and not just in Abbeville County.

"They can use them anywhere (in South Carolina)," she said.

For more information, one may call Wilson at 864-223-0164, extension 8, or the Abbeville Senior Center at 366-9666.

Police probe break-in

Due West Police are investigating an automobile break-in which occurred about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday morning on Dogwood Drive in Due West, according to Due West Police Chief

David Maxwell.

The automobile was unlocked at the time, and nothing is believed to have been taken from the car, the Police Chief said Tuesday. Maxwell wants to remind

residents not to leave valuables in their vehicles and to keep the vehicles locked.

That was the only break in reported in Due West at the time, he said.

Request for Bids

LAND FOR SALE Abbeville, South Carolina REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

The City of Abbeville Public Utilities offers for sale and will receive sealed bids for the purchase of certain parcels of real estate located at Lake Secession. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00PM on August 5th at City Hall located at 100 Court Square, Abbeville, SC 29620. Bids should be clearly marked: "Lake Secession Property Bid for City of Abbeville." At that time the bids will be publicly opened. Bids may be hand delivered prior to the 2:00 PM bid opening. Any bids received after 2:00PM will not be opened. The City of Abbeville shall not be responsible for late bids for any reason.

Bids shall be addressed as follows:

City of Abbeville
Attn: Lake Secession Property
Bid No. 300-3-2021
100 Court Square
P.O. Box 40
Abbeville, SC 29620

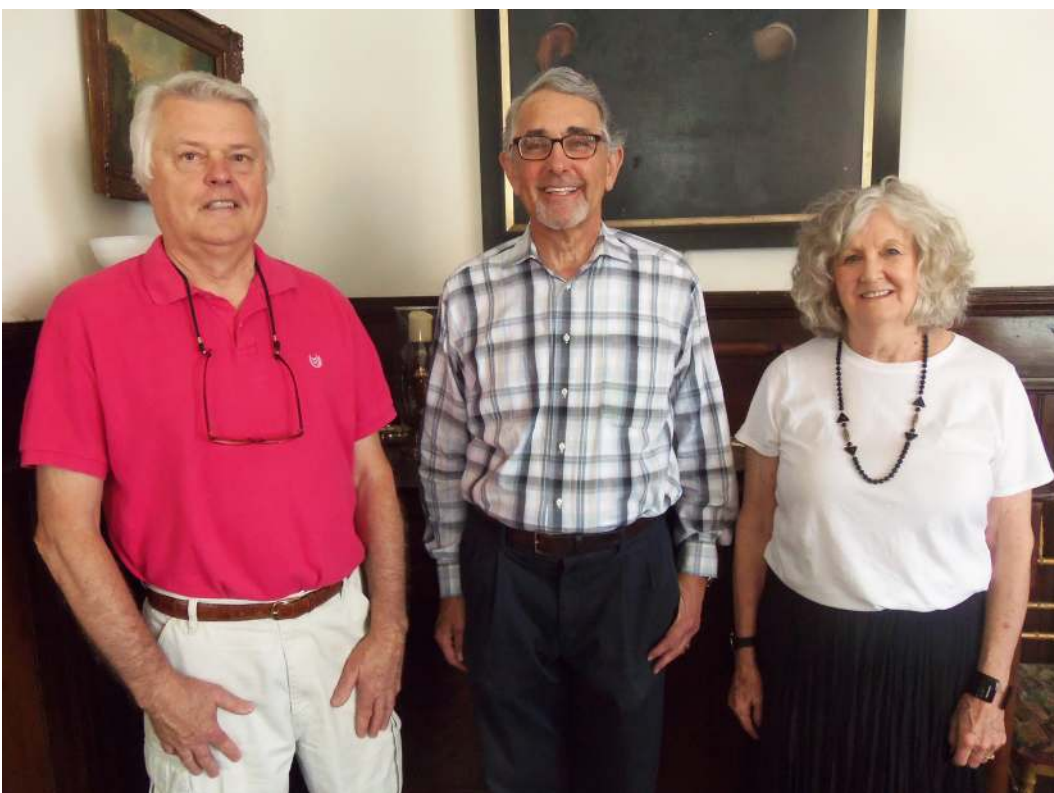
The bid price shall be the price you are willing to pay for the land purchase. In addition to the bid price, the purchaser shall be responsible for deed stamps and any and all other costs typically associated with land purchases. The City of Abbeville has established a minimum bid of \$149,000 for the parcel. The property will be sold to the highest bidder above the minimum bid. The City of Abbeville reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City shall not pay any real estate brokerage fees. Closing of sale shall occur within 60 days of bid acceptance.

Each bid shall contain a 10% deposit written on a bank certified check to be deposited into a City account until closing, at which time the deposit will be applied to the purchase price. All unsuccessful bidders will have their checks returned by certified mail.

The City presents the following property for sale, subject to the terms listed above:

Location:	Lake Secession Rd., also bordered by Third Ave. and Melanie Ln.
County:	Abbeville
Parcel ID:	054-00-00-033
Legal Description:	See deed book 63 page 348
Map Reference:	47-5W-5R
Size:	45.95 Acres
Zoning Classification:	FA Forest Agricultural
Site/View:	Photos http://www.abbevillecitysc.com/223/Bids-RFQs-RFPs

Questions pertaining to this bid should be directed by email to Mike Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer, at mclary@abbevillecitysc.com



Columbia attorney Ed Poliakoff (center) is donating some items to the Abbeville County Historical Society. Meeting him at the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House, the Society's headquarters, were the Society's acquisition chairman, Bill Rogers (left) and a new docent for the Society, Pam Knox (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Legals

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2020-CP-01-00052 BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Equi-First Mortgage Loan Trust 2004-3, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2004-3 vs. Johnnie Ford, the undersigned Master In Equity for Abbeville County, South Carolina, will sell on August 2, 2021 at 02:00 PM, or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the Courthouse, City of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

A LOT OF LAND TOGETHER WITH A DWELLING

HOUSE AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS THEREON SITUATE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FRONTING APPROXIMATELY 74.9 FEET ON THE NORTHWESTERLY SIDE OF CAMBRIDGE STREET AND EXTENDING BACK THEREFROM BY THE SOUTHWESTERN BOUNDARY LINE NORTH 49 DEGREES 52 MINUTES WEST A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 295 FEET TO LANDS OWNED BY ABBEVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 60; AND EXTENDING BACK FROM CAMBRIDGE STREET BY THE NORTHEASTERN BOUNDARY LINE NORTH 44 DEGREES 36 MINUTES

WEST A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 295 FEET EAST NOW OR FORMERLY BY ESTATE OF SARA B. COLEMAN; SOUTHEAST BY CAMBRIDGE STREET; SOUTHWEST NOW OR FORMERLY BY GERTRUDE S. AND J.L. SPROUSE, JR.; AND NORTHWEST BY ABBEVILLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 60.

THIS IS THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO JOHNNIE FORD BY DEED OF RUTH WALDHAUS, DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 IN BOOK 246 AT PAGE 110 IN THE RECORDS FOR ABBEVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: 107 Cambridge St, Abbeville, SC 29620
TMS: 109-09-05-009

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master In Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but in the case of non-compliance to be forfeited and first applied to the costs incurred by the Plaintiff related to the sale and the balance then applied to the Plaintiff's debt in a manner suitable to the Plaintiff. Should the last

and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master In Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 7.9% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes

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

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Legals

NOTICE OF SALE 2020-CP-01-00280

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. against Taria Stokes a/k/a Taria D. Stokes a/k/a Taria Dianne Stokes, Midland Funding, LLC, and Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Abbeville County, will sell on August 2, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the County Courthouse in Abbeville, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land lying and being

situate in the State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville, and being shown and designated as Tract "A" on SC Highway 184 on plat prepared by Wallace & Associates dated April 29, 2010 entitled "Boundary Survey for James D. Stokes and Mattie Stokes" and recorded in Plat Book 69 at page 33 in the Abbeville County Clerk of Court Office. Reference is hereby made to said plat for a more complete and accurate description of said property. Also includes a mobile/manufactured home, a 2010 CLAY, VIN# ROC723905NCAB

This is the same property conveyed to Taria Stokes by Deed of James Daniel Stokes, dated June 9, 2010,

recorded July 12, 2010 in Deed Book 283 at Page 811 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Abbeville County.

TMS No. 009-00-00-075 (LOT) 000-99-07-830 (MH) Property Address: 9204 Highway 184 E, Donalds, SC 29638

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case

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and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 11.3500%.

THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

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Legals

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 August 2, 2021, at 2:00 PM at the Abbeville County Courthouse to the highest bidder (as to deed book 111 at page 27)

All that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Diamond Hill Township,

Abbeville County, State of 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. McCopplin; and bounded on the south and west by lands owned by Ellis Martin.

Derivation: Book 342 at Page 430
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