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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."



Christmas in Abbeville for 2022 featured this Nativity scene in front of Sacred Heart Catholic Church on North Main Street. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Cold Christmas

Santa Claus might have had to wear thermal underwear on his rounds

By Henry E. Green

Call it a collective chill-out. Abbeville County felt Mother Nature's icy fury this past weekend, as the "cyclone bomb" which has caused so much frosty misery in the rest of the county made its way here.

While there was no snow, the temperatures hovered around the single digits at times this past weekend.

Plumbers were very, very busy as pipes burst or were frozen--on the weekend of the coldest Christmas in recent memory.

For those whose pipes were frozen or which burst, the consequences varied. Some were left without hot water, at least in some portions of their houses, and some were left without water--period.

The old adage, "You never miss the water until the well runs dry," never seemed to apply so strongly.

From taking a shower to washing your hands, there were Abbevilleans who be-

gan to appreciate just how precious water was--and is.

Temperatures reportedly fell into the single digits on Saturday morning, and they stayed below average for much of the rest of the weekend, according to reports.

This week, the county is expected to see a warming trend.

However, while it lasted, the great cold snap made its presence felt in a variety of ways--sticking its icy fingers into just about everyone's plans, it seemed.

Members of the Christmas Angel Tree bike distribution team gathered inside the Greene Center of Main Street United Methodist Church Saturday morning to avoid the winter's chill.

The Abbeville Rotary Club helps with the bike distribution, and club president Lou Paradis referred to the "brave souls" gathering for the event to help deliver the bicycles.

At least 64 bikes were delivered to children in the

Abbeville County community, said Paradis Monday.

In Calhoun Falls, no injuries were reported from the winter weather, and there were no reports of power outages, said Calhoun Falls Mayor Terrico Holland.

However, there were many reports of residences with pipes that burst, and a few businesses experienced the same problem.

Some town facilities were not left unscathed by the winter weather.

"Our water treatment plant pipes burst," he said.

In addition, the Calhoun Falls town hall experienced a water leak, and high winds made their presence know. "We had a few trees that snapped," he said.

As bad as it all was, County residents were lucky in comparison to the residents of, for example, western New York, where the cold was accompanied by an abundance of snow, and where as many as two dozen people have lost their lives.

City's population has fluctuated through years

By Henry E. Green

The population of the City of Abbeville has fluctuated through the years, although over the past two decades it has seen a steady decline, according to City figures.

According to those figures, the City had a population of 5436 in 1960, growing to 5515 in 1970, and 5833 in 1980.

From there the population declined to 5778 in 1990, and then rose to 5840 in 2000. In 2010 the City had 5237 inhabitants, but then in 2020 it fell to 4874.

The City is working to get the population back to that figure of approximately 6,000.

Why? "The answer is sustain-

ability," City spokesman Mike Clary said. "Getting back to that 6,000 number will really allow the City to provide services in a much more sustainable fashion moving forward. And the benefits of sustainability really go beyond the City as an organization and get into community sustainability. Returning to that 6,000 number will help the City's existing business community and help the City to attract new retailers such as a grocery store. And of course you could continue with that train of thought that it will benefit schools, etc."

"I am not sure when the City first adopted a comprehensive plan, I do know that there was a 2005

version and 2012 version, which was the last time the City's plan was updated.

"The plan will need to first go before the Planning Commission for approval and then it will go before Council for final approval."

"The 2023 Comprehensive Plan builds on the 2012 Plan. It would be fair to call it an update, though it does contain some new areas of focus with additional detail in areas such as parks and infrastructure.

The state of South Carolina requires local governments to have Comprehensive Plans, he went on to say.



Sea Scouts from World War I are watching our coast. Semaphore flags and binoculars are at the ready. See related story on the inside. (Photo contributed)



Please note: The Press and Banner will be closed Friday, December 30th in observance of New Year's Eve. We will return to our regular hours on Monday, January 2nd. Have a happy New Year!



The Abbeville Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 10, featured countless waves, countless smiles -- and a seemingly endless supply of candy. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

City tackles winter weather concerns

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville had power outages and water issues during the extreme cold this past weekend, according to City of Abbeville director of public utilities Tim Hall Tuesday.

"We had some outages that came Friday morning," he said, noting that about 8 a.m. the City was made aware of outages in the Lowndesville area--outages related to trees and high winds.

The wind blew several trees over--trees that fell on power lines and knocked out power.

About 1,500 people were without power, some up to

16 hours, but all customers had power restored by 3 a.m. Saturday morning.

There were also two incidents within the City, including one tree-related incident that affected Ridgeway Street several hours. The other incident affected one building of the Hickory Heights apartment complex, Hall continued.

"It was just a load issue," he said of the Hickory Heights concern. About 50 people were affected by the two incidents.

The Ridgeway incident, caused when a large tree branch fell, was resolved Friday afternoon, while the Hickory Heights concern

was resolved about 11 a.m. Saturday morning. The City had been notified of the Hickory Heights outage about 3:30 a.m. earlier that morning.

On Saturday afternoon, there was a water main break at the intersection of Washington and Cambridge--a break which affected about one dozen City utility customers, and left them without water two to three hours, Hall continued.

All in all, City crews had a busy weekend, and cold temperatures were exacerbated by a wind chill, Hall indicated.

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These reindeer decorations on North Main Street in Abbeville are a reminder of Christmas of 2022. Two of Santa's reindeer apparently decided to take a side trip to Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Smiles were abundant at the Abbeville Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 10, as the parade made its way through Court Square. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Troop 62 Boy Scouts of America; A remembrance

Submitted by
Ed Patton

Another year slips by us. Our Troop, through thick and thin and through the Grace of God, continues and for that we are thankful. To those who think of us and support us this old Scoutmaster is truly grateful. As with all things, lives and events change but our Christian principles will always remain with us. The Troop this July just past attended Summer Camp

for the 36th year and over that span of time hundreds of ranks and merit badges have been earned by our Troop. Our Troop has led 70 young men to Eagle Scout and through their lives we see the future of our community and our nation. For those of you who support us, understand our goals, we thank you. To those who have provided clothing that we distributed, we are in your debt. The distribution of food to a family during advent that has a special

needs child and has such challenges, we are grateful that we could participate. Doing quiet selfless service remains with us. Being approached in a local store by someone who quietly says 'thank you' is all that we need. Whether it is hot and humid, quiet peaceful spring days or 27 degree winter weather we camp and scout on.

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Year in review

County Council said farewell to Calhoun

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County Council said good-bye to John T. Calhoun in 2022.

Calhoun, a Democrat who represented District Two on County Council, opted not to run for reelection this year, bringing to a close 33 years of County Council service.

Calhoun will be replaced by Christine Long of Calhoun Falls, a Democrat who defeated Republican Bebe Wesson in the general election in November.

Calhoun was the guest of honor at a reception following the regular County Council meeting in December.

Surrounded by family and friends, Calhoun was presented with a General Assembly certificate of appreciation by State Rep. Craig Gagnon.

Serving as the emcee for the reception was former County Council chairman Claude Thomas.

During the County Council

meeting, County Council chairman Billy Norris presented Calhoun with a proclamation honoring him for his service to Council.

Calhoun was not the only County Council member saying good-bye. Jason Bonds opted not to run for reelection, and he will be replaced by Brandon Johnson, who ran unopposed in 2022.

Drew Simpson, who lost in the Republican primary to Bryan McClain, also will be ending his County Council term, and McClain, who ran unopposed in the general election, will be replacing him on Council.

Simpson, at the Dec. 12 Council meeting, read aloud a "Farewell to Council" in which he deplored what he saw as a lack of transparency on the part of Council in the discussion of a proposed fire service fee.

Mack Beaty, during the year, spoke during the public comment segments of a

number of County Council meetings about his frustration in not getting answers he had about the fee, which ultimately was postponed.

Simpson was critical of what he saw as Council's discussions "behind closed doors."

He also expressed concerns about the way the Board of Assessment Appeals was conducted, and he said that he had drafted an ordinance to address these concerns.

The proposed ordinance ultimately died with a 3-3 vote, he said.

"The definition of a Democracy is government by the people and the rule of the majority," Simpson said. "We need to remember this definition going forward and try not to have a handful of people having discussions behind closed doors when there should be more discussions in public."



John T. Calhoun (left) retired from Abbeville County Council in 2020. After the Dec. 12 County Council meeting, he was the guest of honor at a reception, where he and his wife Janie (right) and great-nephew, 11-month-old Carter Alexander Henry, enjoyed themselves. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Santa wore glasses and rode in a buggy during the Lowndesville Christmas parade, held on Sunday, Dec. 18. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Special election for CF Council seat expected

By Henry E. Green

One event which is slated to happen in 2023 is a special election to fill the Calhoun Falls Town Council seat of Christine Long, who was elected to Abbeville County Council this year.

The exact date of the special election is to be announced.

A Democrat, Long defeated Bebe Wesson, a Repub-

lican, in the general election in November for the County Council seat representing County Council District Two.

Long will be succeeding John T. Calhoun, who after more than three decades on County Council opted not to run for reelection.

Long had served on Calhoun Falls Town Council roughly one year, having been sworn in in January

to a term on Calhoun Falls Town Council, along with Mayor Terrico Holland and Council member Wane Postell.

Long, who has said that she will be the first African-American woman to serve on County Council, has said she is planning to be sworn into office on County Council on Jan. 3.

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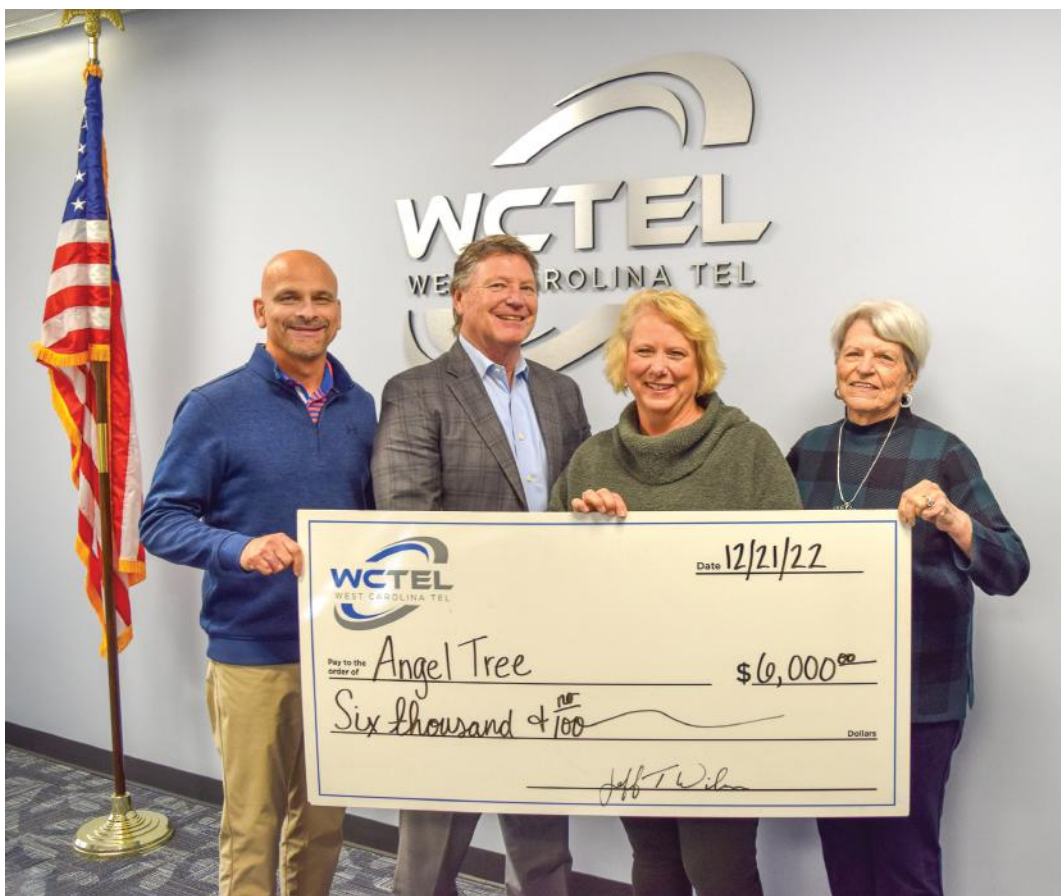
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Abbeville Angel Tree Check Presentation (photo from L to R): WCTEL Board Member Darren Lewis; WCTEL CEO Jeff Wilson; Angel Tree Project Coordinator Lori Glace; WCTEL Board Secretary Jane Stone. (Photo contributed)

WCTEL family donates \$12,000 to area Angel Tree projects

Submitted by
Jess Tollison

Every Christmas, WCTEL challenges its employees, retirees, and board members to open up their hearts and wallets to make area children's Christmas special.

They answered that challenge, raising a record \$12,000 for Angel Tree participants: Abbeville Main Street United Methodist Church, McCormick Lions Club, and Anderson 3 School District's Angel Tree Holiday Assistance

program.

"We are so incredibly blessed at WCTEL," says Jeff Wilson, WCTEL CEO. "We have each other, the support of a generous Board of Directors, roofs over our heads, steady incomes, access to food and necessities, and all the daily comforts. ... We also have the capacity and power to make a child's Christmas magical."

WCTEL has supported the Abbeville Angel Tree Project for more than 20 years. The broadband cooperative traditionally matches

donations from employees, retirees, and board members. This year's total donations surpassed \$12,000, eclipsing last year's total of \$10,000.

This translates to more than 700 gifts purchased for area children who may otherwise go without Christmas gifts.

"The generosity of our family never ceases to amaze me," Wilson says. They all share a common desire to give back to the communities that have given them so much."



Anderson School District 3 Angel Tree Check Presentation Photo from L to R: WCTEL CEO, Jeff Wilson; WCTEL Board Member, Aimee Gray; WCTEL Community Affairs/Economic Development Strategist, Stephen Taylor; Anderson District 3 Superintendent, Dr. Kathy Hipp; WCTEL Vice President, Mike Thomas (Photo contributed)

Year in review School District got early Christmas present

By Henry E. Green

The top story from 2022 for Abbeville County?

It would be difficult indeed to top the \$38 million allocation from the state of South Carolina to the Abbeville County School District, after the District's referendum in May went down in flames.

Yes, Christmas came early for the District.

State Superintendent Molly Spearman came to the Abbeville County School District school board meeting in August to make the presentation of the "big check" to the trustees. With members of the Abbeville County

Legislative Delegation on hand, it was an evening of, in the words of the Beach Boys, good vibrations.

The present had a purpose. In the May referendum, voters in the Abbeville County School District had said "no", in a resounding way, to proposed funding for District projects to provide for new academic wings at Abbeville and Dixie high schools, as well as upgrades at the Abbeville County Career Center.

The allocation was earmarked for the projects presented in the referendum—providing the lion's share of funding for them.

However, as sweet as the state's early Christmas present was, there was a bit of unfinished business.

The District is trying to raise the extra \$10 million needed to make the projects a reality. The plan is to issue \$7 million in acquisition bonds, and get the remaining \$3 million coming from the District's fund balance.

The Abbeville County School District is not the only school system to benefit from the state's generosity. The Saluda County school system, for example, was awarded a similar gift earlier in the year.

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Chief Municipal Judge Edward Strickland (left), accompanied by his wife, Alice, was sworn into office by William H. McNeil (right), City Judge. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Year in review

Dog mauling case shocked many in 2022

By Henry E. Green

One of the most shocking stories of 2022 came in March of this year, when a woman was mauled by three dogs in Honea Path, within Abbeville County.

On the morning of March 21, Abbeville County Sheriff's Deputies responded when 39-year-old Kyleen Waltman of Honea Path was attacked by two pit bulls and a mixed breed. Her injuries were so severe that she had to be airlifted

to a medical facility.

The dogs' owner, Justin Minor of Honea Path, was charged in the attack.

Waltman ultimately lost both of her arms because of the attack.

It was also in March that two Abbeville County Sheriff's Deputies were recognized for having saved a man from a burning house in Calhoun Falls.

Sgt. Grayson Davis and Master Deputy Benjamin Dockins were later recog-

nized by Abbeville County Council for their heroism.

There was other law enforcement news in 2022 as well. In January, the Sheriff's Office made a major drug bust, following a traffic stop on Highway 72. Packages of a substance that field tested for cocaine were seized—packaged that weighed a total of 24 pounds and that had a street value of approximately \$1 million.

Ring in the New Year with Traditions, Fruits, and Vegetables

by Melinda Myers

Start your New Year with a bit of luck and nutritious eating. Try a few of these food-related traditions and then plan on growing a few of your own to enjoy.

Eating grapes on New Year's Eve is a Mexican food tradition. One grape is eaten with each stroke of midnight and is believed to lead to prosperity in the year ahead. Grapes are low in saturated fats and relatively high in vitamins C and K.

If space allows, grow your own grapes in a sunny location on decorative arbors and trellises. Use these as a decorative and edible entryway to the garden, as screening, or to provide shade. Plan for the squirrels and birds that may join you during harvest season.

In the southern United States, black-eyed peas have long been part of the New Year's celebration. Many people believe the swelling of the peas as they cook represents prosperity, while others think their shape resembles coins.

Southern peas are warm-weather plants and should not be planted until the soil is warm and toasty, preferably above 65 degrees. Multiple plantings can be made at three-week intervals to have fresh peas all summer and fall. Space the seeds about two inches apart down the row. The rows should be three to four feet apart.

Southern peas are one vegetable that doesn't require pampering. They thrive in summer heat and stand up to the dry weather without a complaint. Most selections require 50-55 days from planting until harvest in the green pea stage. If dried peas are desired, 65-75 days are needed.

Elevate the fun of future New Year's celebrations by growing your own. Plant black-eyed peas in a sunny spot in your garden. Wait for the soil to warm to begin planting the seeds. Make several plantings to have fresh peas all summer long. Most varieties are ready to harvest fresh in 50 to 55 days. Allow some of them to mature

on the plant. These are usually ready to harvest in 65 to 75 days. Pull and hang the plants in a warm location to dry. Then shell and store the black-eyed peas for your winter and New Year's meal.

Increase your good luck and prosperity by including a cabbage dish. This German, Irish, and U.S. tradition is tied to the fact that cabbage leaves resemble money, promoting personal wealth.

You can start your own cabbage plants from seeds or purchase transplants from your favorite garden center. Plant cabbage in the garden in spring for an early summer harvest or plant in mid-summer for a fall harvest. Preserve your cabbage by quartering, blanching, and freezing some for use in your favorite cabbage dishes and New Year's celebration.

Growing your own fruits and vegetables elevates the fun of these New Year's celebrations. It also encourages all of us to eat healthier, a common resolution for many.

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Year in review

AHS won another AA state championship

By Henry E. Green

The A-Train rolls on. Abbeville High School continued to build on its varsity football dynasty in 2022.

AHS won its 12th state championship in varsity football in 2022, with the Panthers defeating Oceanside Collegiate 35-20 on Dec. 2 to claim the AA crown.

The game was played at Benedict College's Charles W. Johnson Stadium on Two Notch Road in Columbia.

The Panthers, who won the Region championship, finished the season with a record of 13-2.

Their two regular-season losses were to non-Region foes Westside and Powdersville, two schools with much bigger enrollments than that of Abbeville High.

At the December Abbeville County Council meeting, Abbeville County Council chairman Billy Norris presented AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles with a proclamation congratulating the Panthers on winning the state championship.

The Abbeville High School football team finished the 2022 regular season with an 8-2 record, the proclamation stated.

The Panthers defeated Columbia High School 70-14 in the first round of playoffs, Newberry High School 49-7 in the second round, and Fairfield Central High School 45-14 in the third round.

The Panthers went on to beat Saluda High School 41-16 for the Upper State Championship.

Finally, the Panthers defeated Oceanside Collegiate

Academy 35-20 on December 2, 2022, completing the season with an overall record of 13-2; winning the school's twelfth State Championship in football and Coach Nickles' eighth at Abbeville High School, the proclamation continued.

In the AHS victory over Crescent, during the regular season, AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles attained his 200th coaching career win.

Abbeville's Addison Nickles and Ty Cade were selected to play in the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Bowl in December.

The members of the AHS football team were also the grand marshals of the Abbeville Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 10.



The members of the Abbeville High School varsity football team, which recently won the state championship, were the grand marshals at the Abbeville Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 10. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Happy New Year!

Wishing you and yours a New Year that outshines all the rest. May it shower you with good luck, good health, happiness and success.

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Ed Strickland of Abbeville could be seen on Court Square recently, showing off this Carpathian lynx named Luka. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Cat on a leash

Ed Strickland has a Carpathian lynx

By Henry E. Green
 Not many people can walk a cat on a leash. Ed Strickland of Abbeville is an exception. You could find Strickland walking his cat on Court Square Thursday, drawing all sorts of attention from passersby. Of course, this was no ordinary cat. People admired what looked like a bobcat—bigger than your average house cat, and with decidedly pointed ears. His name is Luka, and Ed says he is a Carpathian lynx. The four year old feline will live to be about 20, said Strickland purchased him from Frasier Farms in Tennessee. According to Wikipedia, Carpathian lynxes live in Romania, Slovakia, Ukraine, and Bulgaria. An adult male will grow to

about 70 pounds, according to Strickland, with a length, according to Wikipedia, of 28 to 51 inches. In the wild, a lynx likes to eat animals such as deer, wild goats and sheep. Ed said that he paid \$6,000 for Luka four years ago, but he has found that the price for a Carpathian lynx kitten has risen to \$8,000. Ed says that Luke likes “any kind of raw meat,” from chicken to beef, and he extended “a special thanks to Buster” at Ferguson’s Produce, for providing meat for Luka. Of all the animals that he could have acquired, why a Carpathian lynx? “I’ve had a good many kinds of wild animals,” said Ed. His pets have included everything from pot-bellied pigs to foxes. “I just wanted something

nobody else had,” he said. Does Luka bite? “He’s got teeth,” Ed laughed. Seriously, normally the feline does not bite, but Ed noted that when he used to play with the feline, Luka could unintentionally draw blood, although he would not mean to do so. “I had to have him de-clawed,” Ed said. Luka used to stay indoors, but Ed’s wife had a small, “teacup” dog, and Ed, fearing that Luka would eat the canine for “dessert”, eventually put the lynx outside in a pen. Luka enjoys the great outdoors, and loves to swim. Ed’s German shepherd “is his best friend.” All in all, Strickland seems quite pleased with his pet. “He’s a beautiful animal,” he said.

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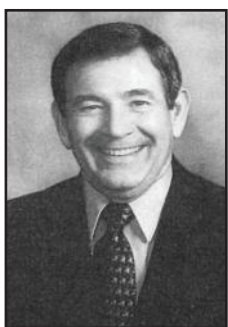
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New Year Resolutions

Luke 6:12 "Now it came to pass in those days the He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God."

We are nearing a new year, the time when many folks make resolutions for the new year. John Maxwell, a church growth guru, in his book, "Developing the Leader Within You" shares this experience. One of his friends came to him with a list of new year's resolutions. He was quite impressed; they were great goals. He asked her, "Do you think you will be able to meet all of them?" She replied, "Why should I? They are for you." While it is impossible for you to make new year resolutions for someone else, it is possible to make some for yourself.

Instead of making many resolutions I believe only one is necessary—to become more like Jesus in my prayer life. Jesus was deeply devoted to prayer and if we would follow His example it would not only make us better Christians but better people. Let me suggest three things about the prayers of Jesus.

First of all, Jesus prayed for direction. Right after

Jesus prayed all night He chose His twelve disciples. I cannot help but believe that He spent the night in prayer seeking the Father's direction on whom to choose for His disciples. It was that important to Jesus to seek direction for His choice that He prayed all night. Have you ever prayed all night for God's direction? Most of us, if we would admit it, do more praying after we make a decision for God to bless it than we do before we make it. We should seek the direction of God before we make a decision, not after it has been made. If we prayed for God's leadership and direction it would prevent many headaches as well as many heartaches.

Secondly, Jesus prayed out of devotion. He was devoted to the will of the Father. Out of His devotion to the Father He would spend great quantities of time in prayer and communion with Him. Our devotion to God grows out of our prayer life. The

more devoted to God we are will be reflected in the amount of time we spend in prayer. Do you think your spouse would believe your affirmations of love if you spent very little time in conversation with him? We can say we love God with our mouths but our time spent in prayer will reveal the truth.

Third, it was a delight for Jesus to spend time in prayer with His Father. He cherished those times in conversation with Him. Oh, how we should cherish our prayer times with God! We should look forward to our prayer time, we should make preparations for our prayer time with God and we should jealously guard our prayer time with God. The more time we spend in prayer the more like Jesus we will become. The more time we spend in prayer prior to a decision the less time we will spend in regret after the decision.

This year, make a resolution to spend more time in prayer.

City works to reverse population decline

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville has lost population in recent years, a trend it is hoping to reverse through strategies it is incorporating in its comprehensive plan, according to Mike Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer for the City.

The City has lost population "from the high point of nearly 6,000 in the year 2000, to a low of just below 4,900 in 2020."

"In the draft of the plan as is written, the goal is to return the City to roughly 6,000 by the year 2030," he said.

To accomplish that goal,

the City is proposing, according to Clary, a multifaceted plan of action which involves a number of action items such as the following:

--Continuing to support the Abbeville Economic Development Partnership.

"Industrial announcements over the past several years have already helped to slow the population decline," said Clary.

--Continuing to leverage the City's Cultural Resources such as the Opera House, to promote tourism and the positive economic impacts that tourism brings.

There is also a Housing

strategy that involves:

--Promoting the maintenance of the existing housing stock in the City

--Preserving the City's large number of historically significant Homes

--Demolishing abandoned and dilapidated housing

--Encouraging the construction of safe, decent, and affordable homes for all income levels.

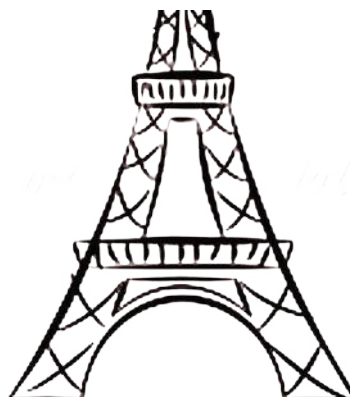
--Maintaining the high level of municipal services which attract residential construction of all price ranges.

--Continuing to invest in the City's infrastructure

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The Gatewood Country Club Tennis and the Greenwood Country Club Tennis, donated gift cards to Connie Maxwell Children's Ministries. The Gatewood Country Club has been contributing towards the Foster Care program for the past five years. This year Greenwood Country Club joined forces in combining their contributions towards helping Connie Maxwell and assisting their Foster Care and Family Care programs. Working together to help children and families in need, there were over 48 participants that had signed up for an all day round robin event. Although, this year, due to inclement weather, the event had to be cancelled, yet all participants made sure that their gift cards got to Connie Maxwell. This year's event was made in memory of Buck Smith, Laura Sears, George West and Dr. Ted Vaughn. Pictured are: Gary Agardy-Greenwood Country Club Tennis Director, Lauren Boyd-Connie Maxwell Max Fit Director, Diana Johnson-Connie Maxwell Family Care Director, Dr. Paige Ouzts-Greenwood Country Club Tournament Director, Paul Hamilton-Gatewood Country Club Tennis Director and Paula Reed, Connie Maxwell Foster Care Director. (Photo contributed)

Year in review

Spring Festival marked its 40th year in 2022

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville celebrated a key anniversary in 2022, with the Abbeville Spring Festival marking its 40th year.

Presented by the City, the festival every year provides a blend of entertainment, crafts, and food. The 40th anniversary was marked with a number of special happenings, including a reception, and a collection of Spring Festival memorabilia from years past.

Ruth Freeman was named

the honorary chairperson of this year's event, and the memory of the late Julye Harris, a longtime chairperson of the festival, was honored.

In addition, the City of Abbeville received from the state of South Carolina the Bundy Award for Tourism, in recognition of its revitalization of the Opera House.

In other news, Chris Clemmons was named the new City of Abbeville fire chief, and the City presented grants to a number of area

businesses.

In December, City Council voted down, during a special meeting, a proposed anti-loitering ordinance, amid a discussion of perceived rising violence in some areas of the city.

At year's end, work began on the North Main water line project, and the City received some good news—the state was making available \$250,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the Chestnut Street park.



Who doesn't love the school spirit on display right before a high school football game? These Abbeville High School cheerleaders were right in tune just before the game with Blacksburg. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

New Year's Resolutions for Business Owners

(SPM Wire) New Year's resolutions aren't just for individuals and families. Businesses can benefit from them as a method to reflect and set themselves up for improvements in the months ahead.

Here are a few ways small business owners can get their enterprises on a better track in the new year:

- Hit the books smarter: Get your records in better shape by making sure to put in effect a process of checks and balances, whereby at least two sets of eyes hit your books every month or at least every quarter. Now

is also the time to update balance sheets, generate income statements and compile cash flow statements.

- Be more positive: Foster a more positive work environment for in-house employees, as well as those who work from home or frequently are on the road for your business. Encourage real feedback and actually listen to what employees have to say. Be kind and encourage kindness among team members.

- Be goal oriented: Evaluate the past year and be honest in asking yourself if

your business met its goals. Clearly define new ones and make sure your entire team knows what these goals are. Create a plan with measurable benchmarks and with regular staff check-ins where your team honestly reviews monthly, quarterly and yearly goals together. Define goals and create a platform for your entire team to transparently benchmark their successes and failings.

The new year is the perfect time to reassess your company and to set it up for increased success in 2023.

Christmas weekend

Fire fighters busy in rural part of county

By Henry E. Green

Fire fighters were enormously busy in rural Abbeville County on Christmas weekend, according to Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams.

"We had 71 calls for service from 4 a.m. Friday morning to the evening of Monday, Dec. 26," he said. "Twenty one of those were trees and power lines."

Twenty two were emergency medical service calls, and there five fire alarms, and three structure fires

One of the fires involved an outbuilding which was significantly damaged in a blaze on Christmas evening in the Lowndesville/Antreville area.

No one was injured in the blaze, whose cause is believed to stem from a heater, Williams continued.

A family was living in the building while their home was under construction.

"We also had one motor vehicle accident, a vehicle fire," he said. The others involved several brush fires

and assisted citizen calls, such as help with water line concerns or other issues.

This past weekend was definitely one of the busiest Christmas weekends County fire fighters have had in years, said Williams, noting that high winds and cold weather conditions contributed to the call volume.

"We've been fortunate as well," he said, noting that he is grateful that the weather did not produce any serious injuries.



Abbeville County Victim Advocate Monique Bell (left) and Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson (right) recently showed off a rendering of the memorial planned in recognition of the memory of slain law enforcement officers Danny Wilson and Donnie Ouzts, who gave their lives in the line of duty in the course of the Bixby standoff of December 2003. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Obituaries

Littell

David Alan Littell, 83, of Abbeville, husband of Barbara Yates Littell, died Monday, December 26, 2022, at the Abbeville Area Medical Center. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Raymond John Littell and Alberta Lucille Ransdell Littell. A 1956 graduate of Manatee County High School in Bradenton, FL, David attended Florida Southern University. Employed as

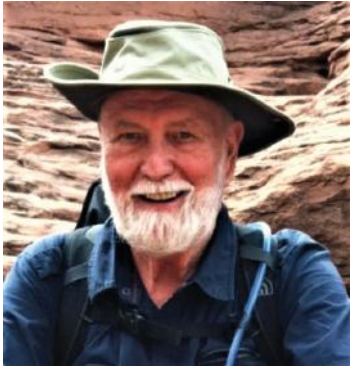
an optician with Soto's Opticians, he retired after many years of service. David enjoyed life to the fullest. He was happy when involved in bowling, fishing, and assisting with activities at the church. Musically talented, at the age of 12, he was playing the organ and piano. David was a member of Main Street United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Barbara, of the

home; two step-children, Greg Hughes and Sean Hughes, both of Abbeville. There are no services planned at this time. A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.harrisfuneral.com. Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Littell family.

Obituaries

King

The Reverend Dr. Ray Aiken King, Sr., of Highlands, NC, passed away peacefully in the morning of December 20, 2022, at Vero Health and Rehab in Sylva, NC. A native of Atlanta, GA, Ray was born on October 11, 1933.



Reverend Dr. Ray Aiken King, Sr.

After attending the Atlanta ARP (Associate Reformed Presbyterian) Church during his youth, Ray considered going to dental school at Georgia Tech but, under the mentorship of the Reverend Tom McDill, he was instead called into the ministry. Ray attended Erskine College from 1951-1955 and Erskine Theological Seminary from 1956-1958, an ARP Christian Academic Community, in Due West, SC. This choice of college led to Ray's mission: he devoted his life to Erskine College and Erskine Theological Seminary, to the ARP Christian Community, and to his ministry.

words were Dad, Papa King, Pa King, and Granddaddy. His children and grandchildren were his proudest achievements. And he loved his grand-dogs, offering a warm lap and a scratch behind the ear whenever possible.

In 1958, upon graduating with a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Erskine Theological Seminary, Ray was ordained by Second Presbytery and immediately transferred to Catawba Presbytery where he was on the roll as the longest-standing member in service and retirement. Ray served as pastor of the Hickory Grove ARP Church in South Carolina from 1958-1959. He was elected by the General Synod to serve as a Seminary faculty member in 1959. Ray began teaching Church History and Missions and Evangelism at Erskine Seminary in 1962 after returning from graduate studies at New College, University of Edinburgh, in Scotland. Ray furthered his Christian education at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, where he received the Master of Theology degree, and did further graduate study at Emory University.

Ray's family were frequently amused by his ability to recount and share memories with anyone willing to engage in conversation, but these very personal experiences are the lasting things—the legacy of Ray is that he experienced life to the fullest and loved connecting with others on a personal level. Recently, Ray's dentist asked his daughter if he really met the Queen. His daughter chuckled and commented that only Dad could tell this lengthy story with the hands of a dentist in his mouth, but, yes, he did meet the Queen. In 1960, he met Queen Elizabeth II in the Palace of the Holyroodhouse, the residence of the British monarch when in Edinburgh. It was the four hundredth anniversary of the Scottish Protestant Reformation in 1560 and Ray was a fraternal delegate of the ARP church to that General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. He spoke with Her Majesty the Queen for about five minutes and, true to Ray's nature, he surprised the crowds gathered there by making her laugh. This event in Ray's life turned out to be a cherished moment and one that he delighted in sharing with others.

After returning from Edinburgh, Ray accepted a request from his presbytery to survey the eastern suburbs of Rock Hill, SC, with the hope of founding a second ARP Church in the area. It was during this neighborhood surveying that Ray met Brenda Kay Taylor, who became his wife and the mother of his three children. The church Ray helped to organize became what is now known as Rogers Memorial ARP Church on Eden Terrace in Rock Hill, SC. Having settled in Due West, SC with Brenda to teach at Erskine Seminary and raise their three children, Ray also served as Supply Pastor of Long Cane ARP and Troy ARP churches for 27 years. Ray was beloved by his students and parishioners, many of whom stayed in touch with and visited him throughout his life. Erskine College later showed its gratitude for his many years of "outstanding service, exemplary character, and Christian leadership" at Erskine Seminary, in the ARP Church, and in the Due West community by bestowing upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on May 20, 2001. Ray retired in 2000 but continued to teach at Erskine Theological Seminary as an adjunct professor until 2004.

Ray always said he had an earthly father and a spiritual father. His spiritual father was also his mentor during his student days at Erskine Theological Seminary, the longtime dean at the seminary, Dr. William Walkup Boyce, Jr. These two ministers of the gospel relished playing chess and discussing theology together, often late into the night. Ray took care of his spiritual father for years after Dr. Boyce's retirement. The two of them enjoyed "antiquing" together all over the Southeast. Ray became an antiques expert in his own right through the guidance and knowledge of Dr. Boyce.

Despite all the achievements and personal satisfaction of a rewarding professional life, Ray cherished his family and friends most. Strangers did not exist for Ray. Everyone was a potential friend, or at least someone to while away the time or connect with on some level. He liked to think he could help someone with a simple kind word or acknowledgment that they mattered. His favorite

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enjoyed the camaraderie with others. In his retirement, Ray continued to play tennis for a time but would eventually hang up his tennis racket in favor of the golf club. His passion for the game of golf persisted until his final days. His son, Wayne, continued to take Ray out onto the golf course and Ray often managed to play a full 18 holes into the year 2022.

In 1946, Ray joined Troop 10 in the Savannah, Georgia Boy Scouts, where he was living at the time during the war. When Ray's family moved back to Atlanta, he joined Troop 31 and advanced in rank, becoming an Eagle Scout, and earning 65 merit badges, which hang in a framed box in his study at home. Ray earned his God and Country award while in Troop 31 and later said that experience put him on the path of becoming a "religious professional." He was an Assistant Scoutmaster in 1954 and 1959, and later served on the Scout commission for Abbeville County. His time in the Boy Scouts helped make him an avid outdoorsman that would last his lifetime. Upon retirement, Ray fulfilled his lifelong dream of journeying to Alaska (driving there 5 times) as well as packing up his treasured FJ Cruiser and heading to Canyonlands, Utah, camping and hiking in the back country. His love of God's creation was celebrated by him through the small things in life—watching birds take flight from a bird feeder in his yard, taking hikes in National and State parks, relishing food he prepared in his kitchen with the herbs that he grew, utilizing the skills he learned in his youth as an Eagle Scout to pitch a tent, make camp, and reel in a fish or two, or playing golf with his sons and grandchildren or his favorite fellow golfer and long-time friend, Earl Troglin, who he lovingly called "Old Fart." Annually celebrating the shared legacies of the members of his SIDS group (named for a friend) was important to Ray. SIDS members met annually, sometimes biannually, for many years either at Ray's house, Bonclarken (an ARP Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC), Maine, or Edisto Island, singing songs, breaking bread together, and telling stories with each other. Ray loved traveling the globe, making connections with people along the way, but ultimately settled in Highlands, NC to build his final home on a mountaintop in the woods.

Surviving the Reverend Ray A. King, Sr., are his three children: Ray Aiken King, Jr., of Park City, Utah; Wayne Starr King (Elvira) of Clermont, Florida; Kay Allison King Stranges (Steve) of Asheville, North Carolina; and by his four beloved grandchildren, Taylor Aiken King of Greenville, South Carolina; Brett Larson King (Ashleigh) of Smyrna, Georgia; Steven Michael Stranges, Jr., of Asheville, North Carolina; and Caroline Raye King of Clermont, Florida. Also surviving Ray are a very special cousin, Dr. Chris Sheils of Highlands, North Carolina, and a friend he considered as a brother, Dr. James (Jimmy) Wilkinson of Charleston, South Carolina.

The children of Rev. King will announce a funeral and celebration of Ray's life at a later date. Any memorial contributions can be made to the ARP Church Organization, Alzheimer's Association, or the Alaska Wildlife Organization.

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 - "That is," Latin
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 - Ship pronoun
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 - U.N. workers' grp.
 - Banned insecticide, acr.

Long to be sworn in as County Council member

By Henry E. Green
Christine Long is slated to be sworn in as a new member of Abbeville County Council on Tuesday, Jan. 3, at noon at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex in Abbeville.

Long will be sworn in by Abbeville County Clerk of

Court Shandal Boggs. The public is invited to attend. There will be light refreshments and a meet and greet after the swearing in ceremony.

A Democrat, Long defeated Republican Bebe Weston in the general election in November.

A native of Calhoun Falls,

Long graduated from Calhoun Falls High School in 1975.

She has served on Calhoun Falls Town Council, and is currently serving on the board of UCMAC, and is a Red Cross volunteer, and a member of Springfield Baptist Church in Calhoun Falls.



Horses and riders were part of the Lowndesville Christmas parade, held on Sunday, Dec. 18. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Bell Toll Ceremony December 2022

Honoring Deceased Veterans

William H. Tate	74	US Army
Bobby G. Stamps	80	US Air Force
John R. (Bobby) Culbreth	89	SC Army National Guard

The Abbeville County Veterans Organizations jointly sponsor a Bell Toll Ceremony on the last Friday of each month. The veteran's names that have passed away in Abbeville County during the month or anyone who was missed in the previous month will have their names read. This includes men and women from Abbeville County who live in other areas. The names will also include any military service member from South Carolina who was killed while on active duty. As each name is read, the Liberty Bell replica, "Big Bob" is struck once as a token of our respect and appreciation for each Veteran who served and for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for this great nation. Please join for this solemn ceremony on the Abbeville square at 1 pm, December 30th. Also, all veterans are welcomed to the American Legion meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6PM.


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NOTICE OF HEARING

The City of Abbeville Historic Properties Protection Commission (HPPC) will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2023, in the City Council Chambers at the Opera House in Abbeville, S.C. The following item is on the agenda:

- Request from Kelly and Misty Mundt for approval of a Bailey Bill application for property located at 200 South Main Street.

Chris Clemmons
Zoning Administrator

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These dancers were all smiles in the Abbeville Christmas parade, held on Saturday, Dec. 10. Other parades included those in Due West, Calhoun Falls, Donalds, and Lowndesville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Hartwell, Russell, J. Strom Thurmond Lakes no longer in drought operations

**Submitted by
US Army Corps of Engineers**

SAVANNAH, Ga. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District, announces Hartwell, Richard B. Russell and J.

Strom Thurmond Lakes are no longer in drought operations due to the recent rain events over the Savannah River System Basin.

Increased flows of 5,000-8,000 cubic feet per second will begin seen over the next week. The cold weather forecast for Thursday and Friday will prompt higher than normal releases to meet heating demands. All releases will be pass through the dam's turbines generating clean, renewable electricity.

"The level at Hartwell Lake today was 656.48 feet above mean sea level,

at Russell it's 475.06 feet above msl, and Thurmond is 326.32 feet above msl, which is just over guide curve," said Stan Simpson, Savannah District water manager. "They will likely remain near these levels into January."

The increased generation will not have a noticeable effect to the recreation areas. However, officials continue to advise people to use caution when visiting sites around the lakes.

"For this time of year, the guide curve at Hartwell is four feet below full summer pool, which is 660 feet above msl," said Melissa Wolf, Savannah District chief of natural resources section. "For Thurmond, the full summer pool is 330 feet above msl."

Simpson went on to explain that more than two inches of rain has fallen on the

watershed over the past two weeks and there will likely be more runoff than normal this time of year due to saturated soils, low temperatures, and less demand by vegetation. In addition, privately owned reservoirs upstream of Hartwell Lake are also releasing water due to the recent rainfall and this accounts for additional inflow into Hartwell.

The Savannah River Basin Water Declaration for the week of Dec. 21-Dec. 27 can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/savannahcorps> and at <https://water.sas.usace.army.mil/GMAP/index.htm>.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**ABBEVILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
6PM -- January 18, 2023
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLEX, ABBEVILLE**

The Abbeville County Planning Commission, as authorized by the Zoning Ordinance of Abbeville County, SC will hold a public hearing at 6pm on Wednesday, January 18, 2023, in Council Chambers, 903 W. Greenwood St., on the following application for rezoning:

- 1.) Application by Jesse Willey of 93 Divot Dr., Abbeville, SC 29620 for rezoning of property located at 2221 Hwy 20, Abbeville SC 29620 from a district of Forest Agricultural (FA) to one of Rural Development District (RDD). The property in question is identified by TMS# 071-00-00-060 and consists of approximately 2.6 acres. The proposed rezoning would change the entire 2.6 acres to a designation of RDD. Uses allowed in the proposed new district include small retail or wholesale businesses, and mini-warehouse/self-storage facilities.

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

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BID REQUEST

Abbeville Area Medical Center

Installation and paving of a new entrance near 420 Thomson Circle, Abbeville

- Must be insured and bonded
- To request a bid package, contact James Wilson, AAMC Director of Engineering, at 864-366-3378
- Bid deadline: 5:00pm January 16, 2023

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: American Advisors Group vs. Joseph Allen Gambrell; Michael Stephen Gambrell; The United States of America acting by and through its agency The Department of Housing and Urban Development; , C/A No. 2015CP0100261, The following property will be sold on January 3, 2023, at 2:00 PM at the Abbeville County Courthouse to the highest bidder.

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

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

AND

All that certain piece, parcel

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

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

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