



“Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it.”



Abbeville City Council had a special meeting Friday evening to meet a request for a discussion of high utility bills. The City Council chambers were crowded with people. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Man flown to hospital

Police probe shooting at area apartments

Abbeville Police are investigating the shooting of a man Friday morning at the Haigler Street apartments in Abbeville.

Police officers responded about 8 a.m. Friday to an apartments at 600 Haigler Street, said Dwane Balchin,

an investigator with the Abbeville Police Department.

“Upon arrival, officers found a male who had suffered a gunshot wound to the leg, and the wounded man was flown by helicopter to a nearby medical facility,”

he said.

The wounded man at press time was in stable condition at the medical facility.

No arrests had been made as of press time, but the incident is still under investigation, Balchin continued.

Calendar dominates

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees met Tuesday, and the school calendar for 2022-2023 dominated discussion.

The board approved amendments to the calendar, including a recognition of Nov. 8 as Election Day and a school holiday. In addition, July 29 will be a professional development day for teachers, as opposed to a holiday for them.

Voting against the amended calendar were trustees Adam Rich, David Brooks and Keith Dunn.

This was the final vote in a flurry of votes on the calendar. The board agreed unanimously to a motion by David Brooks to label the calendar a year-round modified school calendar.

However, a motion to rescind the calendar, a motion made by trustee Tim Rhodes, failed, 5-4. Voting in favor of rescinding the calendar were Rhodes, Brooks, Dunn and Rich.

The 2022-23 calendar was also the focus of a lengthy discussion about the Feb. 22 meeting, where a trustee mistakenly raised her hand for one calendar proposal for 2022-23, when she meant to vote for Calendar B, a modified calendar for 2022-23.

The trustee, Glynda Bryson, did clarify at the time which proposal she had intended to support.

The board, at the suggestion of their attorney, used a number of poll votes Tuesday night, polling trustees instead of looking to the raising of hands.

The “modified school calendar” which the District has adopted has an earlier starting date for the school year—the first week in August instead of later in that month, as past calendars have provided.

There has been opposition in some quarters of the community from people who fear it interferes with summer vacation plans.

Others are in favor because it provides what they see as needed additional “break” days for students and teachers.

In other matters:

Adam Cann, a financial accountant with the District finance department, told the board that there is in the General Assembly a new proposal for school funding.

The state is increasing funding for Abbeville County School District by \$220,746 under the proposal, but with mandates for the “step” increase for teachers, and one percent increase in retirement costs, and 18.1 percent increase in the employer’s portion of health insurance, the District would be about \$644,000 in the red.

However, the proposal is not finalized, and it has yet to pass the Senate.

“As soon as we get more information we’ll have a budget workshop,” said board chairman Brad Evans.

The trustees honored a variety of students and teachers during the Gold Star Highlights section of the meeting.

Those recognized included Dixie High School band members who had achieved All State status, as well as

Abbeville High School students who had displayed outstanding achievement in FBIA competition.

Recognized as well was Abbeville High School wrestler Addison Nickles, who won the state championship in his classification, and the District’s school lunchroom managers, who had each received an A in a recent DHEC inspection.

In addition, Cherokee Trail Elementary teacher Jennifer Hines was honored by the District for her being a finalist for an award for excellence in teaching math and science.

Wright Middle teacher Renee McCaslan was similar honored for having been awarded a teaching-related grant.

(More information about Gold Star Highlights will be in future issues of The Press and Banner.)

The recognition drew good comments from the trustees. Typical were those of David Brooks and Joe Bryson.

“We had a wide range (of honorees),” said Brooks.

“Great job,” said Bryson.

The trustees started the meeting at 5:30 p.m. by going into executive session shortly after the meeting was called to order.

They returned to open session about 6 p.m., but following the Gold Star Highlights, at about 6:17 p.m. they went back into executive session, where they stayed approximately half an hour.

The board also voted to accept the administration’s recommendations on personnel.

‘Fresh set of eyes’ Special Abbeville City Council meeting probes high utility bills

By Henry E. Green

A special Abbeville City Council meeting was held Friday evening to look at high utility bills in the city of Abbeville.

The City Council chamber was crowded with people concerned about their high utility bills and what a number of them described as a spike in their rates recently.

Carolyn DeVaux Bryant of Abbeville spoke during the meeting’s public comment period, voicing the concern over high utility bills, noting that to her knowledge they have ranged from \$400 a month to \$1,500 a month and in between. The steep increases have come periodically over the past several years.

“We just want to know a reason,” she said.

She indicated that she had done considerable research on the matter.

City director of public utilities Tim Hall told the group Friday that a variety of factors can contribute to increases in utility bills, including concerns with insulation, thermostats, and space heaters.

The City office of public utilities can perform an energy audit on a home, he said. “We can send you a summary of our findings,” he said.

In addition, a number of organizations, such as United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County, GLEAMNS, Salvation Army, and SC Stay Plus, can provide assistance with utility bills, he went on to say.

In addition, this past January was an especially cold one, with 22 days of that month featuring temperatures below freezing.

Residential customers who pay before the 10th of the month get a four percent discount, and senior citizens used to get a discount, but that is not offered anymore. Those using it when it was discontinued were “grandfathered in.”

Bryant said that she had spoken with a number of people in other neighborhoods in the city—on Pinckney, North Main and Church—and they did not report any significant increase in their bills.

“These are predominantly

white neighborhoods,” she said, wondering how it is that communities of color are being hit by these high bills.

“We need some fresh eyes on what what’s going on in the city,” she said.

Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards said that the problem of high utility rates is “across the board” and “not black and white.”

Council member Louise Aikens suggested that perhaps Council could form a committee, and she encouraged people in the audience to come to the City Council meetings.

“We do have a place for public comment,” she said.

City Council meetings, Edwards said, are held on the second Wednesday of the month.

“You’re welcome to come to every City Council meeting,” said Council member Faye Thomas.

Bryant, contacted Monday, said that she still did not feel that she had received a valid reason for the increases.

“The people are still not satisfied,” she said. “And they are pursuing other actions.”



The Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association had its annual St. Patrick’s Day Beer Walk on Saturday, March 19. Among those enjoying the Walk were (from left) Tim Timmons, Susan Mundy and Amy Southard. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Commission applies for feasibility grant

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County has a water and sewer utilities commission that includes water and sewer providers serving the county.

It includes Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone, and, appointed by County Council, Dale Wilson, David Garner, and Drew Simpson, and Jane Hannah, representing the Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership.

Kelly Driver from Calhoun Falls, Lewis Saxon from Due West, Mark Warner from McCormick County, Matt Cox, from Donalds Due West Water and Sewer

Authority, and Terrico Holland from Calhoun Falls, Mike Clary from the City of Abbeville, and Patrick Jackson, from Starr Iva Water and Sewer District, and Tim Hall from the City of Abbeville are also on the commission.

The purpose of the commission is “to enhance, support, and contribute to the water and wastewater utilities of Abbeville County,” said Hannah.

Formed in 2020, the commission typically meets quarterly, said Hannah. The commission represents Abbeville County as a whole, and presents a format

where “everybody can work together improve water and wastewater services for the county,” Hannah said.

“We’re applying for a water and wastewater feasibility planning grant from South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority,” Hannah continued. “We’re applying for a \$100,000 grant.”

The commission hopes to hear middle in May whether the application is accepted. If the application is accepted, an engineer would come in and conduct a feasibility study for county-wide water and sewer service, she said.

A Tuesday in May

Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary talks to Rotarians about referendum

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary spoke to Abbeville Rotarians Thursday about the upcoming referendum on May 17, a referendum in which Abbeville County voters will decide whether to fund improvements at Abbeville and Dixie high schools, and the Abbeville County Career Center.

Gary is finishing up his second year as District Superintendent, and he reflected that soon after he came to Abbeville he toured the schools, taking note of the facilities needs.

Those needs found their way to a capital needs list, and all of the schools in the District have undergone improvement work of some kind.

Some needs have been earmarked as ones to be addressed through a referendum.

These big-ticket items

will be found on the May 17 referendum, a referendum which will include two questions.

With the first question, the District will be looking for permission to borrow money to fund new academic wings at Abbeville and Dixie, to replace aging facilities, and new cafeterias, and to fund construction at the Abbeville County Career Center.

The price tag would be \$43,800,000.

With the second question, the District will be looking for funding to build new gyms and locker rooms at Dixie and Abbeville, and to build tracks at the high schools.

The price tag would be \$11,900,000.

This second, “athletic” question can be considered if and only if Question 1 is approved.

Gary emphasized to Rotarians that, contrary to some reports on Facebook, there are no plans to build a consolidated high school.

“That is NOT on the table,” he said.

The Superintendent was asked whether, if the referendum failed on May 17, the District would have the same referendum on the ballot in the general election in November.

He replied that he personally would like to see that, but it ultimately would be a board decision to make.

Gary warned that the state does inspect school buildings, and he would not want it to come to a point in which the state orders the School District to construct new facilities.

If the referendum is approved, voters would be paying for the improvements for 25 years.

School board chairman Brad Evans passed out at the meeting copies of a chart showing how the tax levy, if the referendum is approved, would affect motor vehicles, houses, commercial property and rental property.



Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary spoke to Abbeville Rotarians Thursday about the upcoming referendum on May 17. He posed following the meeting for a picture with club president Matthew Johnson (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

City, SCDOT plan work on East Pickens

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville and South Carolina Department of Transportation intend to make improvements on East Pickens Street, replacing sidewalks and installing lighting.

The City of Abbeville and the South Carolina Department of Transportation are proposing to replace aging sidewalks and install lighting along East Pickens Street in downtown Abbeville.

“The purpose of the project is to provide ADA-compliant sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, and beautification

improvements through this area of downtown Abbeville,” according to literature sent out by SCDOT.

Public comment regarding the project will be accepted through the project website until May 1, 2022.

“We expect it to start later this year or in early 2023 and to take a few months once construction begins,” said Mike Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer with the City of Abbeville.

“This project is being largely funded by a Department of Transportation TAP Grant that the City received back in 2018 with

Hospitality funds covering the remaining costs. DOT is the project manager, so the project has had to follow their process, which is why it is just now nearing the start of construction.

The project is “part of the City’s plan to make the downtown area more walkable by connecting ADA compliant sidewalks and lighting to the parking lot on E. Pickens and to Poplar Street.

This project will also provide for some beautification work on E. Pickens as well,” said Clary.



Ruth Freeman of Abbeville will be the honorary chairman of this year’s Abbeville Spring Festival. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Freeman to be honorary chairman

By Henry E. Green

Ruth Freeman of Abbeville will be the honorary chairman of this year’s Abbeville Spring Festival, said Austin Walker, Community Development Director with the City of Abbeville, Thursday.

Freeman was the Festival director from 2000 to 2010, and then also in 2013 and 2014.

Julye Harris had been directing the festival on behalf of the Abbeville Spring Festival committee, and then the festival was turned over to the City of Abbeville in 2000, and then City Manager David Krumwiede asked Freeman to be the Festival director, according to Walker.

“She’s going to be the face of the Festival,” Walker said. “She’s going to be our Ambassador for the 40th celebration.”

Freeman worked for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce before coming to Abbeville.

“For her it’s a huge honor for her to be part of the Festival again,” Walker said. “We’re just really grateful that she said ‘yes.’”

“I’m just really thrilled,” said Freeman. “The Spring Festival was always in my heart, and I’ve never forgotten it.”

She feels truly honored that she has been asked to be honorary chairman for this year’s festival.

While she was not born in Abbeville, she has called Abbeville home for more than three years.

“We moved down here from Washington, D.C., in 1989,” she said.

Originally from Pennsylvania, she worked in Washington, D.C., and then in San Francisco, and then

Washington again.

Freeman worked for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce about 12 years, “and then moved south,” and she reflected humorously that she “exchanged the snow for the heat.”

After moving to Abbeville, she learned of an opening at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, and she served as executive director of the Chamber for several years in the early 1990s.

It was a post which helped her understand and appreciate Abbeville, its history and its people.

She enjoyed directing the Festival. “It was a lot of hard work,” she recalled.

“It was hard work but it was worth it,” to see the joy on the faces of Festival-goers.

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Feel the buzz

Eleanor J. Carmichael playground dedicated for Busy Bees preschool

By Henry E. Green
A new playground for Busy Bees preschool was dedicated Wednesday at Abbeville Presbyterian Church in memory of the late Eleanor Carmichael.
On a day when the rains came down in abundance, the dedication program was held in the sanctuary of the church, and that program featured testimonials to the success of the preschool, and to the generosity of the community and especially the Eleanor J. Carmichael family.
The program also included performances by Busy Bees children, under the direction of Stan Colbert.
To the delight of the happy parents seated among the pews of the sanctuary, the children sang "This is the Day That the Lord Has Made."
There were testimonials from Busy Bees parents Matthew Trainor and Anne Marie Hempy. Trainor entertained the children with a magic trick--making a red handkerchief disappear.

"It's just such a blessing to have a program like this in Abbeville," he told the audience.
Hempy was similarly enthusiastic. "Look what God has done," she told the audience.
Lucia Bishop read a prepared statement on behalf of the Eleanor J. Carmichael family, noting that the playground now has equipment that is safe and age-appropriate.
Rev. Jim Rowell provided a welcome and prayer, and providing an introduction and special thanks to the donors was Mandy Brown, executive director of Busy Bees.
The Busy Bees children and the congregation sang "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee," and the youngsters provided the benediction.
Busy Bees, which opened in the fall of 2017, has an enrollment of 60 students, ages one to four, said Brown following the dedication program. "It's a ministry of Abbeville Presbyterian Church," Brown said.
To create the new play-

ground, located behind the church, Busy Bees replaced the old equipment with completely new equipment, she went on to say.
"We removed three trees and replaced the fencing," she added.
The family of Eleanor and Duncan Carmichael donated funds toward the renovation of the playground, according to Brown. "Another major donor was Dunn and Shirley," she said. "They donated all the funds for the fencing, and part of the funds for Phase II of the playground, which features a shade canopy."
"Phase II has been ordered and installation will begin at the end of April."
The old equipment was ready to be replaced, according to Brown. "It was very old and it did have some safety concerns," she said.
Busy Bees also had a brick fundraiser, whereby people could sponsor bricks, which were then placed under the sign designating the Eleanor J. Carmichael Memorial Playground.



A new playground for Busy Bees preschool was dedicated Wednesday at Abbeville Presbyterian Church in memory of the late Eleanor Carmichael. Here are some of the Busy Bees singing during the dedication program. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Pump pain

Soaring price of gas has Abbeville County residents none too pleased

By Henry E. Green
Don Campbell of Abbeville may have said it best.
"When it takes a hundred dollars to fill up a car or a truck, we're in bad shape," he said.
The price of gasoline reached four dollars a gallon here in Abbeville County, and the bad part is that there does not seem to be any end in sight.
Where will it all end?
We don't know, but we do know that the soaring price of gasoline is affecting life in Abbeville County the way it is in other parts of the United States.
That includes Abbeville County government.
"Unfortunately, we can't simply change operations due to the price of gas," said

Abbeville County Director David Garner. "Naturally it is costing us more, but it's an expense we have to absorb no matter. We will have to make adjustments in the budget for next year to account for the increase and look to decrease spending in other areas."
The soaring price of fuel is affecting mostly the Sheriff's Office and EMS, Garner said.
"They do the majority of driving on a daily basis and have the largest fleet. (The Abbeville County Department of) Public Works is also affected significantly," he continued.
Dr. Skip Hopkins, Abbeville County School District Director of Student Services, was asked about the effect

of the rising fuel costs on school bus transportation.
"The State Department of Education funds fuel for student bus transportation," he said.
"We (the School District) have a busy spring calendar and will have to purchase fuel for our activity buses, but we are thankful for the great participation in extra-curricular activities we have at each high school."
Court Square merchant Phyllis Davis, of Abbeville Vintage Market, provided an exclamation point for the feelings of many.
"It's outrageous," she said. "We have to start making short trips--and make them count."



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Performing arts board has fundraiser

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville Community Performing Arts board held a silent auction fund-raiser at the Abbeville Opera House Thursday evening. Guests gathered on the Opera House stage, enjoyed light refreshments, mingled, and participated in the silent auction. Performing Arts board members Jodi Miller and Shelley Reid spoke briefly about the board and the upcoming productions it is planning. Those upcoming productions will include “Catfish Moon”, which will be directed by Bess Park and which will be held on April 8-10, and April 15-16. A Youth Production Camp will be held June 5-10, and “All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten” will be held later this year,

with auditions slated for June 14-15. The Opera House has undergone a number of improvements, including the updating of the sound system and the lighting, Miller told the crowd. “This is an amazing building,” she said. The board is working to bring community theater back to the Opera House, she continued. She also noted Thursday night that the board raises its own funds. “We are self-sufficient,” Miller said. According to the City of Abbeville’s Website, City Council approved on Feb. 9, 2021, the formation of the board of the Abbeville Community Performing Arts. The board is committed to the “return of live theater to the Opera House as part of

a new diversified lineup of entertainment.” “The ACPA will be tasked with facilitating theatrical performances at the Opera House as well as other community oriented events in tandem with the professional acts brought in by the City’s Community Development Department,” according to the City Website. “In a broader context, the ACPA will act as another engine for the economic and cultural development of Abbeville.” Seven members of the board are appointed by City Council, and the other four include a designated Abbeville City Council member, the Abbeville City Manager, a representative of Erskine College, and a representative of the Abbeville County School District.



The Abbeville Community Performing Arts board held a silent auction fundraiser at the Abbeville Opera House Thursday evening. Those in attendance mingled on the Opera House stage. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Calhoun retiring from Council

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville County Council member John Calhoun is retiring from Council. He has opted not to run for reelection to County Council District Two, a seat which he has held since 1989.

He noted Monday that he simply felt it was the right time to leave Council. A resident of Calhoun Falls, Calhoun worked for UPS from 1988 to 2020, when he retired.

He graduated from Calhoun Falls High School in 1975, and went on to attend Lander, where he graduated in 1980 with a degree in accounting.

He has been married a little over a year to the former Janie Brown of Greenwood. County Council has changed considerably since he moved on board back in 1989.

“Now we have computers,” he said. In addition, Council back in 1989 met at the Abbeville County Courthouse—now Council meets at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex.

He said he and three others—Oscar Klugh, Claude Thomas and Ray Gunnells—voted in favor of renovating the old hospital building to make it the Complex about 10 years ago.

A former member of Operation Impact, he is a member of Springfield Baptist Church in Calhoun Falls.

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Historical Society gets many artifacts

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville County Historical Society has received a number of artifacts recently. Rough House owner Darrow Kay has donated one of the 1930s pool tables to the Historical Society along with a number of other artifacts, according to Abbeville County Historical Society president Andrew Hartsfield.. In February, the City of Abbeville donated four lamp posts and globes to the Historical Society. The items had been stored in the City Barn for a number of years. “We had asked for them last summer as the city had no plans for them,”

Hartsfield said. The Society does have plans for them. “We are going to install the two square base iron lamps on the front lawn of the McGowan house and convert them back to gas lamps,” Hartsfield said. The other two round base lamps are being placed in the oval garden located in front of the McPhail log cabin, he went on to say. “These two lamps will remain electric,” he said. Hartsfield said that the iron square base lamps stood in front of the Abbeville Fire Department for many years and the round lamps stood in front of the Opera House. In addition, Abbeville native Ed Poliakoff has given the Society over the past

year “a portfolio of information on his Poliakoff relatives and ancestors including numerous photos with narratives,” Hartsfield said. He has also given many artifacts from the old Poliakoff department store that operated on Abbeville’s Court Square for many years. Among the items are a glass case for shirt collars, old mercantile signs, a device for lowering hat boxes from high shelves, an old oil lamp, an “early” calculator and check printer, and a device to measure feet for shoes.

A display of these items is expected to be set up in the coming months, Hartsfield continued.

Historic log cabins getting makeover

By Henry E. Green
Two of Abbeville’s historic log cabins are slated for repairs, according to the Abbeville County Historical Society president Andrew Hartsfield. The McPhail Log Cabin, built around 1815, is set to get a new roof installed by the early summer of 2022, he wrote in the recent Society newsletter. “The grounds around this cabin have been completely cleaned up and all overgrown brush has been removed,” said Hartsfield. Meanwhile, the Creswell Cabin nearby has been completely disassembled

by a local Mennonite crew “that has vast experience in wood structures. “They removed every log and numbered them as they were taken down along with taking extensive photographs,” said Hartsfield. The cabin is lying off the ground on supports in staged areas around the existing site. “Many of the logs were deteriorated beyond repair and will need to be replaced,” Hartsfield said. “We have a local lumber mill that is going to mill all the replacement logs; all of the replacement logs are being donated to this project.

“The foundation will be built from the bricks of the old Glenn City Plumbing building that was located on W. Pickens Street and torn down two years ago after being condemned by the City of Abbeville. We were able to salvage most of the bricks from that building and we are excited we can reuse them for the foundation of the cabin.” Both cabins are located near the Abbeville County Museum in Abbeville. The Creswell Log Cabin dates from 1837, and the Glenn City Plumbing building from 1893, Hartsfield said.

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Candidate filing period continuing

By Henry E. Green

Filing continues for various county and state offices, according to Randy Curtis, Abbeville County voter registration and elections director.

There have been, as of Tuesday morning, two filings, Curtis said.

Filing for County Council District Two is Christine Long of Calhoun Falls. Long has filed as a Democrat.

Filing for State House District 11 is incumbent Craig Gagnon, a Republican.

The filing period will continue until noon on Wednesday, March 30.

Those wishing to file as candidates need to come to the voter registration office on the second floor--Room 2500-- of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex in Abbeville, and fill out the proper paperwork

and pay their filing fees.

All filing fees are by check or money order, Curtis said.

The filing is for the primary elections slated for June 14.

The primary winners will move on to the general election in November.

For more information, one may call the voter registration office at 366-6690, extension 53.

Diane George to perform at Belmont

By Henry E. Green

Diane George of Abbeville will share her poetry and her music in a special program at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville on Saturday, March 26, at 7 p.m.

A native of South Africa, George performed at the Abbeville Opera House several years ago as part of a program highlighting local talent.

She also had some of her poetry showcased in an

anthology of work by authors from throughout the Palmetto State, and she donated a copy of the book to the Abbeville County Library recently.

Diane is very much a fan of folk music, including the work of Bob Dylan, and she plans to sing one of his songs--“To Make You Feel My Love”--Saturday night.

Other highlights will include the Don McLean classic from the 1970s,

“Vincent,” a poignant tribute to Vincent Van Gogh.

However, most of what she plans to sing will be her own material, touching on a variety of genres, from blues to gospel.

All in all, it will be a look at the quirks and ironies and emotions of what we call life.

“Life isn’t perfect,” she said.

For more information, one may call the Belmont at 459-9625.



Hundreds of people descended on the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls recently for an event hosted by the Wolf Pack motorcycle club. These people were among those arriving. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

‘Plunge’ raises money for charities

By Henry E. Green

Hundreds of people descended on the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls Saturday for an event hosted by the Wolf Pack motorcycle club, and some people got very wet in the Polar Bear Plunge for several charities, according to a representative of the club.

Those in attendance stood on the shore and watched as those who had raised money for the plunge were taken out in a pontoon to a boat in the lake, where they jumped

into the water and swam to the shore.

The gathering at Blue Hole was the first of its kind, according to the representative.

The event was held on a “picture perfect” day, on a weekend marking the official beginning of spring.

Several chapters of the Wolf Pack motorcycle club were in attendance.

The charities included the Calhoun Falls recreation department, Abbeville County animal shelter, Faith House in Elberton, GA, and Labor of the

Fields Outreach in Anderson.

More than \$4,000 was raised for these charities, the club representative said

He estimated that more than 500 people were in attendance throughout the day.

In addition to the Plunge, the event featured live music, vendors, and food, including barbecue, “and fried alligator.”

“There was a vendor there selling fish and fried alligator,” the representative said.

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Hundreds of people descended on the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls recently for an event hosted by the Wolf Pack motorcycle club, and vendors were among those in attendance. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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A lover of life

Dr. David Martin, a physician, was very much his own person

By Henry E. Green
Dr. David Martin liked to sit on the front porch of his large brick house on North Main in Abbeville and watch the world go by.
He would hail a reporter passing by on his evening walk, and would welcome him in for a chat.
Yes, Dr. Martin, who passed away last week at the age of 90, was a man not only of friendliness but of sharp intelligence, as you would expect from a Yale graduate.
The word “icon” is tossed around perhaps too freely these days, but in the case of Dr. Martin, it fits perfectly.
A respected surgeon in the Abbeville medical community, this man from Massachusetts loved to sail, and in his boat, the Chasse Maree, he traveled to some beautiful locations.
He had been living in Abbeville about 34 years, having come here from Wabasha, Minnesota, said his widow Sharon Martin.
After leaving Wabasha, he took a year off from medical practice to live aboard his sailboat, and he traveled to the Dominican Republic.
She and David, who were married approximately 24 years, had some happy

times aboard the boat.
“We went to the Bahamas about 23 times,” she said.
There were guests as well, guests that David would entice with the promise that the trip would be a “once in a lifetime opportunity,” Sharon noted.
The Chasse Maree was a place where you could live life to the fullest.
“Everybody has a David story for that sailboat,” she said.
This man who loved life was of French Canadian heritage. His father, a police officer, died when he was 10, and David went to Westminster prep school in Connecticut on an athletic scholarship, in recognition of his talents as a pitcher in baseball.
Accepted at both Harvard and Yale, David chose Yale, attending that prestigious university as an undergraduate before going on to Yale medical school.
Before coming to Abbeville, David spent a number of years in Minnesota, where he served at a Catholic hospital.
After coming to Abbeville, he worked with Dr. George Rosenberg in his medical practice. “They had the most wonderful partner-

ship,” she said.
According to Sharon, it was David who, before he retired in 2003, introduced endoscopic surgery to Abbeville, a form of surgery that is a much less invasive procedure. Endoscopic surgery is today often used in gall bladder surgery, for example.
So how will he be remembered?
“Humorous, intelligent,” she said. “He was full of life.”
David marched to the beat of his own drum, though. Sharon compared it humorously to Frank Sinatra singing “My Way.”
“He was his own person,” she recalled.
On the other hand, he related to all types of people. “It made him a more accessible physician,” she said.
“He loved people,” she continued. He loved talking to people and listening to their stories.
And he loved playing golf every Wednesday afternoon.
It was a pocket of time he was very careful to preserve.
“Don’t page me unless it’s a stab wound to the heart,” he would tell the nurses humorously.



Dr. David Martin passed away recently, and he and his wife Sharon were married about 24 years. (Contributed photo)

This and that

City of Abbeville looking for memorabilia for Festival exhibit

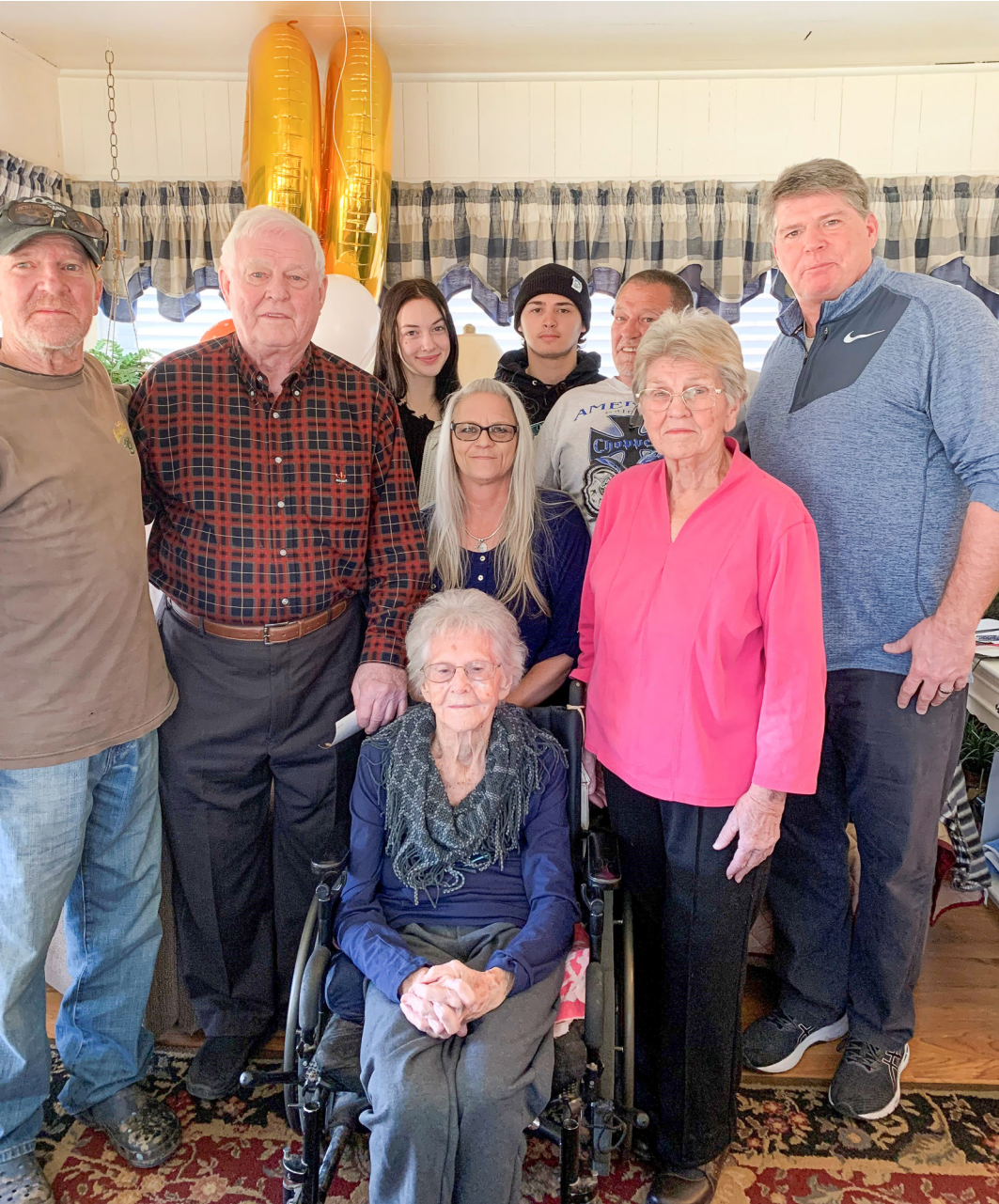
By Henry E. Green
Some people collect anything.
And some people collect everything.
If you’re one of those people, and you have graced the Abbeville Spring Festival with your presence in years past, the City of Abbeville may want to talk to you!
Let us explain:
Celebrating its 40th year, the Abbeville Spring Festival will start on Saturday May 7 and run through May 14, said Austin Walker, Community Development Director with the City of Abbeville.
The main weekend of the

festival will be May 12-14.
One feature of this year’s festival will be a month-long special exhibit, to be held at the Chamber of Commerce throughout the month of May.
The City is looking for items from past festivals to put on display at the exhibit.
“We currently have some digital photos and about 15 years’ worth of programs,” Walker said Thursday.
Digital photos from past festivals may be e-mailed to the following address: events@atabbevillecitysc.com
Physical items may be brought by the Chamber or the City offices.

“I’m looking for things like old T-shirts and old Festival memorabilia,” she said.
“Anything that brings a memory—I’m going to call it memorabilia,” she said.
These could be house tour maps, for example, for the tours which have been part of the Festival at various times through the years.
The items may be returned after the exhibit is over.
“The purpose of putting this exhibit together is to celebrate the abundance of memories created by the festival through the years.
For more information, one may call the City at 864-366-9673.



The Belmont Inn is one of 11 hotels recently showcased by the OYO reservations management company -- they were one of 11 showcased out of the 28,000 hotels in the OYO reservation management program. A video crew was at the Belmont Inn yesterday, taking pictures of the old hotel, and Belmont Inn owners Jim and Susan Botts Petty were interviewed. The Belmont Inn was recognized in large part because of the immense success it has enjoyed. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Georgia Scott recently celebrated her 99th birthday, and her family helped her celebrate. Gathered for a photo were Kevin Outz, George (Ronnie) Scott, Nancy Outz, Jean Outz, 2nd row (left to right): Chris Outz, Bill Scott, 3rd row, Kinsley Outz, Davon Outz. Front (center): Georgia Scott. (Contributed photo)

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War: The Other Side of the Story

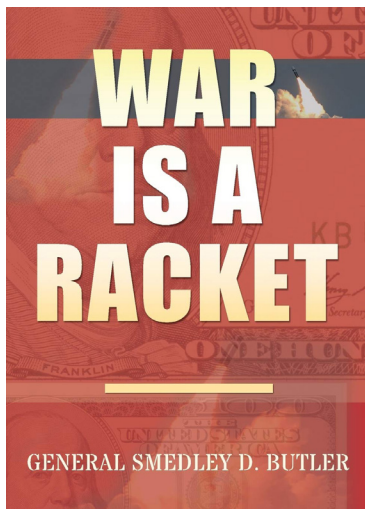
By Geoff Hult

At the time of his death in 1940, US Marine Corp. Major General Smedley Butler was the most decorated Marine in US history, having received a USMC Brevet Medal and Medal of Honor. In a speech and 1935 short book, both entitled "War is a Racket," Butler informs us of the following: "War is a racket. It always has been. It is possibly the oldest, easily the most profitable, surely the most vicious. It is the only one international in scope. It is the only one in which the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives. A racket is best described, I believe, as something that is not what it seems to the majority of the people. Only a small "inside" group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few, at the expense of the very many. Out of war a few people make huge fortunes..." Butler goes on to expound on this in great detail as it existed at the time and the pdf of this entire speech can be found online. The inside group that he refers to is the Rothschild international banking cartel, which has covertly engineered and funded both sides of every major war since the 1900s. Former British Secretary of State for Defence, Denis Healy, sums up how the world is a stage: "World events do not occur by accident. They are made to happen, whether it is to do with national issues or commerce; and most of them are staged and managed by those who hold the purse strings."

It has been said that the first casualty in war is the truth. We'll look at a few examples of how truth has been sacrificed as a pretext for war starting with Operation Northwoods. Operation Northwoods was a 1962 plan devised by the US Joint Chiefs of Staff to use the CIA as operatives to commit genuine acts of terrorism in US cities in order to be blamed on Cuba to garner public support for war against the small nation. One of the other possible scenarios suggested was to stage the destruction of a US civilian airliner en route to Jamaica in which an international distress "May Day" message was to go out that the airliner was under attack by a Cuban MIG. The transmission was to be interrupted by the destruction of the craft. The transmission would be heard by many so the US would not have to sell the incident. Another scenario was to blow up a US ship in Guantanamo Bay and blame Cuba. President John F. Kennedy saw to it that Operation Northwoods never became operational. JFK was a real president who did not play ball with this ruthless cabal which ultimately led to his assassination the next year.

On August 4th, 1964, faulty sonar equipment gave the impression to the USS Maddox, stationed in the Gulf of Tonkin off the coast of Vietnam, that unidentified vessels were in

the area, interpreted as North Vietnamese PT boats. US destroyers began firing on them but there was nothing there. Commander James Stockdale, one of the pilots flying overhead, said: "I had the best seat in the house to watch that event, and our destroyers were just shooting at phantom targets. There were no PT boats there... nothing but black water and American firepower." The next morning, Captain John Herrick of



the Maddox reported to US authorities in Honolulu that there were no sightings of PT boats by the Maddox and that weather effects and inexperienced sonarmen accounted for the event. President Lyndon Johnson disregarded this and seized upon the opportunity to initiate war with North Vietnam by ordering the same Commander Stockdale to launch air strikes against inland North Vietnamese targets. In the early 2000s, nearly 200 declassified NSA documents were released proving there was no attack by the North Vietnamese. The Vietnam war which cost the lives of over 3 million Vietnamese and American soldiers was launched based on an event that never happened. John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King, Jr. were all assassinated by the American deep state and one thing they all had in common was that they were publicly and vehemently opposed to the Vietnam war. Lyndon Johnson, however, was a swamp rat and eager to join in on the profit driven war machine. One of the profiteers from this war was the CIA who seized control of the Golden Triangle and trafficked heroin into the US, under the cover of the military occupation.

Nazi military leader and politician Hermann Goring stated this regarding war: "Naturally the common people don't want war: neither in Russia, nor in England, nor for that matter in Germany. That is understood. But after all it is the leaders of a country who determine the policy and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy or fascist dictatorship, or a parliament or a communist dictatorship. The people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the peace-makers for lack of patriotism

and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country."

Nowhere is this more true than with the mother of all false flag events, 9/11. If you haven't seen the documentary series "Loose Change," see it. The invasion of Afghanistan and Iraq was based on a lie and these countries had nothing to do with the attack on 9/11. It is well known that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq but this was the selling point to the public as to why we needed to invade them. And let's think about this for a moment: If the Taliban and terrorists were the real reason we invaded Afghanistan, would there be a Taliban still in existence? Recently, there would have been no debacle at the Kabul airport with the Taliban because the Taliban would no longer exist. 9/11 was perpetrated for a multitude of reasons and just as in Vietnam, where drugs were part of the profit picture, this was also true with Afghanistan.

Afghanistan's opium fields account for approximately 80-90% of morphine and heroin distribution worldwide. In 2000 and 2001 the Taliban began clamping down on the opium poppy fields. According to the UN Drug Control Program, opium cultivation increased over 600% after the US military occupation in 2002. The military was tasked with guarding these fields from the Taliban starting at that time. The opium drug trade in Afghanistan is known as the "Golden Crescent." In a 2007 report from University of Ottawa professor Michel Chossudovsky, he wrote: "The Golden Crescent drug trade, launched by the CIA in the early 1980s, continues to be protected by US intelligence, in liaison with NATO occupation forces and the British military... the proceeds from this lucrative multi-billion dollar contraband are deposited in Western banks. Almost the totality of revenues accrue to corporate interests and criminal syndicates outside Afghanistan."

The aforementioned Smedley Butler said that there are only two things we should fight for: The defense of our homes and the Bill of Rights. Anything other than that is an abuse of our military. And yet, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger once stated that military men and women are to be used as pawns for foreign policy. It is clear that foreign policy here does not mean protecting our homes or the Bill of Rights as Henry Kissinger is a made man within the monolithic and ruthless criminal empire that we live under. There is no war on drugs or war on terror. The real war is on humanity.

"And I shall punish the world for its evil, and the wrong for their crookedness, and shall put an end to the arrogance of the proud, and lay low the pride of the ruthless." (Isaiah 13:11)

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SC Statehouse Reports 2022-The House of Representatives

House Week in Review

Rep. Craig A. Gagnon,
District 11--SC House of
Representatives
March 15, 2022

The House approved and sent the Senate H. 5150, the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 State Government Budget. The \$14 billion budget includes \$10.3 billion in state general funds. The budget's \$3.4 billion in nonrecurring or "one-time" funds includes \$1.9 billion in surplus funds estimated for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, \$1 billion in the Contingency Reserve Fund, and \$184 million in Capital Reserve Funds.

Among the bill's highlights: \$619 million is devoted to the income tax relief initiative approved earlier by the House in H. 4880.

The Department of Transportation receives \$176 million in nonrecurring funds for rural interstate funding.

\$250 million in nonrecurring funds is allocated to the County Transportation Committees (Abbeville County would receive almost double the usual amount) to accelerate projects on the state's lower volume and secondary roads.

\$73 million in recurring funds is provided for a 3 percent state employee salary increase.

\$46 million in nonrecurring funds is used for paying each state employee a one-time bonus of \$1,500.

In K-12 public education, the budget provides \$4,834 average per pupil in State Aid to Classrooms and the starting salary for teachers increases from \$36,000 to \$40,000. A revised educational funding formula provides more funding for students in poverty and students with disabilities. Local school districts are afforded greater flexibility in spending State Aid to Classrooms. Districts are subject to new accountability and transparency requirements for publishing their expenditures of federal, state, and local funds online. Also, \$2.3 million in recurring funds is provided for teacher supplies to increase the amount that each teacher is afforded for purchasing classroom supplies from \$275 to \$300 and \$100 million in nonrecurring Education Improvement Act funds is provided for instructional materials.

\$4.3 million in recurring funds is appropriated to provide a 5 percent salary increase for school bus drivers.

Full funding is provided in Education Lottery funds for the LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows higher education scholarship programs.

The Board of Technical and Comprehensive Education is afforded \$17 million in lottery funds for SC Workforce Industry Needs scholarships that help provide full tuition at technical colleges for SC WINS recipients.

The Capital Reserve Fund is devoted to capital needs at the state's colleges, universities, and technical schools

with most of the \$184 million in these nonrecurring funds allocated among the institutions for repairs, renovations, and maintenance of various facilities.

The Department of Commerce is afforded \$2 million in nonrecurring funds for the SC Association for Community Economic Development.

The Rural Infrastructure Authority is afforded \$1.5 million in recurring funds for planning and technical assistance for small and rural utilities.

The Department of Motor Vehicles is afforded \$3.2 million to establish nine additional Commercial Drivers' License testing sites across the state.

The State Ports Authority receives \$127 million for a naval base intermodal facility and inner harbor container barge infrastructure that allows for more efficient movement of rail cargo to and from port facilities.

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism receives \$19 million in nonrecurring funds for state park enhancements.

The Department of Archives and History receives \$4.7 million for the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in South Carolina.

The Conservation Bank is provided \$32 million for conservation grant funding.

The Department of Agriculture receives \$3 million in nonrecurring funds for enhancements to local farmers' markets.

Clemson PSA is afforded \$2 million in recurring funds for rural health cooperative extension and research and \$3.6 million in nonrecurring funds for critical infrastructure.

SC State PSA receives \$2 million for expansion of emerging agribusiness programs and \$2 million in nonrecurring funds for the SC Limnology Research Center.

The Department of Health and Human Services receives \$6 million in nonrecurring funds for rural health network revitalization, and \$2.4 million in nonrecurring funds for pregnancy crisis centers.

The Department of Social Services is afforded \$39 million for staffing shortages and other needs.

The Department of Health and Environmental Control is afforded \$104.4 million in nonrecurring funds for a new public health laboratory.

The Department of Mental Health is afforded \$34.9 million for veterans nursing homes.

\$38 million is provided for funding salary increases and retention programs for law enforcement and correctional officers.

The Department of Public Safety receives \$20 million in nonrecurring funds for grant programs to equip local law enforcement officers with body cameras, bulletproof vests, and other protective gear.

The Department of Corrections is afforded \$37 million in nonrecurring funds for critical equipment replacement and \$10 million in nonrecurring funds for critical deferred maintenance projects.

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation is afforded \$850,000 in Emergency Medical Technician tuition assistance to allow two years of free tuition for 850 new EMTs.

The Adjutant General's Office receives \$4.5 million for revitalizing, maintaining, and operating the state's armories.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs is afforded \$10.2 million for veteran transition homes.

The Election Commission receives \$2.8 million in recurring funds for the election integrity and compliance auditor program and \$1.3 million in recurring funds for election security funding.

\$90 million is used for full funding the constitutional reserve accounts that the state uses to cope with revenue shortfalls. An additional \$314 million enhances reserve funds to ten percent of revenue.

A budget provision establishes conditions under which retirees in the South Carolina Retirement System and the Police Officers Retirement System can return to covered employment without being subject to earnings limitations.

\$12.5 million in recurring funds is included for full funding of the Local Government Fund that is consistent with the revised approach for sending revenue to political subdivisions established in Act 84 of 2019. \$2 million is provided for a rural stabilization fund to aid those local governments that will be negatively impacted, due to the 2020 Census, under the local government funding formula.

\$3.35 million is provided in state aid to county libraries.

The provisions of Act 35 of 2021, pertaining to intercollegiate athlete (NIL) name, image, or likeness are suspended for the fiscal year.

The budget includes a provision for coordination between PalmettoPride and the Department of Transportation to maximize the state's litter removal initiatives.

This is the House version of the Budget. It will now go to the Senate for them to deal with. More than likely, things will change in their version. It will most likely go to a Conference Committee and a compromise hammered out. Stay tuned.

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US House of Representatives

Rep. Duncan Pushes Democrats to Bring American Energy Independence from Russia Act to a Vote

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C.—Today, Rep. Duncan spoke on the House floor on the importance of unleashing American energy independence as the tragic implications of energy dependence on Russia play out on the world stage. The American Energy Independence from Russia Act would unleash American energy independence and choke Putin's energy-funded war machine. Rep. Duncan urged House Democrats to bring this to the floor for a vote.

“Europe and the rest of the world needs American energy leadership at this time. Drill more, export now, and cut off that money pipeline to Vladimir Putin,” said Duncan. “Let’s flip

the switch and vote on the American Energy Independence from Russia Act and unleash American energy production and security.”

“This legislation would immediately approve the Keystone XL pipeline, remove all restrictions on LNG exports, restart oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters, which has been halted by the Biden Administration, and require Biden to submit an energy security plan, allowing the U.S. to become net exporters of energy again and end Russia’s monopoly on energy in Europe,” said Duncan. “This legislation would succeed in bringing down energy costs and increasing national security.”

“Americans are suffering from record-high gas prices because of the Biden

Administration’s refusal to use American energy which has created this reliance on adversaries for energy. The Administration’s solution is telling Americans to stop complaining about gas prices and to buy electric cars instead. This is basically saying ‘Let them eat cake!’ since an EV costs nearly twice the average annual wage in this country,” said Congressman Duncan. “The real solution to the energy crisis is unleashing American energy and reversing Biden-era energy regulations.”

“The United States is blessed with abundant natural resources, but we’re cursed with liberal politicians who refuse to allow Americans to benefit from them,” said Duncan.

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I wrote a letter to the editor in the Press and Banner a week ago asking about the City answering questions. I stated that only two of our City council members had their contact information on the official city website...

I checked this week and they still haven’t updated it. Guess they don’t want us to contact them...why? Aren’t they supposed to represent us? The City ordinance should REQUIRE A CANDIDATE TO HAVE CONTACT INFORMATION READILY AVAILABLE AND also a MAP showing districts of Abbeville.

When I first moved here ten years ago (yes, I am a transplant, but one that cares for this gem of a town) I met the most friendly, amazing people. The city seemed to be going in the right direction. Businesses wanted and would use volunteers, etc... they were listening to outsiders’ ideas and opinions because *sometimes* the new residents will not only observe more but have ideas that they were willing to bring to this town that worked in former towns that they moved from.

Not saying everything can be perfect, but I truly care about the people and this town and I just want to make others aware of some of the ‘what seems to be unnecessary spending.’

FUNDRAISERS ARE EVERYWHERE THESE DAYS:

- The Abbeville Community Performing Arts had a silent auction to start plays back at AOH. We never had to have a fundraiser before that that I am aware of. The AOH plays supported themselves. Plays were bringing in money to the city UNTIL

the City Manager fired the director, Jimmy Burdette, and **ALL the volunteers, which included the actors.** Why? Just because a **female racist from IOWA** was upset and called Jimmy a racist. Our City Manager didn’t even know this woman from Iowa... but yet he knee-jerked and shut the plays down two hours after she made a threatening call. A two hour notice and all the hard work, hours of practice and money put into a kid’s play called THE LION AND THE WARDROBE were completely cancelled! All the child actors, adult actors and others such as backstage and custodial volunteers were made to think they were not worth defending. The City Manager didn’t care about the town’s people or the town. We lost thousands of dollars because of HIS decision alone. He couldn’t blame COVID either, because COVID wasn’t around at that time.

- There is even a fundraiser to buy flowers for our Square... what!!!!? Not enough money to even buy flowers for our very own Square? What a SHAME AND DISGUSTING problem to have. Small towns like IVA have a beautifully decorated Square every single day of the year and a museum, which is an art itself with the way it looks and the amount of volunteers who help keep it open (but we can pay for speed humps that NEVER got discussed at city council meetings?)
- Fundraiser \$40 for 40 Spring Festival... never had to raise money for the Spring Festival before... where is ALL our money going?
- Fundraiser for Senior Flags

We even lost the owners Roger and Ashley at the

Hardware Store because of our city not taking an interest in a concern they had that affected their store.

Now I am NOT saying the low income apartments shouldn’t have been built, but I am saying they SHOULD NOT have been built on Chestnut Street next to Historical properties and the Square. The other recommendation for these apartments was on HWY 72. Yes, it’s too late now... BUT have you thought about this... three stories high and probably 200+ people and cars and animals on five acres of land?

Can you imagine the traffic -- not only on Chestnut, but on the Square on Greenville Street, on Secession Avenue, on Magazine Street, and on Marshall Avenue? Will we need addition sanitation employees? Will we need more police officers? Will we need addition employees in animal control? Will we need someone to clean, supply, lock and unlock the restroom in the Chestnut Street Park area? I wonder what all that will cost taxpayers?

Awhile back, the city council had a long debate about getting a vending machine for City hall. A VENDING MACHINE. I wish they’d spend 25 minutes talking about how to bring MORE tax paying residents to Abbeville.

I know many will be offended by my letters, but I also have people praise and ENCOURAGE me, but they won’t come forward and make themselves heard. I guess they are afraid they might be criticized. I, for one, care too much for Abbeville and its citizens to let these issues go unheard.

Janet Somero Smith

Fiscal transparency improves government, builds trust

By Richard Eckstrom, S.C. Comptroller

Making detailed financial information easily available to the public improves the quality of government. It keeps officials on their toes and makes it easier to catch misspending and waste. Transparency builds trust with taxpayers, who have a right to know how their hard-earned dollars are being spent.

About this time each year, advocates for open-government celebrate Sunshine Week, a national initiative to promote access to public information. This year, Sunshine Week is observed March 13 – 19. This occasion is used to educate citizens about freedom-of-information laws, push public officials to be more open, and promote the benefits of transparency. I often use it to emphasize a critical element of open-government – posting online spending reports.

To be sure, access to detailed information on state and local government spending has increased tremendously over the past several years. It was in 2008 that South Carolina became one of the first states in the nation to create a fiscal transparency website – an online check register showing monthly, itemized expenditures for all state agencies... fulfilling a goal I’d had since the early days of the Internet. Now, just about every state has such a site, although I’m proud to say that I believe we’re the only state to develop ours without seeking additional funds to do it. (It was important to show it could be done inexpensively -- undercutting one of the loudest arguments raised by early opponents of spending transparency.)

Following this success, my staff and I began encouraging local governments to increase their financial transparency, asking counties, municipalities and school districts to voluntarily post their expenditures online.

SC Statehouse Reports 2022-The Senate--Senator Mike Gambrell

Legislative summary

Senator Mike Gambrell Legislative Summary March 18, 2022

At the State House this week, the House of Representatives passed their Budget, and have taken a furlough until March 29. The Senate’s proposed schedule for approving a Budget has the Subcommittees meeting during the next three weeks for proviso recommendations. The full Senate Finance Committee would meet to deliberate on the Budget the week prior to Easter. The full Senate would then debate the Budget beginning the Week of April 25th. In other words, the upcoming month is going to be very, very busy for those of us on the Finance Committee.

The Senate gave third reading on Tuesday to the Comprehensive Tax Cut Act of 2022, and it will be waiting on the House of Representatives when they return. We also gave third reading to S.1011, a bill creating the S. C. Parkinson’s Disease Research Collection Act. This bill would authorize MUSC to track the number of patients within the state as they are diagnosed with this as yet incurable disease. This would be a voluntary program for the patient and no identifying



Richard Eckstrom

Initially, many local officials were hesitant, expressing their concern over the cost and effort involved; some of their concerns were genuine, although I’m sure some simply didn’t appreciate this added layer of citizen-oversight. Ultimately, some 30-plus local governments – from the large counties of Charleston and Greenville to the towns of Chesnee, Greer and Surfside Beach – began publishing their spending details online.

Our pioneering work prompted a new state law directing all school districts to post their spending details online. Public colleges and universities soon began to do the same.

In 2011, a handful of good-government advocates in Congress introduced the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act to require that federal spending data be standardized and published online monthly. Congress debated the Act for three years; it eventually was signed into law, yet only after the White House successfully lobbied to cut back the reporting requirements – including to publish the information only quarterly rather than monthly. (The website is [Spendingsouthcarolina.gov](https://www.spendingsouthcarolina.gov).)

While we’ve come a long way, governments at all levels still fall far short of providing the level of transparency that taxpayers deserve. For one thing, too many cities and counties in South Carolina still don’t post their spending details online.

And while much of my focus has been on publishing itemized spending online, which is an efficient way to combat waste, there are certainly other areas where the curtain needs pulling back. Taxpayers are largely kept in the dark about the cost of recruiting incentives their local and state governments hand out to attract development. In addition, the time it takes for many of our state’s cities and counties to produce their annual audited financial reports is a persistent problem. Too many of these reports -- designed to disclose detailed information on assets, liabilities, long-term debt, revenues and expenditures -- take so long for some governments to complete that the delays impair the use of the reports for accountability and oversight purposes.

One of Sunshine Week’s objectives is to enlist the public’s help in the fight for transparency. Want to get involved? Then hold politicians’ feet to the fire. If your local governments’ spending details aren’t available online, call your representatives and ask why. Find out whether your local government’s annual financial reports are issued timely (within six months of year-end).

Ask if the public is allowed to see how your local government makes decisions and how it operates. Are issues discussed in public rather than in closed-door executive sessions? Are the community’s requests for records answered promptly (and free of charge)?

Transparency is vital not just because of tangible benefits, but because of what it says about the officials who embrace it. It says we understand that our constituents are our bosses, that they’re who we answer to.

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

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DisABILITY Awareness Day

Submitted by
Teresa H. Medlin
March is disABILITIES Awareness Month in South Carolina. On Wednesday, March 2, 2022, a group of friends from Burton Center attended Disability Advocacy Day at the State House. While at the capitol they had the opportunity to visit with Senator Mike Gambrell, Senator Billy Garrett and Representative Craig Gagnon. Disability Advocacy Day provides the opportunity for organizations all across the state to talk with their legislators about the challenges and needs of individuals with disabilities and their families.

Some of the issues addressed during Disability Advocacy Day were: Transportation; Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS); Respite; Medicaid Waiver Waiting Lists; Aging Caregivers; Direct Support Professionals; #COVID19 and how it has affected individuals who have disabilities; Special Education and Affordable Housing.

Burton Center for Disabilities and Special Needs is a non-profit, multi-county agency, providing services for over 500 people with disabilities and special needs (autism, intellectual disabilities, head injuries, spinal cord injuries and related

disabilities) in Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Lexington, McCormick and Saluda counties. Burton Center's mission is to Discover and Develop Unlimited Potential.

Services are provided to help each individual reach their full potential. Service include: day services for adults at four centers located in Greenwood, Lexington, Saluda and Ware Shoals, residential services (26 community residences, 3 supervised living programs, 4 community training home l's) and Respite.

For more information, visit www.burtoncenter.org or call 864-942-8900.



Representative Craig Gagnon meeting with Jessica and Brandon (Photo contributed).



Senator Billy Garrett meeting with Jessica, Bernice, Trixy and Brandon. (Photo contributed)



Senator Mike Gambrell meeting with Brandon, Jessica, Trixy and Bernice (Photo contributed).

**Pet of the Month**



Kennedy really needs a forever home. She is a mixed Breed who has a beautiful blue brindle and white coat. Kennedy is 2 yrs. old and is about 56 pounds of love. She can be shy at first but she is very sweet. Food is her biggest motivator. She is very laid back and gets along well with other dogs. You can't go wrong if you choose Kennedy.

Adoption Fees are reduced to \$25 for Kennedy, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

**Pet of the Month**



Meet **Marvel** a 2 yr. old Retriever/mix who is very energetic and loves people. Marvel weighs in at 45 pounds and can be a handful with his energy and size. He loves to run and play in the yard but will need to be an only dog. Visit Marvel at the shelter and let her show you all that love she has to offer.

Adoption Fees are reduced to \$25 for Marvel, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

**Pet of the Month**




Oreo and Charlie are siblings who are 7 months old. Oreo is black and very playful and loves human attention. Charlie is black and white and enjoys some human affection but is a bit more independent and curious. Visit the shelter today and take one or both of these beautiful babies home and experience the love they have to offer.

Adoption Fees are reduced to \$15 for Oreo and \$15 for Charlie, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.

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Multitasking is rule for Assessor’s office

By Henry E. Green
(The following article is one in a series on County government operations.)
Abbeville County Assessor Gregg Currin wants to make one thing clear.
“Contrary to popular belief, the Assessor’s office does not tax your property,” Currin said. “The primary purpose of the office is twofold: keep accurate records of the parcels and structures in the County and to establish the market value of those properties. Included is the administration of property classifications and exemptions, such as Legal Residence assessment or Agricultural exemptions.
“We are presently in the process of the state mandated five year reassessment of all properties in the County which will be implemented this October.”
Located on the second floor of the Administration building at 903 W. Greenwood Street, Suite 2200, the Assessor’s Office has

a team of five people.
That team includes an Assessor with 24 years of experience, a Deputy Assessor with 16 years of experience, and two apprentice appraisers, one of whom is new, while the other has one year of experience
The team also includes a newly-hired Assessment specialist, Currin said.
These Assessor’s Office personnel perform a variety of tasks.
“Customer service is our number one priority,” he said. “We try to advise each taxpayer on the best ways they can minimize their tax liability through the use of available exemptions and/or management of their properties.
“Everyone should pay their fair share - but not one penny more.
“We advise people to call us BEFORE they make any changes to their property. Something as simple as adding a name to a deed

or splitting a piece of property to a child can trigger a process that may increase your tax bill. We really are here to help!”
To work in the Assessor’s Office, one would do well to exercise the virtue of flexibility, according to Currin.
“In our small office, multi-tasking is essential,” he said. “All our team members are cross-trained in almost every job. Some of the skills necessary are patience, curiosity, the ability to decipher and understand legal documents and a working knowledge of GIS mapping. Probably the most frustrating aspect to a ‘newbie’ is the constant change. Our laws change at the end of every legislative session and must be applied when the changes require implementation. Rulings by the various courts influence our everyday activity.
All in all, it’s the ability to adapt on short notice.”

These young ladies from Dance Dynasty in Abbeville took advantage of a beautiful spring day recently to practice in front of the Abbeville County Courthouse on Abbeville’s Court Square. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



A Slice of Mike

“It Takes a Lot of Patience to be Friends With Me”

By Mike Elis
Can we be friends?
However, if we are to be friends, I feel honesty is the best policy. Friendships should start with full disclosure. Every friend you will ever have has an issue that isn’t necessarily clear at first, but will come to the surface in time. Mine is major.
There is something you should know that might make you rethink your decision or at least take into consideration when making plans with me. Being friends with me can be a blessing; going out with me can be a curse.
You have been warned.
We all have made poor choices in life, but mine is ongoing with what I like to call the “grocery line” curse. No matter what store I am in, I will choose the slowest line. I don’t care if the person in front of me has two items, there will be an issue. Whether I choose wisely (or so I think) the line with fewer people with less groceries, the line with the teenager bagging groceries, or the younger generation of shoppers who don’t even know how to write out a check, mine will take longer.
I feel like I am calling tails on a coin flip and both sides are heads.
And it doesn’t just happen to me in grocery stores. I am always in the slower lane of traffic. At restaurants my table always gets our food after the people who walked in 15 minutes after us. And at fast food restaurants, I am always

the car they tell to pull up even when there is no one else in the drive thru and I order only a Happy Meal.
At gas stations, forget it. Every time I enter a gas station convenient store to get coffee, you would think they were running a sale on lotto tickets.
“Yes, give me three number 11 tickets, four number 2, and six of those with the green dude from the Lucky Charms commercials. And here are all my scratch-offs from last time; can you check to see if any of these five hundred tickets are winners?” And then, the line that every lotto player asks when buying tickets...
“These are all winners, right?” And they laugh like they just wrote the funniest joke in history. How original.
I was at my local Ingles the other night and I was second to check out. There were two lines open and the #2 cashier line was where my cart was parked, awaiting its moment of disappointment which was bound to happen. The other line open had a longer line. I am guessing because everyone there knows of the Mike Elis grocery line curse and has been behind me in line at some point; my curse is legendary.
And then a cart from the other line rushed to get behind me and she motioned to her husband “Come over here, the line is shorter.”
“I wouldn’t do that if I were you. I promise you that I’m cursed and you will be sor-

ry you did that.” They both laughed me off. In fact he then said under his breath, “Everybody thinks they’re a comedian.” I turned around and decided against telling them what I do for a living.
It was just then the cashier said, “Oh darn, I accidentally double-charged you for an item. I need to get a manager here to override.” Unfortunately, the manager was nowhere to be found so I looked back and I was going to give them the “I told you so” but instead decided that was the moment to tell them, “Yes, I am a comedian.” Several minutes later, the manager showed up and she apologized as she so nicely put it, “Sorry, I had to go to the ladies room as something didn’t agree with my stomach.”
If I were playing Jeopardy, “I’ll take things I didn’t want to know about the Ingles manager for \$400.”
So, if you are friends with me, be patient please. It’s a curse.
I’m sure you are wondering what the odds are of it not happening to you when you are out with me? About as good as....
“Give me three number 6s, a number 11, two number 3s. All winners please.”
Don’t forget to get your tickets to see comedians Michael Winslow (Spaceballs, Police Academy) and Mike Elis as they hit the Abbeville Opera House stage on June 25th. Tickets available online at abbevillecitysc.com

Enrollment Up 9% Due to No-Cost Option at PTC

Submitted by Kristine Hartvigsen
Last fall, news about Piedmont Technical College’s “No-Cost Option” triggered a massive wave of enrollees. As of February, enrollment at PTC has increased 9% overall compared to last spring.
“We are particularly gratified to see an 91% increase in readmitted students over the previous year,” PTC President Dr. Hope E. Rivers said. “These are students who have been enrolled before but pressed pause on their education for a variety of reasons. That number

shows that many students have put their college ambitions on hold specifically because of the cost. We believe that removing the tuition barrier motivated these students to come back to college in droves.”
The college’s latest enrollment numbers show increases across the board, including a jump of 23% for new students and 4% for dual-enrolled high school students.
“I have some friends attending who are very excited about the no-cost tuition,” said PTC student Joseph Pinkard, one of the college’s Presidential Ambassadors.
Because they don’t want anything standing in the way of students’ pursuit of a new or better career, PTC officials have removed the tuition cost barrier for current and future students who enroll through the summer 2022 semester.
“We are thrilled to be able to offer the no-cost opportunity and hope to expand on the policy if funding is extended,” Dr. Rivers said.
The PTC No-Cost Option is in effect through the summer 2022 semester. For information about enrolling for the summer semester, visit www.ptc.edu/free.

AA to meet

There will be an AA meeting Monday and Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at 103 Bowie Street, behind Trinity Episcopal Church in Abbeville.

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American Legion Post 2 is in the process of forming a softball team, which is scheduled to start playing in June, and Terry Greenfield (right) and Jimmy Ashley (left) recently talked about the process. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Legion Post 2 forming softball team

By Henry E. Green
American Legion Post 2 is in the process of forming a softball team, which is scheduled to start playing in June.
“June 6 is opening day,” said Terry Greenfield, Post 2 commander.
Home games will be played at the Dixie High School softball field, and the program is for girls 13 through 19, said Jimmy Ashley, chairman of the youth athletic program for Post 2.
Games will be played in June and July, on weekdays only, within the framework of the American Legion South

Carolina Ladies Fast Pitch Softball league.
“The girls will not have to pay (to be team members),” Ashley said.
The Post is in the process of selecting girls to play on the team.
“We’ll have tryouts,” said Ashley. These tryouts will be after the high school seasons end sometime in May.
“This is the second year that American Legion has sponsored South Carolina Ladies Softball,” he said.
“We hope that everybody will back us and make this league a success,” Ashley said.
This will be the first year

American Legion Post 2 has fielded a team, and the Post 2 team will be playing teams representing other American Legion posts.
The format will be similar to that of American Legion baseball, played in the summer.

For more information, call Greenfield at 377-9053 or Ashley at 378-6024

Dixie softball coach Samantha Ferguson will be a part of a coaching staff for the Legion team, which she said Thursday will also include Matt Cox and Chad Roper.

Erskine planning spring football game

By Henry E. Green
Erskine will have its spring football game on Saturday, April 9, at 10 a.m. at Huggins Field on the Erskine campus, Beth Boyd told Abbeville Rotarians Thursday.
Boyd, the wife of Erskine coach Shap Boyd, provided an update to the Rotarians on Erskine football, and distributed flyers about the spring game and related activities.
Those flyers included quotes from Fleet football team members.
The spring game “will be a controlled scrimmage to

showcase the hard work we have put in to prepare for the upcoming season in the fall,” according to tight end Az Zahir Smith.
Following the spring game, there will be activities such as clay shooting, a jump castle, and a barbecue.
The clay shoot will be at Rocky Knoll Sporting Clays at 2899 Milford Dairy Road, Abbeville, and the barbecue at Matt Cox’s Barn at 49 Highway 185 South, Donalds, according to an Erskine sports website.
At the barbecue, fans will be able to take part in a silent

auction and interact with some Fleet football players.
As was the case last year, Erskine will play its home games at Greenwood High School during the 2022 season.
The Fleet, which finished its 2021 season with a 3-8 record, added 30 players on National Signing Day, according to the Erskine sports website.
Erskine discontinued its football program in the 1950s before reviving it several years ago.
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Baseball teams in thick of schedules

By Henry E. Green
The Dixie and Abbeville high school varsity baseball teams are very much in the thick of their schedules.
The Abbeville High School varsity baseball team played two games last week and won both of them, said AHS head baseball coach Daniel Little Monday.
The Panthers traveled to Dixie on Monday, March 14, and defeated the Hornets 13-0. The winning pitcher for AHS was Ty Price.
It was the second victory over the Hornets this season for AHS, which defeated Dixie 4-0 earlier this season.
AHS traveled to Whitmire on Thursday and won 12-0. Friday’s game against

Greenwood Christian was rained out.
As of Monday, March 21, the Panthers were 5-2.
Meanwhile, Dixie overcame its loss to Abbeville by traveling to High Point Academy the next day--Tuesday, March 15--for its Region opener, and the Hornets defeated High Point 8-3, said Dixie varsity head baseball coach Michael Turner Tuesday.
The winning pitcher was Hunter Satterfield, who struck out nine, and walked two, and gave up four hits.
The Hornets had five hits, but they had the benefit of some walks, according to Turner.
“We stole some bases,” he added.

Brandon Hershberger pitched the last two innings., Turner continued.
“He did not give up a hit, and had four strike outs,” he said.
Dixie lost to Southside Christian Monday night 5-0. The losing pitcher was Brandon Hershberger, who struck out five and gave up eight hits.
The Hornets had four hits, and fell to 1-1 in the Region with the loss.
Dixie was slated to host Southside Christian yesterday--March 22--at 7 p.m. The jayvees were to play at 5 p.m.

The Hornets will travel to Emerald on March 23 for a 6 p.m game.



Beth Boyd, wife of Erskine football coach Shap Boyd, spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about the upcoming Erskine spring football game, and distributed material about Erskine football. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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