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Hindsight is 2020

Good grief! Will this year ever end?

By Henry E. Green

A few weeks ago, Time Magazine had an issue whose cover proclaimed that 2020 was “the worst year ever.”

We’re hardly in a position to disagree.

2020 is a year which many people will be glad to see go.

And who can blame them? Civil unrest, a tumultuous Presidential election, a hurricane season to end all hurricane seasons, and, of course, the coronavirus pandemic -- it was just “one thing after another.”

In this issue, we will look at some of the things that made 2020 a year to remember, or a year to forget, depending on your perspective.

The coronavirus cast a shadow over so much in the way of daily life, cutting the 2019-2020 school year in two.

Abbeville County schools were closed to in-person

classes in mid-March, in line with school closures throughout the Palmetto State, and for weeks it was an open question as to whether graduation ceremonies would be held.

Ultimately they were, but they were conducted with a 2020 twist. The AHS graduation program was held on the AHS football field, with the graduates in their caps and gowns seated at a social distance from each other.

The plague, as some people put it, also forced the cancellation of the Abbeville Spring Festival and the spring festival presented by the town of Calhoun Falls in mid-May.

The pandemic also cast doubt over whether there would be a high school football season. Ultimately there was, and Abbeville High School son its 11th state title, annihilating Mar-

ion 37-6.

Even here, the sobering shadow of the virus was felt. The state championship game was originally scheduled for Dec. 4, but had to be rescheduled to Dec. 18, because of COVID concerns with the Marion football team.

Abbeville County was definitely touched by the pandemic, but much also happened that was outside the realm of the plague.

The City of Abbeville, for example, elected a new mayor -- Trey Edwards.

And the Abbeville County School District found a new superintendent -- Dr. Mason Gary.

Hindsight is 2020, they say, and this is one year we definitely want to put “behind” us, although we should all be wearing T-shirts proclaiming, “I survived 2020.”



Abbeville Rotarians and friends help out every year with the Christmas Angel Tree Bicycle Project, through which bikes are sent out to happy youngsters throughout the Abbeville County community on Christmas Eve morning from Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville. Here, Abbeville Rotarian Lou Paradis is shown adjusting a bicycle before it goes out to make some young person very happy (Staff photo by Henry E. Green).

Filing period for City Council election set

By Henry E. Green

Filing arrangements in preparation for the March 9 special Abbeville City Council election have been announced.

The election is to fill the City Council District Three seat vacated when Trey Edwards, who had held the seat, became Mayor of Abbeville.

The filing period for the special March 9 election starts on January 13, at noon, and closes on Friday, January 22, at noon, according to the Abbeville County voter registration office.

Anyone wishing to file as a candidate for this seat may do so by coming by the voter registration office, filling out the necessary paperwork,

and paying the registration fee.

The election will be on March 9, and voting will be done at the Abbeville County administrative complex. Abbeville City Council elections are nonpartisan.

For more information, one may call the voter registration office at 366-2400.



Abbeville Rotarians and friends help out every year with the Christmas Angel Tree Bicycle Project, through which bikes are sent out to happy youngsters throughout the Abbeville County community on Christmas Eve morning from Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville. Approximately 40 bikes were slated to be sent out on Christmas Eve of 2020 (Staff photo by Henry E. Green).

Those we lost

Some prominent individuals left the Abbeville County scene in 2020

By Henry E. Green

We said goodbye to some very interesting people in 2020, people who definitely left their own distinctive imprint on life in Abbeville County.

Three individuals come to mind--Harry Stille, Jim Irwin, and May Hutchinson. They were all very different, and yet, not so much--as the force of their personalities shaped life around them.

Stille, who died in January, was originally from New Jersey, but he adopted to life in his new home south of the Mason Dixon Line, and he left his impact in so many areas.

He served as Mayor of Due West for many years, and

left his mark also in athletics, serving as the Erskine baseball coach.

Stille was a vociferous opponent of school consolidation, and he was a leader of the anti-consolidation forces before the 1991 consolidation referendum, a referendum in which the proposed school consolidation was soundly defeated.

He also represented State House District 11 in the General Assembly for a number of years.

Jim Irwin, meanwhile, attended many a County Council meeting and wrote many a letter to the editor of The Press and Banner, largely in the interest of making Council adhere to what

he saw as wise stewardship of County finances.

His admirers saw Irwin, who died in the spring of 2020, as a perfect example of someone who spoke “truth to power”.

May Hutchinson, who died in the summer, did much to preserve the history of Abbeville, and especially to protect her beloved Trinity Episcopal Church.

May, who lived well into her nineties, positively bubbled over with stories, and exercised a dry and delightful wit, whether she was speaking to the Abbeville Rotary Club or to a reporter hungry for a news tip.



Southside Baptist Church in Abbeville recently staged a Live Nativity on the hillside outside the church. The Live Nativity has been a tradition of the church for a number of years (Staff photo by Henry E. Green).

Calhoun Falls fire fighters awarded grant

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls fire department has been awarded a grant, according to the South Carolina Forestry Commission.

The South Carolina Forestry Commission is authorized to distribute matching federal funds to fire departments in South Carolina under the Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) program through the USDA Forest Service.

The Calhoun Falls Fire

Department has been allocated \$1,898.

The VFA Grant is designed for purchasing equipment and supplies to meet wildland fire fighting needs.

“We hope to buy some radio equipment,” said Department Chief Darrell Manning Tuesday.

The department has to supply a 50 percent match for the grant, so the fire fighters have to raise \$1,898.

“The matching funds

will come from the town,” he said. The department should have the matching amount in its city budget.

“We’re hoping to get some radios that will help us out in the wooded areas that we protect,” he said.

These will be in addition to a number of radios the department already has.

The department has about 30 members, he said.

Ideas of March

The year 2020 featured a particularly uncertain COVID spring

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County residents will remember March of 2020 as the time that everything changed.

Before March, everything was normal, or so it seemed. After March, nothing was. The specter of the coronavirus made sure of that.

Schools closed to in-person learning in mid-March, and did not reopen for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

It made one observer think of how the "Ideas of March" have been considered unlucky ever since the assassination of Julius Caesar on March 15, in the year 44 B.C.

The closing of the schools throughout South Carolina helped mark the beginning of an uncertain spring.

That was particularly true of the month of April, when you would turn on the television and watch in horror as New York suffered.

Back then, the Big Apple was the epicenter of the pandemic, and abroad, Italy and Spain were among the countries hit hardest by COVID 19.

We all became familiar with the concept of social distancing, and washing your hands at least 20 seconds, and, of course, the anti-virus weapon which has aroused

such debate--masks.

Here in South Carolina, Governor Henry McMaster announced restrictions on businesses to help thwart the spread of the pandemic.

The restrictions were later relaxed, as the state attempted to "reopen" its economy.

The pandemic has been characterized by a number of surges, particularly following holidays such as Memorial Day and Thanksgiving.

At year's end, there was good news and there was bad news. Health officials advised people to stay home for holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas, since large family gatherings could help spread the virus.

Despite the warning, many people traveled for the holidays, leading many hospitals to brace for a post-holiday surge in infections.

However, the long-awaited anti-virus vaccines became available at year's end, and vaccinations at Abbeville Area Medical Center began, following a priority protocol, with health care workers getting the vaccine first.

The vaccine should become available to the general public in mid-2021.

AAMC began testing in March for the virus.

Initially, all the testing was done at the hospital, and then AAMC branched out to provide mobile testing, in collaboration with DHEC, in "all areas of the county plus McCormick", said AAMC director of nursing Sharon Martin.

"The mobile clinics are usually weekly," and typically are held in Abbeville on Tuesdays at the old Fred's parking lot on Highway 28 Bypass.

The next testing event will be on January 5 from 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

"We have tested a total of 11113 people through out hospital, practices and respiratory clinic. We have tested an additional 8062 at our mobile testing clinic. We began testing on March 12th. We reported out first positive on March 17," said Meg Davis, marketing, foundation and volunteer services director with AAMC.

Martin noted that AAMC does have a respiratory clinic that is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., a clinic which may be reached by calling 366-1770.

Martin reminded people to wear their masks when around others, and to wash their hands often.



Marissa Hines, of Due West, has earned Lander University's Thayer Award for having the highest grade point average of any member of Lander's fall graduating class (Photo by Laura Brown).

Hines earns Lander University's Thayer Award

Submitted by
Jeff Lagrone

'Can't miss' prospects often do, but there are some compelling reasons for believing that Marissa Hines won't.

Hines, an accounting major from Due West, just won the Thayer Award, established by the family of Dr. Henry Thayer, for having the highest grade point average of any member of Lander University's fall graduating class. She graduated with a perfect 4.0 average.

In the spring, she will work as an audit intern with Grant Thornton, LLC, of Columbia, having previously participated in Grant Thornton's Impact: Summer Leadership Program.

Next fall, she will begin work on her master of accountancy degree at the University of South Carolina, where she has already been accepted.

In addition to her work with Grant Thornton, she has also worked as a tax season intern with Manley Garvin, LLC, and Cox Ac-

counting Solutions, LLC, both of Greenwood; as a communications intern with the Greenwood Chamber of Commerce; and as a seasonal teller with The Commercial Bank, in Donalds.

However, it was an internship with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's International Violent Crimes Unit in Washington, D.C., that opened her eyes to what she wanted to do. That was when she got her "first glimpse of forensic accounting and realized that was my career goal," she said.

Assistant Professor of Business Dr. Kelli Horne's forensic accounting class, which goes into the history of forensic accounting, finding fraud, and forensic accounting jobs, also "impacted my career path and solidified my interest in the field," Hines said.

Horne said she was "not surprised" that Hines graduated at the top of her class. "I am very impressed with Marissa," she said.

Professor of Accounting Dr. Gail Moore, who taught Hines in three classes, said

"she is the type of student you enjoy having in class because she can answer questions where appropriate and help her peers where appropriate. She does not wait to be taught, but rather digs deeply into topics to learn everything she can about them."

Moore, who served as Hines's academic advisor and also supervised one of her internships, called her "one of the best students I have ever taught."

In addition to Horne and Moore, Hines also credited College of Business Administrative Specialist Jody Chapman.

"Mrs. Chapman always has her door open to help students like me, and when you need something done, she makes it happen," she said.

One of the keys to being a successful student is having a strong work ethic, according to Hines. Another is having a support system.

"Having those people to push you that extra mile makes a huge difference," she said.

Happy New Year!



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Year in review

Local council scene saw some changes

By Henry E. Green

The town council scene in Abbeville County saw some new faces in 2020.

Due West Town Council saw the addition of Kitty Storey and Charles Angel.

The Abbeville County School District saw the addition of Joe Bryson and Adam Rich.

Abbeville City Council saw the addition of Matt Gambrell.

Gambrell was elected in November to represent City Council District Five, having defeated incumbent Jim Grant in the nonpartisan City Council election.

Adam Rich ran unopposed in a special election to fill the unexpired term of Mark Peeler, who resigned due

to personal reasons.

Bryson was elected in November, having run unopposed.

Angel and Storey were elected to Due West Town Council in special elections to fill the vacancies on Council left by the passing of Council members Harry Stille and Tony Storey.

Kitty Storey is actually the widow of Tony Storey, and Charles Angel is the former mayor of Due West.

In other local government news, Abbeville County voters elected a new Coroner during the general election in November.

Republican Mark Dorn defeated Democratic incumbent Ronnie Ashley.

Billy Kennedy was reelect-

ed Mayor of Donalds, and Donalds Town Council saw some new Council members.

They include Millie McDonald, who has served on Council before, and William Scoggins, who is a newcomer.

New faces on County Council for 2021 will include those of Billy Norris and James McCord, who defeated incumbents Hal Prince and Kristi Smith in the primaries in June.

Billy Norris defeated Hal Prince in one GOP primary battle in County Council District Four, and James McCord defeated Kristi Smith in another GOP battle, in County Council District Five.



These 'Wise Men' helped make the Live Nativity scene recently staged by South Side Baptist in Abbeville more colorful (Staff photo by Henry E. Green).



Graduates from Abbeville Receive Countywide Academic Awards - Because of COVID-19 safety restrictions in force since March, Piedmont Technical College (PTC) has not held any in-person graduation ceremonies in 2020. Now at year's end, PTC officials are announcing each term's county academic award winners. These individuals ordinarily would have been recognized for their outstanding academic performance at in-person graduation ceremonies each term. The Abbeville County Award Winners for 2020 are: Fall 2020- Stephanie West of Donalds.

The entire college family congratulates these fine graduates for their exemplary achievement. (Photo contributed).

Abbeville elected new mayor

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville elected a new mayor in 2020.

Trey Edwards was one of four candidates for Mayor in the Nov. 3 general election. The others included Eric Delgado, Josh Baughman and the incumbent, Delano Freeman.

In the general election, none of the candidates won a clear majority, forcing a runoff between the top two vote-getters--Freeman and Edwards.

Edwards, who had been serving on City Council, where he represented Dis-

trict Three, won the Nov. 17 runoff election.

The new mayor had been elected to Council in 2018.

He grew up in Abbeville, and graduated from AHS in 1989, and he is a construction manager for Century Contractors, based in Matthews, N.C.

Freeman had been elected the City's first African-American Mayor on Nov. 22, 2016.

A small business owner, he had been elected to City Council in November, 2000, and he served for a number of years as Mayor Pro Tem.

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Administrator goes full circle at PTC from Dual Enrollment Student to DE Program Director

Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigsen

Like riding an infinity loop, Piedmont Technical College (PTC) Dual Enrollment (DE) Director Tameika Wideman is experiencing a bit of déjà vu now overseeing a program she herself participated in years ago as a teenager. While she may not have realized it at the time, that DE experience put her on a trajectory ultimately to a career in higher education.

"I took Dual Enrollment courses at Piedmont Tech when I was in high school," she said. "I knew how impactful it was having college courses under my belt by the time I graduated high school."

Anative of Abbeville County, where much of her family still lives, Wideman attended K-12 schools in Greenwood. After high school, she attended the College of Charleston, where she earned a bachelor's degree, majoring in psychology and business administration. From there, her career path took her to various locations, including Charlotte to work in banking and then Greenville, where she worked in advertising for the prominent Erwin Penland agency (now EP&Co.). That role had her constantly traveling to cities like New York and Boston. It was glamorous, but something was lacking.

"It wasn't personally fulfilling," she explained. "I felt like I was just climbing the corporate ladder." One of her college instructors years ago had suggested she consider higher education, but she didn't see it as a match at the time.

Wideman and her husband, Travis, had a strong desire to return to Greenwood. "I am connected to this area. We decided it was going to be our home, and home kept calling. Ready to take that big step, she applied to and was hired at Erskine College, a reasonable commute from Greenwood to Due West. Sometime later, she saw an opportunity to work in Student

Records at PTC and decided to apply. Not only had she attended DE classes there, but her mother and husband both graduated from PTC.

"So I just gave it a shot," Wideman said. As destiny would have it, she got the job. "I immediately fell in love with that work. It aligned with my analytical skills and my desire to work with people."

What followed over the next several years were the birth of daughter Ellie, now 3, the addition of a master's degree in organizational management from Charleston Southern University, as well as promotions to the position of college registrar and then to dual enrollment director — a new position she began in November. She had worked with the previous director, and given her own personal experience in DE, she felt an affinity for the work.

Starting a new position in the middle of an operations-altering pandemic presented challenges she had never encountered before, but Wideman is a problem-solver.

"I think COVID-19 for all of higher education has caused us to really shift and respond to something we could never see coming," she said. "It was a big change for our high school students, too. Working with them, we have had to be flexible and accommodating. There have been a lot of adjustments, but we have been able to serve all of our DE students and deliver what they needed to be successful."

Wideman acknowledged that DE students are eager to get back into the classroom, but they also are warming to online delivery of live instruction.

In the interim, as studies continue online or in hybrid form, the DE office at PTC continues to maintain relationships with its high school partners and keeping abreast of developments in the school district and community. That outreach part of Wideman's new job is especially exciting. "In this role, I am able to get

out into the community and visit county campus sites and classroom settings," she said.

In fact, Wideman recently escorted some DE counselors and students from McCormick County on tours of various departments on the Greenwood campus, including the recently completed William H. "Billy" O'Dell Center for Manufacturing Excellence.

"It's really nice to see what we have to offer and showcase to our partners," she said. "It makes what we are doing here administratively come to life. ... You know, it can be difficult to understand the value in some of our programs. You hear about mechatronics and welding and HVAC, but until you actually see those programs in person, it's very abstract. I could see the counselors on the tour make connections. They can see immediately how what our DE students are learning is going to be impactful."

Wideman returned from the facilities tour in a kind of dream state. You might say the light bulbs were popping. Although her daughter is only 3, Wideman could easily envision Ellie learning in this environment, possibly following in her own steps through the Dual Enrollment program.

"She is a tinkerer. She likes to see how things work," Wideman explained. "I call her 'Ellie the Engineer.' I can definitely see her doing Dual Enrollment in one of the industrial areas. I could definitely see her doing that. It's exciting to see her personality develop."

When she gets older, Wideman noted, Ellie could be a great candidate for school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs that are becoming increasingly popular, especially when promoted to girls. "She is a very tactile learner. I would love to see her go into a nontraditional area for females," she said. "I would nurture that if she were interested."

Tameika Wideman, director of Dual Enrollment at Piedmont Technical College (Photo contributed).



City of Abbeville Surge forces change in office accessibility

By Henry E. Green

The surge in COVID cases has brought about a change in accessibility to City of Abbeville offices, according to a City news release.

"Due to the recent surge in COVID cases, the Police Department, Fire Department, Civic Center, and City Hall will operate on an appointment only basis until January 15th; regularly scheduled events such as Youth Basketball at the Civic Center will proceed as planned with COVID-19 Safety Protocols", according to a news release provided by City community development director Mike Clary.

"The Public Utilities Office will remain open to the

public during this time. To schedule an appointment call 864-366-5017."

As of the early afternoon of Monday, Dec. 28, Abbeville County had 1, 100 confirmed positive cases of coronavirus, and 19 confirmed coronavirus-related deaths.

Among Abbeville's neighboring counties, Anderson had 11, 095 confirmed positive coronavirus cases, and 258 coronavirus-related deaths.

Meanwhile, Greenwood had 3,929 cases, and 84 deaths, while Laurens had 3403 cases and 76 deaths, while McCormick had 421 confirmed positive cases of the virus, and seven coronavirus related cases.

In the state as a whole, as of Monday afternoon, there were 275, 285 confirmed positive cases, and 4, 782 coronavirus-related deaths.

The number of cases here in Abbeville County has grown steadily since the pandemic began, DHEC figures show.

As of Monday, Nov. 30, there were 828 confirmed positive cases of the virus here in Abbeville County, and 17 coronavirus-related deaths.

As of Monday, Dec. 7, there were 908 confirmed positive cases of the virus in Abbeville County, and 18 confirmed deaths, DHEC figures show.

Coping with stress during uncertain times

(StatePoint Media)

Stress is an important and natural stimulant that compels us to adapt to a new environment or lifestyle change. It causes a physiological response that helps us either flee or fight the threat or stressor. But spending too much time on high alert can have damaging health effects.

Prolonged, unwanted and unmanageable stresses like the ones so many people are facing during the pandemic can take a toll, causing anxiety, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness and digestive upsets. Stress can also aggravate or even trigger chronic diseases.

Here are some easy, natural ways to cope:

1. Write a gratitude list. Grab a blank piece of paper and write down a list of things that you are grateful for. This has been proven to drastically improve one's mood and completely change their perspective. You might even consider making this a daily habit and keeping a journal.

2. Do a random act of kindness. Consider donating to an organization feeding those in need or asking an elderly neighbor if you can

pick anything up for them at the store. Give a colleague a compliment. It feels good to do good.

3. Reach out to someone you haven't talked to in a while. Think about that person you used to be close to but just haven't had the time to catch up with. Go ahead



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and give them a call or arrange to video chat! They will appreciate hearing from you, and reconnecting can put you both in a much better mood.

4. Go for a walk. Step outside and enjoy the fresh air. Going for a walk can help to clear your head.

5. Meditate. You don't need to invest a lot of time. Meditating for even just five to 10 minutes can reduce stress and anxiety.

6. Use homeopathy. Homeopathic medicines offer a simple, low-risk solution as they do not suppress the cause of stress itself, but provide enough relief to help

you face it and react appropriately.

"Solutions are not always simple. Stress pills, or anxiolytics, relieve tension and some physical symptoms of stress, but unfortunately, they have unwanted side effects, like drowsiness, and can be habit-forming," says Dr. Ken Redcross, author of "Bond: The 4 Cornerstones of a Lasting and Caring Relationship with Your Doctor," and founder of Redcross Concierge. "However, homeopathic medicines provide an easy, lower-risk treatment option."

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Yoder's, the iconic Abbeville restaurant, had a 50th anniversary celebration on Dec. 18. The restaurant offers the best in Pennsylvania Dutch cooking, with items ranging from fried chicken to shoo fly pie. The lighthouse is a distinctive feature of the establishment, located on Highway 72 on the eastern outskirts of the city of Abbeville (Staff photo by Henry E. Green).

Year in review

School District found new superintendent

By Henry E. Green

The year 2020 was a top-sy-turvy one for the Abbeville County School District.

As with other areas of County life, the year could be divided, it seemed, its pre-pandemic beginning and the portion after the pandemic started.

Before the pandemic, much of the county was divided into two parts -- those in favor of a consolidated high school and those against one.

The reason, of course, was that the District was planning to have, in the spring, a referendum on building a consolidated high school.

Everything changed in the month of March, when the

pandemic worsened, businesses began to close, and unemployment soared.

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees in March repealed its plan to have a referendum.

The trustees reasoned that the residents of Abbeville County, given the grim economy, should not have to bear the tax burden that a massive construction project, such as that of a consolidated high school, would bring.

In June, the District had another large bit of news, as Superintendent Dr. Julie Fowler announced that she was stepping down.

The School District found

an individual to fill her place. Dr. Mason Gary was first hired to serve as Interim Superintendent, and then the trustees gave him the full-time post.

The 2020-2021 school year presented a special challenge. The District, like other school districts in South Carolina, grappled with the task of ensuring that students received an education that was not only academically sturdy, but physically safe from COVID-19.

The School District offered students the option of allowing students to attend class in-person or through the iTech Academy.

A shot in the arm

Virus vaccine just what doctor ordered

By Henry E. Green

Are you going to get the vaccine?

That's the going question these days, as the vaccine against the coronavirus becomes available to more and more people.

Various people have various perspectives on it.

Some are enthusiastic.

Some are skeptical.

Some are adopting a 'wait and see' attitude.

The people we spoke to for

this article seemed to have a positive perspective on it.

Abbeville County Director David Garner plans to be vaccinated.

"Yes, I will," he said. "I view the vaccine the same way I do the mask I choose to wear. I feel they are ways for me to do my part in limiting the spread of COVID. While I may not worry as much about my own ability to recover from COVID should I contract it, I want to do

all I can to protect others in case they may be unable to recover from the virus."

Nancy McKay of Abbeville said, "I think we all should do our part -- wear masks, social distance."

And she and her husband Lanny plan to be vaccinated. Her sister-in-law is a nurse, and her mother is 97, and she plans to get it, too.

"I'll take it as soon as I can get it," said Jane Agan of Abbeville.

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From supporting the development of critical vaccines; building the next generation of electric vehicles; creating new and engaging ways to deliver distance learning; keeping air, food and water safe and sustainable; or bringing efficiencies to the delivery of government services, there is a career in tech waiting for you.

Even better, you don't necessarily need to be a computer whiz or math genius to land one of these jobs, as technical skills can often be taught, but professional and personal skills are often more difficult to find. Those in the know say that a growing number of employers are more interested in creativity, organization, verbal and written communications skills and a willingness to be a team player and less in technical acumen.

"That's true for people joining the labor force for the first time, returning to the workforce, burned out or hitting a ceiling in their current job, or downsized out of a job through no fault of their own," said Todd Thibodeaux, president and CEO of CompTIA, the Computing

It's a field that offers a certain amount of job security, too. The economic and employment disruptions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic

cybersecurity pros responsible for securing our data, devices and networks; and project managers tasked with keeping mission-critical projects on track.

There are a number of free resources available to help you learn more about tech careers:

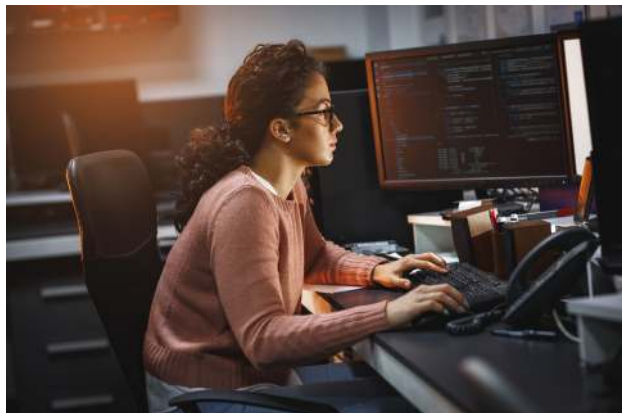
- The Future of Tech (futureoftech.org) is a free and growing library of resources to get you up to speed on what's new and next in the world of technology.

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- If you're interested in cybersecurity, CyberSeek (cyberseek.org) has detailed information on the U.S. job market, including guidance on career paths and professional certifications.

- CompTIA (comptia.org) offers many tech career planning tools, including salary calculators and job search help.

"There are career options available that allow you to combine an interest in technology with something you are passionate about," Thibodeaux said. "With the right access, encouragement and opportunity, anyone can maximize their digital knowledge and skills so they can achieve their life's ambitions."



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have had an impact on tech occupations, though not nearly to the degree that other industries have been affected. The unemployment rate for IT occupations in the U.S. stood at 2.4% in November 2020, below the national unemployment rate of 6.7%.

Employers across the country continue to advertise job openings for tech workers -- there were nearly 200,000 listings in November 2020. These openings were spread across many industries outside the technology sector, including financial services, manufacturing, retail, government, healthcare and education. You'll also find great variety in the types of positions companies need to fill. They include application and software developers; tech support professionals, whose roles are increasingly important as more people work and learn from home; network analysts, architects and engineers;

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Obituaries

Grant

Louis Frederick Grant, 85, of Simpsonville, SC, husband of the late Dorothy Grant, died Monday, December 21, 2020.

Born in Lajas, PR, he was the son of the late Louis and Mercedes Ramirez Grant.

Louis served in the US Army. He was an avid baseball fan and loved the New York Yankees. He worked in the garment industry for 50 years and in his retirement he drove a school bus for the Headstart Program. He was of the Catholic faith.

He is survived by three sons, Stephen Grant (Cathy), Anthony Grant (Linda) and Frederick Grant (Angel); three granddaughters, Elizabeth, Charlotte



Louis Frederick Grant

and Isabel; three grandsons, Matthew, Willem and Roman; and a brother, William Grant (Suzanne).

In addition to his parents and his loving wife of over 59 years, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Robin Grant; two grandsons, Christopher and Kelly Grant; and a brother, Robert Grant.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Chris and Kelly's HOPE Foundation, c/o The Community Foundation of Greenville, 630 East Washington St., Ste. A, Greenville, SC 29601 (www.chriskyhope.org).

Condolences may be left for the family by visiting www.thomasmcafee.com.

Graduates from Abbeville Receive Countywide Academic Awards - Because of COVID-19 safety restrictions in force since March, Piedmont Technical College (PTC) has not held any in-person graduation ceremonies in 2020. Now at year's end, PTC officials are announcing each term's county academic award winners. These individuals ordinarily would have been recognized for their outstanding academic performance at in-person graduation ceremonies each term. The Abbeville County Award Winners for 2020 are: Summer 2020 - Melissa Billey of Donalds.

The entire college family congratulates these fine graduates for their exemplary achievement (Photo contributed).



Obituaries

Sutherland

Scott Manley "Red Dog" Sutherland, 62, resident of 627 Milford Dairy Rd. passed away Monday Dec. 28, 2020 at his home.

He was born in Abbeville, SC Dec. 6, 1958.

Scott was a 1977 graduate of Abbeville High School. Scott was a recent retiree with the City of Abbeville after 32 years of dedicated service. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. Scott was active in his community having served as a volunteer football and baseball coach with the Abbeville Youth Athletics Association. He was an avid Abbeville Panther football fan having served on the football chain crew for over 31 years. He was an assistant football coach at Wright Middle School. Scott became very active with the SC High School League of officials. He served as a baseball, basketball and softball official for over 32 years. Scott was named South Carolina Official of the Year in 2015-2016 by the SC House of Representatives. Scott was also named the NFHS Official of the year for Softball in 2015. Scott also umpired baseball and softball in the

College ranks. He loved to spend time on the water doing what he loved best, fishing. He liked to quote, "Behind every fearless player is a fearless coach who refuses to let them be anything but the best they can be." Scott took pride in coaching his son Davis in Abbeville AYA football and baseball. He was tickled that he was recently on the 2020 Abbeville High School State Champion football team and was named a member of the 2020 South Carolina Shrine Bowl Football Team as well as a All State football selection. Scott as he was affectionately known as "Red Dog" by his many friends and family will be greatly missed in our community.

Survivors include: His parents Rachael Manley Blackburn and Bill Blackburn of Abbeville, SC; a daughter Madison Sutherland and a son Davis Sutherland both of Abbeville, SC; two brothers Steve Sutherland (Jenny) and Shannon Sutherland both of Abbeville, SC; special companion and mother of his daughter Dana Uldrick Bonds of Abbeville, SC; a grandson Tristan Sutherland; a num-

ber of special aunts and uncles as well as nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday Dec. 30, 2020 at 3:00 PM at Grace United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jason Wilson officiating. The burial will be a private family burial at a later date. The family is at the home of his mother and father Mr. & Mrs. Bill Blackburn, 1001 N. Main St. Abbeville, SC. The family will receive friends Wednesday afternoon from 12 noon until 2:45 PM at the church prior to services.

Due to COVID 19 Pandemic mask will be required at the service.

Memorials in memory of Scott may be made to Abbeville High School Booster Club/Stadium Renovation Fund PO Box 1214 Abbeville, SC 29620 or to Abbeville Youth Athletic Association, 404 N. Main St. Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

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This Nativity scene outside Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abbeville helped set the mood for the Christmas season in Abbeville County in 2020 (Staff photo by Henry E. Green).

Debunking hot peppers myths

By Melinda Myers

Enjoy the spicy heat hot peppers add to your meals without concern for the many myths surrounding these garden vegetables. Here are a few you may have heard but are not true. Growing both hot and sweet peppers in the garden will not add spicy heat to the sweet varieties. Peppers are normally self-pollinated. If an insect happens to move the pollen from a hot to sweet pepper, it will not affect the flavor or heat of this year's harvest.

If you save the seeds from a cross-pollinated pepper for next year's garden there is no guarantee on the results. The offspring from this cross may be hot or sweet, only time will tell.

Label hot peppers when growing, harvesting, and storing to avoid any mix-ups. The sweet banana pepper, for example, can easily be confused with hot banana. This makes for an unwelcome surprise when preparing, serving, and eating.

Consider wearing rubber gloves and avoid touching your face and eyes when working with hot peppers as

they can burn. Wash your hands, utensils and cutting boards when finished to avoid any future issues.

Never assume all green peppers are sweet or you will be in for a surprise. Jalapenos are typically harvested when green and others like habanero and Anaheim are hot, whether harvested when green or red. You will also find that hot peppers can be yellow, orange, brown and of course red.

You can turn down the heat when preparing your favorite recipes. Contrary to popular belief, all the heat in hot peppers does not come from the seeds.

While partially true, the majority of the capsaicin that gives hot peppers their heat is in the white membrane that houses the seeds. When the seeds are growing, they may also be coated with extra capsaicin. Remove the white membrane and the seeds, just to be safe, if you want to turn down the heat.

The spicy heat of hot peppers is measured in Scoville Heat Units. The ratings are based on the amount of sugar water needed to

neutralize the spicy heat in the extracted capsaicin that has been diluted in alcohol. A panel of five taste testers decides when the spicy heat has been neutralized and then assigns the rating. Today many companies use a chemical process (liquid chromatography) but translate their results into the popular Scoville Heat Units.

The Scoville Heat Unit rankings vary from one type of hot pepper to another with Poblano-Ancho rating between 1,000 to 2,000, jalapenos 2,500 to 6,000, habaneros at 100,000 to 300,000 and one of the hottest, the ghost pepper, at 1,000,000 to 2,200,000 Scoville Heat Units. Ratings may also vary from individual plants within a specific type based on individual plant differences and the growing conditions.

Finally, don't worry if you had a bad day when planting your hot peppers. Contrary to some old adages, planting hot peppers when angry will not make the peppers hotter, but unknowingly taking a bite of a hot pepper may very well change your mood.

PTC partnership with Teijin Carbon Fibers brings unparalleled economic potential to region & beyond

Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigen

The arrival of Teijin Carbon Fibers (TCF) in South Carolina has had a positive economic impact on the Greenwood community, and the ripple effects of the company's investment in the area can best be exhibited through its relationship with Piedmont Technical College (PTC). PTC officials are proud to contribute to and be at the forefront of an emerging revolution in domestic advanced manufacturing, a movement which will increase the United States' competitiveness in the international marketplace. The strong training partnership between PTC and TCF is educating the next generation for well-paying and high-demand jobs right now while preparing the region's workforce for incalculable opportunities in the future.

"The adage that a rising tide lifts all boats truly applies here," said Rusty Denning, Associate Vice President of Economic Development and Continuing Education at PTC. "Construction on Teijin's \$600 million manufacturing facility alone created hundreds of jobs. With the plant nearing completion, the company is filling 80 positions initially to operate its first line of production, and 98% of those hired hail from our seven-county service area, including PTC graduates."

Through a partnership with the PTC, TCF is training its recent hires at the college's new William H. "Billy" O'Dell Upstate Center for Manufacturing Excellence. In particular, the employees can utilize PTC's Mechatronics Program, which provides a comprehensive curriculum that combines elements of electronics, pneumatics, hydraulics, mechanics, IT, computers and robotics.

The cutting-edge Mechatronics Program has been producing graduates with the advanced skill sets TCF needs as it grows its domestic and global presence.

"Our relationship with PTC is very foundational for the start-up and onboarding of our team," said TCF Human Resources Manager Lauren Malone. "It has been our home away from home. It really is an extension of us."

As they ease into their new positions at TCF, trainees also are indirectly receiving a lesson in global manufacturing competitiveness. Utilizing pro-growth and pro-business tools, like the Commerce Department's Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) program, Teijin can stay competitive in the growing global carbon fiber market while investing continually in the Greenwood community.

Teijin's investment here in Greenwood will increase the annual U.S. production capacity of carbon fiber by nearly 10%. Locally, tax revenue from the plant is projected to peak at \$18 million the first year, with labor income reaching \$80 million the first year and \$21 million for every subsequent year, providing PTC graduates, and others in the region, with access to quality, high-paying jobs. Additionally, Teijin's full-capacity presence in Greenwood will add incentive to negotiations with other multinational manufacturers who consider investing and building production facilities in the region.

"Of course, that's what free-market competition is designed to do. It encourages competition based on price and innovation," Denning said.

With a strong manufacturing industry cluster thriving in the Upstate, Teijin is positioned to be an important advanced materials supplier in South Carolina and beyond. In addition, the plant will fill the need for an additional robust carbon fiber supply chain produced right here in the United States.

As the application process plays out, PTC students are getting an impromptu lesson in free-market economies. They understand that FTZ approval will facilitate expansion opportunities for TCF as well as job and industry advancement opportunities for them, perhaps even internationally.

The TCF relationship with PTC in Greenwood may be in the early stages, but the far-reaching potential on both sides is enormous.

Even the longest journey requires first steps, and those are being taken in stride together on the O'Dell Center training floor. 'No Better Experience' TCF Shift Leader Jason Parris also studies business at PTC. He knows

value when he sees it and recognized it immediately at the O'Dell Center.

"When we did our walk-through, we were really impressed," he said. "It is real clean, and we liked the layout of it." Fellow Shift Leader Kevin Cromer agreed. "We were amazed at what we saw in the mechatronics lab," he said.

Operator Blake McCarty, a current PTC mechatronics student, is already employed with Teijin. He got his start through PTC's Dual Enrollment Program while still in high school.

Maintenance Technician Greyham Rushton is a PTC Mechatronics Program graduate and has been very satisfied with his experience. "In mechatronics, instructor Charles Todd helped me out so much," Rushton said. "I like the smaller classes. He taught me in a way I could really understand. If I had any issues, he would stay for as long as it took to clear them up."

The post-hire training conducted at the O'Dell Center in October focused on fire safety, forklift, and first responder instruction. Malone remarked that training instructor Bill Heath and his wife Susan Heath with readySC™ customized the content just for Teijin. "Bill always makes them smile and engage," Malone said. "Some of that stuff can be pretty dry. It has done nothing but enhance the culture we are trying to build here in manufacturing."

"Personally, I don't think there is any better experience," Rushton said, "and I really liked the team-building."

Malone says that everyone hired at Teijin in Greenwood so far has been local and many educated at PTC.

"We have been very intentional with every person we have brought on our team," she said. "The Mechatronics Program provides a knowledge base that is going to be applicable in different parts of our process. That will help us accelerate our start-up. ... I cannot say enough about Susan Heath, Rusty Denning and Dr. Brooks.

They have done so much to support us over the past two-and-a-half years. We are very thankful for this partnership."

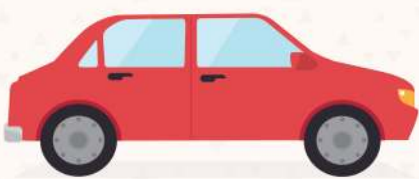
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The Abbeville High School Panthers won the state championship in varsity football with a 37-6 victory over Marion in Columbia on Dec. 18. Following the game, AHS coach Jamie Nickles (far right) answered questions from the media (Staff photo by Henry E. Green).

Year in review

Downtown merchants' events went well

By Henry E. Green

The Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association's events for 2020 marked a bright spot in a year marked by cancellations forced by the pandemic.

Association vice president Paige Bowser painted a picture of a slate of activities that thrived despite the coronavirus and the damage it caused.

"The downtown merchants association's 2020 events went really well," said Bowser.

"Most of them sold out, or were close to it. Merchants reported great sales from those events, and a positive economic impact. We are

looking forward to continued improvement and growth in 2021. Jennifer Creswell, our President, does an amazing job running these events. We would not be able to do them without her, and her work is much appreciated. The downtown Abbeville Merchants would like to thank the City of Abbeville, especially Mike Clary, Blake Stone, and City Council for their support and encouragement during this hard year. We got through it together!

"Thank you to all of our citizens and visitors that choose to shop small businesses to keep them going in our community. Abbeville

is a wonderful place to raise a family and do business, and I am thankful to be here every day."

Among the events presented by the Association in 2020 were an observance of Small Business Saturday in late November, and on Dec. 11, the "Ugly Christmas Sweater Wine Walk", just to name a few.

Bowser was asked how many members the Association has.

"Because we don't charge a membership fee, we consider all merchants in the downtown historic area to be members," she replied.

"I estimate that to be 72 businesses."

Happy news

Abbeville, Dixie won state championships in turbulent 2020

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville won a state championship in football, Dixie won a state championship in cross country, and Dixie launched a wrestling program in 2020.

These were very bright spots indeed in a year characterized by uncertainty.

The football season for AHS was punctuated with the exclamation point of a state title, the 11th in school history, in football, as AHS crushed Marion 37-6 in Columbia on Dec. 18.

The victory was all the

more amazing because just a few months earlier there was uncertainty in some quarters as to whether there would even be a football season for South Carolina's high schools, given the heavy hand and the long shadow of the coronavirus pandemic.

The pandemic even touched the scheduling of the state championship game, as the game was originally scheduled for Dec. 4, and it had to be postponed due to COVID concerns on the Marion football team.

The shadow of the pandemic was also a factor in the imposition of rigid protocols for football practice, in preparation for a season which began in September instead of August.

Dixie also claimed a 1-A state title in 2020, in the sport of cross country, under the guidance of Coach Brian Gamble.

And Dixie also launched a wrestling program late in 2020, under the command of Coach Anthony Martin.

AHS, Dixie got new principals in 2020

By Henry E. Green

In the midst of a year characterized by stress, the Abbeville County School District did have some moments of joy.

The District got a new superintendent--Dr. Mason Gary, a veteran educator who first served as interim superintendent following the departure of Dr. Julie Fowler in the summer.

Dr. Gary then took over as superintendent full-time later in the year.

In other news, Abbeville and Dixie high schools got

new principals in 2020, with Dr. Adam Lanford taking over at Abbeville High School and Paul Prescott taking the reins at Dixie.

The District also recognized AHS teacher Sara Wojtkowski as District Teacher of the Year.

Wojtkowski has been very active at AHS and in the community, chairing the history department at Abbeville High, and helping guide the AHS academic team. In the community, she has also been a Due West Robotics coach.

The School District Board of Trustees also gave its blessing to a Capital Improvement Plan for Abbeville County schools.

Among the items in the plan was the acquisition of activity buses, and the School District recently acquired two such buses.

Among the other challenges which the Capital Improvement Plan is intended to address is that of the press boxes at Abbeville and Dixie high schools, press boxes which are not in exemplary condition.

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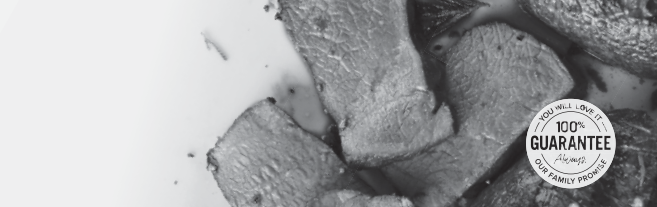
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2020 was the year the virus forced the cancellation of many events

By Henry E. Green
2020 was the year of the cancellation. The coronavirus pandemic forced the cancellation of so many of the events which make Abbeville County a unique place, a place alive with the joy of living. The Abbeville Spring Festival and the Calhoun Falls Springtime in the Falls event, both typically held in May, were both cancelled, as was the Due West fall festival, typically held in September. These were just a few of the cascade of events affected

by the pandemic. The Abbeville County public safety deer supper, typically held in early April at the Abbeville County Ag Building, has in years past drawn hundreds of people with its allure of free food such as deer sausage. This year's event was a casualty of the pandemic, as was the Oyster Roast and Low-country Boil, a mainstay of the month of March that had been held for years on the grounds of the Burt-Stark Mansion. The community dinners typically held at Main Street

United Methodist Church in Abbeville at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and the community Thanksgiving dinner typically held in Due West at Thanksgiving—all were cancelled. The Freedom Blast normally presented by the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition just before the Fourth of July was also cancelled. The same was the case with a prayer gathering which had been scheduled to take place on Court Square in late March.

New Piedmont Tech courses provides overview of SC Legal System

Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigsen

Raise your hand if you thought most legal cases culminate in a jury trial. Despite the high drama brought to you by TV lawyers like Perry Mason and today's ever-popular Annalise Keating, conservatively less than 5% of civil cases nationwide ever proceed to trial, and that number continues to decline. The overwhelming majority of civil cases conclude in various forms of settlement, which rarely assign guilt to any parties involved. Because so much of America gets its legal education from television, the Piedmont Technical College (PTC) Continuing Education Division is partnering with the South Carolina Bar to offer an online course this fall titled Law School for Non-Lawyers.

"Part of the issue is that, because there is so much misinformation, it is hard for people to filter through what is fake and what is

real," said Cindy Coker, public services director for the SC Bar, whose members teach the course. "Part of the Bar's mission is to advance understanding of the law, and the law may vary widely from state to state... People need to be informed consumers about the legal process and have a better understanding of the South Carolina court system as opposed to what they see on television."

The seven-week course covers a variety of general legal subjects, including bankruptcy law, family law, torts, consumer law and debt collection, real estate and landlord/tenant law, employment law and a broad overview of our state court system. The course, which costs \$45, utilizes a helpful textbook that addresses SC law specifically.

"The course materials provide a good general background in key areas of the law. The law is more complicated than people think it is. Lawyers are not

what you see on television. The reality is that some things require a lawyer, and it really is cheaper for people to hire a lawyer on the front end than at the back end after trying to do it themselves," Coker said. "This course is designed for anybody who is interested in learning about the law. We want to make sure that the information people have is actually valid in South Carolina."

Coker noted that once people have a better understanding of the law, they can be better able to communicate effectively with their lawyer and possibly help expedite their own cases. "It helps to know what questions to ask," she noted. "It makes things go more smoothly and efficiently for both client and lawyer."

For more information or to register for the next Law School for Non-Lawyers class, which runs from Sept. 29 to Nov. 17, 2020, visit www.ptc.edu/continuing-ed/browse-courses.

US Senate

PASSED: Senator Scott's PAID Act Reforming Medicare Provision

Submitted by
Senator Tim Scott

Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) released the following statement upon the passage of his Provide Accurate Information Directly (PAID) Act, which will save tens of millions of taxpayer dollars through targeted and commonsense updates to Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) statute. "Today, the PAID Act has taken a pivotal step closer to becoming law, filling in Medicare-related potholes that have cost seniors, Main Street job creators, and the American taxpayer millions of dollars over the years. Decades-old regulations and bureaucratic red tape have caused confusion and avoidable litigation in the MSP for far too long, and by eliminating those problems we can help seniors and families across the country.

I feel confident that we can see the PAID Act signed into law by the end of the year." As the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services note, MSP "is the term generally used when the Medicare program does not have primary payment responsibility - that is, when another entity has the responsibility for paying before Medicare." You can read more on the MSP [here](#).

Specifically, the PAID Act will:

- Help settling parties resolve claims related to Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D plans fairly and efficiently by improving transparency around relevant beneficiary information—namely, the identity of the MA or Part D plan in question, along with the dates of coverage.
- Adapt MSP to a changing

Medicare landscape, where more than one-third of beneficiaries are now enrolled in MA plans, and where most receive Part D coverage.

• Retain existing requirements and payment obligations for settling parties and CMS, ensuring that MSP continues to protect taxpayers.

Supporters of Senator Tim Scott's PAID Act include the Medicare Advocacy Recovery Coalition (MARC), Walt Disney Parks and Resorts U.S., United Parcel Service, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, MetLife, Farmers Insurance, Allstate Insurance Company, American Family Insurance, American Property Casualty Insurance Association, Gallagher Bassett, Sedgwick, RCM&D Self-Insured Services Company (SIS-CO), Franco Signor, and Acclamation Insurance Management Services.

Offices, banks to be closed on New Year's

By Henry E. Green

A number of businesses and government offices will be closed on New Year's Day--Jan. 1, 2021.

The Abbeville Food Pantry of UCMAC will be closed on New Years Day.

Normal operating hours will resume on Friday, January 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Abbeville City Hall will be closed on New Year's Day, as will the Abbeville County Administrative Complex, Calhoun Falls Town Hall, and Due West Town Hall.

Normal hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 4, 2021.

There will be no home delivery of mail on New Year's Day.

The Greater Abbeville

Chamber of Commerce will be closed on Dec. 31, Jan. 1, and Jan. 2, according to Julie Wilson, Chamber interim executive director.

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Be encouraged. Paul talks about being as a believer in Romans 7 when he says, "I don't do what I want to do. I do what I don't want to do... O wretched man that I am." But he is a believer. *He is a believer.*


It is the true experience of every Christian to live in the conflict Paul wrote about in Romans 7. We who are holy are confronted by evil all the time, around us and in us, and that war goes on all the time. Our genuineness and authenticity as believers are as much manifest by conflict as they are by our joy.

I'll say that again. Our authenticity, our genuineness as Christians are as much manifest by conflict as they are by our peace and our joy.

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Frankincense, myrrh were valuable items

By Henry E. Green

finds under the Christmas tree, but they would have been familiar to people of the ancient world.

According to popsci.com, both frankincense and myrrh are tree resins. Frankincense looks a bit like golden raisins, and myrrh is more brownish in color.

Both were used as incense and perfume, according to popsci.com.

Myrrh was also used as embalming fluid. Both frankincense and myrrh had religious value. People in ancient times melted them to honor their gods and to ward off evil spirits.

Both come from trees in the torchwood family, and can be found on the Arabian peninsula, India, and northeastern Africa.

We've all heard of gold. But frankincense? And myrrh? Yes, when we read the Biblical story of how the Magi brought precious gifts to the baby Jesus, we encounter a blend of the familiar and the unfamiliar. Frankincense and myrrh are not items one typically

US Senate

Scott statement on confirmation of Judge Joseph Dawson

Submitted by Senator Tim Scott

Carolina. "I have had the pleasure of knowing Joe for nearly two decades. He is a lifelong servant of South Carolina, and I have no doubt that he will be an excellent federal judge serving on South Carolina's district court," said

Senator Tim Scott. "I am proud to have nominated Joe and am grateful to my colleagues for supporting his nomination." "I extend the warmest congratulations to newly-confirmed Judge Dawson and his family!"

U.S. Senator Tim Scott released the following statement after the Senate's confirmation vote on Joseph Dawson III, his nominee for the District of South



Lander University's fall 2020 graduates listen to Dr. Amanda Cleveland's commencement address while waiting to receive their diplomas (Photo by Deb Nygro).

Lander University holds 162nd Commencement

Submitted by Jeff Lagrone

Grit is a valuable quality, according to Cleveland, but a support system is also needed. "You did not reach this important day on your own. People supported you," she said.

Cleveland expressed confidence that the graduates would distinguish themselves.

"You have the grit and the support you need to continue to be successful," she said.

Nursing major Lauren Jackson, of Westminster, is one graduate who is already enjoying success, having just accepted a job as a nurse resident in the emergency room with Prisma Health-Oconee. "I feel very blessed and cannot believe that my college graduation has come so soon," she said.

Kara Dorrity, of Summerville, a political science major who served as a presidential ambassador, said she is going to spend several months working for Dorchester County's election commission, then get married.

"Following the wedding, I will be moving to El Paso, Texas, with my husband, who is an officer in the army. Here, I believe, I will be able to learn a lot about the immigration system and the Hispanic culture, since it is so close to the Mexican border," said Dorrity, who minored in Spanish and International Studies. "I am hoping to get a virtual State Department job that will be flexible with where I will be

able to live," she said.

Among those walking during the ceremony was Joey Plyler, a mass communications and media studies major, whose spring 2020 graduation ceremony and internship with Walt Disney World in Florida were both casualties of COVID-19.

"I have been working for the United States Postal Service for the past few months. Is it something I plan to do in the long term? That depends on how future endeavors go, but I can say that for now, I find satisfaction in the importance of my work," he said.

Maddie Hudlow, a history major from Alto, Georgia, has applied for several positions. She interned last year at the KGB Espionage Museum in New York City, and would be interested in returning to New York to work at The Met Cloisters. Alternatively, she would like to land a job as an international events manager.

Hudlow said she had mixed feelings about graduating. "Lander has become my home and I've fallen in love with the campus and our community," she said.

Presidential ambassador Mia Sullivan, of Goose Creek, a mass communications and Spanish double major, expressed similar sentiments. "It was so easy to get to know people at Lander," she said.

At the same time, she was "excited" to be finally receiving her diploma. "It's a big accomplishment for me," she said.

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How to Troubleshoot Your Technology Issues

(StatePoint Media)

If you're like most people, you've spent more time than you're willing to admit troubleshooting a technology issue with any one of the many devices in your connected home. Did you know that the average person owns at least 10 connected devices from Macs and PCs, smartphones, tablets and printers, to voice assistants, video doorbells and even home automation systems?

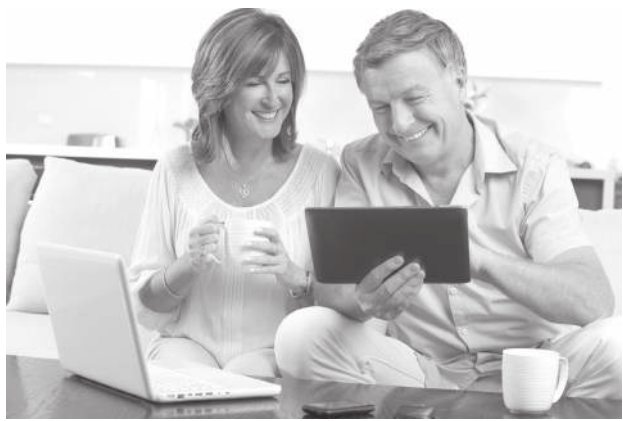
As homes get "smarter" with more connected devices, more complex problems arise, including issues with setup, troubleshooting and syncing devices. Calling the manufacturer or going to the store where you bought the device could help, if it's still under warranty. Trying to diagnose and solve the problem yourself might work, if you have time, patience and some know-how.

But what many people really need is an IT expert on-call, ready to solve all their personal tech issues...but how realistic or affordable is that?

"Subscribing to a technical support plan is actually an increasingly popular option for consumers who want to keep their tech working 24/7. Many plans provide a professional, remote, 'IT team' available anytime you run into trouble. This can help keep costs low since

the team resolves your tech issues by phone, chat or by virtually remoting into your device," says Renée Soulliard, of Support.com.

Googling "tech support" brings up numerous options that promise to solve your various tech problems. With so many options, how do you know which ones are



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Fraudulent tech support companies continue to get more sophisticated and difficult to detect, warns Soulliard. "To find a trusted tech support provider, choose one with a long history and highly trained, professional tech support agents," she says.

Here are some potential questions to ask while evaluating tech support providers:

- How long has the company been in business?
- Are the company and its agents US-based?
- Is there a limit to how many devices are covered? Are there any restrictions on the types of devices, brands or problems covered?
- What operating systems are covered?
- Is the support provided unlimited? Is support available 24/7?

• Are there monthly plans available or just annual plans? Are there set-up fees?

• Are there any guarantees if my issue can't be resolved? Can I cancel any time?

• Do I have access to support via phone and chat? Is online self-support available?

• Can I schedule a time to have a tech support agent contact me?

• What do other customers say about the service?

Look for an affordable monthly or annual subscription plan

that offers unlimited tech support for any issue with your connected devices, regardless of the type of device, brand, or where you bought it. Plans can cost as low as \$10 per month with no long-term commitment. Find tech support providers with US-based support agents that offer a range of support options, including phone, chat, or video-based "virtual house calls." You could even try the free self-support tools from Support.com's TechSolutions or, if you need more help, learn more about their tech support plans at www.support.com.

Having a tech support plan with a highly qualified tech support provider is an efficient and smart way to manage and maintain your technology, and can help you get the most out of all your home tech.

Year in review

City's economy affected by pandemic

By Henry E. Green

City of Abbeville hospital-ity tax collections, revenue from the Opera House, Abbeville restaurant sales—all were affected by the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, according to City of Abbeville community development director Mike Clary. "Since the new programming model of the Opera House is in its infancy, its difficult to say exactly how much revenue was lost, but I'm comfortable with a conservative estimate of

\$75,000-\$100,000," Clary said.

"That's based on revenues which did come in from November 2019 through February of 2020.

"Also, while the Merchants Association has done a wonderful job having events to support local businesses this year and I think many residents made a tremendous effort to shop and eat local, Hospitality Tax collections were down around 15% over last year which

means that restaurant sales were down around 15% as well.

"With January typically being one of the slower months of the year as far as business goes, I think it's important to remember that we still need to make the effort to support our local shops and restaurants as tourism and its economic impact is still nowhere near pre-pandemic levels, though I hope that will change as we move into 2021.

Due West Lions Tree for Life Successful

Submitted by Dick Haldeman

the Town Festival.

Due West Lions Vice President Lee Logan was chair of the Tree for Life, through which contributors honor and memorialize family and friends. They make "Lighthouse, Torch, and Candle" gifts that symbolically light the Due West Town Christmas Tree in the Town Park.

More than 30 Due West Lions and 10 other members of the community made gifts to the Tree for Life. Their names and the names of those they honored were listed in a booklet printed by the Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home. The hundreds of persons honored and memorialized represent a "Who's Who" of those who have made Due West their

home for generations.

DWLC President Amos Cunningham stated in the booklet: "As we honor and remember our loved ones through our 'Tree for Life' project, we thank those of you who participated through your prayers and monetary donations." He looked forward to renewing the Lions' tree-lighting ceremony in Christmas of 2021.

District 32S Governor Judy Scott participated December 10 as the Due West Lions celebrated Christmas in a teleconference meeting. She praised the Due West Club for its accomplishments in winning the 2019-20 Club Excellence Award.

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Community Calendar

Guild planning workshop

The Abbeville Artist Guild is sponsoring a tissue paper painting workshop taught by Alice Lewis on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at the Abbeville Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The cost is \$35 for non-AAG members and is free for AAG members who have paid their 2021 dues. Cost includes all the material one will need; however, one may want to bring their favorite paint brushes.

No experience is necessary to attend. Lewis will teach how to apply tissue

paper and paint to achieve a three dimensional work of art.

Those planning to attend are asked to bring their lunches. Due to COVID-19, the Artist Guild will not provide drinks. Space is limited and the deadline to register is February 8.

To sign up, email the guild at abbevilleartistguild@gmail.com or call 864-366-5881 and leave a message.

This project is funded in part by the South Carolina Arts Commission which receives support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

UCMAC encouraging people to fill out survey

The United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County is welcoming county residents to fill out a survey on the need for public transportation in Abbeville County.

"An electronic version of the survey is available and we need to get as many responses as possible," said UCMAC executive director Bill Boone.

Boone encouraged people wishing to complete the survey to reach out to the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6ZH9FSL>

SC WINS makes Public Services Programs eligible for scholarships

Submitted by **Kristine Hartvigsen**

The South Carolina Technical College System (SCTCS), which oversees the South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarship (SW WINS), recently added three public services to the list of those areas of study that are eligible for the scholarships. Made effective in the fall 2020 term, the new program areas are criminal justice, early care and education, and human services.

"We are really excited about these additions. The early care and education

profession especially has experienced a shortage due to departures related to the pandemic as well as educators retiring," said PTC Early Care and Education Program Director Claudia Edwards. "This development is well-timed. Each semester, I look forward to meeting new future educators. The opportunity to attend at little to no cost, with the help of the SC WINS scholarship, is a powerful incentive.

Last year, the SC General Assembly passed SC WINS to address specific workforce shortages. The last-dollar scholarship sup-

plements Lottery Tuition Assistance and various promise programs to further reduce technical college tuition costs for students in programs identified as shortage areas.

Other majors eligible for the SC WINS scholarship include those falling under the umbrellas of advanced manufacturing, computer and information technology, construction, and health care.

To learn more about SC WINS at PTC, visit www.ptc.edu/win.



Graduates from Abbeville Receive Countywide Academic Awards - Because of COVID-19 safety restrictions in force since March, Piedmont Technical College (PTC) has not held any in-person graduation ceremonies in 2020. Now at year's end, PTC officials are announcing each term's county academic award winners. These individuals ordinarily would have been recognized for their outstanding academic performance at in-person graduation ceremonies each term. The Abbeville County Award Winners for 2020 are: Spring 2020 - Kisha Rollinson of Abbeville.

The entire college family congratulates these fine graduates for their exemplary achievement (Photo contributed).

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Pandemic uncertainty nixes referendum

By Henry E. Green

The referendum on building a consolidated high school in the Abbeville County School District was cancelled in 2020, and the damage done by the pandemic was apparently a factor.

The Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees voted in February to hold a referendum on April 28, to build a consolidated high school, convert Dixie into a middle school, and renovate John C. Calhoun Elementary. The resolution to present the referendum was later repealed.

The motion to repeal came at the March meeting of the Abbeville County School

District Board of Trustees. "The Board has determined that because of the current uncertainty resulting from the health care and economic crises, it is not in the best interests of the Abbeville County School District or the community to proceed with the referendum previously ordered pursuant to the Resolution adopted by the Board on February 11, 2020. Therefore, the Board resolves as follows: (1) the April 28, 2020 referendum ordered by the District is cancelled; (2) The Resolution adopted by the Board on February 11, 2020, ordering the referendum is repealed in its entirety; and (3) the Superintendent is hereby

authorized to take any and all actions necessary to cause the cancellation of the referendum."

School consolidation is not exactly a new topic in Abbeville County.

Back in 1991, voters turned down a proposed consolidated high school for Abbeville County. Back then, in the months leading up to the referendum, passions were red-hot, and 30 years later, the concept seemingly had lost none of its power to arouse heated debate.

The pandemic, of course, caused a turn which no one could have foreseen.

Will the concept of consolidation rise again? Only time will tell.

Farm Bureau Insurance and Abbeville County Farm Bureau spread holiday cheer

Submitted by **Debby Ramey**

Abbeville County Farm Bureau and local Farm Bureau Insurance agents are bringing a little more joy to this holiday season by helping those in the community.

The local offices donated \$1,000 to United Christian Ministries of Abbeville (UCMAC) to provide assistance to those in need in Abbeville County. Within the organization there are


three programs: utility and housing assistance through the Emergency Assistance Ministry; non-perishable food through two food pantries; and free healthcare and related services through a Free medical Clinic to qualified Abbeville County citizens.

The donation is part of a company sponsored holiday community outreach program called Farm Bureau Cares. Through Farm Bureau Cares, county Farm

Bureau offices across South Carolina provide a monetary donation during December to help a family or charity of their choice. Each local donation made by the County Farm Bureau and local agents is matched by Farm Bureau Insurance.


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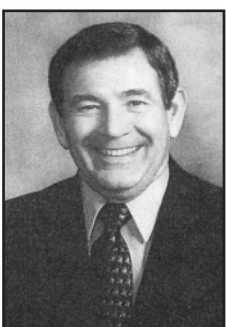
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The Big Question

Matthew 27:22 “Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said to him, “Let Him be crucified!”

A pastor relates an incident that occurred at a Christmas pageant in his church. He said that the pageant was rather tame, though a little different than most. For example, an elephant fell asleep in the front pew. Most churches don't have elephants in their Christmas pageants, but I suppose the magi could have ridden elephants as well as camels. Mostly, however, it was the standard fare.

After the pageant was over, the pastor was standing by the exit as the children who had performed the pageant passed by.

The little girl who played Mary came up to him, held the doll out to him that had represented baby Jesus and asked, “So, what am I supposed to do with this baby now?”

That's a good question, isn't it?

It was the question that Pilate asked of the religious leaders who had brought Jesus to him for trial. It is a question that each of us have to answer for

ourselves. Let me suggest three things one can do with Jesus.

Many do what Pilate did—he tried to run from making a decision. He asked the religious leaders what to do with Jesus as if that would relieve him of that responsibility. Verse 24 in this same chapter of Matthew relates that Pilate took water and washed his hands and declared, “I am innocent of the blood of this just person. You see to it.”

I am here to tell you that did not exonerate him from what he did. He tried to run from that question but he could not, and neither can you or I.

Many people reject Jesus as their savior. That is certainly what the religious leaders did. When Pilate asked them what to do with Jesus, they yelled out, “Let Him be crucified!”

Many folks are not as harsh as that, but the result is just the same—rejection.

In Matthew 12:30 Jesus declared, “He who is not with me is against Me, and he who does not gather with

Me scatters abroad.”

You cannot straddle the fence. A decision to not accept Jesus is a decision to reject Him. To not make a decision either way is a decision to reject Jesus. It is a serious thing to reject Jesus, for one day when you stand before Christ He will reject you if you have not received Him.

The best thing one can do with Jesus is receive Him as savior and Lord. John 1:11 is one of the saddest verses in the Scripture for me. “He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.”

But listen to verse 12: “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

Did you catch that? Those who receive Jesus become the very children of God. To believe is to receive. What a blessing to be a child of God.

The question about what to do with Jesus is a personal one, so I will leave it with you—what are you going to do with Jesus?



A Christmas commode? This is what we saw near the curb on Church Street in Abbeville recently. It was painted red and green and decorated with bells and a stocking. Would it be fair to say that someone has a bizarre sense of humor? (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



DHEC wants everyone to be safe and healthy this holiday season.

If you plan on visiting family or friends, be positive that you're negative before you go. Get tested for COVID-19 and know your results before traveling to or hosting a gathering.

Continue to wear a mask, keep a safe distance, and avoid large gatherings even if you test negative. If you're sick or have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19, the best precaution is to stay home to keep your loved ones safe.

Find more helpful holiday planning tips at scdhec.gov/holidaytips.

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Winter Care for Houseplants

by Melinda Myers

Holidays are filled with new plants and decorations that often find our houseplants relegated to any out of the way available space. Be sure to keep your houseplants looking their best with proper winter care.

Make sure houseplants receive sufficient light now and throughout the winter. The shorter, often gray days of winter mean less light reaches our plants. Start by moving plants to the sunniest available window. A south-facing window is usually best, but if it is obstructed by trees, awnings or shears it may be no better than an unobstructed window facing another direction.

If brightly lit locations are limited in your home, try rotating plants between high and low light areas. Switching plants every few weeks usually keeps them growing healthy. Give the pots a turn every few weeks to ensure each side of the plant has time facing the light. This encourages even growth and discourages stems stretching toward the light.

Consider supplementing natural light with artificial light when light is limited.

Newer styles that clip onto pots, are mounted on the wall, or tucked into furniture grade stands make them attractive and easier to use. And now LED plant lights are more affordable, longer lasting and use less energy.

Humidity is the other winter stress. Many of our houseplants are tropical and require higher humidity than our homes provide. As we turn up the heat, the humidity declines.

Boost the humidity around your plants by displaying them together. As one plant loses moisture, the others will benefit. Add a gravel tray for additional humidity. Fill a tray or saucer with pebbles and water. Then set the plant on the pebbles elevated above the water. As the water evaporates, it increases humidity around the plant.

Adjust your watering schedule to fit the conditions in your home. Always water thoroughly but only as needed. Use your finger to check the soil moisture below the soil surface. Water moisture-loving plants, like Moon Valley Pilea, when the top few inches are barely moist. Allow the top few inches of soil to dry for cacti and

succulents. And always pour off excess water that collects in the saucer. Or use gravel trays to capture the excess water, eliminating this task.

Most houseplants do fine in the same temperatures we prefer. They do not tolerate drafts of hot air from heat vents or cold air from windows and doors. Move plants as needed to avoid drafty locations.

Never trap houseplants between the curtain or blinds and the window. The temperature can be significantly colder, resulting in injury and even death of some plants. Place plants on a table near the window or windowsill extension, leaving room to close the window coverings at night.

Wait until spring to fertilize. Plants do not need as many nutrients when their growth is limited by less-than-ideal winter conditions. As the outdoor growing conditions improve with longer days and brighter light, so do those indoors.

You will be rewarded with healthier, more attractive plants when giving them the care they need this winter. And as you tend your indoor garden, you will help fight the winter blues.

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