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



Rides like these helped make the Abbeville Spring Festival a big success this year. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Abbeville City Council

City receives audit report for FY 20-21

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville was praised Wednesday night for its excellence in financial reporting.

Marcy Loucks of McKinley, Cooper and Company gave an audit presentation Wednesday night for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 2021.

Loucks commended the City's accounting staff for doing a good job. “They're on top of everything,” she said.

In fact, the City has received a certificate for excellence in financial reporting—a great achievement, she said.

“We issued a clean, unmodified opinion,” she said, indicating that the City's financial records were in order.

The fund balance for the general fund stands at \$1.4 million, providing a financial cushion worth about three and half months of expenditures.

The fund balance for the City's enterprise fund has a cushion meeting about two years worth of expenditures.

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The City received nearly \$4.7 million in grants in 20-21, she added.

In other news:

--Recognizing the spirit of innovation and economic growth, Small Business grants were presented Wednesday night at the Abbeville City Council meeting. Recipients included the Belmont Inn, Redgate Realty, Commercial Printing, and Crate and Quill.

Council passed second and final reading on Ordinance 6-2022, an ordinance amending the business license ordinance of the City.

Council also passed second reading also on Ordinance 7-2022, which City Manager Blake Stone referred to as a “housekeeping ordinance,” updating City regulations in certain areas in line with recent changes the City has made. For example, the City no longer has a clerk/treasurer—the duties of that position have been passed to other positions in line with a City restructuring of its office staff positions.

Also Wednesday night, Stone provided a report on the Spring Festival schedule, and provided a report also on the Civic Center roof project.

The roof project, he said, will be completed by the end of May, and the cost will be \$106,850.

“The City will utilize Capital Projects funds from within the Hospitality Fund to pay for the project,” he said.

The work contains a two-year workmanship guarantee against any leakage and a 20-year manufacturer's warranty.

In other matters:

--City of Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards read aloud a proclamation recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Abbeville Spring Festival.

--Council voted to appoint Melissa Cowart to the City's Board of Zoning Appeals, after she was nominated by Mayor Pro Tem Benji Greeson.

Greeson noted that she would be a good fit for the board since she works in real estate.

Thumbs down!

Voters in Abbeville County School District say ‘no’ in referendum

By Henry E. Green

Voters in the Abbeville County School District turned a “thumbs down” in the referendum yesterday, in which the School District asked, in the form of two questions, for funding for facilities improvements.

With 15 of 15 precincts counted, 20.4 percent of the registered voters turned out to vote, according to unofficial vote totals provided by Abbeville County voter registration director Randy Curtis.

On the General bond obligation Question One, 556 votes were in the “yes” column, and there were 2,640 nos, according to those totals.

In Bond obligation question Two, 536 people voted “yes,” and 2,590 people voted “no,” according to those results.

“We had a very smooth day at the polls,” Curtis said, noting that the voting process went well.

In the first question, voters were asked to allow funding to build new academic wings at Dixie and Abbeville high schools, as well as new kitchens and dining rooms at both schools, and improvements at the Abbeville County Career Center as well.

In the second question,

voters were asked to allow funding to build a new gym and new locker rooms, as well as a new track, at each high school. The projects in the second question would proceed only if the first question were approved, and the second question as well. The price tag for the funding in the first question was \$43,800,000, and the cost of the funding in the second was \$11.9 million.

Even if you were firm in your conviction to vote “yes,” you had to admit that the timing wasn't exactly the most fortunate, with inflation running at a 40-year high and energy prices “through the roof.”

On the other hand, as Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary pointed out, the situation probably is not going to get better any time soon—the cost of construction continues to escalate.

The School District scheduled a number of public meetings to educate the public on the upcoming referendum, with Dr. Gary speaking at meetings in Abbeville, Calhoun Falls and Due West.

Some opponents were concerned about the rise in taxes that a “yes” vote would mean, and some were actually concerned that a

“yes” vote would lead to a consolidated high school.

A number of signs could be seen in some areas of the county, telling people to vote “no.”

The Press and Banner asked a number of people how they voted.

“I voted in favor of both resolutions,” said Lee Logan of Due West.

“It seemed to me that in the numerous votes in the past, the majority of the county did not want a consolidated high school, and it seemed that this referendum was in response to that expression of concern about consolidation by providing funding absolutely necessary for the improvement of the two existing high schools, while addressing needed changes in the education of middle school students.

“It seemed to me the best way to get a consolidated high school was to vote against this measure to improve what we had.”

Mike Brandt of Calhoun Falls said he voted “no” on both questions, and he wondered if the District facilities had been maintained as well as they should have.

Schools need to be “fixed up,” he said, “or go to one school.”

Abbeville man arrested in shooting

An Abbeville man has been arrested in connection with a shooting on McGowan Avenue in the city of Abbeville, according to an Abbeville Police news release.

According to the report, officers with the Police Department responded on April 21 to 116 McGowan Avenue in reference to a shooting incident.

“Upon arrival, officers located a female on the ground in front of the resi-

dence who had suffered a gun shot to the abdomen,” the press release stated.

“The female was flown to a nearby medical facility. During the investigation, investigators obtained a search warrant for the residence, subsequent to the items being located in the residence.

Forty three year old William Jason Mundy of 116 McGowan Avenue, Abbeville was charged with criminal

domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of a Schedule II controlled substance, and possession of a Schedule III controlled substance, according to the Police.

Mundy has been released on bond, and the victim has been released on bond.

CF Springtime in the Falls coming up

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls Springtime in the Falls festival, presented by the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for the weekend of May 21, according to Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce executive director Rebeca McCaslan.

Festivities will begin on the evening of May 20, with The Flashback Band performing on Cox Avenue in downtown Calhoun Falls beginning at 7 p.m.

The Personality of the Year Award will be presented at

6:30 p.m. on Cox Avenue before the band begins to perform.

The following day, May 21, a dance team will perform on Cox Avenue beginning at 4 p.m.

This will be the FIERCE dance company from McCormick, and this will be followed by a DJ, Ant Dizzle, McCaslan continued.

“He's actually one of the DJ's for 98.1 radio station,” she said of the deejay.

People will be encouraged to come on down to Cox Avenue and dance to the

music provided by the DJ.

In addition to the music, there will be the town-wide yard sale Saturday morning.

“There's no beginning and no end,” said McCaslan. “Sunrise until.”

People will be setting up tables and booths all along Savannah Street, and other streets as well to sell items ranging from clothes to—whatever.

“You never know what you might find,” she said.



Ah, to be a kid again! These youngsters were enjoying a ride at the Abbeville Spring Festival. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The City of Abbeville will have a summer police camp June 6-9 at the Abbeville Civic Center, said Zaneta Miller, who is serving as the camp coordinator along with Police Department Investigator Dwane Balchin. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

City planning police camp for June

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville will have a summer police camp June 6-9 at the Abbeville Civic Center, according to information supplied by the City.

Designed for children ages nine through 13, the camp is limited to the first 50 participants.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided for the camp, whose hours on the designated days will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The activities for the Police camp will be at the Civic Center, said Zaneta Miller, who is coordinating

the camp along with Police investigator Dwane Balchin. Activities will include discussions about drugs, violence and bullying.

Other local agencies will provide presentations related to safety, mental health, nutrition and fitness and health, she said.

Participating agencies for this year include the Abbeville Fire Department, Cornerstone, the Department of Natural Resources, Abbeville Area Wellness, Bow and Arrow, Highway Patrol, Abbeville County EMS, and Abbeville County 4-H, she said.

The Abbeville Police Department will be hosting the camp, for which breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Tracy Jackson program. Due to COVID, this will be the first time in several years the camp has been held.

The purpose of the camp is allow Police and other agencies the opportunity to interact with youth throughout community, she said.

There is a \$50 registration fee for the camp, and for more information, one may contact the Police Department at 864-366-5832.

Civic duty

Voter registration office can be really, really busy, Randy Curtis says

By Henry E. Green

(The following article is one in a series of Abbeville County government offices.)

The Abbeville County voter registration office is located on the second floor of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex.

"We have one full time and one part time (worker)," said Abbeville County voter registration director Randy Curtis Wednesday. "We rely on citizens to work as poll workers and poll clerks."

A poll worker works the polls on Election Day, helping to process voters, and a poll clerk is a poll worker in charge of the polling place.

Poll workers help the voters through the process of voting, verifying IDs and address, and leading the voters to the voting machines to cast their ballots.

"I'm the full time (employee)," Curtis said, explaining that the part-time clerk works 30 hours a week.

In the weeks leading up to an election, the activity level zooms from zero to 100.

That period of intense activity includes programming equipment so that it will operate correctly on Election Day, and recruiting and training poll workers.

Those workers undergo a period of training lasting two to two and a half hours.

The state determines the number of poll workers needed for an election, depending on the size of the County and the type of election.

For the upcoming June 14 primary, 111 workers will be needed, the state has determined.

Abbeville County has a total of 16 polling places,

including the voter registration office in the Complex, and 15 precincts.

"At this point South Carolina does not have early voting," he went on to say.

The state does have absentee voting, which people may participate in only in designated circumstances. Early voting would apply to everyone.

A bill to allow for early voting was tabled during the current legislative session. "Hopefully next year we'll have early voting," he said.

To be an effective poll worker one needs to be civic-minded, and to work pleasantly with the public, and to be trustworthy as well, for a 12-hour day.

"We want them to have a pleasant experience in this office," he said.



On the morning of Wednesday, May 11, someone hit the bricks of the steps leading to the parking lot of The Press and Banner and drove away without reporting the incident, according to a Police incident report. Eyewitnesses said they saw a red four-door car hit the bricks of the stairs at 111 West Pickens Street. The witnesses said the vehicle hit the brick wall and staircase twice before driving away. One witness said the vehicle was driven by a white male with short hair wearing a green shirt. The vehicle, said by one witness to be an SUV, reportedly had damage on the front and passenger side of the vehicle after striking the bricks. Anyone with information on the incident is encouraged to call the Abbeville Police Department. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Community calendar

Library board to meet

The board of trustees of the Abbeville County Library System will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 24, at 4 p.m. at the main branch of the Library at 1407 North Main Street, Abbeville.

Workshop planned

There will be a workshop on May 25 at noon on Entrepreneurship and Business Start up. This will be a virtual workshop presented by Freshwater Coast

Community Foundation and Clemson Extension. For more information, call Wilder Ferreira at 864-642-8758.

Ribbon cutting slated

There will be a ribbon cutting at the Abbeville County Library in Abbeville at 9 a.m. for the veterans telemedicine center inside the Library.

This will be an area for veterans to go and conduct their VA health care visits utilizing broadband.

"This is a free service,"

said Stephen Taylor of WC TEL, which is presenting the service. "This project could not have been done if not for the Abbeville County Library System, the Foundation for Rural Service, and the Veterans Administration.

"This is a way for us to give back to the community," he said, noting that he is grateful for the veterans and what they have provided to the country and continue to provide to the community.

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City gets festive

By Henry E. Green

To Sara Waldrep of Abbeville, the question of what brought her to the Abbeville Spring Festival Thursday night was simple. "I love it," she said. "The kids love it."

Sara, who lives near the Square, was at the festival with her two children--ages six and nine. "They want to ride the rides," she said. "But I'm hungry."

To 12-year-old Elyn Hanna, a sixth grader at Diamond Hill Elementary, the reasons were similarly simple. "The rides and the food," she said, adding that meeting up with her friends was a bonus point as well. "Thursday seems to be the more family-oriented night," said Carol Ashley of Abbeville, who was on the Square with her husband Kim.

They had just eaten, and they were planning to listen to the Festival's live music. These testimonials bore witness to the enduring power and appeal of the Abbeville Spring Festival, which this year is celebrating its 40th anniversary. This year's festival took in a week's worth of activities, opening with a reception at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce on the morning of Saturday, May 7.

Other happenings through the week included the Abbeville Rotary Club cornhole tournament and the Violins of Hope educational outreach on Tuesday, May 10. For the hungry, food trucks could be found on Trinity Street on Monday, May 8, and you could enjoy everything from wings to pulled pork.

It all culminated with the Festival's main weekend, May 12-14. Among the attractions was the Spring Festival flower show, held at the Abbeville Veterans Memorial Foundation building on Longbranch Street. Presented by area garden clubs, the flower show featured 75 entries in horticulture and 36 designs, and four educational exhibits, according to flower show

spokesperson Mary Alice Hall.

Arts and crafts have always been a major part of the festival, and this year was no different. The Livery Stable was crowded with crafters, and representatives of various agencies and organizations.

Looming above everything was a giant "statue" of Smokey Bear, standing beside an exhibit on forest and fire safety. You could buy a necklace or a bracelet, or you could learn about everything from the guardian ad litem program to Hospice.

Tracy Grant was holding forth at a booth for the Abbeville Candle Company, offering handmade candles in scents ranging from mango vanilla to cotton candy. Nearby there was a table where Deborah Lorick and Dana Gonzalez of Greenwood were helping represent the Abbeville Artist Guild.

A few feet away you could find Charles Crowther and Rick Pressly helping represent the Abbeville Lions Club, whose activities include a scholarship program and vision screenings for area school children. The Lions have also adopted a section of Highway 28 Bypass, picking up trash along that section of the highway periodically and keeping it looking tidy.

Other booths and tables included those for GLEAMNS and the Tracy Jackson summer program, just to name a few. On Saturday morning there was the ever-popular Wheels of Time Car Club car show.

It was on Saturday morning also that a donut eating contest was held at Two Brews on Abbeville's Court Square. A fund-raiser for the Caroline Project, a suicide prevention program, the contest was entitled "Donut Ever Give Up," said contest coordinator Matt Gambrell. The winner was Russell Prince of Due West, one of eight contestants.

"He managed to get down five doughnuts in three minutes," said Gambrell. "We had a lot of business sponsors, too," he added.

They included Two Brews, Red Gate Realty, Main Street Coffee, Indigenous Underground, Mama's Sweet Shoppe, Coffing Detailing Service, Deason's, Dunn and Shirley, Roofing Unlimited, Wired Treats, Rough House, Village Grill and Wings 101. Somehow it wouldn't be the Spring Festival if it didn't rain at some point, and Friday night Mother Nature was happy to oblige. A large crowd had assembled in front of the main stage to watch youngsters from Dance Dynasty perform.

A large, dark cloud--seemingly the working definition of the word "ominous"--began to hover overhead, and the Dance Dynasty performance began a little earlier than had been scheduled in an effort to "beat the rain."

The rain came down in torrents seemingly as soon as the performance effort, and a flurry of umbrellas appeared. Other people ran for the shelter of whatever shelter they could find.

Mother Nature's contribution aside, this year's Spring Festival featured some new twists, such as the acoustic stage on Trinity Street. There, performers had a somewhat more intimate setting than the main stage. Vocalist Nicole Quinn was accompanied by guitarist Bryan Norris, for example, and together they took the listener on a journey through time, paying tribute to everyone from Nina Simone to Buffalo Springfield. The Abbeville Artist Guild judged the Spring Festival booths. Winning honors for Best Booth Presentation was Pin Oak Pottery, featuring hand crafted mugs and other ceramic art made by David Sorrow of Abbeville. The other award went to Treece Duncan, of Sankofa Apothecary, for Best In Show, Art/Craft Item, said the Guild's Jane Agan.



Abbeville City Council recognized recipients of small business grants from the City -- (from left) Jason Walker of Crate & Quill, Andy Bagwell of Commercial Printing, Melissa Cowart of Red Gate Realty, and Susan Botts Petty and Jim Petty of the Belmont Inn. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

City awards grants for local businesses

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville awarded a number of grants this year for Abbeville businesses.

Crate and Quill, Commercial Printing, the Belmont Inn and Red Gate Realty all were awarded grants. According to Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone, the Belmont Inn was awarded

\$6,300; Red Gate Realty \$8,700; Commercial Printing, \$3,000, and Crate and Quill, \$7,000.

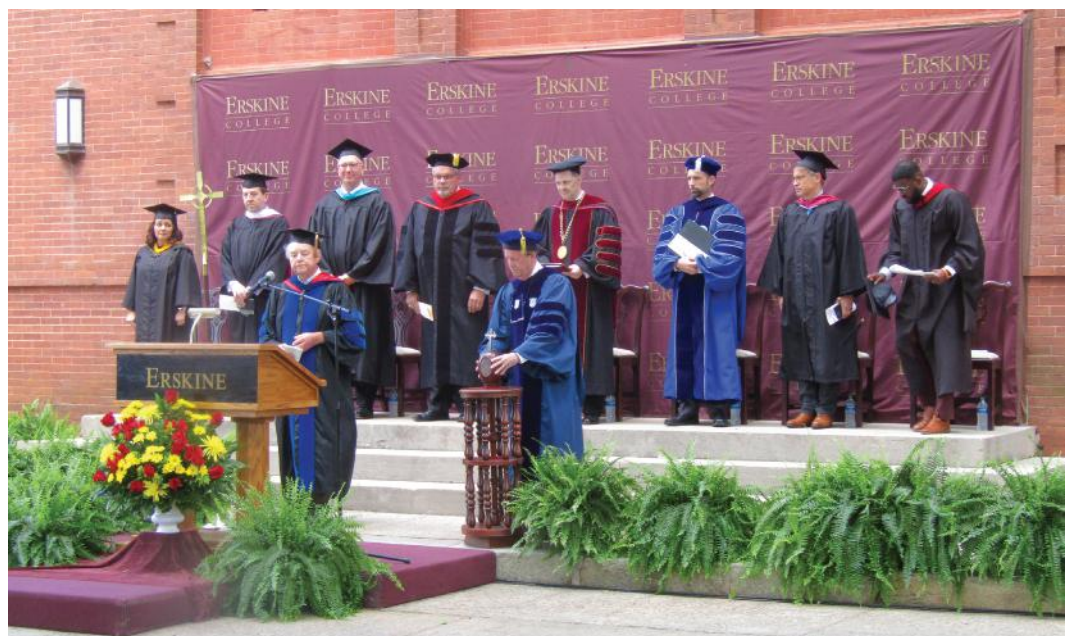
The grants will be used to improve the businesses in some way. The Belmont Inn will use its award for painting and facade repairs, Red Gate for structural repairs, Commercial Printing for a new awning, and Crate and

Quill for structural repairs in the front of the building.

There were eight applicants altogether for this year's package of grants, Stone indicated.

The grant program is in its third year, Stone continued.

Recipients were recognized at the May 11 City Council meeting.



Erskine held commencement exercises on Saturday, May 14. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Erskine holds graduation program

By Henry E. Green

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," Tom Hellams, quoting Scripture, told the audience Saturday during Erskine's graduation program.

It is an Erskine tradition for the graduating senior with the highest GPA to introduce the graduation speaker, and Hellams, the vice president for academic administration, introduced Michaela Clothier of Honea Path, who in turn introduced Eric Metaxas, a Yale graduate who has won acclaim as an author and a radio host. Metaxas told the audience that he would do anything to trade his Yale experience

for the Erskine experience. "This place is special," he said.

Speaking on the topic of the Christian life in a secular world, Metaxas told the audience that there is no such thing as "Christian truth". There is just the truth--period. "There's truth and there's lies," he said.

The narrative in the secular world is that life on earth emerged spontaneously four billion years ago. The more we learn from science, according to Metaxas, the less plausible that seems. It is "much easier to believe Mount Rushmore was created by the wind."

Back in 1966, the question "Is God Dead?" graced the cover of Time Magazine.

That was 1966, but since then, the evidence for God's existence has been accumulating. Scientists have found that if the earth were just the tiniest bit bigger, there would be no atmosphere, and life would not exist. "If God is real, then the truth of God is everywhere we look," Metaxas said.

The program was held outdoors "under the towers" on the Erskine campus. Erskine was established in 1839 by the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

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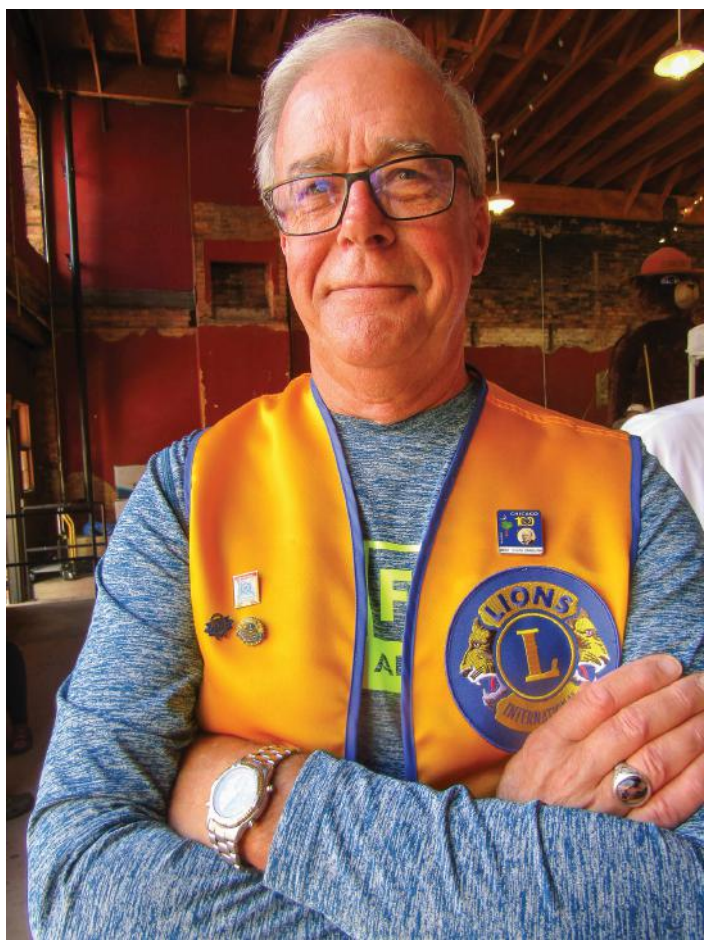
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Hal Freese has been named to the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame. Here he is with International Director Mike Banks and Past International Director Gene Spiess. (Contributed photo)

Abbeville Lions are organizing a history club, and Lion Clayton Swalstad is the project manager for the Lions on the formation of the club. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville Lions helping form history club

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville Lions Club is in the process of helping organize a club dedicated to the preservation of history, according to Abbeville Lion Clayton Swalstad. The group met last Thursday at a local restaurant in Abbeville. "We had a pretty good turnout," said Swalstad, noting that about seven people appear ready to be ready members of the club, which is still very much a work in progress and which as yet does not have an official name. The group so far includes mainly retired people, said

Swalstad, who is planning to organize another meeting in late May or early June, where they can elect officers. The group will be affiliated with the Lions, an international service organization, and members will pay Lions dues, but the club will have its own officers. What the agenda for the group will be is yet to be determined, said Swalstad, who offered some possible options--from cutting grass at a cemetery to making history-related presentations at area high schools. The Abbeville Lions Club is part of an international

service organization which is involved in a variety of endeavors- to improve the quality of life for humankind. Lions, whose motto is "We Serve", are engaged in the fight against diabetes, for example, and have made sight conservation a top priority. Speaking at a Lions convention in the 1920s, Helen Keller called on her listeners to be "knights" for the blind, and Lions through the years have heeded her call. Area Lions have conducted vision screenings for area school children, for example.

Hall Freese named to Lions hall of fame

By Henry E. Green
An Abbevillian has been named to the South Carolina Lions Hall of Fame. Hal Freese was nominated by the Mathews Lions Club 32S for the honor. A member of the Abbeville Lions Club from 1977 to 2017, he has been with the Mathews Club since 2017, according to biographical information he supplied. Freese had 33 years of perfect attendance in Lions, from 1987 to 2020, and was president of the Abbeville club in 1987-88, 1991-92, and 1995-96. Co-chairman of the Ashley Waddell Abbeville Lions Golf Tournament from 2007 to 2016, Freese organized the Abbeville Lions Club 75th anniversary celebration. Named a Dr. Franklin Mason Fellow by the South Carolina Lions in 2012 and 2014, he has attended Lions International conventions throughout the world--from Montreal, Canada, in 1979 to Hamburg, Germany, in 2013 Honolulu, Hawaii in 2015--just to name a few.

In addition to his service with the Lions, Freese has been active in his church and his community. He served as a deacon at Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church, and at Abbeville Presbyterian Church he has served as a ruling elder, and on a missions committee, and he has sung in a men's choir. In the community at large he has also been active. He served on the Abbeville County Historic Preservation Commission from 1996 to 2013, and from 1996 to 2010 he was treasurer for the Abbeville Cotillion Club, and from 2004 to 2010, he was on the board of directors for Habitat for Humanity for Abbeville and McCormick Counties. Freese has served overseas as well, working as a team member for Volunteers in Medical Missions Trips to Honduras, Ecuador, Dominican Republic and Mexico, and distributing eyeglasses donated by the South Carolina Lions, and worked in pharmacy at medical clinics.

Freese has worked with the Greenwood Rotary Club and the Olanchito Rotary Club to bring clean water to Baraca, Honduras. Employed by General Cable/Pirelli Cable from 1964 to 1977, he was the owner and manager of Dunhill Professional Search of Greenwood, Inc., from 1978 to 2012, and in 1995, he received the Million Dollar Club Award from Dunhill International Corporation. Lions the world over are known for their work with the visually impaired. Abbeville County is home to two Lions clubs--one based in Abbeville and the other in Due West. Each club is very much involved in ways to improve the communities in which they reside. They have worked hard to conduct vision screenings for students in area schools, for example. Abbeville Lions have been conducting a food drive, and have been collecting plastic for recycling.



Abbeville Lions Club president Sandi Hood (left) recently presented Lion J.J. Jackson with a special pin for having sponsored new members to the club. (Lions photo)

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Guild to have 'hide and seek' event

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Artist Guild is putting a new spin on the term "hide and seek," with an event coming up in early June.

"On Saturday, June 4, the Abbeville Artist Guild will sponsor a Hide and Seek Art event," according to a news release from the organization, which promotes the arts in Abbeville County.

"The Artist Guild will hide small pieces of original artwork by local artists in many of the stores in downtown Abbeville. Beginning at 11 am you can come visit the Abbeville downtown merchants and search for an original piece of artwork by a local artist. Once you find it you can keep it. A map of participating merchants will be available at the Abbeville Welcome Center."

There are more than 40 pieces of small artwork created by members of the guild that include flowers and birds in watercolors, acrylics landscapes, pour-

ing, and pottery.

People who may not be able to afford original art work can visit the local merchants and leave with a keepsake created by a local artist. This is a way anyone can own an original piece of artwork created by a local artist.

"You just have to visit the local participating merchants and search for the artwork. Once you find it the artwork is yours to keep. Please just one piece per person so that more people can enjoy the artwork."

This will be the second Hide and Seek event presented by the Guild. The first was held in September of last year, and it was very much a success, according to Guild treasurer Jane Agan.

"All the merchants said it was very successful," she said.

The Guild is a nonprofit organization which promotes the arts here in Abbeville County, and it has about 35

members.

Jesse Nance is the Artist Guild president, CarolinAnn McLane the secretary, and Jane Agan the treasurer.

The "hide and seek" event is just one of a number of activities the Guild is planning for the summer.

A photo contest will be held beginning on June 1, and artist Buddy Wilson of Abbeville will be serving as the coordinator. More details will be announced in coming weeks.

The Guild will be having at the Welcome Center a special exhibit during the month of June, highlighting the work of Simion Spearman of Hodges.

The exhibit will be held in conjunction with the Juneteenth celebration to be held in the city of Abbeville, Agan continued.

Finally, this year marks the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Artist Guild.

"We're celebrating 20 years this year," she said.

Self Regional Healthcare Nationally Recognized with an 'A' Leapfrog Safety Grade

Submitted by Mary Cathcart

Communications Coordinator, Self Regional HealthCare

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The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D,"

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"As our health care system continues to feel the strain of the pandemic, I thank the workforce and leadership of Self Regional Healthcare for sustained commitment to patient safety, day in and day out," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "An 'A' Safety Grade is an outstanding achievement, and one that is not possible without a 24/7 effort by the entire health care workforce to protect patients from harm. This community should be proud."

To see Self Regional's full grade details and to access patient tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org and follow The Leapfrog Group on Twitter, Facebook, and via its newsletter.

or "F" grade to general hospitals across the country based on over thirty national performance measures reflecting errors, accidents, injuries and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade is the only hospital ratings program based exclusively on hospital prevention of medical errors and harms to patients. The grading sys-

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Regional Healthcare received an "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for spring 2022. This national distinction recognizes Self Regional's achievements in protecting patients from preventable harm and error in the hospital.

"This safety ranking is a testament

to the tremendous efforts of the Self Regional medical staff and team members who have worked so hard on continuous improvement efforts," said Dr. Matt Logan, President and CEO at Self Regional Healthcare. "A Leapfrog 'A' rating is what we normally associate with hospitals like Mayo Clinic, Cleveland Clinic and Johns Hopkins. All of us who get care and give care at SRH should celebrate that we have such



At the Moments and Mimosas reception on Saturday, City of Abbeville community development director Austin Walker (right) bestowed an award to the Allyson McKittick, daughter of the late Julye Harris, who served as festival chairman for many years. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



The Mother's Day Gospel Event on Sunday, May 8, at the Abbeville Opera House, was a big success. Part of the week-long slate of activities marking the 40th anniversary of the Abbeville Spring Festival, the event featured groups like these performers. (Contributed photo)

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Attitude

Genesis 39:4 "And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand."

I believe it was Charles Schwab, financial guru, founder of the Charles Schwab Corporation, who made this statement: "Hire for attitude, train for abilities."

A person's attitude will determine success or failure. Joseph had been sold into slavery by his brothers and bought by Potipher, a captain of the Egyptian guard. Four words in verse four stand out to me, "and he served him." I find those four words amazing. Joseph could have done many things, but he chose to serve his master. Three thoughts from this verse.

Number one: notice Joseph's amazing attitude. He had been bullied by his brothers—they could not even speak peaceably to him. They put him in a pit, threatened to kill him, and finally sold him to some Ishmaelites, bought by Potipher and made as servant to him. Now, it is amazing to me that he served Potipher. And not as a surly kid with a chip on his shoulder—as

many would have done. Verse 3 informs us that Potipher saw that the Lord was with Joseph and made everything he did to prosper. It was evident in the attitude of Joseph that God was with him and that God prospered everything he did. This was visible and Potipher recognized that even though he was a pagan. A proper attitude in adverse circumstances is visible and attractive.

Number two, notice Joseph's amazing activities. His activities were blessed by God. God made everything Joseph did prosper. He served with vigor and the household of Potipher was blessed by them. This made a positive impression on Potipher.

Even people who are not believers will notice the hand of the Lord on a person whose attitude and activities bring success. It was obvious that Joseph served out of a joyful attitude and not a belligerent one. I can't help but believe that Joseph enjoyed his work and that it was

a source of satisfaction to him when his master prospered.

Number three, notice the amazing advancement of Joseph. Potipher made Joseph overseer of his entire household. That is truly amazing; a young Jewish boy whom he had purchased from the Ishmaelites promoted to running Potipher's entire household. Verse 6 records that Potipher so trusted Joseph that the only thing he knew about the operation of his business was the bread he ate. The reason for Joseph's promotion was the attitude with which Joseph served. It was evident to Potipher that Joseph could be trusted. It was evident that Joseph served Potipher with vigor and so he promoted him. What a testimony to the power of God. What a testimony to the integrity and character of Joseph.

The proper attitude will lead to prosperous activities that will ultimately lead to advancement.



Ann Marie Brooks (center) and Savannah Winn (right) were recently presented Abbeville Soil and Water Conservation District scholarships by the Conservation District's Fred Raines. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Winn, Brooks awarded scholarships

By Henry E. Green

Savannah Winn and Ann Marie Brooks were presented with scholarships Wednesday from the Abbeville Soil and Water Conservation District during a luncheon at the Talk of the Town restaurant in Abbeville.

The daughter of David and Renee Brooks, Ann Marie is attending Clemson University.

Savannah, meanwhile, is the daughter of William and Shannon Winn, and attends Piedmont Technical College.

The \$750 scholarships were presented by Fred Raines, who noted that the financial awards are given to people pursuing agriculture-related careers.

Raines is the chairman of the board of commissioners

governing the District.

A Dixie High School graduate, Ann Marie is studying environmental and natural resources at Clemson. After graduating, she hopes to get a job with Clemson Extension.

Savannah, meanwhile, is a graduate of Abbeville High School, and at Piedmont Tech she is studying horticulture. She plans to transfer to Lander, get her teaching degree, and teach horticulture.

The scholarships are named after the late H.O. Mullinax, who was prominent in the Conservation District for a number of years, and engaged in a life of public service.

"He applied himself in life to help others," said Raines.

Raines himself was for many years an agriculture

teacher at Abbeville High School, and he noted that he taught the fathers of both Ann Marie and Savannah.

According to the Conservation District, before Wednesday's luncheon, 47 scholarships had been awarded to Abbeville county youth pursuing degrees in the field of agriculture.

Mullinax dedicated more than 25 years of service to the Conservation District, and served the community in a number of other areas as well.

The Soil and Water Conservation District sponsors and promotes natural resource educational programs, according to the District Facebook page.

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Dixie High holds academic banquet

By Henry E. Green

Bradley Ware was recognized as the 2022 Dixie High School valedictorian, and he chose agriculture teacher Josh Murdock as his Star Teacher, all during the Dixie High School academic banquet held Monday night at the Erskine College dining hall.

Ware, who plans to attend Clemson, paid tribute to Murdock as a teacher who had inspired him with guidance and wisdom, and he presented the instructor with a "big check," all in fun, of course.

Bound for Clemson, Ware has participated in everything from FBLA to the National Honor Society, and he has been student body president as well.

In addition, Dixie High School salutatorian Jeffery Branyon was recognized. Branyon plans to attend

Clemson, on the way to becoming an engineer.

The banquet provided an opportunity to recognize Dixie High School students academically, and 192 people were in attendance for an event which had gone on hiatus during the pandemic.

Assistant principal Brian Milford provided a welcome. "We haven't had this in two years," said Milford. "This is a big night."

More than 90 awards were given, honoring students who had achieved an average of 93 or above in their core courses.

One by one, the students were called to the front and presented with certificates.

Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary congratulated the young people for a job well done.

"Excellence is earned--not given," Dr. Gary said.

In addition, the students who had achieved the highest averages in each grade were recognized, as well as the junior marshals and junior ushers.

Finally, Dixie principal Paul Prescott "marveled at how Dixie has excelled despite its rural location."

"In our attendance zone there's not a single stoplight," he said. "We're as rural as rural can be."

Dixie's excellence extends to both athletics and academics, with its band winning an award for excellence, its agriculture program highly regarded, a teacher winning a Golden Apple award from WYFF-TV, and a softball team vying for the Upper State championship.

"This is a gold mine of a school," he said.



Bradley Ware was recognized at the Dixie High School academic banquet recently, and he honored agriculture teacher Josh Murdock as a teacher who had particularly inspired him, and he presented the teacher (right) with a "big check," all in fun. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Restoration scene in Abbeville sees ripples

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville is seeing some big changes on the restoration scene.

Mike Bedenbaugh of Prosperity has left Preservation South Carolina and has taken over Bedenbaugh Properties following the death of his father a year and a half ago.

Bedenbaugh will be focusing on property investment, with an eye to buying historic structures and making them available for sale.

Bedenbaugh Properties recently acquired a house on Church Street.

"Our first restoration project," he said. The house, located at 100 Church Street, was vacant.

It is now owned by Bedenbaugh Properties, which will restore it and make it available for sale.

The 1,600-square-foot house on Church Street dates from the early 19th

century--possibly as early as 1810 to 1820--and has been remodeled several times. "I'll rehabilitate it to be a livable house," he said. That will include taking off the vinyl siding, lowering the ceiling, and taking away the linoleum inside, and then bringing in a contractor to determine the scope of work--all in the interests of rehabilitation.

"We foresee a two-bedroom, two bathroom house," he said.

In the short run, he will be concentrating on Abbeville. "The town has been nothing but helpful," he said.

Bedenbaugh plans to do YouTube videos, showing the process of restoration for every property he is rehabilitating.

What next for Trinity?

Meanwhile, the lease which Preservation South Carolina had with the Diocese of Upper South Car-

olina for the restoration of Abbeville's Trinity Episcopal Church ended on April 15, Bedenbaugh said.

Preservation South Carolina is finished with Phase 2 of the restoration of Trinity Episcopal Church. The Episcopal diocese will be deciding how to proceed with phases Three, Four and Five.

Phase Two included the restoration of the steeple, and the new bishop of the diocese will be looking at some of the other priorities, including work on the windows, restoration of the church's organ, and restoration of the exterior stucco.

Above all, the Portland cement covering the exterior of the church--a covering applied in the 1970s--needs to be removed "for the health of the structure, Bedenbaugh continued.

Mount Ariel Chapter DAR to honor Revolutionary War Patriots

Submitted by
The Mount Ariel
Chapter, DAR

The Mount Ariel Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will dedicate an America250 marker honoring 35 Revolutionary War Patriots buried at Greenville Presbyterian Church.

"This beautiful, rural cemetery has the most Patriots buried in one location than any other site in the seven-county region of the Lakelands," she said. "The 35 Patriots are among 150 veterans buried at Greenville Presbyterian Church.

They represent our state and nation's enduring legacy of liberty, and the Mount Ariel Chapter is honored to be able to recognize these Patriots."

Many Upstate families are related to the Patriots buried at Greenwood Presbyterian Church, which sent 75 men from its congregation to fight in the American Revolution, Nazzaro said.

The Patriots include Samuel Agnew, George Brownlee Sr., Samuel Cross, James Dunn, John Files Sr., Robert Haddon Jr., Robert Haddon Sr., William Haddon, Elisha Jarvis, Francis Johnson, Edmund Keeling, Samuel Pharr, Henry Purdy Sr.,

ties throughout the Lakelands had in fighting for the nation's freedom and specifically recognizes the contributions of the Patriots buried at Greenville Presbyterian Church.

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"We hope that the descendants of these Patriots will join us for the marker dedication," Nazzaro said. "All of the Patriots had their own stories of service, and we will recognize each of them at the ceremony."

To attend the event, please send your RSVP to evans.4706@gmail.com.

For ongoing information about the marker dedication, check out the Facebook page, Greenwood Wreaths Across America, managed by the Mount Ariel Chapter.

Visit america250.org to learn more about the America250 observance.

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Dana Gonzalez (left) and Debra Lorick (right) of Greenwood helped represent the Abbeville Artist Guild at the Livery Stable during the Abbeville Spring Festival. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Jennifer Swearingen of Blondie's on the Bricks showed Hodges Elementary second graders how to make pizza during a culinary arts fair held in the Belmont Inn alley recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Pet of the Month King came to us from a situation out of county but is a one of a kind love bug. He loves to head bump and play patty cake! He is a big boy weighing in at 19 lbs. but don't let that put you off! King would be perfect as a big couch potato.

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Colleagues, Students Honor Retired Erskine Chem/Physics Faculty

**Submitted by
Dick Haldeman**

DUE WEST - During the past half century, the Erskine College chemistry and physics department included a remarkable group of professors who held doctorates from University of Bristol in the United Kingdom, University of Chicago, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

On April 23, more than 200 former colleagues and students honored these retired professors — chemistry professors Dr. Howard Thomas, Dr. Bright Lowry, and Dr. Jim Knight, and physics professor Dr. Bill Junkin. The late Dr. Knight, first of these professors to join the Erskine faculty, began his service in 1969. The last of these professors to retire was Dr. Thomas in 2021. Combined teaching service of the four professors at Erskine totaled more than 100 years.

Drs. Thomas, Lowry, and Junkin were present for the gathering and barbecue sponsored by the EC Foundation at the home of Erskine graduate Matt Cox in the Arborville community outside Due West. Dr. Knight, who died December 23, 2021, was honored in memoriam. The new Erskine president, Dr. Steve Adamson, and his wife, Von, were among special guests at the program. Those attending included a "Who's Who" of Erskine alumni, faculty, and former faculty dating back more than half a century.

Bill Lesesne, president of the EC Foundation and former vice president for student services at Erskine, and Dr. Jim Gettys, former academic vice president at Erskine, presided at the program honoring the professors. EC Foundation Secretary Lee Logan, former vice president for development at Erskine, helped plan the event.

Dr. Knight, a native of Ware Shoals and graduate of Erskine, earned his Ph.D. from UNC-CH before returning to Erskine to serve as professor and academic vice president. He helped recruit the other three faculty members, who joined the Erskine faculty in the mid-1970s and served into the twenty-first century. Dr. Knight was later chancellor of University of Virginia at Wise. His family members present for the ceremonies included his wife, Jeannie, mayor of Due West, and son, Aldon, treasurer of the EC Foundation.

Dr. Lowry, who holds the Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, is a physical chemist who taught courses in astronomy as well as chemistry at Erskine. He was instrumental in the contribution of Erskine's historic Fitz Telescope to the South Carolina State Museum. During his years at Erskine his wife Judy, a registered nurse, served in several area hospitals.

Dr. Junkin, who received the Ph.D. from MIT, has received awards for teaching and innovative in education. In addition to his teaching Erskine students, he conducted many National Science Foundation summer programs at Erskine for gifted high school students. He coached Erskine's championship Collegiathon (athletic-academic) team. His wife, Peggy, who served Erskine as dean of women, was also present for the program.

Dr. Thomas, a native of Wales and Ph.D. graduate of University of Bristol, taught at Erskine from 1976-2021, the longest of the four professors. He received a 2021 "Excellence in Teaching Award" from the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities and was named Professor-Emeritus of Chemistry at Erskine in 2021. In addition to honoring

Dr. Thomas, the program paid tribute to his late wife Penny, who served over 30 years on the Erskine student services staff.

EC Foundation members Lesesne and Gettys told of the many special roles each of the professors played outside the classroom. Dr. Thomas helped to design the Daniel-Moultrie Science Center at Erskine, contributing to each stage of its construction. Dr. Knight was "a great recruiter of students and faculty" at Erskine who continued this success as chancellor at UV-Wise. Dr. Junkin served the college and community as a member of the Due West Rescue Squad. Dr. Lowry served the Due West Fire Department as Fire Chief. "These are four Christians vital to Erskine College," Mr. Lesesne said. "That's what has made this college Christian."

Also recognized during the program was Reynolds Valentine, who has given more than 50 years continuous service to Erskine as a member of the buildings and grounds department.

Representative of those expressing appreciation to the professors was 1986 Erskine graduate Shay Shealy West, now communications director for South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities. She attributed her decision to attend Erskine to her participation in Dr. Junkin's 1981 NSF program at Erskine. Mrs. West earned an academic scholarship to the college, where she edited the campus newspaper.

The EC Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit, has sponsored a number of special events honoring former administrators, professors, and students at Erskine.

It has also made grants supporting Erskine students' overseas trips and research.



Former Erskine staff members enjoy a reunion during the recent event honoring retired chemistry and physics professors at the college. From the left are Beth McGill, former student services secretary; Genie McDill, former dean of students; Hartley Powell, former Erskine admissions counselor who now heads the S.C. Department of Revenue; Bill Lesesne, former vice president for student services; Ralph Lundy, former soccer coach at Erskine who continued his distinguished career at College of Charleston; and Roddy Gray, former director of admissions. (Photos by Shay Shealy West)



Dr. Howard Thomas, professor of chemistry at Erskine College from 1976-2021, was among four retired chemistry and physics professors at Erskine honored April 23 at an event attended by more than 200 former colleagues, students, and friends of the professors. His daughter, Emma Thomas Dean (pictured with two of his grandchildren), accompanied Dr. Thomas to the event sponsored by the EC Foundation. (Photos by Shay Shealy West)



Dr. Bill Junkin, former professor of physics at Erskine College, was among the four former science professors at the college honored April 23 by the EC Foundation. He was accompanied to Erskine for the event by his wife, Peggy, a former dean of women at Erskine. (Photo by Shay Shealy West)



EC Foundation President Bill Lesesne (left) and foundation member Dr. Jim Gettys represented the foundation April 23 in paying tribute to retired faculty of the Erskine College chemistry and physics departments. Lesesne is president and Dr. Gettys a member of the EC Foundation. They are retired vice presidents of student services and academic affairs respectively of the college. (Photo by Shay Shealy West)

Dr. Bright Lowry, retired professor of chemistry at Erskine College, was honored April 23 by the EC Foundation for his decades of service to Erskine. Dr. Lowry, who holds degrees from MIT and University of Chicago, also served the town of Due West as chief of the town's volunteer fire department. Seated (right) is Dr. Howard Thomas, retired professor of chemistry, also honored at the event sponsored by the EC Foundation. (Photo by Shay Shealy West)



Firefighters contain Keowee Road blaze

By Henry E. Green

There was a major fire in the northern part of Abbeville County recently, according to Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams.

No injuries were reported from the blaze on Keowee Road on Saturday, April 9, but two outbuildings and a garage were destroyed and one outbuilding was damaged, Williams said.

A call came in at 2:25 p.m., after a passerby reported the fire. Responding were firefighters from Keowee, Donalds, the Town of Due West, and Broadmouth Turkey Creek fire departments.

Approximately 25 firefighters arrived on the scene, and a tanker was called in from Craytonville fire department in Anderson County, according to the

Fire Marshal.

"The three buildings were fully involved, and there was fire in the fourth building," he said.

The fire is believed to have been caused by a heater that malfunctioned in one of the outbuildings.

The firefighters had the blaze contained in about 45 minutes, Williams continued.



This stately-looking vehicle was one of the vehicles in the Abbeville Wheels of Time car show during the Spring Festival, and it belongs to Brian and Amanda Smith of Abbeville. Amanda works at The Press and Banner! (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Local Musician Featured in Concert

Submitted by Charlie Morgan

Abbeville's John Pullin will be featured in a concert on Sunday, May 22 at 4 pm at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 304 Calhoun Ave., Greenwood. The public is cordially invited.

Pullin, organist at Trinity Episcopal Church, will join Leigh Tumblyn, organist at St. Andrew's, in concert including works by Manz, Marcello, Pepping, and Young.

A 1982 graduate of Erskine College, Pullin studied piano with Bill Jones and organ with Cortland Koonts. He served previously as an organist for Abbeville First Baptist Church and at Honora Path First Baptist.

Leigh F. Tumblyn, Furman University class of 1979, studied piano with Nell Mellichamp and organ with

W. Lindsay Smith. She is currently co-organist at St. John's Lutheran Church, Clinton, and at Methodist Church of the Covenant, Spartanburg.

The organ at St. Andrew's was a gift to the church from Mr. Pullin in 2021.

A reception will follow the concert in the newly restored St. Andrew's Courtyard.

The Rocky Shoals Highway

By Tom Poland

Come May-June I burn the Rocky Shoals Highway up. I drive from Irmo, South Carolina to McCormick County and on into Georgia. My mission? Visiting two ravishing colonies of rocky shoals spider lilies. No one is there but me. Seems few know or care to see a true spectacle. Maybe it's because the lilies lie well off the beaten path.

Hymenocallis coronaria (shoals lily, Cahaba lily) stages quite a show. Around these parts, you can visit three colonies as shoals lilies communities are called. Chester County, South Carolina has the largest known colony at Landsford Canal State Park. Stevens Creek in McCormick County, South Carolina has a grand colony where you can get close enough to smell the flower's citrusy sweet fragrance. You'll be tempted to

down a rough dirt road. Weather can make the drive tough. Sometimes ruts, mud-holes, fallen trees and limbs turn the road into a third-world footpath. Even so,



that's the easy part. To get to the river you have to descend a steep winding footpath wrought with rocks and vines and slippery carpets of pine needles. Once you reach a few open places, you'll see sweeps of lilies. Listen for the watery crash of ospreys. Stand still as can be and one will crash into

something alive and formidable, the opera of a wild river raging against bedrock. The sound strengthens with each step. The water roars and hisses as it froths and foams over and around rocks. Through breaks in vegetation, milky-white filigrees twist and braid and murmur and whisper to beget inner peace as no

other sound can—the soothing silence of white water's white noise. Through greenery I see snow-white blooms performing their bobbing, mesmerizing dance. How those lilies must have thrilled William Bartram in a land of rocky creeks, plummeting elevation, and free-running rivers.

Today the shoals lily is threatened as much of its habitat lies beneath lakes where man dammed rivers. It thrives in swift rocky waters but clings to existence in South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. When I think of the major impoundments such as Lakes Hartwell, Clarks Hill, and Murray, I think of the habitat *Hymenocallis coronaria* lost. Scattered small colonies exist here and there. Some owe their existence to people who set them out. A natural, good-size colony staggers you. The word "spectacle" comes to mind.

Words don't do the flower justice. You won't get it until you stand before an expanse of white-foaming blue water, brown rocks, slabs, and boulders and clumps of snow-white lilies with stems as green as bell peppers. The blooms glow like diadems. But know that it's not a true lily. The stunning flowers belong to the amaryllis family, which includes jonquils, narcissus, and daffodils.

Each May-June you know where I'll be. You stay home so I'll have all that majesty to myself.

Photos by Tom Poland

pick a flower. Don't.

My favorite place to see the lilies is Anthony Shoals in Georgia on the Broad River. I like it for several reasons. First, it looms large in memory. On a happy day my mother took me to the shoals where her brothers and sisters caught and fried fish. I was maybe five or six, but I still see rock-studded waters and an uncle who scoured a black cast iron frying pan with sand until it shone like silver. I recall no lilies for good reason: it was summer and the lilies' blooms had come and gone.

Outside of parks and preserves wild places still exist. That's another reason I like Anthony Shoals and its lilies. It's wild and partly inaccessible. Babylon had its hanging gardens and Anthony Shoals has its river garden, but to see it you have two options: one if by land and two if by water. By water is a breeze. By land is an adventure that involves a drive into remote, back woods



your stamina.

I like to visit Anthony Shoals and Stevens Creek on the same day. My mythical Rocky Shoals Highway takes me to these wild places reso-



nant with peace and beauty. Leaving my vehicle behind, I walk. From afar comes a sound. I push onward toward

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16. Russian river or Russian mountains
17. Understand (2 words)
18. *Moisture in the air
20. Law school test acronym
21. Layers in plywood
22. Trigonometry abbr.
23. Uses a laser
25. Squawked or crabbed
29. Bitty
30. Two dots above a letter
33. Jasmine of "Aladdin," e.g.
34. Forbidden, in Islam
36. Bruin legend Bobby
37. Lays in peace
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39. Charge with crime
41. "For ____ a jolly..."
42. Easily irritated
44. *No clouds
46. Gremlin or pixie
47. *Check the weather before hitting this hiking path
49. Speech defect
51. *Cloudy
54. Classic TV's Mrs. Brady
55. Same as island
56. "Cheers" regular
58. Elephant poacher's ware
59. Pb on periodic table
60. *The first sign of rain?
61. Declare untrue
62. Pig's digs
63. MacFarlane or Rogen

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5. Chill-inducing
6. Bearded ruminants
7. Unrivaled
8. *Barometer reading
9. Tiny bit
10. Purl partner
11. Three ahead of PST
13. Certain beachgoers' philosophy
14. *Cold weather is needed for this meltable home
19. Part of small intestine
22. Cathode-ray tube
23. Hit the road
24. Falcon's home
25. Mentor or expert
26. The Obamas' daughter
27. Bruce Lee's "____ the Dragon"
28. Treat without respect
29. Wallop
31. Scottish lake
32. *Rainbow shape
35. *Weather warning
37. Archeologist's find
39. Venom source
40. Filled with dread
43. State indirectly
45. African antelopes
47. Living room centerpiece? (2 words)
48. 4 x 4 race
49. Cleanse
50. #14 Across, sing.
51. They don't mix with water
52. Sight for what eyes?
53. Between walk and canter
54. El ____ of medieval Spain
57. *Knot alternative, acr.

Greenwood man faces charges

A Greenwood man faces charges after allegedly shooting at a man driving a motor vehicle, in an incident occurring on Hillcrest Drive in Abbeville.

Twenty year old Jartavious Marico Morton of 127 N. Hospital Street, Greenwood was arrested following an

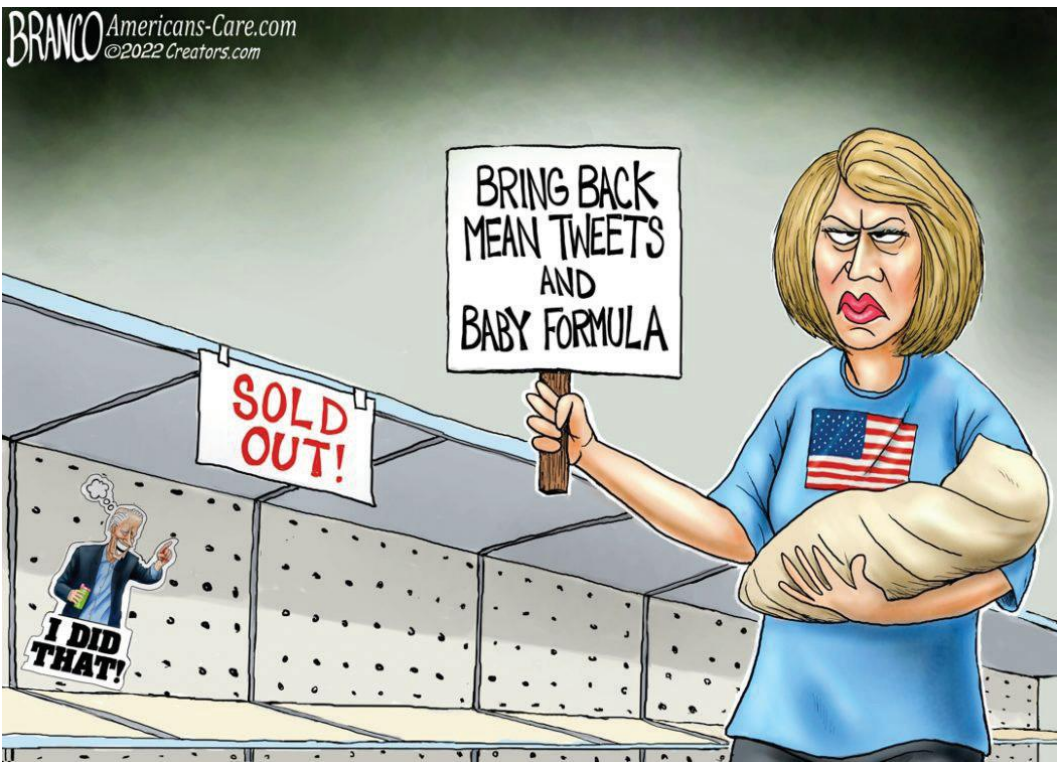
incident on the afternoon of May 8, and he faces charges of breach of peace high and aggravated nature, and carrying a pistol unlawfully, according to the incident report.

According to the report, Morton began shooting at the victim after the victim

drove by the home of a mutual friend.

Morton fired one shot at the vehicle, but the man in the vehicle was not hit, nor was the vehicle, according to Investigator Dwane Balchin.

Morton has been released on bond.



Scott, Graham Lead Amicus Brief on Kerr v. Planned Parenthood

WASHINGTON – This week, U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-S.C.) and Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) led an amicus brief requesting that the Supreme Court take up Robert Kerr, SC Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) v. Planned Parenthood and Julie Edwards.

“Amid conversations surrounding right to life, I urge the Supreme Court to make it clear that Congress has given states—not political activists—the ability to determine Medicaid qualifications,” said Senator Scott. “South Carolina is devoted to protecting life and must be allowed to continue operating its Medicaid programs as it sees fit.”

Senators Scott and Graham were joined by 23 other senators: John Thune

(R-S.D.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), James E. Risch (R-Idaho), Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Mike Lee (R-Utah), John Kennedy (R-La.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), and Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.). Joining the senators were 105 members of the House of Representatives.

Background: When Congress passed

the Medicaid Act, federal lawmakers gave states the authority to decide which providers are qualified to participate in a state’s Medicaid program. In 2018, South Carolina deemed abortion clinics unqualified to receive Medicaid funding.

Planned Parenthood and one of its clients then sued the SCDHHS in federal court.

The congressmembers’ amicus brief argues that Congress intended for states to be able to make their own determinations as to which providers could participate in the Medicaid program, and that clients of delisted providers should not have been granted standing to sue the state on the providers’ behalf.

Yahuwah's (GOD'S) Chosen People, Israel or the Church

By Cindy Ramsey

Throughout Christendom many today believe in what is termed Replacement Theology. Also, there are many people today who have never even heard of Replacement Theology. So, what is Replacement Theology? It is the idea that the true people of Yahuwah—the true Israel—are no longer a people of flesh but a people of faith only. In other words, they don’t believe that Israel remains Yahuwah’s chosen people. Replacement Theology teaches that the Christian Church has fully replaced Israel as Yahuwah’s chosen people. It also teaches that all the promises and prophecies have been transferred from Israel to the Church, and therefore the State of Israel and the Jewish people have become obsolete. Tragically, as a result of this belief, the Church has removed its Jewish roots. If we fall victim to the doctrine of Replacement Theology, we lose the fullness of the two testaments and the meanings, stipulations, and promises of Yahuwah’s covenants. Without that, we as Believers don’t have a place to stand and we let go of the lever Yahuwah gave His Church to move the earth... joint-heirs with Israel.

As we begin to explore and learn more about the Jewish roots and how they have been removed, we must go back in time through Church history dating back nearly 2000 years. This requires a thorough look into the political, social, economic, and religious history of Rome and the first-century Church. Needless to say, this is not an easy (or quick) task, one that can take years of prayer and research. The events that transpired and unfolded over time reveal how the Church essentially divorced its Jewish roots and became Hellenistic in nature, weaving paganism and anti-Semitism doctrine into the traditions, practices, and beliefs of the early Church. While many have been convicted by the Spirit to become Bereans of the Word, there are just as many hindered by these paganized traditions in their faith. They do not fully understand or appreciate the original power and purpose Yahuwah has gifted them with.

We can see in a brief timeline of events the development of events that led to the changes in Church doctrine.

• 66 A.D. – Paul and Peter died in Rome. During a 4-year revolt, the Jews fled

to Yavneh and the Messianic Believers fled to Pella (outside of Roman rule).

• 70 A.D. – The Romans destroyed the Second Temple and killed thousands of Jews.

• 100 A.D. – Bishop Ignatius of Antioch declared, “To profess Jesus Christ while continuing to follow Jewish customs is an absurdity. The Christian faith does not look to Judaism... it is wrong to talk about Jesus Christ and live like Jews.”

• 177 A.D. – Irenaeus declared, “... they who boast themselves as being from the house of Jacob and the people of Israel are disinherited from the grace of Yahuwah.”

• 70-135 A.D. – The Gospel spread to Gentile communities, and the influence of the early Church began shifting away from Jewish traditions.

• 306 A.D. – Constantine became ruler of Rome and made Christianity legal and the official religion of Rome in 323 A.D.

• 325 A.D. – Constantine wrote to bishops all over the Roman Empire insisting that Passover be separated from “Easter.” o “We ought not therefore have anything in common with the Jew, for the Savior has shown us another way.”—Constantine

• 500-1500 A.D. – As the Roman Catholic Church grew, a number of believing Jews wanted to be baptized into the Church. However, many were required to renounce any connection to their Jewish roots—doing away with the Sabbath and the Feasts of the Yahuwah. *Reclaiming Our Forgotten Heritage.*

This cultural and religious shift over time planted seeds of anti-Semitism. Gentile Believers eventually outnumbered the Jewish Believers, and sadly, many of those Gentile Believers misunderstood this to mean that Yahuwah was done with Israel. The Church quickly forgot its Jewish roots and separated itself from the Biblical calendar. This meant that the Church no longer kept the Sabbath and no longer celebrated the Feasts of the Yahuwah. Because of this, there developed a divide between Yahuwah’s eternal promises and our ability to walk in the fullness of our salvation. But what Believers at the time really failed to remember was Paul’s teaching to the Romans explaining this confusion and warning against these future events. It should have given the Church insight into how it was to think of the

traditions and the Jewish people.

• “For I do not desire, brethren, that we should be ignorant of this mystery, lest we should be wise in our own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.”—Romans 11:25

The Church also failed to understand the rich heritage of the following verse, which explains who Yahuwah, Jesus, is as our Passover Lamb.

• “For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”—1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Do we have a misunderstanding of the covenant relationship with our Creator? When we have a revelation of the covenant relationship we have with the Father through Yahuwah Ha Mashiach, Satan’s grip on our hope and power loosens. We begin to understand our spiritual family and eternal heritage. Covenant isn’t a word we hear much in the Church today except in reference to ancient Israel. But those covenant promises, both for Israel and us, remain.

When Satan invades our spiritual life, we become consumed with only what we see. We lose sight of the prophecies and promises that were declared throughout the Set-apart Scriptures (Bible). We become blind to the blessings that come with the Passover, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot—the ancient feasts that our Savior not only observed but also magnified the meanings of so that we can enjoy and be blessed by them as we grow our faith. When we begin to align our life to Yahuwah’s calendar, our faith is deepened and transformed, we start to see how He is preparing us and our family for His return, and we begin to walk in the fullness of our salvation.

By pulling away from our roots, we lose footing and open ourselves up to unnecessary attacks. *But when we stand firm, nothing can sway us. Our confidence isn’t in something perishable but imperishable—Almighty Yahuwah. And He loves to see His children’s faith transformed by discovering more of who He is, who we are in Him, and the origins of our faith.*

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Sen. Tim Scott Statement on Democrats’ Radical Anti-Life Legislation

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) released a statement following the Democrats’ failed vote to advance radical abortion legislation.

“In the midst of the Democrats’ show vote on abortion, we still do not have answers about the unprecedented leak of the Supreme Court’s draft de-

cision on the Dobbs case,” said Senator Tim Scott. “The American people must be able to have faith and confidence in our judicial system. The attempts we are seeing from the Left to compromise the credibility of our nation’s highest court are, simply put, alarming.”

“Today, Democrats once

again brought radical pro-abortion legislation to the Senate floor. Their actions only further demonstrate how out of touch they are with the American people.

I strongly oppose this bill and will continue to fervently fight for the most fundamental American right: the right to life.”

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

Legislative summary

Senator Mike Gambrell Legislative Summary May 13, 2022

The last week of the regular Session was indeed a busy one. Numerous bills had to be sent to Conference Committees, some in the very last hours, in hopes that compromises can be found in the coming weeks before we return on June 15. The Sine Die Resolution allows numerous matters to be taken up then, one being any legislation in Conference Committees. The Budget bill is in a Conference Committee, and the House and Senate are far, far apart on some of the items in that bill.

Also sent to a Conference Committee was Senate Bill 1087, the comprehensive tax cut legislation, S.133, the Convention of States legislation, a bill requiring

Life Scholarship recipients to have completed additional engineering, math or computer science courses during their senior year of high school. This last bill would not go into effect for upcoming seniors but would be required for those graduating in the class of 2024.

This is just a very small example of the wide range of legislation that flows through your General Assembly. From simple regulations that keep inspections of everything from health care facilities to boilers running smoothly, to moving precinct locations for an election, to establish regulations for home-based food businesses, to the passing of a bill making military retirement income deductible, we research, debate and decide on hun-

dreds of matters. Other legislation either passed or sent to a Conference Committee included a bill to ban the elevating of the front of a car more than 4 inches due to serious safety concerns, a bill allowing adult adoptees to obtain a copy of their original birth certificate under certain circumstances, and S.935, the legislation establishing Education Scholarship Accounts.

Please feel free to contact me on any issue. I can be reached at my district address, Post Office Box 194, Honea Path, S. C. 29654, 864-844-3614; or at my legislative office in Columbia, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, S.C. 29202, 803-212-6032, or through my email address: MikeGambrell@scsenate.gov.

US House of Representatives Rep. Duncan Bills to Rename Post Offices in Honor of Two Fallen SC Soldiers Pass the House

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C.— Congressman Jeff Duncan issued the following statement regarding the passage of bills H.R. 91 and H.R. 92 he introduced to rename post offices to honor in Easley and Picken to honor two fallen South Carolina heroes from the Third District. Both pieces of legislation are cosponsored by the entire South Carolina delegation. The bills passed the House of Representatives and will head to the Senate. H.R. 91 passed with a vote of 412 to

3 and H.R. 92 passed with a vote of 405 to 3. Congressman Duncan honored both fallen veterans on the House floor. Click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) for his remarks.

“Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin of Easley and Specialist Four Charles Johnson, Jr. of Picken are fallen sons of South Carolina who deserve honor and appreciation for giving their lives for our nation,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan. “I was honored to recognize these heroes on the House floor and hope to see these bills become law to ensure these young men are remembered for

their sacrifice and bravery.” “Private First Class Austin lost his life from injuries sustained during an attack in Afghanistan in 2013, and Specialist Four Johnson was killed in action in Vietnam in 1966. Decades apart, both soldiers died American heroes,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan.

“We know freedom is not free and never more than a generation away from extinction – we are forever thankful for the sacrifice of these brave men who deserve our utmost appreciation for paying the ultimate sacrifice for our country.”



Abbeville County Emergency Services director Will Blackwell (left) and Travis Alewine could be seen cooking breakfast for their EMS comrades Tuesday morning at the complex. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

County EMS has barbecue cook-off

By Henry E. Green

In conjunction with EMS Appreciation Week, Abbeville County EMS held a barbecue cook-off yesterday at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex.

Five teams competed, with the judging scheduled for yesterday evening, along with the presentation of awards for EMS service.

Elements of barbecue, such as ribs and chicken, were going to be judged.

There were side dishes as well, and following the

cook-off there was surely massive feasting.

Kathy Bensen of EMS said that the cook-off is in keeping with an annual tradition.

Abbeville County Council chairman Billy Norris recently presented Abbeville County emergency services director Will Blackwell with a proclamation in conjunction with EMS Appreciation Week.

It was all in appreciation of people who one day might very well save your life. Blackwell and Travis Alewine

could be seen cooking breakfast for their EMS comrades Tuesday morning at the complex.

Abbeville County EMS includes four 911 ambulances, and one day time non emergency truck, said Abbeville County Director David Garner.

A dive team and a search and rescue team are also part of Abbeville County emergency services, he said.

City looking for new municipal judge

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville is looking for a new part-time municipal judge, according to Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone.

The application period closed Wednesday, May 11, at noon, and 15 applications were received.

Council is expected to review applications at its June meeting, and narrow the

field down to three finalists, Stone continued.

Council is expected to interview the three finalists at its July meeting, and possibly make a decision at the end of the meeting on who the new judge will be.

The new judge will be replacing Judge William McNeil, who will be retiring in December after serving the City since 2003, Stone

continued.

The City's other municipal judges are Carolyn Brownlee and Ed Strickland, the City Manager continued, and the municipal courtroom is located in the City's Police/Fire Complex on South Main.

"They work closely with the Abbeville PD," Stone said of the municipal judges.



Abbeville County Council recently approved a proclamation recognizing national EMS Week and to honor the men and women who serve Abbeville County, Council chairman Billy Norris (left) presented a copy of the proclamation to County emergency services director Will Blackwell. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Pet of the Month



Storm is a handsome and very uniquely marked young man. Sweet as he can be. Loves people and other dogs. We feel he would also do well with kids. He has not been cat tested. He came to us as an owner surrender and is young and energetic. What better way to keep you on your toes!

Adoption Fees are reduced to \$25 for Storm, 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.

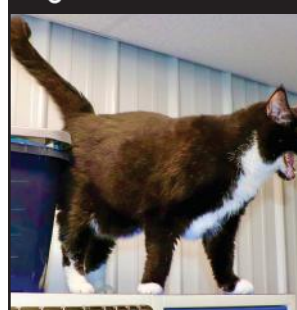
Pet of the Month



Jewels is one of the most adorable and loving mamas you will meet. She wandered into a nice man's yard a few months back as a stray. He was gracious enough to keep her and let her have her babies. She had 8 puppies and took the best care of them. She now resides with us and we want her to find the best home for herself. She is so gentle. She walks well on a leash and loves people.

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Pet of the Month



Big Brother is 18 lbs. of LOVE. He came to the shelter as an owner surrender along with his brother, sister, and mama. He does well with other cats and older children. He doesn't seem to mind the dogs we bring in to visit. He is very vocal and lets us know every day that he is ready to be out of the shelter and back into a loving, forever home.

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The Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition presented Paddle Fest at the Blue Hole recreation area recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Joy on the water

Paddle Fest provides day of fun at Blue Hole Recreation Area

By Henry E. Green

The Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition presented Paddle Fest at the Blue Hole recreation area Saturday, said Paddle Fest coordinator Elaine Barrett of Calhoun Falls Monday.

The Coalition offered kayaks and paddle boards for those in attendance to enjoy, highlighting recreational opportunities on Lake Russell.

"We had a nice little crowd," Barrett said.

In addition to the kayaks and paddle boards, you could enjoy archery and fly fishing, on a day that

started off on the chilly side, but that quickly warmed up--and there was no admission charge.

Deejay Charles Rogers of Calhoun Falls, "one of our local talents", provided music, and members of the Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church youth group sold barbecue to help fund a trip to church camp this summer, and there was a "snow cone" vendor as well.

Barrett estimated that 50 to 100 people were in attendance altogether, including an abundance of kids, supervised by adults who kept a close eye on the

youngsters.

"We kept them in the cove and made them wear life jackets," she said.

In addition, members of the Savannah Lakes Adventure Group joined us and helped with keeping the kids under control," she said.

The Savannah Lakes visitors provided an unexpected treat, with one of the visitors doing a magic show for the kids.

The Coalition, whose activities highlight recreational opportunities at Lake Russell, is now planning Freedom Blast, which will be held on Saturday, July 2.

AHS baseball team concludes season

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville High School baseball team concluded its season this past weekend, a season crowned with the thrill of winning the Region title.

The Abbeville High School varsity baseball team lost to Gray Collegiate 3-0 Thursday night at Gray Collegiate in the Columbia area in the playoffs, said AHS head baseball coach Daniel Little Monday.

Saturday the Panthers went to Saint Joseph's for a playoff elimination game, and lost 11-4.

With the loss, the Panthers ended their season with an overall record of 23-8.

Despite the loss, Little was "super-proud" of the team. "We overachieved, No one picked us to win the Region or the district," said Little.

He is immensely proud of his four seniors--Rusty Chappell, Jackson Clem-

mons, Trent Delgado, and Ty Price.

"I'm just appreciative of all their hard work," he said, noting that the four provided good leadership. "They just kind of laid the foundation for the future."

"We're excited about next year," he added, noting that the majority of the pitching staff will be back, and he will have a good nucleus of starters with whom to work.

Sports wrap-up

By Henry E. Green

A Dixie High School senior is signing with Lander in track and field.

Alejandra Sabatino is considered one of the top javelin throwers in 1-A, according to published reports.

She held her signing ceremony on Thursday, May 12 at Dixie.

AHS softball team concludes season

The Abbeville High School softball team concluded its season with a 5-1 loss in the state playoffs at Gray Collegiate last week.

Athletic banquets

On Monday, May 23, beginning at 6 PM, Erskine College Cafeteria will be the scene of this year's Abbeville High School Athletic Banquet.

The Calhoun Falls Charter

athletic banquet is set for Tuesday, May 24, at 6 p.m. at the Calhoun Falls Civic Center, according to Calhoun Falls Charter athletic director David Campbell.

The Dixie High School athletic banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Erskine College dining hall.

Erskine Football

Schedule changes shake up start of 2022 season

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

DUE WEST, S.C. -- The Erskine College Football program has announced schedule changes for the first two weeks of the upcoming 2022 season on Tuesday morning.

The Fleet will remain at home in their season opener on September 3 but will now host the University of Fort Lauderdale as Erskine's first of two-non conference games to begin the year.

The following Saturday,

September 10, Erskine has replaced its bye week with a road game against Clark Atlanta University, out of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Erskine has never faced the Eagles or Panthers and both should provide competition out of the SAC in the early stages of the 2022 campaign before conference play begins on September 17 in a home game against Lenoir-Rhyne University.

Season tickets and membership in the Dode Phillips Club go on sale on May

1st. For more information on the Dode Phillips Club, click here. Stay up to date on Erskine Football by following @FleetAthletics on Facebook and Twitter and visiting www.erskinesports.com.

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Blue Flashes do well in track action

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls Charter track team did exceedingly well in the Region track meet on May 3, and the Upper State track meet as well.

"Our girls team finished fourth out of six teams in the Region," said Calhoun Falls Charter track coach Kalan Rogers. "The boys team finished third."

On the girls side, there were three All Region athletes--Shamya Hudson was All Region in the 400 meter dash and the high jump, Cournazhia Sanders, All Region in the 100 meter hurdles, and Raynais Williams, All Region in the 400 meter hurdles, said Rogers, who

is also the Calhoun Falls Charter principal.

On the boys side, the All Region athletes included Marquice Turman, All Region in the 400 meter hurdles; Ty Moon, All Region in the javelin throw, and Jamarri Norman, All Region in high jump, long jump, and triple jump. He was also named Male Athlete of the Year (for track and field) for our Region," he said.

"We had a lot of kids to step up to the plate, after losing Quade Lindler to an injury," he said.

"We had 11 athletes to advance to the Upper State meet," held this past Saturday at Lower Richland High School in Columbia.

At the Upper State meet, our girls finished eighth and the boys fifth. "The biggest highlight for our team was Jamarri Norman--he placed first in the triple jump.

"Combined, we will take 10 athletes to the state meet, which is this Thursday, May 19, at Lower Richland High School, starting at 5 p.m.," Rogers said.

On the boys side, they include Omarion Bryant, Kyrece Cade, Jay Jones, Ty Moon, Jamarri Norman, and Marquice Turman.

On the girls side, the athletes include Anastasia Gillam, Shamya Hudson, Cournazhia Sanders, and Raynais Williams, Rogers continued.

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Hospice & Palliative Care Welcomes New Volunteers

Submitted by
Andrea Scott

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont is pleased to welcome 6 new Volunteers to our Hospice family. They completed a 3-day volunteer training class on May 3-5, 2022 and will volunteer in many areas of our Hospice including

home patient care, Hospice House, administrative, special projects, fund-raising events and at our Hospice Stores located in Abbeville, SC and Greenwood, SC.

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For more information, please call 227-9393 or visit www.hospicepiedmont.org.

Hornets hang tough!

By Henry E. Green

Dixie lost to Lewisville 2-0 Monday night at Lewisville in the Upper State championship round of the state playoffs in softball.

The Lady Hornets are still in the tournament, and will play Wednesday at night at 6 p.m., when they will host McBee, a school spokesperson said.

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PUBLIC AUCTION
Contents of storage units (personal and household) listed below WILL BE SOLD to the highest bidder at **Dependable Storage, 73 Old Vienna Rd., Abbeville, SC** on May 28th, 2022 at 9:00 AM:
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NOTICE OF SALE
BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: American Advisors Group vs. Joseph Allen Gambrell; Michael Stephen Gambrell; The United States of America acting by and through its agency The Department of Housing and Urban Development; C/A No. 2015CP0100261, the following property will be sold on June 6, 2022, at 2:00 PM at the Abbeville County Courthouse to the highest bidder:
All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville, being shown and

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

AND
All that certain piece, parcel

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

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

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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SUMMONS AND NOTICES (Non-Jury)

FORECLOSURE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE

Reverse Mortgage Funding LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
Rebecca E. Arnett; The United States of America, acting by and through its

agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development,

Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S) ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices at 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110, Columbia, SC 29210, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of Amer-

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the referenced Mortgage is perfected and Attorney for Plaintiff hereby gives notice that all rents shall be payable directly to it by delivery to its undersigned attorneys from the date of default. In the alternative, Plaintiff will move before a judge of this Circuit on the 10th day after service hereof, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, for an Order enforcing the assignment of rents, if any, and compelling payment of all rents covered by such assignment directly to the Plaintiff, which motion is to be based upon the original Note and Mortgage herein and the Complaint attached hereto.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Complaint, Cover Sheet for Civil Actions and Certificate of Exemption from ADR in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County on January 26, 2022. A Notice of Foreclosure Intervention was also filed in the Clerk of Court's Office.

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