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American Legion Post 72 commander Mike Brandt (center) was the master of ceremonies for the Memorial Day program held in Calhoun Falls on Monday, May 31. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

County's municipalities may have lost people

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County's municipalities may have lost population over the past decade, according to Lanny McKay, co-chair of the Abbeville County committee helping oversee the 2020 census within the county.

The population estimate for the City of Abbeville on April 1, 2010, for example, was 5,237. Ten years later, it stood at 4,958, he said.

Similarly, Calhoun Falls had a population of 2,004 people in 2010, and a decade later the Savannah River valley community population stood at 1,883.

The town of Donalds had an estimated 348 residents in 2010, but 10 years later that number was down to 330.

The town of Due West had 1,247 people in 2010, while 10 years later the number had dropped to 1,198.

Finally, the town of Lowndesville lost population as well, with the number of residents dropping from 128 in 2010 to 119 in 2020.

McKay said that he is basing his summary "on Census Bureau population estimates from April 1, 2020, to July 1, 2020," according to their latest report.

Using Census-related data, McKay has indicated that Abbeville County as a whole may have lost population over the past decade.

Abbeville County's population decreased from 25,417 to 24,404, during this 10 year period, McKay has said, and he believes that much of the loss may have come from the municipalities.

The final Census figures are expected to come out later.

"Only the final Census figures are what really count," he said.

Tracy Jackson program set to begin

By Henry E. Green

The Tracy Jackson Summer Food program is entering its 22nd year of service, said Mary Lou Edens, executive director for the program.

The Tracy Jackson program aims to ensure that students who are on free or reduced price lunch during the school year enjoy nutritious meals during the summer.

This summer, the program will begin on Monday, June 14, at 11 a.m., she said.

Breakfasts and lunches will be served on two days of the week, "but enough food will be served to cover all seven days of the week," she said.

Food pickups will be on Mondays at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and on Thursdays at the same time, beginning on Monday, June 14, and ending on Thursday, July 30.

Usually the program has activities between breakfast and lunch, but because of the pandemic there will be no activities.

Meal sites will be at the Ellison Center, Carver Apartments, and Hickory Heights Apartments.

"The Ellison Center and Hickory Heights have had the program every year that the program has been running," she said.

The meals are prepared in Greenwood by Destiny of Greenwood, in conjunction with the Summer Food Service Program sponsored by the South Carolina Department of Education and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Last year the program fed about 220 young people a day, and this year they're expecting about 120 a day, because the program has fewer sites this year.

As was the case last year, young people will not be eating at the sites, but will pick up their food at those sites. "Each site has volunteers that help," she said.

The meals will follow USDA standards for summer programs.

The Tracy Jackson program is a part of GIFT (General Instruction for Tomorrow), an organization formed in 1990.

"Everything should be successful once everything is publicized," said Valerie Deseignes, site manager for

the program at the Ellison Center.

Rebecca White has been working with the Tracy Jackson program more than 17 years.

The program is a good one, although the pandemic has curbed many of the activities which used to be associated with it--activities in which there was interaction with the children.

"We did teaching and playing games, and other activities," she said. "We did cooking. We did crafts and art."

Shamika Elmore is the site manager for Hickory Heights, and she noted that to participate in the meals program all one has to do is show up at the sites between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

No registration is involved. Elmore has been working with the program a total of about five years.

"I enjoy working with children," she said.

She encouraged children to come to the sites on the designated days. "We want to give out every meal possible," she said.

To be used for electrical 'tie in' City Council approves property purchase

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council met Wednesday night in an "emergency" meeting and approved a resolution providing for the purchase of land for an electrical tie in point which will upgrade electrical services in Abbeville.

Undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars, the resolution states.

The land, when purchased, will be used for an electrical tie in point to improve the reliability of electrical services to Abbeville Public Utility customers.

"This will reduce the number of outages and the length of those outages for Abbeville public utility customers in the Lowndesville and Lake Secession areas," said Mike Clary, deputy

administrative officer for the City.

The property, taking in 17.9 acres, is located at the intersection of Mount Vernon Church Road and North Road, outside the City limits, in rural Abbeville County, according to Clary and the resolution.

The City has submitted a proposal for a BRIC grant through the South Carolina Emergency Division to help fund the project, the resolution continued.

The price of the property is \$71,600, and the BRIC grant amount being sought is \$600,000, City Manager Blake Stone told City Council Wednesday night.

The City has been negotiating over the past months to purchase the property, and time was precious for the City to purchase the property because there were other people interested in buying it, Stone said.

The meeting Wednesday was an "emergency" gathering because of the time sensitive nature of the property purchase, said Clary Thursday.

A "tie in" is essentially a substation that, in this case, would tie into the Duke system.

The City expects to hear sometime this summer whether it has been awarded the grant, said Clary Thursday.

The grant is for the costs associated with constructing the tie in, he continued.

City Attorney Tombo Hite, attending the meeting electronically, advised the Council to go ahead with the purchase.

City Council members Jason Edwards and John Sutherland were absent from the meeting, which lasted seven minutes.



Willie Boyd (left) of Abbeville and W.J. "Uncle Will" Christopher (right) of Greenwood were selling vegetables at the farmers market in Abbeville recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Good things Farmers markets open for the year in Abbeville, Calhoun Falls

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville farmers market has opened for the year, with vendors setting up shop in the Livery Stable on Trinity Street in downtown Abbeville.

When we visited on Friday morning, three vendors were waiting for customers on a cool and overcast morning.

At the first table, there was Holly Freeman of Abbeville, selling products from her farm, where she and her husband raise goats.

We met Holly during the Spring Festival, when she was selling, as a crafter, various products made from goat milk.

Friday you could also find her offering products made from the charming animals. Nearby you could find Wil-

lie Boyd of Abbeville and W. J. "Uncle Will" Christopher of Greenwood, who have set up a partnership to sell a wide variety of vegetables.

"All kinds of produce," said Boyd. That includes mustard greens, collard greens, cabbage, green beans, squash, zucchini, tomatoes, beets, corn, and watermelons.

Finally, there was Roger Wicker of Antreville Farms, selling products from her farm, where she and her husband raise goats.

Flowers are also on the list of Wicker's offerings. "We have anything that's grown from a bulb," he said.

That includes such items as peonies and canna lilies. The Calhoun Falls farmers market has opened as well. Both markets opened in the

closing days of May, and the Abbeville market will be open on Friday mornings from 7 a.m. to noon-- during the summer and early fall, and the Calhoun Falls market on Thursday afternoons--from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.-- during the same time frame.

According to Wilder Ferreira of the Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development, the markets are expected to close by the end of September.

The Calhoun Falls farmers market, which is located on Tugaloo Street, is owned by the Town of Calhoun Falls, but operated by the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce, according to Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris Cowan.

Abbeville Rotarians present scholarships

By Henry E. Green
Bethany Ricketts of Abbeville High School, Joseph Suddeth of Dixie High School, and Maddison Smith of Calhoun Falls Charter School are recipients of this year's Abbeville Rotary Club scholarships. Ricketts plans to study kinesiology at Anderson University, on her way to becoming an occupational therapist. Suddeth plans to study science at Erskine, and Smith plans to major in nursing at Piedmont Technical College. All three young peo-

ple graduated this year from their respective high schools. Each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the club, and they were selected by a Rotary scholarship committee. They were chosen based not only on their academic credentials, but on essays they wrote on how they exemplified in their communities the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," according to club president John Andrew Bishop. The Abbeville Rotary Club is part of an international network of Rotary clubs.

Locally, Abbeville Rotarians have a scholarship program for outstanding local high school graduates, and they have a wealth of other activities as well. That includes presenting a cornhole tournament in the spring, and later in the year there is the Rotary Bowl, featuring a day of recreation league football, in which Abbeville teams battle teams from surrounding communities. On an international scale, Rotarians have set as a goal the eradication of polio from the face of the earth.

Dixie High School graduate Joseph Suddeth (right) is a recipient of an Abbeville Rotary Club scholarship this year. He was presented with the scholarship at a recent Rotary Club meeting by club president John Andrew Bishop (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville High School graduate Bethany Ricketts (left) is the recipient of an Abbeville Rotary Club scholarship, and she was presented with the financial award by club president John Andrew Bishop (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville High School yearbook wins award

By Henry E. Green
This year's Abbeville High School yearbook has won an award. According to the Abbeville County School District website, AHS has won the Silver 2021 National Yearbook Program of Excellence. The award is presented by Jostens, the leading producer of yearbooks and student created content, according to a news release from the company. AHS teacher Elizabeth Henderson supervised the 2021 yearbook, and Marissa Arrowood was the editor, according to Jostens. The Josten awards are presented twice a year, and the criteria considered for selection include creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement, and successfully managing the yearbook creation process. "Shortly after our 2020-

2021 yearbook had been submitted, printed and shipped to us, around May 13, our Jostens' rep emailed me with the news that our yearbook had been chosen for an award" said Henderson recently. The award is the Jostens 2021 National Yearbook Program of Excellence award at the Silver Level- the other two levels are Bronze and Gold, she said. "The National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies literacy," she continued. Henderson said her yearbook staff this year included Riley Jones, Gregory Martin, Calie Thomson, Kyla

Brown, Barrett Henderson, Brittney Bowie, Bethany Hughes, Audrey McCurry, Marissa Arrowood, Gracie Moore, Vanessa Hill, Pearl Patel, and Chip Sandifer. "Some of them were in class both semesters, but some were only there for one semester," she said. "The kids worked diligently and efficiently to create the yearbook and to try to incorporate as many of the iTECH students as possible," she said. "The staff's ideas were uniquely creative, and because of all their ideas and hard work, we were awarded this prestigious award." The last time an AHS yearbook won an award was in 2007, according to Henderson. "This was my first year as Yearbook adviser, so I'm especially proud of my staff! They set the bar high, but my next staff will try to beat it!"

Community calendar

Humane Society to meet
The Greater Abbeville Humane Society will hold the 2021 annual public meeting on Thursday, June 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Belmont Inn. A summary of activities during the previous year, and a summary of the current financial status will be

presented. The purposes of the Humane Society are to educate people about animals and their care, to promote animal well-being, and to raise awareness for the betterment of animals in our community. All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Calhoun Falls Charter held its graduation program Friday night at Fulmer Stadium, and 20 graduates received diplomas. Here are the soon-to-be graduates marching onto the field. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Into the real world CF Charter holds graduation program at Fulmer Stadium in CF

By Henry E. Green
Calhoun Falls Charter held its graduation program Friday night at Fulmer Stadium, and 20 graduates received diplomas. "A graduation ceremony is a special occasion," Calhoun Falls Charter principal Kalan Rogers told those assembled. Friday evening's program was an occasion to remember a year played out largely in the shadow of the pandemic. Rogers led in a moment of silence in memory of those who had lost their lives to COVID. Graduation, he indicated, was a time to celebrate the ups and downs. "Go out into the real world and be great," he told the graduates. Salutatorian Taylor Smith called on her fellow graduates to acquire the gift of patience, and to challenge themselves--good things happen, she said, when you step outside your comfort zone. And have some fun along

the way, she advised her fellow members of the Class of 2021. The public address system experienced technical difficulties, and sometimes it was difficult to hear the speakers. "Can we blame this on (the year) 2020?" Assistant Principal Lori Lindler asked the audience, tongue in cheek. Valedictorian Gracee Dixon dedicated her speech to her late grandmother, who she said was diagnosed with coronavirus in September of last year, and passed away. "Don't be afraid to take chances as you head out into the real world," she told her soon-to-be-graduates. Rogers introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Renee Sanders, a Calhoun Falls native who graduated from Hillcrest High School and Sherman Chiropractic. "Find something that you love to do, and do that," she told the Class of 2021. "Never forget where you come from," she said, noting that even though she moved away from Calhoun Falls at

an early age," my heart has always been here. "This town has taught me to remain true to myself and my values." And life happens--do not be afraid to deal with it. She started wanting to be a dentist, and she then changed her career path to become a chiropractor. Providing the Senior Farewell was Cameron Williams. "I wish the Class of 2021 all the best, and we did it," he said. Providing the benediction was Class of 2021 member Bailey Pickens. Following the program, graduates mingled with their families. Williams was asked how it felt to graduate. "Feels great," he said. "One of my achievements knocked out of the way." The young man plans to study exercise science at USC-Upstate, on the way to becoming an athletic trainer. He hopes to become an athletic trainer for the NBA one day. "Got to dream big," he said.



Valedictorian Gracee Dixon of the Calhoun Falls Charter Class of 2021 spoke at the Calhoun Falls Charter graduation recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Can't hurt Magazines such as Southern Living help draw people to Abbeville

By Henry E. Green
Never underestimate the power of publicity. The May issue of Southern Living includes an invitation to visit Abbeville's Historic District. It is on a page of Southern Living's "Historic Districts We Love." "Rich in culture and character, these neighborhoods keep giving us new reasons to visit." Abbeville's Downtown Historic District joined historic districts in other states such as Alabama, Arkansas,

Florida and Georgia, and within South Carolina, places such as Beaufort and Spartanburg. An ad in a summer issue of Garden and Gun magazine includes a similar invitation to visit the Old 96 District. This invitation to the reader is highlighted by a big color picture of Abbeville's Court Square. "South Carolina's Old 96 District invites you to enjoy some of the best local charm a town can offer, minus the big city crowd," the caption states.

Edith Davis of Abbeville believes that the advertising such as that in Southern Living is priceless. "This magazine goes out all over the United States," she said. "People use it as a guide for traveling. A lot of people use this as a guide to where they want to go." She said she has met people who moved to Abbeville because of publicity like the kind found in Southern Living over the years. "It's the kind of advertising you can't pay for," she said.

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There was a clean-up of Harbison Cemetery in Abbeville recently, as volunteers cleared away overgrown vegetation. Leading the way was Mayor Trey Edwards (right) and joining in were volunteers (from left) Mark Meyers, Mike Clary, Blake Stone, Melody Walters, Tara Johnson, and Tyla Johnson. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

'Tall Cop' coming to EC for training event

By Henry E. Green
 Jermaine Galloway, "the Tall Cop," will be visiting Erskine on Wednesday, June 16, for a one day training on current drug trends in the Abbeville County area, and how they have changed, grown or evolved," said Betsy Royal, prevention specialist with Cornerstone, the area commission on alcohol and drug abuse. "He worked in Idaho law enforcement for over 18 years," she said. Now Galloway, who is six feet nine, works to help law enforcement, parents, and anyone who works with students to recognize drug trends. "You can't stop what you

don't know," is his motto, said Royal. Cornerstone is presenting the training, and members of Be Well, Abbeville will be presented, as well as other community members. Be Well, Abbeville, is a local community coalition which promotes healthy living for Abbeville County residents. The training, which will be held at Erskine's Lesesne Auditorium, is targeted at "law enforcement, teachers, and administrators, and anyone who works with students of any age," she said. Sign in for the Tall Cop event is at 8:30 a.m., and

training is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., said Royal. This will be the first trip to Erskine for Galloway, who travels throughout the country making similar presentations, she continued. For more information, one may call Cornerstone prevention coordinator Allen Easler at 864-227-1001. One may visit Galloway's Website at tallcopsaysstop.com. One may register for the training through Wednesday, June 9, at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/153510021607>

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Footnotes

The school year that just ended left a reservoir of very special memories

By Henry E. Green
The school year is over, but it left a flood of memories. Yes, Thursday, June 3, was the last day of school for students in the Abbeville County School District for the 2020-2021 school year, but we can think of a host of footnotes. There was the chair left vacant at the Abbeville High School graduation, and that chair, adorned with a cap and gown, had a story behind it. That chair would have been occupied by Keller Bowie, who passed away when he was a freshman, said AHS teacher Cherri Smith. Throughout their years at AHS, seniors have worn bracelets and had events in his memory, Smith continued. "Mrs Joy Brady was one of Keller's teachers," she recalled. "She was always holding a tribute to Keller each year. She would provide activities for the students to do in remembrance of him. Around his birthday

and Christmas she had the students come in after school for snacks and make Christmas ornaments. She organized Keller Rocks, where the students painted rocks and hid them around town or at school. There was always something for the students to do to keep his memory alive for them. There was a butterfly release as well as a tree being planted for him. His family always attended the events." Keller's memory is kept alive also through a mural painted by AHS art students, under the direction of art teacher Jennifer Hall. "In the mural is a portion of a picture Keller drew that is in the picture along with rocks that each student signed," Smith said. "It is quite amazing." Keller Bowie was also included when the Class of 2021 was recognized with banners placed around Abbeville's Court Square this year. Each banner depicted a member of the class. Kristi Murphy, whose

daughter Lauren was one of the graduates, was one of the organizers of the "banner brigade." "The banners were a big hit last year so I thought it would be a wonderful thing to do again," she said. "I posted that we wanted to do it again this year and everyone donated to the cause. I even set up a donation tent at the spring festival. Commercial Printing had the banners done for us." Bowie's picture was included among the banners, Murphy said. Special memories were also recalled when AHS graduating senior Jasmine Grace Thomasson was presented with the Dr. Betty Jo Moore Hall 'Putting Students First' Scholarship. Dr. Hall served as the Superintendent of the Abbeville County School District before she died in August of 2019, and she is recalled for her dedication to the students of the Abbeville County School District.



This chair was left vacant at the Abbeville High School graduation at Finis Horne Arena at Lander University on May 29 -- all in memory of the late Keller Bowie, a member of the Class of 2021 who passed away when he was a freshman. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



These members of the Abbeville High School Class of 2021 sang the AHS alma mater during the AHS graduation program on May 29 at the Finis Horne Arena of Lander University. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont Board of Directors is announcing that Nancy Corley will be retiring at the end of the year. She has led the organization as its President and CEO for 32 years. (Photo contributed)

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont announcing Nancy Corley's retirement

**Submitted by
Andrea Scott,
Hospice & Palliative
Care of the Piedmont**

Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont Board of Directors is announcing that Nancy Corley will be retiring at the end of the year. She has led the organization as its President and CEO for 32 years. In 1989 when Nancy started at Hospice, there were 4 employees and about a dozen volunteers. There were also less than 10 hospices in the state of South Carolina. The organization was located in loaned office space at the Self Memorial Hospital Personnel Residence and totally reliant on donations to fund care. The community non-profit, which is celebrating 40 years of service to the area, has developed into one of the most successful hospice organizations in the state. In 1998, the program re-located to its current location in Greenwood on West Alexander Avenue in the Medical District. Throughout her tenure, Nancy has been recognized and active in both state and national hospice efforts. She was one of the first hospice administrators to be certified in SC. She feels Hospice has truly been her passion for over 30 years. She reports one of her proudest achievements was working with a small number of Hospice Directors and DHEC to draft legislation and regulations to establish Hospice Inpatient Facilities in SC. Then in 2005, with generous support and funding from the community, only

the second Hospice Inpatient Facility in SC opened in the Lakelands region in Greenwood. Since then over 5,000 families in the community have received care at the Hospice House. In addition, the organization has expanded to offer Palliative Care services, which helps to meet the medical needs of many in the community living with chronic and advanced illness. These medical services are provided in the hospital, clinic and in the patient's home. In 2020, Nancy was awarded the State Innovation in Palliative Care Award for the development of local Palliative Care initiatives. According to Nancy, her main goal has always been to assure that our Hospice provides the highest quality of care. It is important that care provided by our Hospice be of equal or higher quality than provided in hospices in large communities. When asked what has kept her in her position this long, she responds quickly, "the people." Nancy added, "I've had the unique opportunity to work with hundreds of the most caring and generous people. The staff, volunteers and board members that do this work are people who really care and want to make a difference." Nancy reports the leadership for the non-profit has been exceptional. She has only worked with 3 medical directors and 4 clinical leaders during her tenure. All of them have been experts in hospice care and have been extremely committed to the mission of the organization. "I am truly appreciative for

all of the support I have received over the years." She gives much of the credit to the Hospice team. "I will truly miss all of the staff, donors, and volunteers and value all of the friendships that I have developed over the years." In terms of what the future holds for Hospice, continuing community education will be important to assure that patients get the right care at the right time. So many people feel that accepting care from hospice means giving up. It is exactly the opposite; it's about living your best life for as long as you can with special care and support. Nancy plans to live in Charleston and enjoy more time with her family including her five granddaughters. She has spent her whole life in Greenwood and plans to stay connected with family and friends. In the future, you might even see her gardening at the Hospice House. She is going to make time to volunteer for non-profits and continue to be of service. "I have been blessed with so many wonderful opportunities and am looking forward to see how God will continue to use me." The Hospice Board of Directors has started efforts to recruit a new CEO. Hospice & Palliative Care of the Piedmont is your community non-profit network of care that provides expert, life-changing health care for those living with advanced illnesses. Serving patients and families in Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties since 1981.

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The Abbeville Lions Club recently fielded a bowling team for an area Lions fundraiser to help in the fight against diabetes, including (from left) Lion Robert Fossett, Kendaja Jackson, Lion Sandi Hood, Lion Mike Allen, and Lion J.J. Jackson. Kendaja is J.J. Jackson's granddaughter. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

All the world's a stage

Performing Arts board members have wealth of theatrical experience

By Henry E. Green
 Jodi Miller has long been passionate about theater. The Lake Seclusion resident is the chairman of the Abbeville Community Performing Arts Board of Directors. She and her husband Steve moved to the Abbeville area two years ago from Michigan, where she had been active in the performing arts. She received a lifetime achievement award from the Holland community theater in Holland, Michigan. "I have been a member of their board on three different occasions for a total of 12 years," she said. For five years, she was the acting children's theater director for the Holland children's theater. Children's theater, as a

matter of fact, is "quite a passion of mine." Passion for the theater comes in handy for Miller and her fellow members of the board of directors, who collectively represent a wealth of theater experience. In addition to Miller, the members of the board include the following: Audrey Adams, Maria Brotherton, Jordan Clinkscapes, Mark Meyers, and Shelley Reid. Serving as ex officio board members are Jason Edwards of Abbeville City Council, City Manager Blake Stone, Brad Christie of Erskine, and Darren Gray of the Abbeville County School District. They are all tasked with planning a return to live

theater at the Opera House as part of a diversified entertainment lineup, according to information from the City of Abbeville. The theater experience comes alive in people such as Reid, an Opera House veteran who has been in numerous productions at Abbeville's community theater -- "Dracula," for example. He has written screenplays and several years ago he wrote a play about "the Major of St. Lo," a hero of World War II, which was performed at the Opera House. Meanwhile, the board is hard at work planning various events. There will be, in fact, this summer an Opera House theater camp for students ages nine through 14 on June 28-July 1.

Lions put claws into war on diabetes

By Henry E. Green
 The Abbeville Lions Club formed a team to help out in an area Lions fundraiser to fight diabetes. This team included Sandi Hood, J.J. Jackson, Robert Fossett, Mike Allen, and J.J.'s granddaughter Kendaja Jackson. This "Strike Against Diabetes" was held in Greenwood at the Expo 300 bowling alley on Saturday, May 22. The fundraiser was organized by current Joanna Lions Club president Eddie Marshall, Abbeville Lions Club secretary/treasurer Rick Pressly said recently. Money was raised through the sponsorship of teams and the sale of T-shirts. The Abbeville team was one of five teams, which

also included one from the Matthews Lions Club and one from the Joanna Lions. "Everybody had fun, and there were plenty of door prizes," said Pressly. J.J. Jackson, a past president of the club, said Wednesday that he had not been bowling since the 1980s, but he still had a good time. The Abbeville Lions Club is one of two Lions clubs in Abbeville, with the other club based in Due West. They are part of an international Lions organization which has set as a priority sight conservation. Locally, Lions have screened many children for vision problems, at no charge to the young people. The Abbeville Lions Club

also has a scholarship program to benefit outstanding local high school graduates. The club has also "adopted" a section of Highway 28 Bypass on the western outskirts of Abbeville. The Abbeville Lions have also for years planted trees at Westwood Elementary in conjunction with Arbor Day in December. The club has also promoted literacy among young people through its "Roaring Readers" program. Internationally, Lions have declared war on diabetes. According to Lions Clubs International, Lions have screened more than one million people around the world for Type 2 diabetes.



Abbeville Lions Sandi Hood and Rick Pressly delivered books to students at John C. Calhoun Elementary in Calhoun Falls as part of the Lions' Roaring Readers effort to promote literacy. (Photo courtesy of Rick Pressly)

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Performing Arts Board plans theater camp

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville Community Theater Camp will be held at the Opera House June 28-July 1 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. nightly. The camp is designed for young people ages nine through 14. Presented by the Abbeville Community Performing Arts board, the camp gives an overview of the process from auditioning to performing," said Jodi Miller, chairperson of the board. Miller will be teaching the

camp. She is no stranger to providing instruction to young people about the fundamentals of theater. She was the youth director at Holland Community Theater in Holland, Michigan for five years, before she and her husband Steve moved to South Carolina. The ACPA is tasked with planning a return to live theater at the Opera House, as part of a diversified entertainment lineup, according to information from the City

of Abbeville. To register, one may call 1-616-250-5869. The fee is \$40 to attend the camp, said Miller, who said that she will be directing a Christmas show in December that will include a number of children and young adults. The board is considering putting on their first show in October. A number of plays are being considered, with the final selection to be announced.

Obituaries

Fritz

Claire McNeill Fritz, 74, of Goose Creek, SC, widow of Alan Edward Fritz, entered into eternal rest Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Her Funeral Service was held Saturday, June 5, 2021 in the Goose Creek United Methodist Church, 142 Red Bank Road at 2:00 pm. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements were conducted by J. Henry Stuhr, Inc. Northwoods Chapel. Claire was born July



Claire McNeill Fritz

25, 1946 in Abbeville, SC, daughter of the late Charles

McNeill, Jr. and the late Bell McMahan McNeill. She was a member of Goose Creek United Methodist Church. She is survived by two daughters, Carmen D. Fritz of Summerville, SC and Amy M. Fritz of Goose Creek, SC. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and sister, Connie McNeill Morse. A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.jhenrystuhr.com.

Obituaries

Jones

Mr. David Paul Jones, 60, of Broad River Scenic Drive, Tignall, GA passed away on Friday, June 4, 2021, as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. David was born in Abbeville, SC on September 19, 1960, son of Delma Ruth Morrow Jones and the late Jimmy Lee Jones. He was a 1978 graduate of Calhoun Falls High School and received an associates degree in industrial maintenance at Athens Technical College. David was the first chief of the Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department and was proud of his service to Elbert County as a volunteer firefighter, first responder, and member of the dive team. He was currently employed as senior mechanic at Richard B. Russell Dam Power Plant. David enjoyed playing his guitar and singing, riding motorcycles, and especially spending the day on the lake fishing. He was a member of Welcome Wesleyan Church, Fire and Iron Motorcycle Club, Pulliam-Burton VFW Post 5456, and Elks Lodge 1100.



David Paul Jones

Survivors, in addition to his mother of Elberton, GA, include his children: Jessica Haley Jones (Cody Shull) of Martin, GA and Jimmy Harley Jones (Briannan) of Simpsonville, SC; step-children: Chris Johnson (Holly) and Jennifer Johnson, all of Elberton, GA; grandchildren: Walker, Caitlin, and Grant; step-mother, Lynn Dixon Jones of Tignall, GA; siblings: Ronald Jones (Joye) of Rabun Gap, GA and Jamie Keblish (Jason) of Elberton, GA; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives. The family is at the residence of Lynn Jones, 1355 Broad River Scenic Drive,

Tignall, and received friends at Berry Funeral Home from 6:00-8:00p.m. on Tuesday, June 8. Memorial services celebrating David's life was held on Wednesday, June 9, at 2 o'clock in the Memorial Chapel of Berry Funeral Home with the Rev. Travis Cox officiating. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Abbeville, SC. Flowers are accepted; contributions may be made in his memory to Fire and Iron Motorcycle Club, % Jarrett Berryman, 44 Graham Way, Hartwell, GA 30643. Those funds are used to organize charity rides and to assist community members in a time of need, an outreach program that was very near and dear to David's heart. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.berryfh.com. Berry Funeral Home & Crematory of Elberton is respectfully in charge of arrangements for Mr. David Paul Jones.

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Face value

Dixie High School's Class of 2021 benefits from 'banner' headlines

By Henry E. Green
Dixie High School's Class of 2021 has been honored in a special way. Banners depicting pictures of the Dixie seniors were placed in the Washington Street park in the community that serves as the home of Erskine College.

Due West Mayor Jeannie Knight explained how it all came to be.

"The banners of the Dixie seniors are hanging in the park because it was my sug-

gestion that they be there," she said recently. They were put up by the families and will be taken down by families. I certainly applaud the accomplishment of the diploma from an accredited high school, and recognize the advancement of these seniors into the next level of achievement.

"The banners are a tribute to their accomplishments. Thank you to the families who wish to recognize this achievement and hope to

underwrite their students into the next level of advancement into the future."

A similar project took hold in Abbeville, where banners depicting pictures of the Abbeville High School Class of 2021 have been placed on lamp posts in downtown Abbeville.

Dixie High School graduation was held on the evening of Friday, May 28, at the Galloway Center on the Erskine College campus.



The Washington Street park in Due West has been adorned with banners depicting the pictures of the members of Dixie High School's Class of 2021. (Photo courtesy of Jeannie Knight)



Dixie High School held its graduation program on Friday, May 28, at the Galloway Center in Due West. Following the program, graduates walked out of the arena as educators on either side of them applauded. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



These members of the Dixie High School Class of 2021 waited for their chance to cross the stage and pick up their diplomas, during the Dixie graduation program on May 28 at the Galloway Center in Due West. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Psalm 33:18 "Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy."

There was a Broadway production a few years ago entitled "1776." The production centers around John Adams as he attempts to get the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia to act decisively and declare independence from England. The times call for change, but certain members of this congress are painfully slow to move. The representatives lack imagination or are even self-serving. Adams sees the issues clearly and struggles to gather support for what he believes in so strongly. Adams feels strongly that these men must seize the hour and vote for independence from England. One scene is particularly memorable. It's the night of July 3, 1776. The hall is empty save for John Adams, who reviews the facts as he sees them. South Carolina and Pennsylvania are opposed to the motion for independence. Delaware is undecided. New York's representatives are awaiting further instructions. It looks hopeless. Wrestling with a vision shared by only a few, Adams paces back and forth in the hall. One can feel the stress in Adams' body as he watches. Suddenly, Adams looks up and cries out dramatically into the void: "Is anybody there? Does anybody care? Does anybody see what I see?"

Have you ever felt like that? I am sure you have. I know that I have. When you feel that way, remember Psalm 33:18. The Lord sees and knows what is going on—not only in our world but in our individual lives. Three thoughts come to me from this passage.

First of all, God is aware of what is going on. The Psalmist reveals to us that God's eye is on those who fear Him. The word "fear" literally means reverence. God knows those who revere Him. God keeps track of His children—He knows where they are and what they are going through at any given time in their lives.

When you feel like no one knows what you are going through, take heart. God knows what you are going through. Maybe no one else knows, but take comfort in the fact that God knows where you are and what you are going through.

Second, God not only is aware of what is going on in your life, He actually cares about what is happening to you. I worked with a man at the Ben Hogan Golf factory in Ft. Worth, Texas while in seminary. If anyone came to him with a problem and wanted to share it with him his standard answer was, "Do you have a quarter? Go call someone who cares."

People may not care about what you are going through, but I assure you that God cares. 1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." Did you catch that? Cast "all" your care upon Him, there is not a single care that you should hold back from casting on the Lord. There is no care too big or too small for Him to be concerned about. If something concerns you, then it concerns God. If something troubles you, then God not only knows about it, He wants to help you with it.

Third, not only is God aware and cares, He also shares. Notice the last part of verse 18—"on those who hope in His mercy." God is merciful to those who revere Him. Our hope is founded on the mercy of God—not our merit. Because we know God is merciful, we have hope.

This hope in the mercy of God undergirds us and strengthens us as we go about our daily lives. No matter what our situation is, we have hope because we know that God is aware of where we are and God cares about what is happening to us and He will help us through whatever it is we are facing.

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School District forms wellness committee

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County School District has formed a wellness committee designed to instill healthy habits among students at District schools, said Connie Cunningham, child nutrition director for the Abbeville County School District, and chairperson for the committee.

The 21-member committee includes something of a cross section of the community, including physicians, school board member, parents, and others.

The group met on May 12, to try to plan strategies to raise the level of healthy

living.

One part of this is a plan for Abbeville Area Medical Center to supply a representative or supporting materials to each of the District schools, to help provide strategies such as the creation of school gardens and walking programs.

The next meeting is planned for October 13, Cunningham continued.

The committee has formed a partnership with Clemson Extension Agent Hannah Roberts and Clemson Extension to provide nutrition education to the summer program to be held at Long

Cane Primary beginning June 7.

"All (school) districts are required to have a wellness committee," said Cunningham. "That's a USDA requirement."

This is nationwide in scope, and all the committees have the same purpose, Cunningham continued.

The current committee is a continuation of a committee the District formed back in 2017.

"We have some different members, but at least four of us are from the original committee," she said.



Local veterans passed out carnations to volunteers who then placed them at the foot of a veterans monument nearby, all during a Memorial Day program in Abbeville on May 31. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Abbeville County Nursing Graduate Receives Pin: Graduates of Piedmont Technical College's Associate Degree Nursing Program were recognized in a recent pinning ceremony at the Lex Walters Campus-Greenville. Among them was a student from Abbeville County, Marcus S. Stoltzfus. (Photo contributed)

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Planning Commission for the City of Abbeville will hold their semi-annual meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 6:15 p.m. in City Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of the Opera House/City Hall, 100 Court Square, Abbeville, SC. The following item is on the agenda:

- Consideration of a request for approval to rezone one (1) parcel of property located at 540 West Greenwood Street. The request is to rezone from One & Two Family Residential (R-6) to General Commercial (GC) to allow for commercial use. Property Owner(s): Julius Floyd, Jr., Mable Josette Floyd, and Carneletta Williams.

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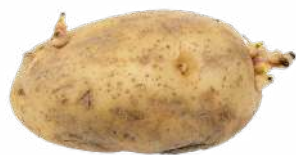


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2021-2022 PUBLIC MEDIA RELEASE

Abbeville School District today announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children served in schools under the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. Local school officials have adopted the following household size and income criteria for determining eligibility:

Household Size and Income Guidelines for Free Meals or Reduced-Price Meals Effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

Household size	REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185%					FREE MEALS - 130%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every two weeks	Weekly
1.....	23,828	1,986	993	917	459	16,744	1,386	688	644	322
2.....	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	620	22,646	1,888	944	871	436
3.....	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782	28,548	2,379	1,190	1,098	549
4.....	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,886	943	34,450	2,871	1,436	1,325	663
5.....	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	1,105	40,352	3,363	1,682	1,552	776
6.....	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	1,266	46,254	3,855	1,928	1,779	890
7.....	74,222	6,186	3,093	2,855	1,428	52,156	4,347	2,174	2,006	1,003
8.....	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	1,589	58,058	4,839	2,420	2,233	1,117
For each additional family member, add	8,399	700	350	324	162	5,902	492	246	227	114

Children from families whose income is at or below the levels shown may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. For school officials to determine eligibility, the household must provide the following information on the application: (1) A SNAP or TANF case number certifying the household is currently eligible for either of these assistance programs and an adult household member signature or (2) names of all household members, the name and last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member signing the application form, current income by source for each household member and a signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct.

Foster children may also be eligible for these benefits regardless of household income. If a household has foster children living with them and the household has not previously been notified by the School District that their foster children have been directly certified for free meals, the household should include and count the foster children (including personal income earned by the foster children) on the household application form with other non-foster children.

Under the provisions of the policy (Connie S. Cunningham) will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the reviewing official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewer on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to (Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary) whose address is: 400 Greenville Street, Abbeville SC 29620 (864-366-5427) for a hearing to appeal the decision. The hearing procedures are outlined in the policy.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if household size changes, the household should contact the school to file a meal application. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above. A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the office of the District Superintendent where any interested party may review it.

This release was sent to the following newspapers: Press & Banner

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Walk-up COVID-19 Vaccinations Now Available

Self Regional's COVID-19 vaccination clinic has moved to its new drive-through location with entrance at 303 West Alexander Avenue.

This move will make getting vaccinated even more convenient because it's drive-through service (for both COVID-19 testing and vaccination) and walk-ups are welcome.

If you prefer, you can make an appointment by calling 725-8200, but you're also welcome to drive up and get vaccinated without an appointment.

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Room to bloom

This is National Garden Week

By Henry E. Green

This is National Garden Week, and Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards presented a City of Abbeville proclamation to representatives of three local garden clubs.

Edwards presented in front of the Opera House a proclamation to Mary Alice Hall of the Chrysanthemum Garden Club, Cynthia Jefferies of the Rose Garden Club, and Elaine Nixon of the Creative Garden Club.

The proclamation recognizes the contributions of the three clubs to the Abbeville community, and of gardeners and gardening in general.

"Gardeners have a passion for nurturing the beauty and resources of the earth through the planting of seeds, the care of all plants and the riches of their efforts; and "seek to add beauty, splendor, fragrance and nutrition to our lives through the growing of herbs, vegetables, foliage and flowers," the resolution states.

"Gardeners work to pre-

serve our country's traditional spirit of independence and initiative through innovation and hard work; and advocate the importance of all creatures, large and small, that share our world and their roles in a balanced and productive ecology."

The Chrysanthemum Garden Club also had a porch party at the home of Mary Alice Hall in Abbeville in connection with National Garden Week.

"This was our first meeting since COVID," Hall said. "It was an organizational meeting with plans for the future."

Yesterday, Janice Martin was scheduled to host members and prospective members at her garden nursery in Due West.

Today, Kyle Fuller is scheduled to host the club at Divine Your Space "for a demonstration on making a terrarium with succulents."

The Chrysanthemum Garden Club's Suzanne Bender was scheduled to have honey and mushrooms for sale, and to share informa-

tion on the various kinds of mushrooms.

Garden club members engaged in other activities as well, including a June 3 Chrysanthemum Garden Club trash pick-up on Millford Dairy Road as part of its Adopt the Highway project.

The trash pick up was not technically part of National Garden Week activities, but it was part of the Chrysanthemum Garden Club's slate of projects to improve the community.

The Rose and Creative garden clubs also do their part to enhance the quality of living in the community. The Creative Garden Club, for example, cares for the urns on Abbeville's Court Square.

"We plant them and maintain them (flowers in the urns)," said Elaine Nixon, president of the Creative Garden Club.

National Garden Week, June 6-12, is sponsored by National Garden Clubs, Inc.

"Garden club is for everyone," said Hall.



This is National Garden Week, and Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards presented a City of Abbeville proclamation to representatives of three local garden clubs. Edwards (far left) presented in front of the Opera House a proclamation to (from left) Mary Alice Hall of the Chrysanthemum Garden Club, Cynthia Jefferies of the Rose Garden Club, and Elaine Nixon of the Creative Garden Club. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Opera House concert to kick off Juneteenth

By Henry E. Green

The Juneteenth celebration in Abbeville planned for the weekend of June 19 is getting more into focus, with a musical performance at the Opera House getting it all started.

Juneteenth is a celebration of the end of slavery in the United States at the close of the Civil War.

This celebration on the weekend of June 19 will be the first Juneteenth program in Abbeville, and it will all start at the Opera House on the evening of Friday, June 18, at 8 p.m. with a performance by Grammy-nominated American roots

artist Amythyst Kiah, said Jason Edwards, an Abbeville City Council member who is one of the organizers of the festival.

Originally from Tennessee, she has heavily toured in North Carolina, and has appeared on "Jimmy Kimmel Live," and was recently featured in Garden and Gun Magazine, Edwards went on to say.

She will be releasing her latest album Wary + Strange that day, he said.

"Her voice reminds me of Tracy Chapman," said Edwards.

"She sings about the American experience," he went

on to say. "It's not spiritual, but it's very moving."

It will be a solo performance, with Kiah and her acoustic guitar and banjo.

Tickets are available at Abbeville Opera House or online.

Her performance will open up a weekend of food, fun, education and entertainment.

The event is being planned by the Abbeville Friends of Freedom, whose core committee includes Edwards, Susan Sherard, Erica McCier, Nafi Griffin, Nashari Williams, and Donald Burton, along with many volunteers.



After laying a wreath at the base of the veterans monument beside the Abbeville County Courthouse in Abbeville, (from left) Terry Greenfield, representing American Legion Post 2, Lewis Jackson, representing AMVETS, and Earl Crabb, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, all saluted as "Taps" was played. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

'Walk With Ease' set for Senior Center

By Henry E. Green

"Walk with Ease" will be held at the Abbeville Senior Center every Wednesday from June 9 to July 21 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Abbeville.

The six week course, hosted by Clemson University Youth Learning Institute Snap-Ed program, encourages individuals to get up and be active.

"Participants will learn strategies to build walking endurance, stretching exercises to become more

flexible, and a chance to be active with friends.

To register, one may call Senior Center site manager Rhonda Arnold at 366-9666, or 366-9667.

Arnold recently discussed some of the various benefits of the program.

The Walk with Ease, she said, is proven to reduce the pain and discomfort of arthritis.

In addition:
--It increases your balance, strength and walking pace.
--It builds confidence in

your ability to be physically active.

--It improves overall health. Seniors will also be advised as to what kind of shoes to wear when walking, Arnold continued.

They will also learn about healthy eating, cooking and active living in the program, which is geared toward seniors ages 60 to 90, she said.

The Senior Center, also known as the Center Street Cafe, is located at 201 Center Street in Abbeville.

Comedian Donnie Baker is coming to the Abbeville Opera House

Submitted by Mike Elis

The Abbeville Opera House and Artisan Entertainment welcome comedian Donnie Baker for one night only.

The Abbeville Opera House has had a list of comedy shows now, but none have the social media following as the gentleman who will be performing there on June 11th, Donnie Baker.

Well, "gentleman" may be a strong word for the man who has become an internet and radio sensation. With over 4 million followers on YouTube and Facebook, Donnie Baker is one of the

most recognizable comedians today mainly due to his hilarious videos of him fighting with his neighbor and complaining about his boat being stolen off of his property.

Donnie has been a regular on the "Bob and Tom Radio Show" since 2005. He became such a popular mainstay on the radio, this elevated his need to be in front of people and perform his very unique (to say the least) style of comedy. Donnie has been making people laugh ever since and has developed a following of people who come to many

of his shows.

With his catch phrases "It's State Law," "I swear to God, man" and "I'll say it straight to his face," many fans have been quoting him for years.

The show is rated NC-17 and suggested ages 18 and up due to some strong adult language and content. Please keep this in mind when deciding whether to attend the event.

Special guest Dougie Almeida and host Yuncle Boudreaux.

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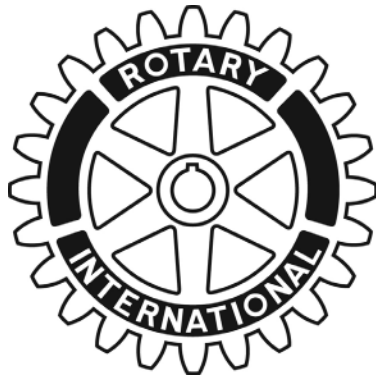
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Simpson, Ware top Dixie athletes for 20-21

By Henry E. Green
The Male Athlete of the Year for 2020-2021 at Dixie was Caleb Simpson, and the Female Athlete of the Year was Makinsie Ware, according to Kim Ware, media specialist at Dixie. Makinsie is this year's Dixie High School valedictorian, and she is a prominent member of the Dixie softball team, for which she is the catcher. Simpson played baseball, football, and basketball, and for the Hornet baseball team he played first base, and had

a very high batting average. The athletic awards and the academic awards were all held in one program at Dixie on Wednesday, May 26 in the Dixie gym to allow for social distancing. The athletic awards included the presentation of the various scholarships, and the recognition of students with high academic averages. The 2020-2021 school year has ended, but it has left some pleasant memories for Dixie. For example, the Lady

Hornet varsity softball team, under the direction of head coach Ben Snipes, won the Region title, and advanced all the way to the state championship series with Lake View. The Dixie baseball team, under the direction of Coach Jimmy Prince, also were in the state playoffs, and the soccer team, under Coach Brian Gamble, played for the Upper State championship. Similarly, the track team, under Dr. Joel Boyd, performed well at the state meet.

Snipes retiring as Dixie softball coach

By Henry E. Green
Ben Snipes is retiring as the head coach of the Dixie softball team. His retirement was effective at the end of the school year, said Dixie athletic director Vic Lollis Tuesday. Under Snipes, the Lady Hornets won the Upper State championship this year, and played for the state title, but Dixie was then swept by Lake View in the state championship series. Snipes took over after former coach Gary Stone stepped down to become an assistant principal at

Greenwood High School in 2019. Before becoming head coach, Snipes had been an assistant coach for the softball team, since 2011. "I've really enjoyed it, but it's time to do something different," he said Tuesday. Snipes explained that he had been teaching for 28 years, with 20 of those years teaching special education, and he had been coaching for 28 years also. He still loves to coach, but he is ready to retire from teaching, and in the coming months he will consider

other career paths. Snipes lives in Abbeville County, on Stevenson Road, with his wife Sharon, and they have one daughter, Leigha, and one son, William. Taking over the reins of the softball team will be Samantha Ferguson, who graduated from Dixie in 2016, and will be teaching physical education at Dixie this coming school year, Snipes said. She played softball for the Lady Hornets, for whom she was a catcher, said Snipes.

Lake View sweeps Dixie in state title series

By Henry E. Green
The Dixie High School softball team was swept in its best-two-out-of-three state championship series with Lake View, falling to LV 8-2 Friday night at Lake View after losing the first game of the series earlier in the week. Lake View won the first game of the series 5-3 in Due West on Tuesday, June 1, despite Lady Hornet Wes Bensel's two home runs. The second game of the series had originally been

slated for Thursday evening, but rain forced a postponement to the following night. According to published reports, Dixie starter Gillian Hughes allowed eight runs on nine hits, and striking out five. Despite the loss in the state championship series, the Lady Hornets had a season of which they could be proud. In addition to capturing the Upper State championship, they won their Region title.

"Overall it was an outstanding season," said Dixie head softball coach Ben Snipes. "It was not the outcome we had hoped for, but was a great accomplishment for the team to win the Upper State Championship. "We finished the season with a 20-7 record. With the majority of the team returning next year, the future looks bright. The only player we are losing is senior catcher Makinsie Ware."

Ferguson to be Dixie's new softball coach

By Henry E. Green
Samantha Ferguson will be the new Dixie High School softball coach. Ferguson will be taking the reins from Ben Snipes, who is retiring. Ferguson graduated from Dixie in 2016, and during her time at the high school in Due West she was a catcher and outfielder for the Lady Hornets. She will be teaching physical education at Dixie this coming school year, in addition to coaching. The 2022 season will be her first as the new Dixie head coach. Ferguson during her days

as a Lady Hornet was All Region and All State and All Lakelands. She was named Dixie's Female Athlete of the Year for the 2015-2016 school year. This past school year she taught physical education at Wright Middle. The new coaching position at Dixie will be her first head coaching position. She was an assistant coach under her sister Anne Marie New, the head coach in volleyball at AHS. Currently residing in the Antreville area, near Lake Secession, Ferguson will be going back to her alma mater, and she will be, to

her understanding, the first female softball coach in Dixie history. Dixie has an immensely successful softball program, so she does not want to change it too much, but she does want to make it her own. Dixie has won three state championships, and Samantha has been part of two of them. And now, she has the opportunity to be the head coach for that thriving program. "I'm VERY excited," she said.

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John C. Calhoun Elementary, Long Cane Primary, Westwood Elementary & Wright Middle School are participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2021-22 school year. Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 amended section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1759a(a)(1)) (the law) to provide an alternative to household applications for free and reduced-price meals in local educational agencies (LEAs) and schools with increased levels of low-income students. This alternative is referred to as the Community Eligibility Provision. All students enrolled in the above schools may participate in the breakfast and lunch program at no charge to them. Families will not have to fill out meal applications. Breakfast and lunch meals follow the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidelines for healthy school meals. Please encourage students to participate in the school meal programs. You may contact your School Food Service (SFS) Director **Connie Cunningham** at 864-366-5427 for additional information. Parents or guardians that do not want their child/children to participate in CEP may wish to discuss this matter with Connie Cunningham (*Director of Food Service*) on an informal basis. Parents wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to **Dr. Mason Gary whose address is: 400 Greenville Street, Abbeville SC 29620** for a hearing to appeal the decision. The **Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act** requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. The last four digits of the social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs. We MAY share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules. In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English. To file a complaint of discrimination, complete the **USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form**, (AD-3027) found online at: [How to File a Complaint](#), and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights; 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; Fax: (202) 690-7442; Email: program_intake@usda.gov. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. (Revised 2021) 6/9;1tc

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Date of Death: 06/13/2020
Case Number: 2021ES0100132
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Case Number: 2021ES0100134
Personal Representative: Alicia E. James
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Date of Death: 3/22/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100135
Personal Representative: Michael Simmerman
Address: 407 Ann St. Liberty, SC 29657 6/2;3tc

Estate: Nancy Gambrell Prince
Date of Death: 4/23/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100137
Personal Representative: Jimmy Herman Prince, Jr. and Russell Lee Prince
Address: 797 Winona Church Rd. Donalds, SC and P.O. Box 50441 Greenwood, SC 29649 6/2;3tc

Estate: William Hamilton Brickle
Date of Death: 4/07/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100141
Personal Representative: Betty Brickle
Address: 56 Brickle Lane Iva, SC 29655 6/9;3tc

Estate: Albert Lindsey Giles, Jr.
Date of Death: 05/14/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100144
Personal Representative: Jean C. Giles
Address: 2143 Flat Rock Rd. Abbeville, SC 29620 6/9;3tc

Estate: Sallie Mae Calhoun AKA Sallie M. Boggs Calhoun
Date of Death: 4/10/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100145
Personal Representative: Danny Boggs
Address: 2705 Walnut Drive Anderson, SC 29624 6/9;3tc

Estate: Ruth Lomax Cosby
Date of Death: 4/23/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100146
Personal Representative: Denise Cosby Collier
Address: 202 Fox Lake Drive West Columbia, SC 29170 6/9;3tc

Estate: Leonard Dwayne Canfield
Date of Death: 5/19/2021
Case Number: 2021ES0100147
Personal Representative: Delane New
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