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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."



This red Chevy K1500 was traveling on Keowee Rd. in Abbeville at approximately 5:20 p.m. on Sunday. The vehicle slipped on black ice, flipped over, and was totaled. No one in the vehicle was harmed. (Photo courtesy of William Connor Ashley)

City of Abbeville to offer business grants

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville is welcoming people to apply for business grants, according to City of Abbeville community development director Austin Walker.

The City is offering two types of business grants—one for new businesses, and the other for existing businesses, according to Walker.

"We are granting up to \$15,000 to new businesses, and up to \$10,000 for existing businesses," she said.

The application can be found online at abbevillecitysc.com under "small business incentives."

The application period opened on January 1, and will remain open until Feb.

28.

Applications will be judged by a committee including Walker, as well as City CFO Laura Snelling, and Assistant City Manager Fran Anderson.

Criteria will include a determination based on need, and the business being able to supply matching funds, as well as a complete application, Walker continued.

"They have to detail what they would use the grant funds for," she said. "And they actually have to submit cost estimates from certified contractors."

They also have to submit a business plan as part of the application.

Grant winners will be announced in April or May by

the City.

Last year, the existing business grants went to Trinity Photography and Abbeville Carwash.

Trinity received funds to fix damaged portions of their ceiling, and to fix the electrical work for their fluorescent lights.

Abbeville Carwash used their funds to get a new awning. "They also repaired the lights in the car wash, and fixed the pavement around the entrances," she said.

"Last year we had seven applicants, and we awarded four grants," she said.

Two other grants were awarded for repairing and restoring historic buildings, Walker continued.

Second spot

Sharmel Miller, Barry Devore serving as assistant County Directors

By Henry E. Green

Sharmel Miller and Barry Devore are now the assistant Abbeville County Directors.

Miller is not only the County's E-911 Director, but is serving as Assistant County Director for firefighting services and EMS, and Devore is the Assistant County Director for the remainder of county operations, in addition to serving as County

Finance Director.

The change was made following the departure of Stephen Taylor, who had been working with the County as Assistant Director and economic development services director, before he left last year to take a position with West Carolina Tel.

As Assistant County Directors, Miller and Devore are both assisting Abbeville County Director David

Garner.

Devore said that he, Garner, and Miller get together once every two weeks "to go over concerns and issues of the county," to determine how they want to handle those concerns.

Devore said that he and Miller act on Garner's behalf "when he's out of the office, but also to aid him in facilitating Council's wishes."



Tree branches got an icy coat on Sunday, Jan. 16, as Abbeville experienced a bout of extremely cold weather. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Chamber planning business classes

By Henry E. Green

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce is launching a business education series entitled, "Small Business, Big Ideas," said Anna LaGrone, executive director of the Chamber.

The overall goal is to provide practical business-oriented knowledge for prospective and current business owners, said LaGrone, who noted that it is free for Chamber members. For non-members, there is a \$10 fee per class.

Financial Officer for the City of Abbeville, will be the instructor for the first class, "Business Licenses 101," which is scheduled for today at 8:30 a.m. and will be held at the Chamber, LaGrone continued.

The City's community development director, Austin Walker, will also be speaking, according to the Chamber executive director.

"Future classes will be on a monthly basis," she said. These classes are all slated to be held around the middle of the month.

The next class is slated for mid-February, with additional details to be announced closer to the date.

Anyone who wants to attend a class is encouraged to call LaGrone at 366-3806 to reserve a spot.

Individuals may sign up for individual classes. "You can attend all classes or just the ones pertinent to you. This is open to anyone in Abbeville County.

"It's an additional service for our Chamber members, and will assist with economic development."



Downed trees like this one were part of the scenery during the winter storm that touched Abbeville County this past weekend. (Photo courtesy of John Butler)

Abbeville School District goes 'virtual'

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County School District had a "virtual day" Friday in response to a surge in COVID cases within the District.

"Yesterday seemed to be a hard spike," Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary said Friday.

Going to an e-learning plan seemed to be a prudent thing to do, given the situation, in which the District had to quarantine three classes because of COVID, the Superintendent continued.

The "virtual day" provided for a day without in-person learning. Rather, students stayed home and received instruction via computer.

The plan was for students to return to school yesterday, following the MLK holiday on Monday, according

to Dr. Gary, who said that school officials would be monitoring weather conditions at this time as well.

The Abbeville County School District was not the only school system going "virtual" in the face of a pandemic that simply will not go away.

Greenwood County School District 50 also chose to have a virtual learning day Friday, according to published reports.

McCormick County School District was slated to be going virtual for a week, beginning Friday.

COVID numbers in the District, as of Jan. 10, were as follows, according to published reports:

Long Cane Primary--four students positive

John C. Calhoun Elementary--zero students positive

Westwood Elementary--two students positive

Cherokee Trail Elementary--two students positive

Diamond Hill Elementary--zero positives

Wright Middle School--one student positive

Abbeville High School--eight students positive

Dixie High School--11 students positive

The vast increase in COVID numbers is reflected in data provided by Abbeville Area Medical Center.

For the year 2021, AAMC conducted 10,464 tests for COVID, and had a 26.3 percent positive rate overall, said Meg Davis, the AAMC Foundation, marketing and volunteer services director.

As for the week ending Jan. 8, AAMC has performed 969 tests 46.75 percent positive rate.

PHOTO NOT FOUND

It has been something of a tradition for Abbeville County's eighth graders, studying South Carolina history, to visit the Burt Stark House and the McGowan Barksdale Bundy House, to learn about the past. Here, Susan Keaton is talking to a group of eighth graders in front of the Burt Stark House in May 2021. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Artist Guild marking 20th anniversary

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville Artist Guild is celebrating this year its 20th anniversary, and is making plans for a celebration, said Guild treasurer Jane Agan Monday. More details are to be announced later. Meanwhile, the Guild will have a workshop on Jan. 29 at the Abbeville Civic Center beginning at 10 a.m.. Artist Buddy Wilson will be offering instruction on acrylic pouring, Agan continued. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Artist Guild. In addition, artist Donna England has during the month of January an exhibit of her work at the Chamber

During the month of February, artist Eric New will exhibit his work at the Chamber. On Wednesday, Feb. 2, beginning at 2 p.m., the Guild will have an open painting "tips and techniques event at the Alt room at the Abbeville County library. "We will gather to create art work and receive help from other artists," said Agan. The Guild will be gathering at the Alt room on the first Wednesday of every month to create art, and anyone is welcome. "We're making plans for our Community Photo contest, and the kids' art camp," she said. The photo contest is planned for the spring/

summer of 2022, and the camp for the summer of this year. The Guild is also planning another Hide and Seek art event in downtown Abbeville, "to hide artwork in the stores downtown." The Artist Guild is not going to sponsor a high school art show this spring due to COVID concerns. "We hope to do it in the future," she said. The Guild's awards dinner, originally slated for Jan. 15, has been rescheduled to Saturday, Feb. 26 due to COVID concerns, Agan continued. Anyone interested in attending needs to contact the Artist Guild at abbevilleartistguild@gmail.com

City Council goes 'virtual' in meeting

By Henry E. Green
With an eye toward keeping COVID at bay, Abbeville City Council had a virtual meeting Wednesday night-with City Council members meeting not in person but by electronic means. Council first passed an emergency ordinance that allowed for virtual City Council meetings to take place in the light of the increase in the number of COVID cases. City Council approved a similar measure in the spring of 2020. The emergency ordinance will expire automatically after 60 days, but Council may agree to extend it if it so desires. Council also unanimously passed Resolution 1-2022, providing for a donation from the City to the Abbeville County Historical Society of four light posts. The light posts are currently in storage at a City facility, said City Manager Blake Stone, who noted that they have a "big collection of dust" on them. According to the resolution, the Society has requested the use of four "historic" light posts that the City no

longer uses. "Letting the Abbeville County Historical Society use the light poles will be a mutually beneficial between both entities," the resolution states. The light posts are to be displayed at the McGowan Barksdale Bundy House in Abbeville. Council also approved an emergency medical/governmental agreement with Abbeville Area Medical Center. (See related story.) Also approved was an update of the personnel manual for the City. City Manager Stone also notified Council that a draw-down at Lake Secession had begun, and the City will use the opportunity to make repairs at the Lake Secession dam. The lake is expected to be back to normal levels by March, he said. In addition, Stone provided updates on a number of infrastructure projects in which the City is engaged: "Adams Drive Park Sidewalk Project Phase 1: This project consists of the installation of sidewalk, limited parking, and storm drain-

age on Adams Drive from the Intersection of Adams Drive and Meadow Drive to just past the park. This project is slated to begin in late January/early February and be completed within 90 days of its start. --"McGowan waterline project: Installation of a new waterline on McGowan Avenue. This project is slated to begin in late January/early February and be completed in 150 days. "On both projects, residents should expect construction crews to be out working at both sites and helping to direct traffic during normal business hours while work is taking place. Some slight interruptions to normal traffic are possible, however, the city is working with the contractors to ensure any disruptions to traffic are minimal. Concerning the North Main waterline project, the bidding process is expected to begin in late February. More information will be provided on this project in future Council meetings, Stone went on to say.

Correction

There was a typographical error in the address listed for the driving range goign up in the Cold Spring community in a phtoo caption in last week's paper. The address is 45 Highway 201. The Press and Banner regrets the error.

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The Abbeville Artist Guild is welcoming a new artist. The Guild held a reception at the Welcome Center in Abbeville recently for Donna K. England, who was born in Alabama and now resides in South Carolina. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Artist Guild welcomes Donna England

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville Artist Guild is welcoming a new artist. The Guild held a reception at the Welcome Center in Abbeville recently for Donna K. England, who was born in Alabama and now resides in South Carolina.

England received a Bachelor of Fine Art at University of Montevallo in Alabama, and a Master of Education at Georgia State.

"A former elementary school counselor, she knows that art is therapeutic and healing," according to information provided at the reception.

"It is a form of communication and expression. Paintings go beyond the words to relay emotion,

thoughts, perceptions and memories."

England has displayed her work in galleries and online, and her work hangs in private and public collections.

The Alabama native has been interested in art since she was a child.

"I feel like it's been all my life," she said. "I've always had an interest in painting."

An art major in college, she likes to paint a wide array of subjects, from birds to people.

"I like to paint everything," she said.

She worked as an elementary school counselor in Georgia. "I've used art therapy with children," she said.

Sometimes a child who

cannot articulate his feelings can express them in art, she went on to say.

Sometimes people give her photographs replete with memories, and she will use those photographs to paint pictures that help capture those memories.

Now retired, she lives in McCormick with her husband, and she has two grown children and a granddaughter.

The Artist Guild is a non-profit organization which promotes the arts here in Abbeville County.

England will display her work at the Welcome Center during the month of January, according to the Artist Guild.

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County gets taste of winter storm

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County survived a blast of winter weather this past weekend.

Part of a massive storm system that affected much of the South, high winds and heavy rain took hold Saturday night, and continued throughout much of the day Sunday.

Sunday evening residents saw a dusting of snow, but Monday morning, the snow was largely gone, as people settled in for a day that was sunny, dry--and very, very cold. Indeed, the temperature hovered in the 30s and 40s.

A power line was down and the road blocked on SC 823 beginning Sunday morning just south of Lebanon Presbyterian, according to Lebanon Presbyterian pastor John Butler.

High winds caused at least one tree to fall, resulting in a downed power line, which resulted in turn in a power outage affecting a number

of local residents.

In the city of Abbeville, the roads stayed passable for the most part, "and we didn't have any issues," said City of Abbeville Police Chief Ron Bosler Monday.

Bosler did not know of any bad accidents in the City that resulted from the storm, although he did report that a tree fell on a residence in the city.

City of Abbeville Director of Public Utilities Tim Hall said, "The city fared very well. We really dodged a bullet."

Fifty to 60 people were without power for a total of about 20 minutes Sunday morning, as City personnel worked to remove a tree lying on a power line on Miller Street.

The City did receive a number of calls about tree debris in the streets, debris which did not affect power lines.

The City assisted Little River Electric in dealing with power outages, according to Hall.

"We helped them yesterday evening," he said Monday.

Tricia Smith, communications director with Little River Electric, said Tuesday that at the peak of the winter weather about 1,400 customers were without power, with some in Calhoun Falls without power for up to 11 hours.

"We got the majority back on about midnight Sunday night," she said.

She credited the City of Abbeville and Aiken Electric Cooperative with offering assistance to Little River during the storm.

Everybody was back on line as of Tuesday, she said.

The fierce winter weather was part of a system that affected not only parts of the South but much of the Northeast as well, in places like Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania, according to published reports.



These icy tree branches near Wright Middle School told the story of the frigid weather Sunday, Jan. 16, here in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

ACTS construction could begin this year

By Henry E. Green

Construction on a project to convert the old Abbeville County Training School into senior housing is slated to begin in June of this year, with the project taking 15 to 18 months to complete, according to Tonya Haddock, who is helping develop the project.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Multifamily Housing Programs has awarded a grant of \$3.3 million to support the development of senior housing in the former Abbeville County Training School on Branch Street, according to a press release provided Kathryn Ferrari Bethune. The Abbeville proj-

ect is one of 30 nationwide to earn an award.

The new housing development, A.C.T.S. Community Apartments, will serve very low-income elderly persons 62 years of age or older. It will consist of 40 one-bedroom apartments, a myriad of amenities, and an African-American History Museum to pay homage to the site's former role as a Rosenwald School. The school, circa 1925, is one of five Rosenwald Schools built in Abbeville County and the only one still standing today.

It is also one of 59 schools constructed in SC for vocational training and high school education for African-American students.

Developer, Tonya Haddock, Cadence Development, is working with the nonprofit, Merchants Affordable Housing Corporation (MAHC), which will be the owner of the development.

According to Marian Wright Edelman, writing for the Children's Defense Fund, from 1913 to 1932, nearly 5,000 Rosenwald schools were built in 15 states, mostly in rural Southern communities.

Those schools, built specifically to educate black children, were named for their primary donor, Julius Rosenwald, who became president of Sears, and Roebuck, Edelman wrote.

Federal student loan repayment postponed until May

Submitted by Tim Ballard, KHEAA

Borrowers who were able to pause their federal student loan repayment will see their repayments postponed until May 1, according to KHEAA.

The federal government had intended to have borrowers resume payments in February but decided to wait until May because of the spread of the omicron coronavirus variant.

KHEAA advises borrowers to make sure their loan servicer has their current contact information. If you

don't know who your loan servicer is, you can find it by logging into your account at studentaid.gov. The information will be under the "My Loan Servicers" section.

Your loan servicer can also help if you expect to have trouble restarting repayment of your loans. In that case, contact your loan servicer as soon as possible. They can help you find the repayment plan that best fits your finances and could reduce your monthly payment. KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve

students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents. KHEAA also helps colleges manage their student loan default rates and verify information submitted on the FAFSA. For more information about those services, visit www.kheaa.com.

In addition, KHEAA disburses private Advantage Education Loans on behalf of its sister agency, KHES-LC. For more information, visit www.advantageeducationloan.com.

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Abbeville got a dusting of snow on the evening of Sunday, Jan. 16, and the next day, remnants of it could be found on Abbeville's Court Square. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Still percolating 'The Brew,' offering a chance for business people to network, continues

By Henry E. Green

J.P. Mosley of Abbeville Massage Company will be the guest speaker for the next installment of "The Brew," presented by the City of Abbeville, Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, and Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership to provide an opportunity for business owners to share ideas.

Inspired by a similar program in the city of Anderson, the Brew was launched last year by the City of Abbeville, and the next installment will be on Wednesday, Feb. 2.

Ed and Carol Rondeau of Abbeville, who operate Cedar Ridge Apothecary herb farm on the outskirts of the city, were the speakers at the January installment of the Brew.

The Brew is held at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville at 8:30

a.m. on the first Wednesday of every month, according to Austin Walker, the City's community development director.

"The official program lasts about 30 minutes, but the networking after has lasted for up to an hour sometimes with businesses leaving as they need to open their stores or get to their jobs," Walker said in an e-mail last fall.

The community development director expressed her enthusiasm about the Brew this way:

"It may seem a little cliché, but there is always something brewing after our meetings and I look forward to all the good things that will come to fruition because of this program," she said.

"Supporting entrepreneurs is the whole point, and while I thoroughly enjoy each

program, my favorite part of The Brew is seeing the change that happens in the participants by the time they leave. They will come in very shy and quiet--no one going around talking to others, but by the time the program is over there is an explosion of ideas, feedback, and camaraderie that is being bounced around between all the attendees. It's truly amazing to watch."

The speaker for March will be Thomas Coffing, the owner of Coffing's Detail Service in Abbeville, Walker said Wednesday.

In April, "we will take the Brew to Sharon Manor," and Benita Chupp will be the speaker, she said.

Sharon Manor, a bed and breakfast, is located on the outskirts of Abbeville.

Present tents Abbeville City Council, AAMC finalize agreement on 'drive through' setting

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council approved Wednesday night an agreement with Abbeville Area Medical Center concerning the tents AAMC uses for drive-through testing and vaccinations for COVID, during what the agreement acknowledges is a public health emergency.

According to the agreement, the City had identified violations of the 2018 IFC International Fire Code and notified AAMC of those violations, as they related to tents.

AAMC has requested permission for the use of fire-retardant tents for the purposes of drive-through vaccine and testing for COVID 19.

Meanwhile, the City has

consulted with the State Fire Marshal's office for guidance on how to allow for a one time emergency use agreement for tents or membrane structures associated with the COVID pandemic.

The City will allow for the use of the fire-retardant tests with the understanding that AAMC accepts all responsibility associated with the code violations.

AAMC, meanwhile, will only operate a tent in accordance with the agreement, the agreement continues.

The City has provided all information concerning the violations to AAMC, and as extra precautions AAMC will:

--Only use tents that consist of a noncombustible

material.

--Require all drive-thru patrons to turn off their engines while under the tent so as not to have a combustible engine running while stationary under the tent.

--Maintain signage that notifies drive-through patrons to turn off vehicles.

--Secure and maintain fire extinguishers on site.

Concerning liability, AAMC accepts full responsibility and will indemnify and hold the City harmless "from any and all loss, damage, suit or injury associated with the use of Emergency Tents."

Meg Davis, the AAMC Foundation, volunteer services, and marketing director, confirmed Thursday that the hospital has approved the agreement as well.



The Abbeville Spring Festival has for years been the perfect occasion for cheerleading and dancing, as these small fry are doing. The new year seemed to be the appropriate time to reflect on all the blessings of living in Abbeville County.

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Abbeville Abbye Light is slated to represent Abbeville in the upcoming Miss South Carolina pageant, and she was presented with a letter of appointment recently by Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards (far left). Fallon Edwards is shown pinning a crown on Abbye in a recent ceremony on Court Square, as County Council chairman James McCord (far right) looks on. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Beautiful!

AHS senior slated to represent Abbeville in Miss South Carolina pageant

By Henry E. Green
Abbeville High School senior Abbye Light is slated to represent Abbeville in the Miss South Carolina Pageant later this year.

City of Abbeville Mayor George "Trey" Edwards honored her during a gathering on Abbeville's Court Square Friday afternoon.

Also on hand was Abbeville County Council vice chairman James McCord.

The City has appointed her to the position of Miss Abbeville, according to Mayor Edwards.

"The City of Abbeville is proud to appoint Abbye Light to the position of Miss

Abbeville," he wrote in his appointment letter. "Abbye Light is a senior at Abbeville High School who dedicates much of her time to worthy extracurricular activities. She cheered all 4 years as a Panther cheerleader and is now beginning her second and final season on the AHS varsity soccer team.

"Additionally, this May, Abbye will graduate from AHS with her license in cosmetology. She looks forward to beginning her cosmetology and makeup artistry career this summer.

"Abbye is also passionate about advocating for her platform, 'Surviving

the Sweet Life'. Abbye created this platform for other families (like hers) that have been affected by juvenile diabetes. Through this platform she spreads awareness of the onset signs and symptoms of Type 1 diabetes as well as how to live, learn and still have fun despite this life threatening disease.

"Abbye is so honored to be able to represent her hometown and the community she loves so much at The Miss South Carolina Pageant on June 25th and the City is honored to appoint her as Miss Abbeville."

Backward glance

How much progress did County Council make in goals for 2021?

By Henry E. Green

Despite the looming shadow of the pandemic, 2021 was a year of various accomplishments for Abbeville County and Abbeville County Council, while progress has been made toward other goals.

Abbeville County Director David Garner provided, during the recent County Council goals workshop for 2022, a list of goals which Council had set for 2021.

Those goals had been met with varying degrees of success.

For example, Council pledged last year to "continue to pursue funding options and partners for the Diamond Hill Elementary School waterline project."

Diamond Hill, located near Lake Secession, does not use a public water system.

The result? "Matching funds have been committed to Starr Iva Water in support of a successful RIA grant around Lake Secession," the County reported.

Council also pledged to begin phased work on the development of the Wilson-Ouzts Park.

The park, to be located on the western outskirts of the city of Abbeville, would provide a memorial to the memory of Donnie Ouzts and Danny Wilson, two law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the course of the infamous standoff between authorities and members of the Bixby family in December of 2003.

The result? Council committed up to \$20,000 to accomplish a memorial project without outside source funding.

Council pledged to support county wide broadband Internet expansion.

WCTEL and Abbeville County are working together on incentives and leveraging county funds toward expanding broadband in 2022.

County Council also pledged to "review the benefits and potential costs of a public transit system," and a public transportation system was launched last year in partnership with McCormick Area Transit.

Another goal was to update the classification and compensation personnel plan for the County, and the County has contracted with a management advisory group, which is in the process of conducting a compensation and classification study.

Abbeville County School District

Pandemic situation still manageable

By Henry E. Green

While school districts like that of the Greenville County school system may be facing a shortage of personnel because of the pandemic, Abbeville County seems to have dodged the bullet.

A recent report looked at how so many educators in the Greenville area were out sick with COVID, but Abbeville County School District director of student services Dr. Skip Hopkins

said that the situation in the Abbeville County School District is manageable.

"We're in good shape," he said Wednesday.

"We've got some positive teacher cases," he went on to say, noting that as of Wednesday the District had eight teachers who had tested positive, out of roughly 250 teachers.

"We're managing to get through it," he said. Classes are being covered through a

variety of means--adjusting schedules, for example.

"To this point we're able to maintain normal operating procedures," he said.

Similarly, the number of students out with COVID is manageable--37 students out of roughly 3,000.

Furthermore, the District has no plans at this time to go "virtual."

"We're 100 percent 'in person'," Hopkins said about District classes.



Seven Nursing Graduates from Abbeville County Receive Pins: Seven Piedmont Technical College (TNC) nursing graduates from Abbeville County were recognized in pinning ceremony last month at the Lex Walters Campus-Greenwood. They are: top row, from left: Erin Manning, Heather Phillips, Keyattah Norman, and Kyndra Zoesch; bottom row, from left: Lashy Rowell, Magen Hall, and Noah Guire (Photo contributed)

a Word from "THE WORD"

Rev. Dr. John Keith

Pastor



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2 Timothy 4:5 "But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

How do you picture a perfect pastor in your mind's eye? I agree with a pastor by the name of Walter Johnson. Someone asked him, "If a person saw you walking down the street would they be able to recognize you as a minister?" He replied, "I hope not. But I hope they wouldn't be surprised if they found out." Stuart Briscoe had this to say: "Qualifications of a pastor: the mind of a scholar, the heart of a child, and the hide of a rhinoceros."

In 2 Timothy chapter 4, the apostle Paul is sharing with young Timothy, his son in the ministry, the qualifications of a pastor. In verse 2 he commands Timothy to preach the word of God, to be ready to preach it at all times. In verse 3 he tells him why that is necessary—the time will come when people won't listen to sound doctrine. In verse 5 he shares four essentials for a good pastor.

The first one is to be alert. Paul states it like this: "Be watchful in all things..." In other words, be alert to the signs of the times. He has already warned him about the time when folks won't want to listen to sound doctrine. He wanted young Timothy to be aware of the dangers his flock faced. In order to be aware of the dangers of one's flock he must spend time among them. A shep-

herd knows his sheep because he spends time with them. A good shepherd knows the quirks of his flock and knows what tendencies they have to get into trouble. A shepherd cannot know that if he doesn't spend time with them. A pastor must make it a priority to spend time in fellowship with his flock, if he is going to be effective in leading them.

Secondly, a pastor must endure afflictions. Anyone who feels called into the ministry should be aware that it is not an easy task. There are hardships to be endured, hardships that folks outside the ministry are unaware of. I had a professor in seminary named Curtis Vaughn, he was fond of telling us that a pastor is not the pet sheep of the flock but a shepherd and a shepherd takes the licks for the sheep. I remember one time talking with a car salesman and he was sharing with me about the stress and strain of life then he looked at me, serious as a heart attack, and said, "But being a preacher, you don't know anything about that." I didn't correct him or say anything, I thought of 1 Corinthians 14:38 If anyone is ignorant, let he be ignorant." Often the job of a pastor is filled with afflictions. In 1 Timothy 1:18, Paul advised Timothy to "war a good warfare."

the work of an evangelist. Paul does not say a pastor has to "be" an evangelist, just that he does the work of an evangelist. One does not have to have the gift of evangelism to be a pastor—but he must be evangelistic. Evangelism should be woven in every message that pastor shares with his flock. The pastor must set the pace, if he does not share his faith, neither will his flock. I have heard it said by many reputable teachers, "evangelism is more caught than taught." There is a lot of truth in that. If evangelism isn't a priority with the pastor, it won't be a priority with the people.

Finally, a pastor must "fulfill his ministry." In other words, Paul is urging Timothy to fulfill the obligations of ministry. The obligations of ministry are the first three qualifications that Paul had shared with him—be alert to the dangers of your flock, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist. Those three things are the obligation of a pastor and a good pastor will fulfill them to the best of his ability. Keep in mind, just as there are no perfect pastors there are also no perfect churches.

I am sure you have heard the old cliché, "Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven."

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After a day filled with rain and wind, it began to snow in Abbeville on the evening of Sunday, Jan. 16. Here is how it looked on Church Street, as night began to fall. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

PTC graduate from Abbeville receives county academic award

Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigsen

At Piedmont Technical College's recent fall commencement exercises, outstanding students were honored for academic achievement as County Award Winners. Ryan O'Shields, who earned

an associate in applied science, business administration/accounting, was the honoree from Abbeville County.

Obituaries

Thompson

Dr. Leon Edwin Thompson passed peacefully in the arms of the love of his life and wife of 66 years, Patricia Foster Thompson on January 15, 2022.

He was 86 and retired with his bride to Abbeville after serving the Lord by ministering to many United Methodist congregations in Georgia and South Carolina. Born on March 28, 1935, in Timmonsville SC where he finished high school as Valedictorian and played football and basketball. He loved scouting and reached the highest achievement as an Eagle Scout. Dr Thompson graduated from Wofford College with membership in Phi Beta Kappa. In 1960 he received his Master of Divinity degree from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University where he was a member of Theta Phi. In 1987 he returned to Emory University and received his Doctor of Ministry degree. Dr Thompson was the eldest son of Boyd E. and Connie J. Thompson.

A wonderfully devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he is survived by his wife of 66 years, Patricia Foster Thompson, a native of Spartanburg, SC and their children John and Susan Thompson of Greenwood; Robin Fox of Ninety Six; Leon (Chip) Thompson



Dr. Leon Edwin Thompson

Jr of Travelers Rest; Jack and Jane Harmon of Woodstock, GA; sister, Maxine T. Armstrong of Atlanta, GA; and sister in-law, Joyce Thompson of Timmonsville and his wonderful 13 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 3 great, great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Sammie Thompson, and son in-law Russell Fox.

Dr Thompson's ministerial appointments span 45 years. They include Prospect in Georgia; Christ Church, Valley Falls; Centenary Circuit (Centenary, Central Soule Chapel, and Shiloh); Ridge Spring Circuit (Ridge Spring, Nazareth, and Spann); Trinity, West Columbia; Cambridge, Ninety Six; Midland Park, North Charleston; Beth-

lehem, Bishopville; First United, Clover; and John Wesley, Charleston all in South Carolina.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 22 at 1:00 PM at Main Street United Methodist Church in Abbeville with the Rev Randy Taylor officiating and Rev Johnny Waller and Rev Brandon Fulmer assisting.

The family will receive friends in the Greene Center at 12:00 noon until 1:00 PM prior to the service.

Burial will follow at Greenwood Memorial Gardens.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Russell Fox, Jr., Lucas Fox, Lou Thompson, Travis Harmon, Ben Dunlap, Mitchell McHale, Brian Boling, and Tyler Key.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to Main Street United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St, Abbeville; Cambridge United Methodist Church, PO Box 384, Ninety Six, SC 29666, or Main Street United Methodist Church, 211 North Main Street Greenwood, SC 29646.

Online condolences may be made to the Thompson family by visiting www.chandlerjacksonfh.com. The Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is assisting the Thompson family.

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Obituaries

Loftis

Mr. Clifford Grady Loftis, 86, of Highway 72, Calhoun Falls, SC, husband of 65 years to Laura Jean Shaw Loftis, finished his course in faith on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at Self Regional Medical Center in Greenwood, SC.

Cliff was born in Anderson, SC on March 22, 1935, son of the late Albert Marshall Loftis and Mellie Louise Hill Loftis. He was educated in Calhoun Falls and served his country in the U.S. Army.

Cliff worked in the textile industry for over 30 years at Rocky River and WestPoint Stevens Mills. Following his retirement, he dedicated his time to serving families at the Calhoun Falls Funeral Home. He thoroughly enjoyed his time working at the funeral home and assisting his friends through their darkest times.

Cliff was a dedicated member of Northside Baptist Church where he served as treasurer of his Sunday school class and as a deacon. He was also an active member of the Men's Ministry at Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness church, under the direction of Wendell Boggs. Cliff served the citizens of Calhoun Falls in many different volunteer capacities. He helped establish the Calhoun Falls Ambulance Service and was an Auxiliary Officer with the Calhoun Falls Police Department, where he could



Clifford Grady Loftis

often be found directing traffic for Blue Flashes Football Games. Alongside Jean, he worked tirelessly delivering Meals on Wheels and with the Calhoun Falls Food Bank. Cliff was a classic car enthusiast and was a member of the Greenwood Corvette Club.

Above all, Cliff's greatest accomplishment was his family. He was a devoted husband and later caretaker to Jean, a dedicated daddy to Danny and Delaine, and the best Papa that Rose and Hank could have ever wished for.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Jean Shaw Loftis; children and their spouses: Danny and Deanna Loftis of Vanna, GA and Delaine and Timmy Haynie of Lake Seccession, SC; grandchildren: Rose Loftis of Athens, GA and Hank Loftis of Vanna, GA, and his grandpup, Marley Haynie; and nephews: Ronnie and Pat Binns

of Myrtle Beach, SC and Randy and Donna Binns of Troy, NC.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his siblings: Betty Binns, Dean Loftis, L.T. Loftis, and James "Zack" "Pete" Loftis.

Funeral services celebrating his life were held on Saturday, January 15, at 12noon at the Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church. The Rev. Jim Howard, Mr. Ronnie Binns, and Mr. Tanner Moore officiated.

Interment followed in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens with Tony Alewine, David Bell, John Ellis, Tombo Fields, Tanner Moore, and Daniel Strawhorn honored as pallbearers. Charles Strawhorn served as an honorary pallbearer, and military honors were rendered by the U.S. Army. A reception followed at The Belmont Inn.

The family received friends at the Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church on Saturday from 10:00-11:30a.m. prior to the service.

Contributions may be made in his memory to Meals on Wheels.

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Berry Funeral Home & Crematory of Elberton, GA was respectfully in charge of arrangements for Mr. Clifford Grady Loftis.

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- Ill-mannered one
- Curiosity's victim?
- *2022 Winter Olympics location
- *Torch Relay starting point
- "_____ the Family" TV series
- Refrigerator sound
- Poppy seed derivative
- Bitterly regretting
- Egyptian cobra
- Part of a stair
- Seedy source of Omega-3s
- More, in Madrid
- Changes to a manuscript

DOWN

- Cape _____, MA
- Copycat
- Carte du jour
- Spectrum maker
- Delilah's lover
- Roofed colonnade
- Expression of satisfaction
- Angry
- Revered one
- Fancy ride
- Japanese zither
- Pas in ballet
- "Freezing" Marvel character
- Letter-shaped girder
- "_____ the land of the free..."
- Designer's studio
- *Biathlon gear
- Skyliit lobbies
- Manufacturing site
- *2022 Winter Olympics number
- Like Curious George
- Monocot's alternative
- "Killers of the Flower Moon" Oklahoma location
- *Olympic award
- *Olympic sled
- For fear that
- Respond
- Circling
- Far, old-fashioned
- Capital of Punjab
- Early Irish alphabet
- Sort of warm
- Vomit
- Twelfth month of Jewish year
- Pelvic bones
- Put a hex on
- Concert units
- Not yet final
- Edible fat
- *Miracle on Ice winner
- Not Miss or Ms.



The Murder of Kenneth Trentadue

By Geoff Hult

At 8:45 on the morning of August 21st, 1995, Wilma Trentadue received a call from Marie Carter, the acting warden of the Federal Transfer Center (FTC) in Oklahoma City, letting her know that her son, Kenneth Trentadue, had committed suicide earlier that morning by hanging himself in his cell. Kenneth had been picked up in southern California for an alleged probation violation and then inexplicably transferred to the FTC in Oklahoma City. Kenneth had previously served six years in prison after he'd gotten hooked on heroin and committed two bank robberies. He had gotten out in 1987, cleaned up, married, was employed, and his wife was weeks away from delivering their son when he was picked up and transferred to Oklahoma City.

Tammi Gillis was the first from the Oklahoma City Medical Examiner's Office on the scene at the FTC that morning. No one from the Medical Examiner's Office was allowed to enter the cell thereby undermining them from being able to determine if foul play was involved. Gillis did report that she was able to look inside the cell and reported there being blood on the walls and floor. Chief Medical Examiner Fred Jordan later performed the autopsy and stated: "There was so much trauma to the head and neck that couldn't be explained by suicide," and that it appeared he had been beaten by something hard, like a baton. The Chief Medical Examiner's Office was proceeding as if this were a murder, but the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and the FBI were proceeding as if it was a clear cut case of suicide. Kenneth had been beaten from head to toe, his throat had been cut, and the soles of his feet had been beaten. It was obvious to those at the Chief Medical Examiner's Office, who had no interest in this case other than delivering an accurate ruling, that this was a murder. So why were the other elements involved at the FTC, BOP, and FBI insistent that it was a suicide?

Kevin Rowland of the CME Office was told by Kenneth Freeman, the FTC officer in charge of special investigations, that the prison's video cameras used to document death scenes were not working that morning. If a person or persons entered Kenneth Trentadue's cell, it couldn't be verified one way or the other since the cameras were not recording it. What is known as a psychological reconstruction is something that is mandated for any suicide taking place in a federal prison. In other words, a detailed investigation to make sure it really was a suicide. In Kenneth Trentadue's case, this was never done despite it being BOP regulation. Fred Jordan and Kevin Rowland of the OKC CME office were a problem for the elements that were wanting to call this a suicide and the FBI was one of

those elements. There were numerous attempts by the FBI to persuade the CME office on this matter. In addition, FBI Special Agent Jeff Jenkins had put Kenneth's bloody clothing and bed sheets in the trunk of his car to be analyzed at a lab but later claimed he forgot this evidence was in his car, thus tainting the evidence as it sat in summer heat in the trunk for weeks. Four months after the incident, Jordan and Rowland were finally allowed to enter the cell for the first time and applied Luminol to the walls, floor, and ceiling. Luminol is used to detect blood stains that are not visible to the naked eye. In their words, the cell lit up like a christmas tree, showing lots of blood residue all over the cell. It defies imagination how a person hanging themselves could bleed all over the walls and ceiling in the process. As well, an inmate by the name of Alden Gillis Baker in a neighboring cell reported that he heard the torture and beating of Kenneth Trentadue. Baker would also later be dead of an alleged suicide by hanging in his cell. According to Jesse Trentadue, Kenneth's brother, the coverup of this murder went all the way up the chain to Eric Holder, who was then a U.S. Attorney and later Attorney General. Holder had implemented a program known as "The Trentadue Mission" which aimed to prevent any real inquiries or revelations regarding the Kenneth Trentadue case. Suicide was their verdict and they were sticking to it.

Attempts were made by the FTC to have the body cremated but brother Jesse, a Salt Lake City attorney, was astute enough to insist on the body being sent home to the family. When they viewed the body they were shocked at the condition of it. It was obvious Kenneth had been beaten to death. Without the dogged persistence of Kenneth's family in pursuing the truth, especially by his brother Jesse, this incident would have easily been swept under the rug.

During his investigations, Jesse received information from two different sources where each source stated that his brother Kenneth had been killed by the FBI in a case of mistaken identity. The intended target was a man named Richard Lee Guthrie. In 2003 Jesse received another call from a man named J.D. Cash, a reporter for the McCurtain Gazette in McCurtain county, Oklahoma. Cash told Jesse that Guthrie closely resembled Kenneth and had a dragon tattoo on his left forearm just as Kenneth had. Also, that Richard Lee Guthrie was believed to be "John Doe #2" from the Oklahoma City bombing, which took place in April of 1995. Multiple witnesses stated they saw Timothy McVeigh with another man in the Ryder truck on the morning of the bombing. From Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests from Jesse Trentadue to the FBI to

view the footage of the Ryder truck approaching and parking at the Murrah building that day, all footage of this key element in the bombing they refused to provide. This is because the footage contradicts the government narrative on the bombing and provides proof that there was another man with McVeigh and that man was "John Doe #2," which was quite possibly Richard Lee Guthrie. So what does that mean?

From other FOIA requests, Jesse learned about an FBI program called PATCON, an acronym for "Patriot Conspiracy," which involved the infiltration of militia, white supremacist, and other right wing groups. According to former PATCON operative John Matthews, PATCON was all about inciting and provoking people into violence rather than actually trying to subvert it, and using people within these groups to work for them as operatives and informants. The PATCON program also infiltrated the staff of federal judges, staff of congressmen and senators, local law enforcement, media, and other federal agencies. Richard Lee Guthrie was a bank robber and member of the Aryan Republican Army. It is not known exactly what the relationship between Guthrie and the FBI was, but evidently he was a threat to them as he may have been a PATCON operative used in the Oklahoma City bombing to set up McVeigh as the patsy, but was later going to reveal the truth and destroy the official narrative of the bombing. Guthrie boasted that he was going to "blow the lid off the Oklahoma City bombing" and was set to give an interview to the Los Angeles Times about this. He was also working on a book about the bombing but the day before he was set to give the interview, he allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself in his prison cell while in federal custody in Kentucky in July of 1996. This would be pulp fiction if it weren't true; but yes, Guthrie also died by allegedly hanging himself while in federal custody.

Regarding the murder of his brother, Jesse Trentadue stated: "I believe it was the FBI, I firmly believe that for a lot of reasons now; I didn't start out believing that, I started out trusting them, until I could see what they were doing, which was destroying evidence, threatening witnesses, doing everything they could to prevent the case being made for murder." For more information on this case and the Oklahoma City Bombing, see the documentary "A Noble Lie: The Oklahoma City Bombing."

"Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel from YaHuWaH, whose works are in the dark; and say 'who sees us?' and 'who knows us?'" (Isaiah 29:15)

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SC Statehouse Reports 2022-The House of Representatives

House week in review

Rep. Craig A. Gagnon,
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Representatives
January 17, 2022

The Legislature officially convened for the second year of the two-year session. Bills not passed last year can still be acted upon this year. Any bill that doesn't make it through by the last legislative day, Sine Die (set to be the middle of May), will die a legislative death. Also, because of the rules of the House and Senate, a bill introduced this year has an exceedingly slim chance of becoming law.

Below are five important items that are on the radar for 2022:

1. Redistricting: Every decade, our state leaders work together to redraw our State's legislative districts to accommodate for population shifts and ensure that everyone in our state is being fairly represented. During our first week back, we worked to finalize our Congressional plan. To see the House or Congressional district changes in 2022, visit redistricting.schouse.gov.

Senate district changes can be seen there as well, although they will change with the next Senatorial election (2024).

2. ARP Funds: This year, South Carolina will receive several billion federal dollars from the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The legislature's job is to figure out how

to use it. This money must be spent wisely, prioritizing conservative budgeting and spending, while giving South Carolina's roads, highways, water, sewer, and broadband connectivity a much needed facelift and expansion.

3. Cutting Taxes: This topic often comes up when state budgets have a surplus. However, careful consideration must be given to the consequences as well as the benefits of cutting income taxes. Other states tried this before the Great Recession and were caught very short-handed (even to the point of near-default) when the economy tanked. All those states had to increase their taxes beyond what they cut them to make up the deficit. Although cutting taxes is an admirable objective this year, it is imperative that the hard-working people of our state won't suffer in the long-term from it.

4. Election Integrity and Reform: Free and fair elections are one of the fundamental building blocks of our Republic. I support passing legislation that creates uniformity and consistency in the way elections are run in the state. Through this, we can be sure to uphold the integrity of every single vote cast in South Carolina.

5. Education Savings Accounts (ESA): This concept has been on the agenda of many School Choice advocates for years. There

are many levels of how sweeping these programs can be. It is my understanding that the current iteration supposedly doesn't use any State Education funding, but will be funded through "other sources" in the state budget. This is a very important issue and great consideration must be given to it.

This past week, many House committees and subcommittees were busy readying for the new session. The Ways and Means Committee is already working on the FY 2022-23 budget. The main action on the floor this week was:

The House amended, and then returned to the Senate S. 865, legislation to adopt the 2020 US Census results and establish the election district boundaries for each member of the United States House of Representatives from South Carolina.

The House non concurred with Senate amendments for S. 525, a bill that updates the solid waste laws to include the regulation of advanced recycling. The Senate insisted upon its amendments; as a result, the House appointed Reps. Hiott, Burns and Atkinson for conference committee.

This week the Governor will address the joint assembly on Wednesday, Jan 19th for his annual State of the State Address.

State Guard volunteers help people during emergencies

By Richard Eckstrom,
S.C. Comptroller

One Saturday a month, hundreds of folks from across the state come together at sites in Charleston, Columbia and Greenville for a day of military-style training drills. They're men and women of all ages, races, persuasions and walks of life, and they're giving their time for a shared goal: to help their fellow South Carolinians during hurricanes, floods and other emergencies.

They're members of the S.C. State Guard, an all-volunteer crisis-response force dedicated to keeping people safe when disaster strikes, and helping communities recover in the aftermath.

The 900-plus volunteers offer critical support to the S.C. National Guard and state and local first-responders. They participate in search-and-rescue operations, direct traffic during evacuations, clear blocked roadways, deliver relief supplies, and maintain safety perimeters around downed power lines and contamination. And they do it without pay.

Though prior military service isn't required, many State Guard members are very experienced Armed Forces retirees who continue to feel called to serve. I was among them; I volunteered in the State Guard for years -- including three years as its commander -- after nearly three decades in the Navy and Navy Reserves. I still have immense pride in the State Guard.

I wanted to bring attention to the vital role of the guard and its selfless volunteers because of some of the rhetoric surrounding



Richard Eckstrom

recent developments out of Florida. A proposal by Florida's governor to establish a guard similar to our own for humanitarian and disaster-response missions was framed in the most unfavorable and extreme terms possible by the governor's foes, including foes in the media. They tossed out phrases like "hand-picked secret police." There were some pretty bizarre conspiracy theories, i.e. that it's all part of a plan to secede from the union.

The more outlandish prophecies came from the MSNBC network, which warned that guard volunteers would "wreak havoc on vulnerable people." One of the network's hosts said state guards are something a "tyrant" would need. (It's probably worth noting that 22 states and Puerto Rico have state guards -- including the MSNBC host's home state of New York.)

Look, I get it. Florida's governor is a conservative guy. The national media's biases -- and MSNBC's in particular -- are well-known. But only in today's noxious, hyper partisan environment could something like establishing a state guard elicit such an over-the-top reac-

tion. Whipping up hysteria may be good for ratings, but it ill-serves all of us.

It'd be a shame for this episode to create misperceptions about the honorable work these volunteers do. Even more so if it discourages people from joining.

The S.C. State Guard has been indispensable in responding to crises here and elsewhere. When Hurricane Hugo devastated the Lowcountry in 1989, guard volunteers with chainsaws opened some of the first passable eastbound traffic lanes within hours to begin a daunting relief effort. They travelled to New York to bolster the 9/11 relief effort, for which New York's governor came to South Carolina to personally thank them.

After a 2005 train wreck in Graniteville, S.C. caused a fatal chemical spill, guard volunteers spent weeks on-site assisting in the recovery effort. Later that year, they served in the Gulf Coast region after Hurricane Katrina. They were instrumental in responding to the historic flooding of 2015 and Hurricane Florence in 2018.

Again, these folks give up weekends without pay -- even paying for uniforms and other expenses out of their own pockets -- and without fanfare. They don't seek money or recognition. They do it for the noblest of reasons: they care.

The State Guard is open to anyone ages 17-70. Those interested in joining call 803-253-4128 or visit sg.sc.gov.

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US Senate

Scott, Colleagues Demand Answers from Cardona on Scheme to Label Parents “Domestic Terrorists”

Submitted by
Senator Tim Scott

WASHINGTON – Today U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) led a group of his Republican colleagues on a letter demanding answers from U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona on reports that he played a key role in orchestrating a letter from the National School Board Association (NSBA) that called concerned parents “domestic terrorists.”

“Parents are not ‘domestic terrorists’ and it is appalling that anyone would suggest that exercising the constitutionally protected freedoms of speech and assembly would be characterized as a threat,” wrote the senators.

“Parents across the country are outraged that their children’s education has been disrupted, delayed, even denied over the past two years.”

“While we knew early on that White House staff were complicit in the creation of this letter, it is only recently that information has surfaced implicating you and your office in this shameful episode,” the senators continued.

“News reports indicate that the letter from the NSBA to President Biden was actually initiated at your request. Accountability begins at the top, and as U.S. Secretary of Education you must explain your role, or your staff’s role, in the creation of this letter.”

Signatories to the letter

include Senators Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.), Richard Burr (R-N.C.), John Thune (R-S.D.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Rand Paul (R-Ky.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), John Boozman (R-Ark.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), Mike Lee (R-Utah), Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska), and John Hoeven (R-N.D.).



One of the best “feel good” stories of 2021 was the celebration of the 200th birthday of Lebanon Presbyterian on the outskirts of Abbeville. Here, pastor John Butler (far right) is preaching in an outdoor setting behind the church. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

US Senate

Scott, Finance Republicans Demand Treasury Analysis of OECD Agreement

Submitted by
Senator Tim Scott

Biden administration’s failure to substantiate revenue and implementation claims raises serious concerns regarding U.S. competitiveness

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.), along with Finance Committee Ranking Member Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) and all other Senate Finance Committee Republicans, wrote to Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen renewing requests for information regarding international tax negotiations. To date, the Department of the Treasury (USDOT) has been unwilling or unable to fully engage with Congress to provide details on the negotiations, which will have a significant impact on American workers, businesses and revenue.

The senators raise concerns with how the negotiations may negatively impact U.S. competitiveness; the commitment from the United States to increase its global minimum tax before any other country; and suggestions that USDOT could implement the agreement without the advice and consent of the Senate, by-passing the treaty process.

“The Administration’s rush to reach a political agreement, tied to its domestic spending plans and pursuit of revenue, has come at the expense of thorough analysis and meaningful engagement with Congress and the business community, and may ultimately put U.S. businesses at risk. . . . Given this agreement’s potential to jeopardize U.S. competitiveness, we continue to have concerns with the lack of detail underlying the approach being proposed under Pillar One and its lack of foundation in any discernible tax principles,” the senators wrote.

“Further troubling is Treasury’s continued insistence that the United States once again move first by significantly increasing the U.S. global minimum tax. . . . As Pillar Two does not require other countries to adopt a global minimum tax, we are not confident that our biggest foreign competitors, like China, will enact and implement a global minimum tax on the same terms or on the timeline agreed to at the OECD. . . .”

“Finally, suggestions that the United States could fully implement Pillar One without the advice and consent of two-thirds of the Senate

through the treaty process are highly problematic. . . . [A]ny suggestion that Pillar One can be implemented absent treaty ratification is a dramatic shift from past precedent and calls into question the binding nature of any such agreement, thereby threatening the very tax certainty that many of our companies, and this Administration, claim to seek under Pillar One.”

The senators end the letter with a detailed list of questions regarding the proposals, reiterating that any opportunity for a bipartisan outcome will require greater transparency and engagement from USDOT.

Signing the letter along with Senator Scott and Ranking Member Crapo were all other Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee: Senators Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), John Cornyn (R-Texas), John Thune (R-S.D.), Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Rob Portman (R-Ohio), Pat Toomey (R-Penn.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), and John Barrasso (R-Wyo.).

US Senate

Scott Statement on SCOTUS Ruling Blocking Biden Vaccine Mandate

Submitted by
Senator Tim Scott

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) released the following statement after the Supreme Court blocked President Biden’s vaccine mandate on private businesses.

“I am reassured by the

Supreme Court’s decision to halt President Biden’s unconstitutional vaccine mandate, which has wreaked havoc on the American economy,” said Senator Scott. “Ignoring science and common sense, the Biden approach put millions of people out of work amid dismal economic growth and soaring inflation. In-

stead of implementing a plan to make testing widely available in time for a surge, the administration pushed these wrong-headed mandates.

The American people are hungry for leaders who will open doors to opportunity and recovery, and that’s what I will continue to fight for.”

US House of Representatives

Rep. Duncan Responds to Supreme Court’s Vaccine Mandate Ruling

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C.—Congressman Jeff Duncan issued the following statement on the Supreme Court’s decision to block President Biden’s vaccine mandate on large workplaces and allow the mandate for healthcare workers at federally-funded facilities.

“I applaud the Supreme Court’s decision to block Biden’s authoritarian vaccine mandate on large workplaces but condemn its move to continue to allow the COVID vaccine mandate on those in healthcare,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan. “To the employees spared from this medical tyranny, I rejoice with you, but to the healthcare professionals still affected by this mandate, we will continue to fight for your individual liberty and medical rights.”

“Let it sink in that the Biden Administration is forcing a shot on an estimated 20 million healthcare professionals nationwide, many of whom already had COVID-19 and are immune,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan. “With a

nationwide staff shortage in healthcare due to employees being fired for not complying with the vaccine mandate, I fear this will cost lives instead of saving them due to understaffed medical facilities. It is evident the Biden Administration has not considered the practicality, efficacy, and morality of a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for staff within all Medicare and Medicaid-certified facilities, and it is heart-breaking the Supreme Court did not side with the medical freedom of healthcare workers.”

“Americans should never be forced to choose between receiving a government-mandated shot or losing their livelihood,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan. “The healthcare heroes who served on the frontlines during the height of COVID-19 are now being told to get the job or lose their job instead of being thanked. This is un-American, anti-science, and blatantly unconstitutional. In a free country, medical tyranny cannot stand, and the fight is far from over. I have led the way in Congress to protect healthcare professionals from Biden’s COVID vaccine mandate

through a resolution under the Congressional Review Act with the support of over 160 colleagues and a Senate companion led my Sen. Roger Marshall to prevent the Executive branch from overstepping authority and enforcing his mandate on those in healthcare.”

Background: The Congressional Review Act process is the legal process whereby Congress can overturn an Administration regulation once it has been properly noticed. “Proper notice” occurs once a regulation is printed in the Federal Register and received by the Clerks of the House and Senate. The CMS vaccine mandate regulation was printed in the Federal Register on November 5, 2021.

It was noted as received by the Senate Clerk on December 1, 2021, and by the House Clerk on December 9, 2021. Now that all three of those notices have been received, a CRA receives privilege in the House if the Minority Leader brings it up as a “privileged resolution,” which means the House must bring the legislation to the floor for a vote.

US House of Representatives

Rep. Duncan Responds to Inflation Reaching a Four Decade High

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C.—Congressman Jeff Duncan issued the following statement regarding inflation reaching a four-decade high in December, rising at a 7% rate.

“Prices rose at the fastest rate in 40 years due to the Democrats’ top-down policies, runaway government spending, broken

supply chains, increased government regulations, and COVID panic. From the gas pump to the grocery store, everything has become more expensive due to this unprecedented surge in inflation,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan. “Sadly, I do not foresee this ending anytime soon due to President Biden’s economic policies that cost Americans and pad the pockets of the government. The ‘Build Back Better’

agenda is not the solution to this as the Biden Administration claims but would only super-charge inflation and make the economic crisis exponentially worse.”

“Inflation is taxation and hurts hardworking American families the most,” said Congressman Jeff Duncan. “We have watched inflation rapidly climb all year on Biden’s watch, and it is obvious he has no plan to address this problem.”

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Abbeville High (in white) defeated Ninety Six in varsity boys basketball action recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Boys varsity hoops

AHS Panthers defeat Ninety Six Wildcats

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville High School defeated Ninety Six in varsity boys basketball action, 88-58, Friday night in Abbeville.

The Panthers appeared to dominate their opponents from the start, using a sticky defense to force numerous turnovers.

A number of those turnovers turned into Panther points, and J. Tinch electrified the home crowd with his talent in dunking.

AHS also appeared to have the edge in rebounding as well.

"The guys crashed the road really well," he said.

Abbeville led 15-2 at the end of the first quarter, and 39-19 at the half, and 67-39 at the end of the third quarter.

The Panthers had been dealing with COVID issues, had not played in 10 days, according to AHS head varsity boys basketball coach Doug Belcher. They had not played since Dec. 27.

"This is our first Region game," said Belcher at half-time of the Ninety Six game. With the win over the Wild-

cats, Abbeville improved to 6-1 on the season, and 1-0 in the Region.

Rasheed Davis led the Panthers with 21 points, followed by Tinch with 19.

The Panthers were slated to host Greenville Technical Charter last night.

AHS will host Region foe Crescent Thursday night in a make up game, with the varsity boys only. The game time is 6 p.m.

AHS will travel to Region foe Liberty with the boys game immediately following the girls game.

Dixie varsity girls basketball

Lady Hornets to tackle CF Charter

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School Lady Hornets have an excellent work ethic as they strive to improve as the season progresses, said Lady Hornet coach T. Carter.

"We're 2-7 right now--1-3 in the Region," Carter said Monday.

The Lady Hornets have had to deal with the cancellation or postponement of several games.

"We haven't played since Jan. 7," said Carter. On that night Dixie went to Whitmire,

and prevailed over that Region foe 47-22.

It was "the best game we've played all year," he said.

The Lady Hornets are scheduled to travel to Calhoun Falls Charter later this week with that Region foe.

Of course, Carter will be watching the weather, since some forecasts have called for frozen precipitation this coming weekend.

The Dixie girls, who Carter says are now in sixth place in the Region, are improving

in their shooting.

"They're a great group of girls and they work hard everyday," he said. "They're fun to coach."

It all "makes the season more enjoyable," said Carter, who is in his first year of coaching the Lady Hornets. He has also coached the Dixie boys team in years past.

The Dixie girls put forth a team effort, and "we're still a fairly young team," he said. "The girls are working really hard."



Abbeville (in white) crushed Ninety Six in varsity boys basketball action recently. It was an important Region win for AHS. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Erskine Men's Volleyball: Fleet fall to Long Beach State to wrap up California trip, 3-0

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

LONG BEACH, Calif. – The Erskine College men's volleyball team (0-5) concluded its California road trip with a 0-3 (13-25, 15-25, 11-25) loss to #5 Long Beach State University (2-0) on Monday night at the Walter Pyramid.

The Fleet were paced by a team-high 10 kills from Edgerrin Austin and 17 assists from Juan Alcoba, while Kacper Rybarczyk added a pair of aces in the loss.

Juan Alcoba posted 17 assists but also led the Fleet with seven digs and he added a pair of kills from the setter position.

Erskine hit .015 (21 K/20 E

/66 TA) on the match. LBSU hit .508 as a team.

MORE ABOUT THE ERSKINE COLLEGE FLYING FLEET

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CF Charter boys team finding success

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls Charter varsity boys basketball team is experiencing success this season.

"We're doing OK," said Calhoun Falls Charter varsity boys basketball coach Shawn Turman. "We're 3-0 in the Region right now."

The Flashes, who are 7-1 overall, played Whitmire last Monday--Jan. 10--and emerged victorious.

Calhoun Falls Charter will now turn its attention to Dixie High School. The Flashes are slated to take on the Hornets in Calhoun Falls Thursday evening. The girls game is expected to begin at 5 p.m., with the boys game immediately following, according to Calhoun Falls Charter athletic director David Campbell.

The basketball action had originally been planned for

Friday night, but the possibility of inclement weather caused the schedule adjustment, according to Campbell.

Turman is pleased with the way the season has gone so far, noting that a good defense and shooting well from the field have been major ingredients in the success the Flashes have found.

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Erskine Grabs Huge Conference Win Over Mt Olive

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

DUE WEST, S.C. – The Erskine College men's basketball team (2-12, 2-8 CC) scored a huge Conference Carolinas win at home versus the University of Mount Olive. Led by two strong performances from Kaleb Brooks, Stephen Thomas and Jaylen Prioleau, the Fleet offense was flying up and down the court the en-

tire game. Erskine looked in control the entire game, scoring on all three levels. Kaleb Brooks poured in 21 points and 4 rebounds while Stephen Thomas added 19 points and 5 rebounds. Jaylen Prioleau was also strong for the Fleet with 16 points and a season high 17 rebounds. Erskine shot 37-64 (57.8%) from the floor and was 8-16 (50.0%) from beyond the arc. The Fleet struggled from the foul line, shooting

12-21 (57.1%) for the game. The Fleet are back in action at Belmont Abbey on Monday, January 17th at 7:00 PM.

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Schedule changes announced for Francis Marion doubleheader

Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department

DUE WEST, S.C. – The Erskine basketball programs have announced schedule changes for the Francis Marion home doubleheader this Thursday.

Due to health and safety protocols, the Fleet women's

basketball game against the Patriots has been moved to next Wednesday, January 19 at 5 p.m. at Belk Arena. The men's game against Francis Marion has been moved up to 5 p.m. this Thursday, January 13 at Belk Arena.

For more information and to stay updated, follow @FleetAthletics on Facebook,

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6:30 PM

There will be a public hearing February 14, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the County Council Chambers of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex at 903 W. Greenwood St. to discuss the following:

- 1) Ordinance (2022-01) to authorize the County Director to enter into a lease with Rock Communications for the purpose of building a telecommunications tower; and other matters related thereto.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that The Delta Group, LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license/permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of Beer, Wine, & Liquor at 101 Trinity St. Abbeville, SC 29620. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than February 18, 2022. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information:

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
- (2) The specific reasons why the application should be denied;
- (3) That the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
- (4) That the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
- (5) The name of the applicant and the address of the business to be licensed.

Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL SECTION, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, SC 29214-0907; or emailed to: ABL@dor.sc.gov

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Estate: Oliver Dean McCurry, Sr.
 Date of Death: 12/19/2021
 Case Number: 2022ES0100005
 Personal Representative: Mary A. McCurry
 Address: 116 Fairway Dr. Calhoun Falls, SC 29628
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Estate: Samuel Otis Jackson, Sr.
 Date of Death: 12/06/2021
 Case Number: 2022ES0100004
 Personal Representative: Samuel O. Jackson, Jr. & Debra Williams
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Estate: James Maxwell Ayers, Jr.
 Date of Death: 12/21/2021
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 Personal Representative: Deborah C. Ayers
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 Date of Death: 12/14/2021
 Case Number: 2022ES0100010
 Personal Representative: William J. Jolin
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Estate: Charlie Mae Norman
 Date of Death: 10/8/2021
 Case Number: 2022ES0100009
 Personal Representative: Gerald E. Norman
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Estate: James Calvin Bowman
 Date of Death: 01/03/2022
 Case Number: 2022ES0100013
 Personal Representative: Travis Bowman
 Address: 450 Captains Road Donalds, SC 29638
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Estate: Kevin Atkins Bosler
 Date of Death: 12/15/2021
 Case Number: 2022ES0100016
 Personal Representative: Sandra W. Bosler
 Address: 78 Rivers Way, Abbeville, SC 29620
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Contents of storage units (personal and household) listed below WILL BE SOLD to the highest bidder at **Hwy 20 Storage, 2167 Highway 20, Abbeville SC 29620** on January 25 at 8:00 am:
 Unit #29 - Lisa Bowie
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 Unit #46 - Kimberly Morton
 Unit #57 - Hoyt Norman
 Unit #21 - Gilbert Yates
TO PREVENT SALE, accounts must be current by **deadline** at 8:00 am January 25, 2021. Call (864) 378-3064 for amount due.
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MASTER IN EQUITY NOTICE OF SALE

2020-CP-01-00080

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Specialized Loan Servicing LLC vs. Kenneth D. Mullins, Sr., as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Tucker a/k/a Mary Coleman Baskin Tucker a/k/a Mary Baskin Tucker a/k/a Mary Ellen Tucker a/k/a Mary Coleman Baskin Tucker, Deceased; Dianne Murray Lewis a/k/a Dianne M. Lewis a/k/a Dianne Lew- individually, as Heir or Devisee, and as Administrator/ Personal Representative of the Estate of Johnny Lewis, Deceased; Johnnie Davis, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Johnny Lewis, Deceased; Donna Mathis, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Johnny Lewis, Deceased; Candise Mathis a/k/a Candise Joelle Needom Mathis a/k/a Candise Needom, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Johnny Lewis, Deceased; and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Johnny Lewis, Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the

United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, I, the undersigned Roy Hemphill, Master in Equity for Abbeville County, will sell on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 2:00 PM, at the County Courthouse, 120 Court Square, Abbeville, SC 29620. The property to be sold to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate approximately thirteen miles Westerly of the City of Abbeville and approximately 600 feet Easterly of S.C. State Highway No. S-1-146 in Abbeville County, South Carolina, together with the improvements thereon, containing approximately fifteen acres measuring in a square 810 feet by 810 feet, being bounded now or formerly as follows: North by John A. McAllister; East by West Virginia Paper Company; South by Donald E. Lawrence and Southwest by Robert M. and W. A. Speer, Jr., as approximately described on the drawing made by Robert Hawthorne, attorney, December 8, 1995, as "Mary Tucker and Ellen Robinson, Life Estate 15 AC +/-."

Please note that the above description has been modified to correct a minor, immaterial clerical error in the

legal description regarding the state highway reference (correcting from "S-146" to "S-1-146").

This being the same property conveyed to Ellen Robinson and Mary Coleman Baskin Tucker by that Deed of Distribution of the Estate of Maggie Wooden, dated May 2, 1990 and recorded May 3, 1990 in Book 166 at Page 678; thereafter, Ellen W. Robinson, reserving a life estate unto herself, conveyed her interest in the subject property to Mary Tucker by deed dated December 8, 1995 and recorded December 11, 1995 in Book 193 at Page 435 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Abbeville County. Thereafter, Ellen W. Robinson a/k/a Ellen Robinson died on May 17, 2005; see also Deed of Distribution to Mary Coleman Baskin Tucker from the Estate of Ellen Robinson, dated September 7, 2006 and recorded September 7, 2006 in Book 259 at Page 563.

Thereafter, Mary Tucker a/k/a Mary Coleman Baskin Turner conveyed a one-half interest in the subject property to Johnny Lewis by deed dated September 7, 2006 and recorded September 7, 2006 in Book 259 at Page 566 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Abbeville County. Subsequently, Mary Tucker a/k/a Mary Coleman Baskin Tucker

a/k/a Mary Baskin Tucker a/k/a Mary Ellen Tucker a/k/a Mary Coleman Baskin Tucker died testate on or about July 27, 2018, leaving the subject property to her devisee, namely Johnny Lewis, as shown in Probate Estate Matter Number 2019-ES-01-00003. Subsequently, Johnny Lewis died intestate on or about June 21, 2019, leaving the subject property to his heirs, namely Dianne Murray Lewis a/k/a Dianne M. Lewis a/k/a Dianne Lewis a/k/a Dianne Murray, Johnnie Davis, Donna Mathis, and Candise Mathis a/k/a Candise Joelle Needom Mathis a/k/a Candise Needom.

TMS No. 105-00-00-010
 Property address: 94 Maggie Lane, Abbeville, SC 29620

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in certified funds or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the

required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 30 days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.000% per annum.

The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.

The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

This sale is subject to all title matters of record and

any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.

The sale will not be held unless either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent is present at the sale and either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent enters the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this captioned matter. In the alternative, Plaintiff's counsel, if permitted by the Court, may advise this Court directly of its authorized bidding instructions. In the event a sale is inadvertently held without Plaintiff's Counsel or Counsel's bidding agent entering the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this specifically captioned matter, the sale shall be null and void and the property shall be re-advertised for sale on the next available sale date.

Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

Roy Hemphill
 Master in Equity
 for Abbeville County

Scott and Corley, P.A.

Attorney for Plaintiff

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021CP0100217
 SUMMONS AND NOTICE

OF FILING COMPLAINT

Hope South Credit Union,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Ronald T. Page, Jr.,
 Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned at their office, Post Office Box 5977, Columbia, South Carolina

29250, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and

judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Abbeville County on September

ber 17, 2021.

SHERPY & JONES, P.A.

By: s/Christy C. Jones
 Christy C. Jones
 Attorneys for Plaintiff

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