



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



These Abbeville High School baseball fans were enjoying the AHS-Liberty baseball game in Abbeville on the afternoon of Friday, April 1. The Panthers defeated Liberty on April Fool's Day, and in so doing picked up an important Region win. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Group working on 'heritage garden'

By Henry E. Green

Mary Dixon is leading a group of volunteers in fixing up the garden in front of the McGowan Barksdale Bundy House on North Main in the city of Abbeville.

“The long term plan is to replicate the original flowers,” said Abbeville County Historical Society president Andrew Hartsfield.

The Historical Society president explained that the Society has blueprints showing how the grounds looked back in the 19th century.

The house dates from 1888, and the Society is looking to replicate the garden as it would have looked to someone making

his way down North Main in a horse and buggy.

Before Dixon and company began their work, the front garden area featured a number of boxwoods, but the flowers in the center had died.

Dixon is leading several ladies from the garden clubs, as well as some students under the direction of AHS agriculture teacher Katie Simpson Finley in the project.

Peonies have already been planted, and roses are going to be next, and mulch will be provided as well.

Eventually, there will be other projects on the ground of the house, which was donated to the Ab-

beville County Historical Society in 1989, and today is the headquarters of the Historical Society.

“We’re calling it a heritage garden,” said Dixon, who lives on the outskirts of Abbeville. “We wanted to put some plants there that were originally on that property. We’re trying to make it into a historical garden.”

Finley has “been absolutely phenomenal,” said Dixon, noting that the project, with students helping out, reflects an effort to “engage the younger generation.”

Those young people will be invaluable in terms of the physical aspects of gardening, Dixon said.



Abbevillian Jean Hutchinson has won a national award, a Women in American History Award, from the Daughters of the American Revolution in recognition of her talents in making period dress come alive. See story on page 2. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

County fire fighters face various needs

By Henry E. Green

Replacing aging vehicles and improving water access would benefit Abbeville County fire service, Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams said Friday.

About 20 percent of Abbeville County is served by fire hydrants, the Fire Marshal said.

This portion of the county includes the areas of Donalds-Due West, Calhoun Falls and the City of Abbeville.

As for the rural areas of the county--well, that's a different story.

In rural areas, firefighters have agreements with property owners to withdraw water from ponds and lakes in the event of a fire.

In the case of a fire, time is precious, and using water from a pond or lake near the scene of a fire is more prudent than having to travel a relatively long distance to use a fire hydrant.

A tanker, meanwhile, is a fire truck used to haul water. “Most of our tankers hold between 1,500 and 3,000 gallons of water,” he said. “We rely on our tankers to supply us with our water.”

Having more hydrants in Abbeville County would indeed be a good thing.

“Hydrants would be a huge asset to the entire county,” he said.

However, that is not a decision for firefighters to make, he said.

Placement of fire hydrants

goes hand in hand with extension of public water service here in Abbeville County, and that is something outside the realm of responsibility for firefighters such as Williams.

“We’re in the business of putting fires out,” he said.

Water accessibility is just one of the needs faced by County firefighters in rural portions of the County.

Aging vehicles provide another concern. “We have ten 1985s, a 1998, a 1999, a 2000, a 2001, and six 2006s,” he said.

The cost of a fire truck goes up 25 percent to 30 percent every year, and that does not include the cost of equipping it, he said.



A group of volunteers are working on a heritage garden in front of the McGowan-Barksdale-Bundy House in Abbeville. Among the volunteers are students and garden club members. (Contributed photo)

Honea Path man released on bond

A Honea Path man charged in connection with an incident in which dogs severely mauled a woman has been released on bond, according to Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson.

Thirty-six-year-old Justin Lafayette Minor of Honea Path was recently released on a \$15,000 surety bond, said Watson.

Minor has been charged in connection with a March 21

incident in which a woman identified as 38-year-old Kathleen Waltman of Honea Path was attacked by three dogs.

The incident has attracted considerable attention, as Waltman reportedly suffered severe injuries.

Minor, according to published reports, faces charges of the following:

Three counts of Animals/

Penalty for Owner of Dangerous Animal Attacks --Animals/Rabies Control Chapter Violation

--Animals/Dangerous Animal Not Permitted Beyond Premises Unless Restrained

Waltman, according to reports, is still hospitalized, and being treated for her injuries that occurred during the attack.

CF police department finally fully staffed

By Henry E. Green

The Town of Calhoun Falls has some good news.

The Police Department is now fully staffed, said Calhoun Falls Town Council member Christine Long Wednesday.

“We have five full-time officers, and that includes

the police chief, she said.

The good news provides something of a happy ending to a drama from earlier this year, when a number of police officers quit, and the police department was left understaffed.

Long said Wednesday that she and Mayor Terrico Hol-

land went to a budget and finance training session, offered by the Municipal Association of South Carolina, in Greenville, on Tuesday, March 22, and the session went well, said Long.

Long has filed as a Democratic candidate for County Council District Two.



The Due Westerners, a Due West Robotics team, are headed to international competition in Houston. They include (back row, left to right): Joel Logan, Daniel Moore, Ethan Angel, Dr. Trish Hayner (FIRST SC President), Jake Whitwood, Cole Farley, Nate Whitwood, Jason Imhoff, (front row, left to right) Sydney Searies and Savannah Wojtkowski. They are currently raising funds to help get them and all of their tools, extra parts, robot, and rolling tool boxes to Houson. If anyone would like to donate, they can go to the GoFundMe page www.gofundme.com/duewesterners. Money raised goes directly to the Due West Robotics 501(c)(3) non-profit bank account. (Contributed photo)

Kurtz paintings celebrate 100 years

By Henry E. Green

At the Welcome Center on Abbeville's Court Square there are five paintings which together convey the early history of Abbeville, and which this year are celebrating their 100th anniversary.

From colonial days through the Civil War to Reconstruction, the visitor is taken on a journey through time, according to a brochure from the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

General Andrew Pickens is featured in the first painting, while the second painting depicts the first organized mass meeting for secession.

John Calhoun, who served as Vice President of the United States and in a number of offices, is depicted in the third painting, while the fourth shows the meeting of Confederate president Jefferson Davis with his advisors at the Burt Stark House.

The last painting shows Abbeville after the Civil War. These paintings, which are celebrating their 100th

anniversary this year, were all done by one man, Wilbur Kurtz.

Born in Illinois, Kurtz was a commercial artist educated at the Chicago Institute of Art, and he began to illustrate for the Atlanta Journal and Constitution in the early 1930s.

Kurtz created murals for the New York World's Fair in 1939, and was named technical advisor to "Gone with the Wind."

The paintings were given to the City of Abbeville, along with the building that now houses the Welcome Center and the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce, by Nations Bank when it became the Bank of America and moved out of the building.

Kurtz is the subject of a 2013 book by David O'Connell, *The Art and Life of Atlanta Artist Wilbur G. Kurtz*.

According to O'Connell, Kurtz received in 1921 a commission from the National Bank of Abbeville, South Carolina.

"The bankers commissioned Kurtz to paint five

South Carolina scenes related to the town's history, from the colonial period to Reconstruction. Each was a nine by fourteen foot mural to be displayed in their banking room. Kurtz worked on the project for about a year and a half with a well-known local historian and distinguished citizen, Lewis Perrin, whose family had been established in Abbeville for generations."

Kurtz's work is also the subject of a book compiled by Annie Pye Kurtz, *Atlanta and the Old South: Paintings and Drawings by Wilbur G. Kurtz, Artist and Historian*.

The five paintings in Abbeville are part of a large body of work by the Illinois-born artist—a body of work that includes murals and historical paintings in such places as the Woodrow Wilson Shrine in Staunton, VA, and Georgia's Executive Center, according to the book.

The Abbeville paintings, meanwhile, have been restored by Crawford Conservation of Columbia, according to the brochure.

History's fabric Jean Hutchinson of Abbeville wins national award from DAR

By Henry E. Green

Abbevillian Jean Hutchinson has won a national award, a Women in American History Award, from the Daughters of the American Revolution in recognition of her talents in making period dress come alive.

Presented with the award on Saturday, March 26, Hutchinson has long been making period dress for lovers of living history, including reenactors in connection with the American Revolution and the Civil War.

"The Fort Sullivan Chapter (of the DAR) in Charleston nominated me," she said.

The award is perhaps the culmination of an effort, years in the making, to provide a unique window into the past.

"Clothing really tells a story about a culture," she said Friday.

It is a story she has been telling for a long time. "I've been doing living history for about 28 years," she said. "I'm just a history junkie."

Hutchinson comes by it naturally, perhaps. She is the daughter of the late May Hutchinson, an Abbevillian whose love of history was matched only by her energy.

May was serious about preserving the history of Abbeville and particularly that of her beloved Trinity

Episcopal Church.

Jean, meanwhile, embraces history in a different way. For the items of period dress she makes, she conducts the research, drafts the patterns, and then she actually makes the clothes.

"I sell a lot of them," she said.

Jean is a "sutler" at a number of reenactment events, such as the Civil War's Battle of Aiken.

Reenactors wear period dress, as do a number of docents at historic homes, and Jean finds the number of people making use of period dress is quite large. It's enjoyable as well, Jean will tell you.

"It's just great fun," she said.

Born in Charleston, she grew up in that port city, but during her childhood she and her sister Ann would make frequent trips to Abbeville, playing the role of "country kids" for a time.

"Ann and I had so much fun," she recalled.

Jean has an undergraduate degree from Furman, and a masters in vocational rehabilitation counseling from the University of South Carolina.

Though she has lived most of her life in Charleston, she has recently moved to Abbeville, and lives in

the house that her parents called home.

She sold her house in Charleston on Valentine's Day, and now calls Abbeville home.

"It's so nice to be here," she said.

A glowing testimonial
Biographical material from the Daughters of the American Revolution illuminates Jean's talents.

"Jean began dressmaking at about age eight, outfitting Barbie and other dolls in historically-inspired clothing," according to the DAR.

"As a period dressmaker and living historian, Hutchinson has portrayed a cook, baker, dressmaker, shop keeper, spinner, spy, nun and refugee, and created numerous clothing ensembles for these portrayals."

Jean is "joyfully retired after having been in private practice as a vocational consultant and expert witness in court", according to the DAR.

Jean has presented living history programs for the Charleston Museum, Abbeville County Museum, and Sumter County Museum, among others, and has worked with the Charleston Museum in making replicas of women's clothing from the 1920s and 1930s.

Due West Robotics

Team bound for international event

By Henry E. Green

A Due West Robotics team is bound for international competition, according to Due West Robotics president Charles Angel.

"It's our high school team," said Angel Monday.

Plans are for the team to leave on April 19 to go to Houston, where they will compete with teams from throughout the world.

"There will be 450 of the top teams from throughout the world," said Angel.

The Due West Westerners, as the team is called, qualified for the tournament by winning the prestigious Rookie All Star Award at the Electric City Regional which was held in Anderson March 9-13.

The international competition will be held April 20-23 at the George Brown convention center in downtown Houston.

This will be the first time the high school team has been to an international competition.

This will be the first international robotics competition held in two years, due to COVID.

However, this will NOT be the first time a Due West Robotics team has graced

the international stage.

"We've had three teams in the elementary through middle school levels, which is called First Lego League," to go on to international competition.

The Tornado of Ideas advanced to the world championship in 2017.

One of the teams, the Narwhal of Ideas, placed second in the robot design competition.

A third team, the Spartans of TOAST, advanced to the world championship, before COVID cancelled the championship.

The high school team, meanwhile, has been to two regional competitions, the Electric City Regional, and the Smokey Mountain Regional in Knoxville, and they have done amazingly well, said Angel.

They have swept the Rookie awards at both competitions," he said.

The Due Westerners are in their first year of competition, and they compete on a much larger scale than their middle and elementary school comrades.

"They build a bigger robot for competition purposes, and that robot performs in a much bigger area, "that's

the size of two thirds of a basketball court."

Robotics is a field which combines a broad range of mathematical and science skills. It teaches young people "real world pre-engineering skills."

Yes, they do build robots, which they program to perform various tasks, and they are judged on how well the robots perform, as well as their business plan and their design plan as well.

The business plan includes a budget for building the robot, for sustaining and growing the team, and for getting younger students involved and interested," he said.

"One of their catch phrases is 'More Than Robots,' he said.

In fact, an outreach program is an integral part of Due West Robotics.

"They have hosted booths at the fall festival in Due West, at the STEAM Festival in Greenwood," he said. "They host workshops to get younger kids interested in First Lego League."

They also host other workshops for the benefit of high school students, to get other students interested, Angel indicated.



A recent Abbeville Rotary Club program dealt with a leadership class held earlier this year in Abbeville, a class which included instruction on working together. Rotarian Corrina Gambrell (second from left) introduced speakers Lee Logan (second from right), Mike Mahaffey (far left) and Darris Stoll (far right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Join together Could County benefit from lessons learned in leadership class?

By Henry E. Green

Nobody confuses Charlotte with Mecklenberg County, Lee Logan of Due West told his fellow Rotarians recently.

However, when a county and a city located within the county have the same name, as is the case with Abbeville County and the city of Abbeville, that can lead to some confusion.

When you say "Abbeville" do you mean the city or the county?

Not only does this provide for confusion, but it touches a nerve.

Here in Abbeville County, we get along, but the trust is not exactly abundant, Logan indicated.

When something like a bond referendum comes

along, it lays bare a vein of mistrust among the communities, he said.

"We don't necessarily trust each other in Abbeville County," he said. "We're not all unified."

Active tongues add fuel to the flames. "The biggest undiagnosed illness is gossiping."

That's where a leadership course held back in January provides hope for the future.

Organized by Darris Stoll of Stoll Industries, the course drew people from throughout Abbeville County, from a variety of walks of life.

One of those people was Corrina Gambrell, a local pastor, who introduced Stoll, Mike Mahaffey, who

also works with Stoll Industries, and Logan.

Similar courses had been held in other parts of the country, with an eye toward transforming the community through learning to work with people of different backgrounds for common goals.

That might include working together with people who have entirely different core beliefs.

"It's about coming together as one," Gambrell said. "Keep your hearts and minds open all the time."

That might include bridging the gap between, say, Abbeville and Due West.

"It's a long 12 miles," observed Logan.

Post Two sending three to Boys State

By Henry E. Green

American Legion Post 2 is sending three representatives to Palmetto Boys State in June.

Presented by the American Legion, Boys State will be held at Anderson University June 12-18.

The representatives include Dixie juniors Vance Anderson and Marshall Dunn, as well as Addison Nickles, an AHS junior.

The Press and Banner met with the three recently, and spoke with them about their activities at their respective schools, and their plans for the future.

"I'm involved in student government, FBLA, and cross country, and also track and field," said Anderson.

He would like to attend either Clemson or USC, and study biochemistry, on his way to becoming a medical doctor.

Dunn plays soccer and

football at Dixie, and he wrestles for the Hornets as well. "I also participate in FBLA," he said.

He plans to attend Clemson, where he would like to study civil engineering.

Nickles is president of the Beta Club at AHS, and he plays football for the Panthers, for whom he is the kicker, and he wrestles for AHS as well. In fact, he is the state champion in the 195-pound weight division in AA wrestling.

He plans to attend the University of South Carolina, and study physical education, and pursue a career as a high school football coach.

The three were recommended through their guidance counselors at their respective schools and then chosen by a Post 2 committee, according to American Legion Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield.

Boys State is designed to teach high school students about the American political system, and it draws hundreds of students throughout South Carolina.

Participants stay on the Anderson University campus during Boys State. They participate in "political parties" and "run for office."

The event teaches you about American government, and gives you a chance to meet students from throughout South Carolina.

"It helps you learn a lot of leadership qualities," said Addison.

It helps you draw from within yourself strengths you may not have known you had, according to American Legion Post 2 Boys State chairman Larry Gray.

This year about 1,000 students are expected to attend, Greenfield said.



American Legion Post 2 is sending three representatives to Palmetto Boys State in June. They include Vance Anderson and Marshall Dunn of Dixie, and Addison Nickles of Abbeville High School. They recently posed for a photo with Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield and Post 2 Boys State committee chairman Larry Gray -- (from left) Greenfield, Anderson, Nickles, Dunn, and Gray. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

CF Chamber to have Easter Eggstravaganza

By Henry E. Green

The Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce is planning to present an Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 9, at the Blue Hole recreation area, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., according to Rebeca McCaslan, executive director of the Chamber.

"There will be games, archery, face painting, cake walks, music, visits from the Easter Bunny, and the grand finale at 1 p.m. will be the Two Thousand Easter Egg Hunt," she said.

Yes, 2,000 Easter eggs will

be hidden on the Blue Hole grounds.

The Calhoun Falls Police Department and the Town are expected to sponsor a number of Golden Eggs, with special prizes for those who find them, McCaslan said.

The Easter Egg hunt will be perfect for children of elementary and middle school age.

"Food will be sold by Calhoun Falls FFA," she said.

There is no admission charge to attend the Eggstravaganza.

Picture opportunities with

the Easter Bunny will be available.

"Bring your own camera," she said.

"We will also have cake walks for \$1 per walk," said Mindy Rogers of Calhoun Falls.

If anyone would like to make a cake donation for this event they can be dropped off at the Calhoun Falls Civic Center before 4 pm Friday April 8th, or at the West Carolina Tel Pavilion by 10 AM.

All proceeds from the cake walk will go back into this event."

Filing period closes for field of candidates

By Henry E. Green

The filing period closed at noon on Wednesday, March 30, for a number of County and state offices, according to Abbeville County voter registration and elections director Randy Curtis.

The field of candidates is now complete, said Curtis: Craig Gagnon (Republican)--State House District 11

Mark Sumner (Republican)--Judge of Probate

Jessica Scott (Republican) Auditor

Betty Cowan (Democrat)--County Treasurer
Brandon Johnson (Republican)--County Council District One

Bebe Wesson (Republican) County Council District Two

Dale Gilchrist (Democrat)--County Council District Two
Christine Long (Democrat)--County Council District Two

Bryan McClain (Republican) County Council District Seven

Drew Simpson (Republican)--County Council District Seven

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

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

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Some products may have extended delays

CF Town Council has budget workshop

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Town Council had a budget workshop Monday night, in preparation for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, according to Calhoun Falls Town Council member Christine Long.

"We're not sure yet whether there will be an increase or not," said Long, when asked about a possible tax increase in Calhoun Falls.

Similarly, there is uncertainty as to whether there will be a utility rate increase for the coming fiscal year.

The discussion among Council members went well, but nothing has been finalized with regard to the budget.

Long said that she, Council member Howard Harmon, and Mayor Rico Holland were in attendance, along with Police Chief Terry Richey and Fire Chief Darrell Manning.

Richey and Manning were on hand to discuss fire and police needs for the upcoming fiscal year.

Those present discussed

the need for some police vehicles and fire engines, and the need for renovations of both the police department building and the building housing the fire department.

The buildings are in need of painting and various repairs, she said.

Council members Johnny Gilchrist and Wane Postell were absent from the meeting.

This will be the first in a series of budget workshops, with the next one to be announced, Long continued.



First Baptist Church of Abbeville recently held a Fishers of Men tournament dinner. The Fishers of Men are a ministry, and the Fishers of Men bass tournament is held every year at Clarks Hill. "It's a ministry outreach," said Chassity Strawhorn of Abbeville, one of the organizers of the dinner. Traditionally, before the tournament, First Baptist hosts a dinner for those planning to participate in the fishing event. This year, 120 people were in attendance at the dinner, which included a speaker, a fisherman who shared his testimony. The tournament was held the following day -- Saturday, March 26. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Rotarians expanding scholarship program

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Rotary Club is expanding its traditional scholarship program to reach more deserving students throughout the County, according to a news release from the club.

"In an attempt to be more inclusive and serve students who might not have access to financial aid, the club will be offering scholarships to deserving students from the Shiloh or Cold Springs Menonite school as well as the home school association.

"There will now be a total of five Rotary Scholarships available to the students from Abbeville High School, Dixie High School, Calhoun Fall Charter school as well as the two new groups of deserving students," according to the club.

The Abbeville Rotary Club, part of a worldwide service organization, holds weekly meetings at the Belmont Inn in Abbeville.

In addition to the scholarship program, the Rotarians presents every year

the Rotary Bowl, a day of recreational football at Hite Stadium in Abbeville.

There is also a cornhole tournament in memory of the late Tony Simpson, a beloved Rotarian and banker. This year's tournament will be held in May at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville.

In early December, the Rotarians present the Reindeer Run, a 5K event whose proceeds benefit the Angel Tree bicycle project.

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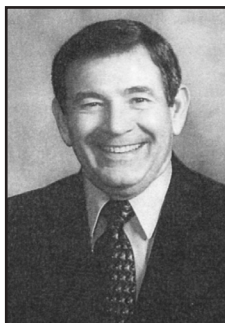
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Giving

Matthew 14:16 "But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat. (17) And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish." (18) He said, "Bring them here to me."

When one thinks of the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, one does not usually associate it with giving. One real aspect of the miracle was the willingness of the little lad to give his lunch to the disciples and their willingness to bring it to Jesus. I will readily admit that the miracle is not so much about stewardship as it is obedience, but still there is the element of giving when the Lord asked for it.

Let me put it like the late Henry Nouwen put it: "asking people for money is giving them the opportunity to put their resources at the disposal of the kingdom." In essence, that is what Jesus was asking the disciples to do when He asked them to bring Him the five loaves and two fish. He was asking them to put their resources at the disposal of the kingdom—which they willingly did.

Allow me to share the background of this miracle. When Jesus heard about His cousin's execution, He departed to a desert place for sometime alone. When the multitude noticed He was leaving they followed Him. Jesus, moved with compassion, healed their sick. At the eventide the disciples came to Jesus with the request that He send the multitude away so they could go into the village and buy food. That is

when Jesus told the disciples that the people need not go away, you give them something to eat. Upon hearing that the disciples related to Jesus that they only had five loaves and two fish, Jesus requested they give the small meal to Him, which they did and the miracle of feeding the 5,000 happened. Three thoughts come to me in the context of giving.

The first one is that they had to give the meager lunch in faith. The disciples knew the size of the crowd and the smallness of the lunch. It was a real stretch of the imagination that such a small amount could feed such a large crowd. Unbelief would have said, "No way, Lord. There is not enough to go around, we will just keep this lunch back for our own consumption." But that is not what happened. They obeyed and in faith brought the little lunch and placed it in the Lord's hands. When in faith they placed the small lunch in the hands of Jesus, He multiplied it to meet the need of feeding 5,000.

The second thought that comes to me in the context of giving is that they brought the lunch to Him in anticipation. They anticipated Jesus doing something with what they brought to Him. They were not disappointed—Jesus multiplied it to meet the need of the multitude. When the Lord requests

something from us we should not only obey in giving it but we should give it in anticipation of what He is going to do with it. God can do great things with what we place in His hands. I have learned that God can bless a mess if He can just get it in His hands.

The third thought in the context of giving that comes to me is that the disciples cooperated in the miracle. They brought the small lunch to Jesus. He blessed it and broke it, then gave it to them and they distributed it among the people. Can you imagine the amazement and delight of the disciples as they kept going to Jesus and kept receiving the food and continued sharing it with the multitude? The disciples knew that the miracle was the result of the little lunch they submitted to the hands of Jesus. They knew first hand the wonderful thing Jesus did in multiplying the meager lunch to feed such a huge crowd. I am sure that they never forgot that day. One other thing, not only did the disciples get to cooperate in the miracle, they got to participate in it—they ate also. They gave to Jesus and not only was the multitude blessed but they were blessed also.

Folks, what we give to the Lord not only blesses others but us as well.



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Society plans Pet Adoption Day

By Henry E. Green

The Greater Abbeville Humane Society will present Pet Adoption Day on April 9 at the Abbeville County Animal Shelter at 79 Old Calhoun Falls Road in Abbeville from noon to 3 p.m., according to Ann Davis, Society president.

The purpose of the event is to encourage people to adopt animals currently housed at the shelter.

Shelter volunteers will be walking the animals around to help them meet the public, and for them to get to know them.

"They will have same day adoptions," Davis said.

Meanwhile, Humane Society volunteers will be conducting a bake sale, with proceeds to go to the Society for the benefit of the Shelter.

"We're also going to have

door prizes, that a lot of the Abbeville merchants have donated," she said.

Among the prizes are gift certificates for various restaurants in the Abbeville area, Davis continued.

"If people bring donations to the shelter, or items such as cleaning supplies, the Humane Society will give them free T-shirts, while supplies last, or they may buy one.

"We're going to have drawings for the door prizes throughout the day," she said.

"Similar adoption events will be planned for the future," she said.

The shelter does include both cats and dogs from throughout Abbeville County.

The Shelter will have volunteer application forms, if someone might be inter-

ested in volunteering at the Shelter.

Volunteer opportunities are not limited to just dog walking, but include cleaning kennels, washing food bowls, doing laundry, entertaining the cats, "and much more."

To adopt an animal, one must fill out an application, and if the Shelter approves, then the adoption is complete.

People do not have to adopt an animal. If they would like to foster animal, they are welcome to do so.

They would be giving the animal a foster home for a period of time of their choosing.

For more information, one may call the Greater Abbeville Humane Society at 864-828-0105.

The Greater Abbeville Humane Society will present Pet Adoption Day on April 9 at the Abbeville County Animal Shelter at 79 Old Calhoun Falls Rd in Abbeville from noon to 3 p.m., according to Ann Davis, Society president. Here is Davis helping to spread the word. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



'Catfish Moon' slated for Opera House

By Henry E. Green

Blending fishing, friendship--and love--the play "Catfish Moon" is opening at the Abbeville Opera House, beginning on April 8.

Presented by the Abbeville Community Performing Arts, the play will feature the following show times:

Friday, April 8th at 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 9th at 7:00 PM

PM

Sunday, April 10th at 2:00 PM

Friday, April 15th at 7:00 PM

Saturday, April 16th at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM

The play is being directed by Bess Park. According to the Abbeville Community Performing Arts Website, she is professor of theatre at North Greenville University and head of the theatrical design program.

A professional and educational designer, director and choreographer, she has directed and choreographed more than 200 productions. Her design credits include multiple Kennedy Center Faculty Directorial and Design Awards.

As a dance and theater professional with a BFA and MFA she has worked for over 25 years in colleges and universities as a full-time faculty member and in many guest artist positions, including the Governor's School for the Arts, and in Europe with the Broadway Pops International and the Gamble/Van Dyke Ensemble.

Catfish Moon, meanwhile, is billed as a "play about brotherhood, romance and life."

"The play is a comedy and

calls for three men and one woman whose lives are all intertwined and complicated," said Jodi Miller of the Abbeville Community Performing Arts.

"The setting is an old creaky dock somewhere deep in the South. The men have been coming to the old dock to fish and fix the troubles of the world."

"Our mission is to produce a broad range of quality productions by professionals and artists," according to the ACPA Facebook page.

"Tickets can be purchased at the Opera House, through the Abbeville Opera House's Facebook page, the City of Abbeville's website, or using the link below," said Emily Bledsoe, the special events coordinator for the City of Abbeville.

"They can also call the Opera House at (864) 366-9673."

Tuesdays With Joyce

A support group is designed to bring comfort and inspiration to the bereaved and to friends and family who care about and love them.

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| April 14, 2022 | Maundy Thursday | 6:00 p.m. |
| April 15, 2022 | Good Friday | |
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| | Watch by the Cross | 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. |
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Resolution No.: 2022-06

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING APRIL 2022 AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

WHEREAS, the Abbeville County Council desires that all citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe and sound living environment; and,

WHEREAS, the Abbeville County Council rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, and/or familial status in the sale, rental or provision of other housing service; and,

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and,

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Abbeville County Council does hereby designate April 2022 as Fair Housing Month.

Done this 14th day of March, 2022

Abbeville County Council

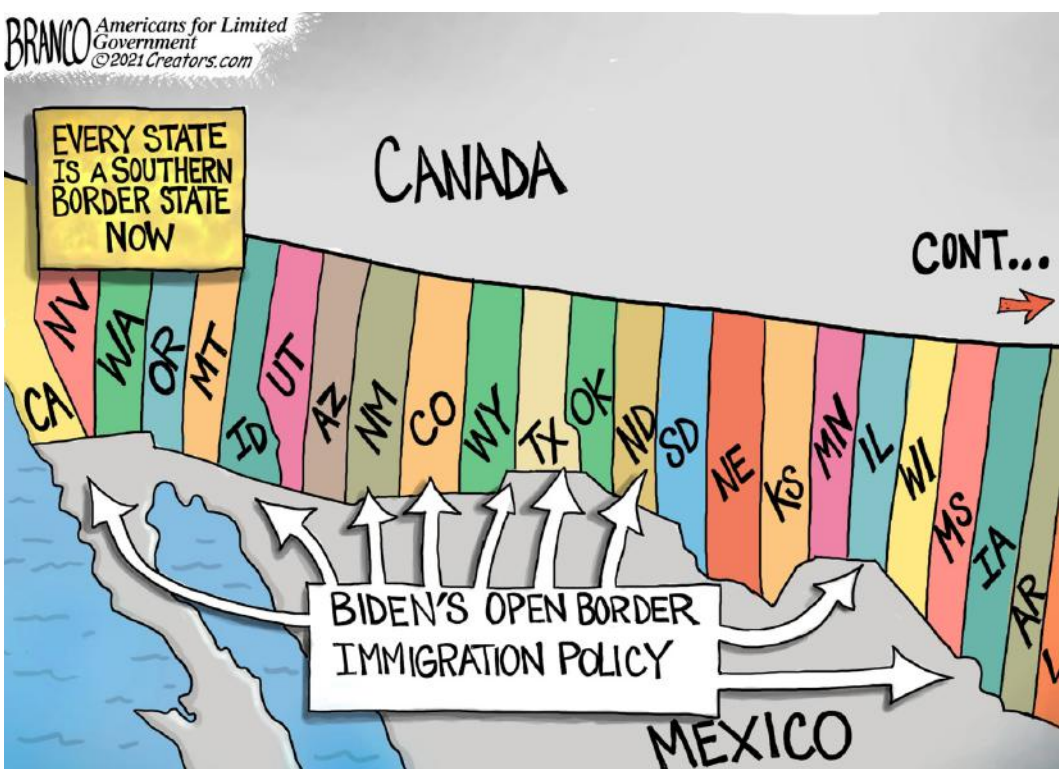
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Lynn Sopolosky, Clerk to Council

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...Secrecy is Repugnant in a Free and Open Society...

By Geoff Hult

On April 27th, 1961, President John F. Kennedy spoke the following words to the American Newspaper Publishers Association: "The very word secrecy is repugnant in a free and open society; and we are as a people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies, to secret oaths, and to secret proceedings..." and then later in the same speech, "...For we are opposed around the world by a monolithic and ruthless conspiracy that relies primarily on covert means for expanding its sphere of influence—on infiltration instead of invasion, on subversion instead of elections, on intimidation instead of free choice, on guerrillas by night instead of armies by day. It is a system which has conscripted vast human and material resources into the building of a tightly knit, highly efficient machine that combines military, diplomatic, intelligence, economic, scientific, and political operations. Its preparations are concealed, not published. Its mistakes are buried, not headlined. Its dissenters are silenced, not praised. No expenditure is questioned, no rumor is printed, and no secret is revealed..."

The worldwide system Kennedy so eloquently articulated is the beast system prophesied in the book of Daniel just prior to the return of Yahushua (Jesus): "This is what he said, The fourth beast is the fourth kingdom on earth, which is different from all other kingdoms, and it devours all the earth, tramples it down and crushes it." (Daniel 7:23)

This kingdom is different from all other kingdoms before it in that it is international in scope, a de facto world government as of now. Let's examine how this operates in and through our government and how it affects all Americans.

Ex-CIA officer and whistleblower Kevin Shipp explains that the families of the world's banking elite; namely the Rothschilds, Rockefellers, Morgans, and Warburgs are deeply entrenched in the occult. Their occult philosophy is luciferianism, which is the religion of the world's ruling class. These banking families have successfully set up a central banking system worldwide and the Federal Reserve is the central banking power operating in the US. Paul Warburg was the principal architect of the Federal Reserve. The US Constitution states: "Congress shall have the power to coin money and regulate the value thereof," and the passage of the Federal Reserve Act in 1913 supplanted the US Constitution and Congress, creating a system in which the American dollar is created out of nothing and is based on debt. Shipp explains that the Federal Reserve is the engine of the deep state/shadow government and is steered in

fraud and secrecy. For one, it isn't federal and is owned by private bankers. US Congressman Louis Thomas McFadden addressed the House of Representatives on June 10th, 1932 and stated the following: "Mr. Chairman, we have in this country one of the most corrupt institutions the world has ever known. I refer to the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. The sack of the United States by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks is the greatest crime in history...When the Federal Reserve Act was passed, the people of the United States did not perceive that a world system was being set up here...a superstate controlled by international bankers and international industrialists acting together to enslave the world..." Three attempts were made on McFadden's life for his outspoken opposition to this unconstitutional system before he was poisoned and killed at a banquet in 1936. Paul Warburg's son, James Warburg, later stated before the US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in 1950: "We shall have world government, whether or not we like it. The question is only whether world government will be achieved by consent or conquest." A world government rooted in luciferian philosophy and doctrine.

People say, if there were such a conspiracy, people would talk. Well, people do talk, but they're censored and persecuted for doing so which serves as quite the deterrent for others. It's in human nature to look out for what they think are their own best interests. Only people with strong courage and character and/or a sense of answering to a higher spiritual authority are the ones willing to risk their lives and livelihood to blow the whistle and expose criminal wrongdoing within government at any level. Kevin Shipp explains why there aren't more whistleblowers within the national and international power structure: "There is a perfected, exact, refined process that the shadow government uses to secretly silence and destroy whistleblowers, and it works really well..." The real system of "checks and balances" within our government is checking everyone to make sure they're keeping their silence on anything and everything regarding the machinations of the crime machine.

Kirk Wiebe, William Binney, and Thomas Drake are all National Security Agency (NSA) whistleblowers who exposed the fact that the NSA was violating the fourth amendment by warrantless spying on American citizens. Wiebe and Binney had developed a program called ThinThread which was cheap but effective in sifting through data as well as protecting fourth amendment rights. The NSA

instead opted for a multibillion dollar failure called Trailblazer which they had developed with private contractors. Trailblazer failed to prevent 9/11, which could have been by design because 9/11 justifies warrantless spying. The New York Times published a story in 2005 exposing unconstitutional domestic spying programs. In 2007, Wiebe, Binney, and Drake were all met with FBI SWAT raids for daring to stand for Constitutional rights. Drake later stated: "I did not take an oath to support and defend government illegalities, violations of the Constitution or turn a blind eye to massive fraud, waste, and abuse." The only problem is, massive fraud, waste, and abuse encapsulates the entire system.

According to Kevin Shipp, our government is such a massive matrix of secrecy that this shadow government long ago superseded the elected government. Formed in 1948, the State Secrets Privilege provides the CIA with complete immunity from any suit or charges against it. This means that they can literally do anything and get away with it. Shipp states that the CIA is the central node of the shadow government and has unbridled power. The CIA's functions and ventures today, and historically, are: false flag terrorism, the funding, training, and arming of terrorist networks worldwide, drug trafficking, horrific trauma based mind control programs such as MK-ULTRA and project MONARCH, the staging of coups in foreign nations, assassination programs worldwide, the manipulation of Congress, other government agencies, and presidential decision making, as well as having a powerful influence over the media domestically and abroad. In 1981, CIA director William Casey stated: "We'll know our disinformation program is complete when everything the American public believes is false." How would that be accomplished? Through the media, network television, and Hollywood. Shipp estimates that approximately 7 million people have been killed by covert CIA programs. That is more than the official death toll from the Holocaust and none of it has to do with keeping America safe or protecting Constitutional rights. Shipp describes the State Secrets Privilege as "the greatest tyranny that's ever happened." See the presentation entitled "CIA Agent Whistleblower Kevin Shipp" on brighteon.com. The CIA thrives in Satan's kingdom but all will one day be accountable before the One.

"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)

Geoff Hult
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SC Statehouse Reports 2022-The House of Representatives

House Week in Review

Rep. Craig A. Gagnon,
District 11--SC House of
Representatives
March 31, 2022

This past week, the House began aggressively dealing with a number of bills before the April 10 "crossover" deadline, the date we have to send bills to the State Senate. Among them:

The House concurred in Senate amendments to H. 3205 Constitutional Convention of the States. It would authorize making an application to the US Congress to call a convention for proposing constitutional amendments pursuant to the US Constitution, Article V. The scope of this convention, supposedly, would be limited to proposing amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for members of Congress. After the House concurred in these Senate amendments, it was enrolled for ratification. I opposed this bill as the interpretation of Article five is wide open. It has never been done under the US Constitution. Article V reads: that "on the Application of two thirds of the Legislatures of the several States, [Congress] shall call a Convention for proposing amendments." By virtue of the Congress calling the Convention, in my opinion, the Congress will also make the rules of the Convention, potentially opening the entire Constitution to be re-written. I cannot support that.

The House passed and I supported the following bills:

H. 4998, treating alcoholic consumables the same way as alcoholic beverages.

The House gave third reading and sent to the Senate H. 4834, legislation that deals with certified copies of original birth certificates. The bill allows DHEC to issue a copy of a birth certificate for a child in DSS custody in accordance with a written agreement between the agencies. This change streamlines the process for DSS by removing the documentation requirement, such as a court order, during the request process.

Also given third reading was H. 5000, legislation to make original birth certificates available to all adult adoptees. This access would be contingent upon the permission of the biological parent, or the certification that their biological parent has died.

Third reading was also given to H. 4776 the "Medical Ethics and Diversity Act." It has also been sent to the Senate for its consideration. This proposed bill would extend the right of conscience to health care industry professionals, medical students, and payers.

The House gave third reading to H. 5113, proposed Probate Court Procedural Reforms.

The House adopted H. 3775, a bill dealing with health benefit plan for stage four advanced, metastatic cancer. The bill outlines that no health benefit plan that directly or indirectly covers the treatment of stage four advanced, metastatic cancer may limit or exclude coverage for diagnostic imaging services for the diagnosis and treatment of the patient's stage four advanced, metastatic cancer if the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology provide a consensus that the diagnostic imaging

service in question is appropriate and is supported by peer reviewed literature.

The House amended, gave third reading and sent to the Senate H. 3958, legislation that outlines that a coroner is considered a public safety officer if killed in the line of duty in counties which have both a coroner and a medical examiner.

The House gave third reading of H. 3010 Sentence Credit for GPS Monitoring, and sent it to the Senate for its consideration. This bill would give inmates credit against any sentence for time spent under global positioning system (GPS) monitoring.

The House amended, approved, and sent the Senate H. 5036, a bill addressing a county's authority to enforce property maintenance code requirements for commercial and industrial properties.

The House read H. 5139 a third time and sent it to the Senate. The bill eliminates the status offense of playing a pinball machine by a minor.

Finally, on Wednesday March 30th, candidate filing closed. I filed for office again this year and will be running for re-election to the South Carolina House. No one else has filed, so barring a petition candidate, I am running unopposed. Serving as your Representative has been one of the greatest blessings in my life. I am honored and humbled by the support you have given me. I will continue to uphold our values in the State House.

As always, if you ever need help with any state agency, or have any thoughts or concerns about what we are doing, please do not hesitate to contact me at home at (864) 366-4112 or in Columbia at (803) 212-6934 or by email at craiggagnon@schouse.gov.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

This is the worst possible time to start raising taxes when some folks have a hard time buying gas just to get to work. Abbeville City and County are in need of some

STRAIGHT-TALKING, HONEST officials and TRANSPARENT about the money they receive from grants and taxes. Most of all, they need to curb their spending. They are just like the federal government...

gone crazy. There is a BIG difference between NEEDS and WANTS!

Politicians find it way too easy to spend OTHER people's money.

Johnny L. Smith

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editors of *The Press and Banner*,

Springtime in Abbeville County is wonderful! Walking in the woods, you can see dogwood reaching out from under oaks to show off their blossoms to the sun. Small purple hyacinths invade our flower beds. Redbuds just show off. Small violets give me good excuse not to mow and go fish instead. And it is the best time of year to cut firewood—cool, breezy, bug-free.

So when I come in and have a cool drink and read the *Press and Banner*, I start out in a really good mood. Seeing friends and acquaintances in photos, reading about their accomplishments, learning about festivals and other events—everything's fine till I get to the editorial section.

There my mood plummets and blood pressure soars. In piece after piece, conspiracy nuts tell us that everything

about America is awful. Pres. Biden is a marxist. Satan rules supreme. My heroes' accomplishments—Sen. John McCain and Sheriff Charley Hanger—are useless. All pure hogwash. It makes me wonder if these writers have family, neighbors, lives that reach beyond Fox TV, dark web news, and their barcaloungers.

Just realized Sheriff Hanger is not a known personage around here. He's the Oklahoma lawman who singlehandedly arrested domestic terrorist Tim McVeigh, who was armed to the teeth at the time. Geoff Hult's paranoid suspicion about the Oklahoma federal building bombing trashes Sheriff Hanger's courage.

What would be wonderful would be for someone to extoll Judge Ketanji Jackson Brown's grace and courage under duress as extremist Republican senators

arrogantly excoriated her and her record while the pusillanimous Democratic chair failed to keep order and boot their fannies out. Or at least cut off their mikes. Judge Brown made a fine presentation of her record. She has racked up more extensive court time and clerking time than FOUR of the other justices PUT TOGETHER.

We non-extremists in Abbeville would love to see some moderate editorials. Not everything about America is perfect, but there is a lot that's really good. Actually your front page every week contains accounts of really wonderful patriots—bipartisan—following the Golden Rule. So to Mr. Hult and other conspiratorial extremists, I repeat a mantra I heard a lot when I was in the Navy in the 60's and 70's—**America, love it or leave it.**

Respectfully,
Dr. Bob Phillips

Obituaries

Loner

Frances Ware Loner, 81, of the Level Land Community, wife of the late James L. 'Buck' Loner, died Thursday, March 31, 2022 at her residence. She was born in Abbeville to the late Walker and Eva Ashley Ware.

A 1958 graduate of Dixie High School, Mrs. Loner was employed with Mohawk Industries retiring after 30 years of dedicated service. She was also a hairdresser having worked with her sister, the late Barbara Ann Ricketts. Mrs. Loner was a member of Little River Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Crystal Vaughn; great-granddaughter, Kelsey Granger; and her siblings, Barbara Ann Ricketts, Micky Voyles, Ronnie Ware and Thomas Ware. Mrs. Loner is survived by



Frances Ware Loner

5:00PM - 7:00PM, Saturday, April 2, 2022 in Harris Funeral Home. Funeral services were 2:00PM, Sunday, April 3, 2022 in Little River Baptist Church with Rev. Garrett Hart officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Loner, may be sent to Little River Baptist Church, 2847 Keowee Road, Honea Path, SC 29654 or Wren Hospice, 955 W. Wade Hampton Blvd, Suite 3A, Greer, SC 29650. The family is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Parnell.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.harrisfuneral.com.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Loner family.

her children, James Randy Loner and Charlene Parnell (Steve) all of Level Land; a granddaughter, Amy Granger (Shane); and two great-grandchildren, Kattie Granger and Courtney Howell. The family received friends

Obituaries

Rhodes

Joyce Hedden Rhodes, 80, of Greenwood, wife of John Rhodes, died Thursday, March 31, 2022 at the Hospice House in Greenwood. She was born in Mountain Rest, SC to the late James Virgil and Mary Helen Allsep Hedden.

A 1960 graduate of Abbeville High School and 1962 graduate of Perry Business School, she was employed with Greenwood Mills as an Electrical Engineers Assistant retiring with a tenure of 40 years. Joyce was well loved by her family and friends. Her pleasing personality and gracious demeanor were evident to everyone. A lady of many talents, Joyce especially enjoyed sharing her expertise in interior design. She was a member of Harris Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, Joyce was preceded in death by a sister, Karen Burton; sister-in-law, Charlene Hedden; and brother-in-law, Frankie Rhodes.



Joyce Hedden Rhodes

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, John; her son, Ronald Rhodes (Cindy) of Greenwood; nine brothers and sisters, Ted Hedden (Joyce), Robert Hedden (Ruby), Jerry Hedden (Nancy), Roger Hedden (Rebecca), Mike Hedden, all of Abbeville, Tony Hedden (Vicki), Sue Weeks (Carl) and Frances Rhodes,

all of Greenwood and Debbie Boggs (Norman) of Anderson; two grandchildren, Brooke Culbertson (Trevor) and Hunter Rhodes and two great-grandsons, Ellison Culbertson and Dawyson Culbertson.

The family received friends 4:00PM - 5:00PM, Sunday, April 3, 2022 in Harris Funeral Home. Funeral services began at 5:30PM in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Frank Thomas officiating. Burial followed in Long Cane Cemetery.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Joyce, may be sent to Harris Baptist Church Helping Hands, 300 Center Street, Greenwood, SC 29649.

The family is at the home in Greenwood.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.harrisfuneral.com.

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Rhodes family.

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Obituaries

Lawton

Morris W. Lawton, 95, of Abbeville, died Sunday, April 3, 2022 at Iva Post-Acute. He was born in Abbeville to the late W.D. and Rosa Lee Lawton. Mr. Lawton was twice married, first to the late Eugenia 'Genie' Smith Lawton and second to the late Elizabeth Welborn Maxwell Lawton.

A 1946 graduate of Abbeville High School, he honorably served his country in the United States Navy on the USS Benson during WWII. A former policeman with the City of Abbeville, Mr. Lawton retired from the insurance business after many years of service. He was a member of Northside Baptist Church in Greenwood and the Hejaz Shriners.

In addition to his wives and parents, Mr. Lawton was preceded in death by his siblings Warren Bud Lawton, Clarence A. Lawton,

Morris W. Lawton

Ruby Link, Allie Mae Norton, Eunice Pruitt and Frances Leslie; grand-son-in-law, Michael Arant; and son-in-law, John Cox.

He is survived by his two daughters, Marsha Cox of Abbeville and Eugenia 'Genie' Lawton of Cayce; two grandchildren, Carmen Arant and Joshua Cox; three great-grandchildren,

Joseph Arant, Alexis Noblin and Sara Arant.

The family will receive friends 2:00PM - 3:00PM, Thursday, April 7, 2022 in Harris Funeral Home. Funeral services will begin at 3:30PM in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Jamie Parler officiating. Burial will follow in Long Cane Cemetery with military honors.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mr. Lawton, may be sent to the Greater Abbeville Humane Society, Attn: Barbara Freese, 200 Greenville Street, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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31. Dirty money
32. Wife's dad, e.g.
33. Large violin family member
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38. Biblical pronoun
42. Blast from the past
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abbeville presented a Lenten fish fry on Friday, March 25 at the parish hall. Among those enjoying the good times were (center) Helen Speer and Sam McCord (left) and his wife Angie (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Rediscovering an Old Friend

by Tom Poland

March 3rd is a day I'll long remember. A bit earlier I had given a talk to the Kiwanis Club at the Darlington Country Club. Returning home I chose to get lost. Just drive and see where I end up. Thus did I arrive at a crossroads out in the country. I pulled up to a stop sign and looked to my right. There stood Rinda's Grill & Grocery where an old friend loitered. He looked bad. Abused even.

Your name, help me Rinda, how did it come about? And just how did my old friend, Mr. Pay Phone, escape the scrap heap? It's the first one I've seen in years. How many times did a pay phone save my day? Running late for an appointment? Find a pay phone. Lost? Find a pay phone? Missing someone special? Find a pay phone.

In 1999 some two million pay phones gobbled quarters across the USA. Since 2007 the number of payphones has fallen by 48 percent. I'd say the percentage has to be much higher. Approximately 96 percent of Americans own cell phones. Who needs a pay phone? An entire generation is out there that's never used a pay phone.

The old relic brought back memories of just how useful a pay phone was. In BC (Before Cells) there were times in my life when I knew just where to find a payphone. On my trips to and fro the Southland, a payphone was as essential as a mailbox. I kept quarters in my car. If a parking meter didn't

eat them a payphone would. And many a pay phone put money in my pocket. How many times did I check the

American institution that made its way into song. "Long distance information, get me Memphis, Tennessee" written by Chuck Berry and famously sung by Johnny Rivers. I don't think I'd like a song about cell phones.

The old pay phone. We used it so often even now we can hear it clanging as quarters make their way into its innards. You'd drop your coins in and there would be a click, a moment of nothing, then you'd get a dial tone. Dial tones. Remember those?

Another recollection comes to me. In the era of the pay phone you memorized people's numbers. Not so now. You enter a number in your cell phone's contacts and just touch the name or ask the phone to dial the person. If you lose your contacts somehow, good luck calling someone. You probably won't remember the actual number.

If you're in a remote place where there's no cell signal it'd be nice to come across a pay phone would it not? Wires prove reliable. I can't recall a landline call ever dropping.

The telegraph is long gone and the pay telephone for all practical purposes is gone. Well, this old friend's still around when most of its kin are missing. A wounded warrior, it's still standing as the song goes, a reminder of how life was before everyone and his brother began ringing and chatting in just about any place you can imagine.

Photos by Tom Poland



You'll find this old pay phone in Darlington County, South Carolina.

coin return in pay phones and find quarters.

I recall pay phones had a smell about them. It was metallic and a tad perfumy. For sure a pay phone housed in a booth reeked. It was a human sweat kind of odor, and you could count on seeing graffiti



Its mouthpiece missing, this relic's days of collecting quarters has passed.

and obscenities, the work of dirty minds. I daresay in this era of viruses running amok the old pay phone—if one dared use it at all—would require hourly cleansings.

The old phone was an

Animal Shelter Providing Low Cost Microchipping for Pets

Submitted by Ann Davis

"The Greater Abbeville Humane Society's purpose is to promote the good care and safety of the animals of Abbeville County. So we are happy to support the Abbeville County Animal Services in offering low cost microchipping of your pets to enable lost or stolen animals to be returned to their owners." Said Ann Davis, President of the Abbeville Humane Society.

If you care about your pet possibly getting lost or stolen then you should consider having your dog or cat microchipped. If your pet goes missing your chances of having it returned are much greater if they have a microchip. When a stray

animal is found one of the very first things staff at veterinary hospitals and animal shelters do is scan for a microchip, which shows the unique identification number and the registry with the associated contact information for the owner.

The Abbeville County Animal Shelter is offering to microchip your dog or cat for only \$15. To make an appointment to have your pet microchipped call or text Jessica Bridges, Shelter Director at 864-712-1543.

The process only takes just a few minutes and is virtually painless for the pet. A microchip is a tiny device, about the size of a grain of rice that is implanted between the shoulder blades. So take advantage of this low cost service that the Abbeville

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Baseball

AHS Panthers split in last week's action

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville High tasted both victory and defeat in varsity baseball action last week, according to AHS varsity baseball coach Daniel Little.

"We won two and lost two," he said Monday. "We won both our Region games and lost both our non-Region games."

The Panthers defeated Region foe Liberty twice, Little continued.

AHS prevailed 6-0 at Liberty on Tuesday of last week. "Ty Price threw a complete game," he said.

Price pitched seven innings, giving up two hits and no runs, and striking out five.

Trent Delgado was two for four for the Panthers, and Ty Price, Rusty Chappell and Hunter Overholt all hit

doubles.

The Panthers also defeated the Red Devils 10-4 Friday in Abbeville. Hunter Overholt was the winning pitcher, with Chase Fisher pitching in relief.

Overholt pitched six and two thirds innings, and had six strike-outs, and he gave up four hits and three earned runs, Little continued.

Thomas Booth was four for four, and Jackson Clemmons, Trent Delgado and Chase Fisher each had two hits, he continued.

"Our overall record is 9-5 and 3-1 in the Region," Little said Monday.

AHS, a 2A team, lost to 3A non-Region foes Clinton and Powdersville, falling to Powdersville Wednesday

15-0.

Despite the loss, the game provided good experience for the Panthers.

"They're pretty good," he said of Powdersville, noting that the school played for the 3A Upper State championship game last year.

Meanwhile, AHS lost to Clinton 14-4 in Abbeville last week.

This week, the Panthers were slated to take on Ware Shoals this past Monday, and to host Greenville Technical Charter yesterday.

AHS will host Greenwood Christian today--April 6--at 7 p.m., and travel on Friday to Greenville Technical Charter, to take on that Region foe at 7 p.m.



The Abbeville High School softball team defeated Liberty on Friday, April 1, in Abbeville, and the Panther baseball team was also victorious. Here's a look at the Lady Panthers at bat. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Dixie baseball team has good week

By Henry E. Green

The Dixie High School varsity baseball team had a good week, winning two games, said Dixie baseball coach Michael Turner.

Dixie defeated Region foe High Point Academy Tuesday of last week, 3-1, in Due West. The winning pitcher was Hunter Satterfield, who struck out 12, walked three and gave up one run and two hits.

The Hornets, meanwhile, pounded out five hits, and were led by Hunter Satterfield, Brandon Hershberger, and Thomas Ferguson, each of whom was one for three with an RBI.

"It was nice to get back

on track after a tough week last week," Turner said.

The Hornets defeated Greenwood Christian in Greenwood Friday 13-3. The winning pitcher was Michael Ashley, who struck out three, walked three, and gave three runs on eight hits.

Dixie, meanwhile, did very well indeed offensively.

"We had 11 hits," said Turner. Leading the way were Kendon Kelley, who was three for four with a double and two RBIs, Brandon Hershberger, who was three for four with an RBI, Staten Rice, who was two for four with an

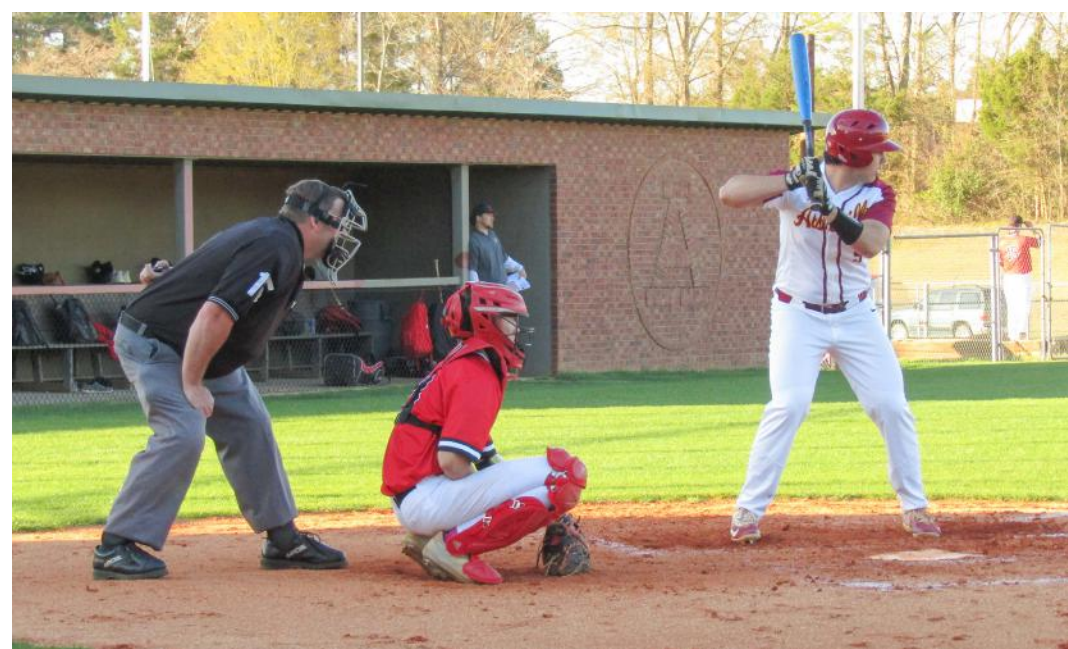
RBI, and Michael Ashley, who was one for two with an RBI.

The Hornets as of Tuesday morning were 7-6 overall, and 2-2 in Region play.

Dixie will visit Whitmire today--April 6--for a Region contest at 7 p.m. The jayvees will play at 5 p.m.

Dixie will host Whitmire Thursday at 7 p.m., with the jayvees playing at 5 p.m.

"We're just excited about the upcoming week with two big Region games against Whitmire," Turner said.



Abbeville High School defeated Liberty Friday in varsity baseball action in Abbeville. Here is Panther Bryson Hershberger at bat. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Built to last

The Gamecocks have something good going on in women's basketball

By Henry E. Green

Chicken Curse? What Chicken Curse? The Gamecocks have won their second national championship in women's basketball, putting the University of South Carolina on the map, and filling USC fans with considerable pride.

USC had been Number One all season, and although the Gamecocks did indeed falter at times--at Missouri and in the SEC tournament finals against Kentucky--they for the most part stayed on course toward their goal of a national title.

The Gamecocks claimed the title with a convincing 64-

49 win in the championship game over perennial women's basketball powerhouse Connecticut Sunday night. In the process of winning, the team not only conquered Connecticut but overcame a measure of frustration.

USC had been on track to win the national championship before the NCAA tournament was cancelled due to--you guessed it--COVID.

Then came last year, when Aliyah Boston's last second shot came up short against Stanford in a Final Four game.

This year the Gamecocks were not to be denied. USC could open the floodgates with its offense, as could

be seen by its astonishing 30-point win over Creighton in the NCAA tournament.

Even when the Gamecocks were not staging offensive fireworks, their defense never faltered.

And what has been known as the Chicken Curse--Carolina's enormous capacity to choke at the worst possible time--appeared to be vanquished, or at least placed in a serious coma.

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Guild planning reception for Friday

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Artist Guild will have a reception at the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce on Friday, April 8 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., according to Anna LaGrone, executive director of the Chamber.

This will be in conjunction with the Guild's new art exhibit, featuring the work of Charles "Nick" Zupp, a water color artist, and Eric Williams, who uses the mediums of acrylics, oils, and natural pigments of the Old World.

Both artists use subjects from nature and use rich colors from nature, said LaGrone, who noted that the exhibit will run through the month of April.

Williams, who also lives in Greenwood, is known for a painting based on the Long Cane Massacre, when the Cherokee attacked a group of settlers in colonial South

Carolina in 1760. Twenty three settlers were killed in the attack.

The Artist Guild is an organization which promotes the arts in Abbeville County. Jesse Nance is the president of the Guild, while Carolin Ann McLane is the secretary and Jane Agan the treasurer.

Established in 2002, the Guild is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. In addition, it has presented a number of workshops to help artists hone their skills and learn new techniques. The Chamber, meanwhile, will have a different exhibit for the month of May—an exhibit featuring items which together depict the history of the Abbeville Spring Festival.

Zupp said that he has been painting watercolors since 2001.

He painted when he was in his teens and twenties,

and then stopped to raise a family, but resumed painting in 2000, after he retired from the Army National Guard in Greenwood.

"I like it all," he said. Zupp, 82, likes to paint everything from animals, including birds, to landscapes to portraits.

"My dad painted," he recalled. He and his father took art classes in Spartanburg in the late 50s and the early 60s.

He built himself a studio for his art. "I thoroughly enjoy it," he said.

Williams is a retired chief park ranger/historian at Ninety Six National Historic Site.

He began painting after he retired in 2009, and he likes to paint landscapes, seascapes, old buildings, flowers, animals, portraits. "I enjoy painting all of those," he said.

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The Abbeville County First Steps had a book giveaway at the Pete Smith Complex in Abbeville recently. Helping give the books away were (from left) First Steps parent educator Rebecca Lyman, First Steps board member Corrina Gambrell and her daughter Ella, and Abbeville County First Steps executive director Angela Pruitt. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

First Steps planning Easter egg hunt

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County First Steps is planning to have an Easter Egg hunt on Friday, April 8, at the Pete Smith Complex in Abbeville from 10 a.m. to noon, according to Abbeville County First Steps executive director Angela Pruitt.

The event is open to the community.

Looking to promote literacy, Abbeville County First Steps had a book giveaway last week at the Pete Smith Complex.

The event was held on the morning of Tuesday, March 29, and the Abbeville County First Steps executive director Angela Pruitt was joined by Abbeville County First Steps board member Corrina Gambrell and her two year old daughter Ella, as well as First Steps parent educator Rebecca Lyman and First

Steps program assistant Dolores Rucker.

"We didn't have a huge turnout yesterday," Pruitt said Wednesday.

Three families visited the Complex for the giveaway, which was open to the community.

"The book give away, or the giving away of books is so much more than meets the eye!" said Gambrell after the event.

"It's fellowship and community!"

"We are engaging with families, and developing relationships with both the children and their parents.

"It's a time for children to meet and play with one another, and for mothers to engage with other mothers, to chat and laugh with, friendships are being made, and it's a joy to be a part of this outreach!

"That's truly what we see happening, the book giveaway, truly is a blessing in more ways than one!"

Geared toward children ranging in age from newborn to five years old, the books had been purchased from book companies Books by the Bushel and Scholastic.

For example, one of the books given away was "Me and My Mom."

"It's a board book, and it improves literacy and family relationships," Pruitt said.

Abbeville County First Steps is part of a statewide early childhood education initiative which seeks to prepare children for the first grade.

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