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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.”



A Calhoun Falls man faces drug charges following a traffic stop on Highway 72 recently. Drugs with a street value of nearly \$1 million were seized. (Photo courtesy of the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office)

## Authorities make \$1 million drug bust

A Calhoun Falls man faces drug charges following a traffic stop on Highway 72, with approximately one million dollars in drugs seized, according to a press release from the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office.

While on patrol on Highway 72 West, near the Georgia state line, Abbeville County Sheriff's Office deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a speeding violation.

The driver, later identified by Danny Sanders (DOB 01/16/1967) of 104 Seneca

Circle, Calhoun Falls was detained, after a K-9 from Anderson County alerted on the vehicle, the Sheriff's Office reported.

At that time, a search of the vehicle was conducted and deputies located packaged wrapped in cellophane tucked in a hidden compartment in the front passenger side air bag, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Deputies removed a total of nine packages of an off-white substance that field tested positive for cocaine. The total weight of the pack-

ages was approximately 24 pounds, with a street value of nearly \$1,000,000.

Deputies also seized \$980 in cash from Sanders, who was placed under arrest and transported to the Abbeville County detention center, where he will be charged with trafficking in cocaine 400 grams or more, first offense, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Sanders was at press time at the Abbeville County detention center awaiting bond, the Sheriff's Office reported.

## Curtis named permanent director

By Henry E. Green

Randy Curtis has been named the permanent Abbeville County voter registration and elections director.

Curtis had been serving since last fall as the interim director for the Abbeville County voter registration and elections office.

The Abbeville County voter registration and elections board voted recently to

make him the permanent director.

Curtis lives in Abbeville and is a part owner of Deason's Flowers. He is also on the board of directors of the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

Originally from the Easley area, he will help supervise elections in Abbeville County, working closely with the seven member board.

“I am retired from a retail chain in the Upstate,” said Curtis, who has been working with the voter registration office slightly more than two years.

He is in the process of being certified by the state as Abbeville County voter registration and elections director, and will be taking classes offered by the state, toward that end.

## Something sweet Merchants Association planning Chocolate Walk for February

By Henry E. Green

Craving something sweet? You might want to mark your calendar for the second Saturday in February.

The Downtown Abbeville Merchants Association is planning to present the Chocolate Walk on Feb. 12 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., said Association president Jennifer Creswell Thursday.

Tickets, at \$10 apiece, are on sale online at Eventbrite, and paper tickets are available at As We Grow Boutique and Breezy Quarters. Creswell is encouraging

people to go ahead and buy their tickets.

“We will have a limited number and we do expect it to sell out,” she said.

The Chocolate Walk has been enormously successful for the Association. “This will be the ninth year,” she said. “It’s a family-friendly event.”

Meanwhile, the Downtown Merchants are also planning an event called Love Local for Feb. 10, in which participating merchants will offer special hours and special deals, with hours and deals

varying from merchant to merchant.

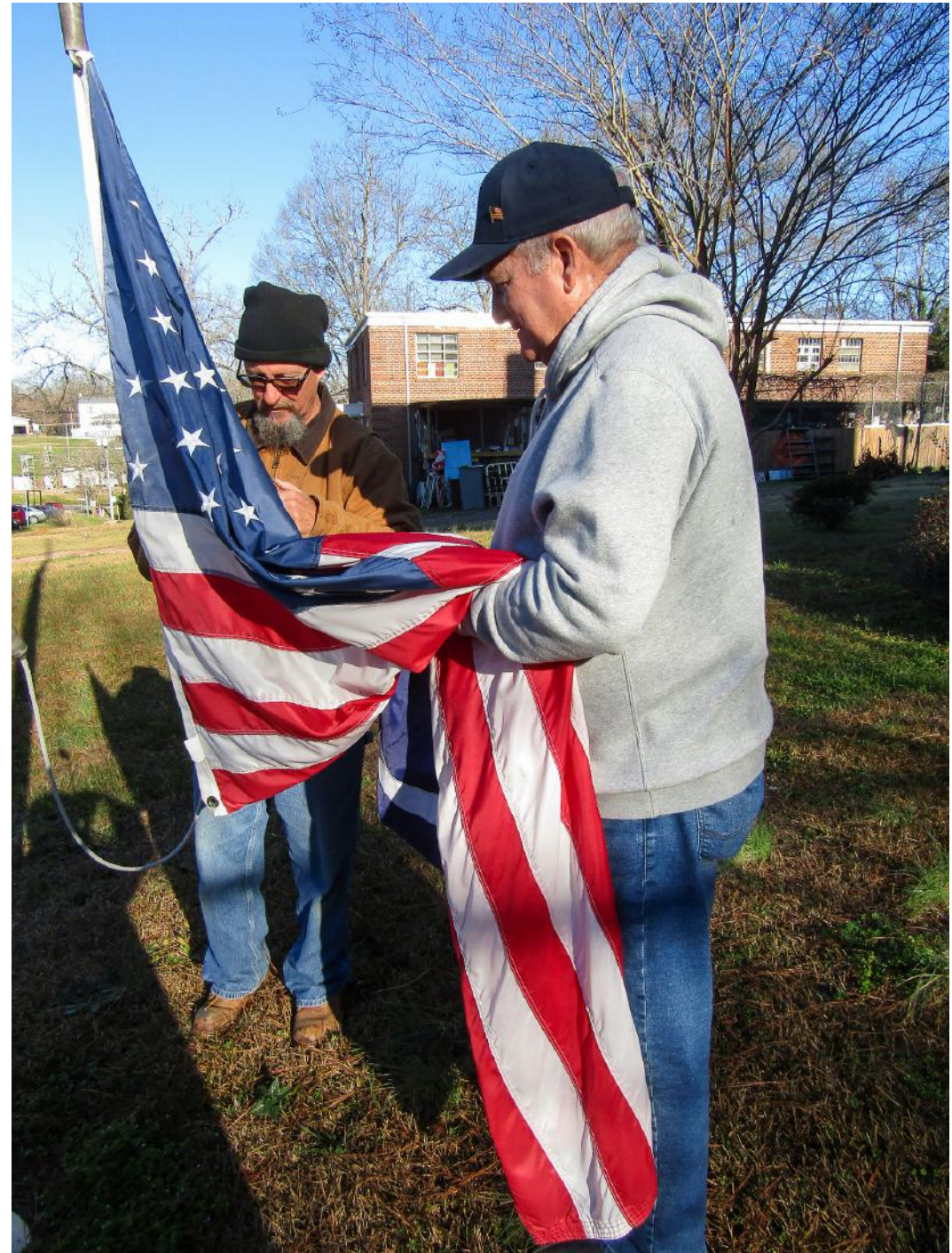
The intention is to encourage people to support their local merchants.

“This is our first year” for the Love Local, she said.

The Association’s last event was the Ugly Christmas Sweater Wine Walk, held in December.

“It went very well,” she said.

The Association’s next event will be the Saint Patrick’s Day beer walk on March 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., said Creswell.



American Legion Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield (left) and Jimmy Ashley of Donalds (right) shared flag-raising duties at the Abbeville County Museum recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Calhoun Falls Town Council

## Wolfpack plans ‘polar plunge’ in March

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Town Council heard presentations Monday night from various organizations which help the town of Calhoun Falls thrive, Calhoun Falls Mayor Rico Holland said Tuesday.

There was a presentation by the Wolfpack organization, a group of motorcycle riders host different events, one of which will be a Saint Patty’s Polar Bear Plunge on March 19 at the Blue Hole recreation area.

Wolfpack president Roger Hunnicutt talked about

the group’s mission, said Holland.

“They just give back to the community,” said the Mayor, adding that they were part of a recent Calhoun Falls parade.

Also at the meeting were Lynne and Robert Hester from the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition, which will have its annual Lake Russell 5K run/walk.

Representing the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce was Chamber executive director Rebeca

McCaslan also talked about the Chamber and how it works in the community.

Holland praised organizations like the ones represented at the meeting, for the work they do, and called on the community to help support them, to help Calhoun Falls grow.

In other matters, Council passed second and final reading on an ordinance on business licenses. The ordinance is part of an effort to standardize business licenses throughout South Carolina.



Snow-covered branches graced the vegetation recently in Abbeville, as we see here on the morning of Saturday, Jan. 22. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



# Cemetery marker long-time goal

**By Henry E. Green**

The unveiling of the Harbison cemetery marker on Feb. 18 will be an occasion for speeches, said Abbeville's Richard London, who is planning to deliver the benediction, and for whom the marker has been a long-time goal.

"I'm very excited about it," he said, recalling that having a historical marker for the cemetery has long been a desire of his.

The marker is being sponsored by the Essie Strother Patterson Foundation, and London said that the Foundation will be solely responsible for it.

Meanwhile, according to London, the Heritage

Preservation Foundation will be responsible for the cemetery.

The first meeting of the Foundation board was slated for this past Saturday, he said.

London said he is on the board, along with Harriett Cunningham, Raphael Coleman, Thelma Woody, Ronnie Rhodes, Loy Sartin, and Robert Robinson.

The Foundation will be devoted to the upkeep of the cemetery, helping rid it of excessive vegetation, and will continue to have periodic clean up events.

"We'll continue to have those until it gets to be 100 percent," he said.

Among those buried in

the cemetery, which he said dates back to the 19th century, are people who actually went to what was then Harbison College.

"We do want to locate every grave," he said.

London welcomed anybody who has a family member buried there to call him at 378-6596.

He also paid tribute to the late elementary school teacher Essie Patterson, for whom the Essie Strother Patterson Foundation is named -- she was his teacher when he was a child.

"Mrs. Patterson taught school in the county forever and a day," he said. "She wanted all the students to be successful."

# Harbison Cemetery replete with history

**By Henry E. Green**

(The following article is one in a series.)

The Harbison cemetery in Abbeville will soon be adorned with a historical marker sponsored by the Essie Strother Patterson Foundation, and the cemetery has a wealth of history associated with it.

The Foundation is sponsoring the placement of the marker at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 at the cemetery, which is located on Highway 20, according to a news release from Dr. Lemuel Patterson, coordinator of the project.

"The marker commemorates the Harbison Cemetery, a burial ground dating

back to the 1800s which contains the remains of enslaved persons, farmers, laborers, teachers, ministers, tradespeople, alumni of Harbison College and its predecessor, Ferguson Academy," Patterson continued.

Located on the outskirts of Abbeville, the cemetery bears the same name as a college which was formerly located in Abbeville.

This institution of higher learning was Harbison College for Colored Youth, chartered in 1901, according to the late historian Dr. Lowry Ware, who wrote about the school in his history of Abbeville called Old

Abbeville.

In 1903, the Abbeville Medium reported that during the preceding year Harbison College had 337 students with 187 of them boarding students, Ware wrote.

The college was beset by fire twice, with the first time coming in 1907, according to Ware.

The main building of the college burned in March, 1910, and three young men died in the conflagration.

The cause of the fire was never discovered, according to Ware, who went on to write that the college was moved in the fall of 1910 to Irmo.

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# Monument of fallen hero finds new home

By Henry E. Green

A monument to a Vietnam War hero who went missing during that conflict is finding a new home, thanks to the hard work of a group of veterans from Abbeville's American Legion Post Two and friends.

The monument to the memory of F.A. Rhodes had been lying on the grounds of the Abbeville County Museum, underneath a tree, which today is dying. Clearly, the monument needed a new home, the friends believed.

Wednesday, veterans from Post Two dug up the monument and loaded it onto a truck, and took it up to Donalds, where they planned to place the monument in a new home—with the location to be announced.

"Our wish is that we would replant the tree in his honor," said American Legion Post Two commander Terry Greenfield

Thursday.

The veterans worked with Jenny Kelly, of the Abbeville County Historical Society, who has been working hard to promote the Museum and publicize what it has to offer.

Rhodes was the first husband of Jane Stone of Donalds, and she remembered his disappearance during the Vietnam War.

"That was his second tour of Vietnam," she recalled. "He went the first time in November of '67."

Rhodes, who was in the Army, returned to the U.S. after that first tour and went to helicopter flight school, and then went on for specialized training in a "fixed wing U6 Beaver" airplane.

After he went back to Vietnam in February, 1970, he was reported missing on Jan. 3, 1971. He was only 35.

He had grown up in Greenwood, and he had graduated from Greenwood High School.

"He attended The Citadel but did not graduate," said Stone. "He was a kind person—everybody loved him."

Neither his body or the plane he was in was ever found—a plane in which seven other people were aboard.

According to Stone, Rhodes was transporting helicopter pilots to their destinations at the time of his disappearance.

Several years later, said Stone, the monument to the memory of Rhodes was placed on the Museum grounds, and a tree was planted as well.

The monument, said Stone, has now been taken to Donalds, where it is situated temporarily in town hall, and will be placed in a permanent location later.



This monument commemorates a Donalds man who went missing in action during the Vietnam War was taken from the grounds of the Abbeville County Museum and transported to Donalds, where it will find a new home. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# District receives 'unqualified' audit

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District has received an unqualified audit opinion, the highest opinion possible under generally accepted accounting principles, said Roni Scott, District finance director, Monday.

Brad Alexander of the firm of Manley Garvin in Greenwood was slated to provide the report Tuesday night at the monthly meeting of the school board.

Reserves amounting to two months of expenditures are recommended, said Scott.

"We have over four months," said Scott.

In the Gold Star Highlights segment of the meeting, school board trustees were recognized, in keeping with January as School Board Appreciation Month.

In addition, school board trustee David Brooks was honored for 10 years of

service, and the District's school resource officers were recognized, according to Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary.

The trustees were also slated to listen to a presentation about the costs of various facets of the District's capital improvement plan, and The Press and Banner will provide a follow-up next week on that presentation.

# February is Black History Month

By Henry E. Green

February is Black History Month, a time to recognize the history and accomplishments of African Americans in the United States.

Black History Month evolved from Black History Week, which came on the scene in 1926. The brainchild of historian Carter G. Woodson, Black History Week was celebrated as the second week of February, because it coincided with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12 and Frederick Douglass on Feb. 14.

Black History Week, in turn, evolved into Black

History Month, which was first proposed at Kent State University in February 1969, and the first celebration took place at Kent State a year later.

Here in Abbeville County, African American history reflects a journey from the past into the present.

A historical marker will be presented on Feb. 18 at the Harbison Cemetery on Highway 20 in Abbeville—a cemetery whose roots go back all the way to the 19th century.

African American history is also reflected in places such as Abbeville's St.

James AME. The church was organized in 1867 in a blacksmith shop on the city's Penney Hill, according to DiscoverSouth Carolina.

The present church building was constructed in 1899 by builder R.H. Humbert, and today it is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

One of the city of Abbeville's landmarks, St. James AME, has been one of the Abbeville landmarks featured on the Christmas ornaments sold by Wright Middle School.

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Dr. Bill Boone (center) of Abbeville talked to Abbeville Rotarians recently about his mission trips to the East African nation of Tanzania. Among his listeners were Rotarians Ruth Bacon (left) and Angela Pruitt (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Take me to Tanzania

## Dr. Bill Boone of Abbeville talks about his mission trips to Africa

By Henry E. Green

East Africa is a long, long way from Abbeville, but Dr. Bill Boone brought the two together in a matter of minutes, thanks to a recent Abbeville Rotary Club presentation.

"I'm taking you to Africa today," he told Abbeville Rotarians.

Boone, in a PowerPoint presentation, spoke to them about a series of mission trips he took to the East African nation of Tanzania.

There, in the land that is home to Mt. Kilimanjaro, he was part of a team which visited a village and provided a number of services to make life just a little better.

Tanzania, bordering the Indian Ocean, is a country with two capitals—one is Dodoma and the other is Dar es Salaam.

It is a land where the major roads have been built by the Chinese, according to Boone.

Africa, he said, is rich with minerals, and the Chinese hope to control this land replete with natural resources.

To get to the village, Boone and company took Land Cruisers on a journey which took them off the smooth, main roads to dirt roads, where they experienced dust devils and flat tires.

It is a land brimming with natural beauty and interesting vegetation, including acacia trees, whose leaves giraffes enjoy, and baobab trees, which are sometimes called upside down trees, because it looks as if the roots are up in the air.

Nestled in this beautiful landscape is a village where the people live a simple life that does not have so many of the things we take for granted.

Working with a medical team, he encountered villagers with problems ranging from infertility to arthritis to vision problems.

Boone showed one picture of a child with spina bifida, caused by a lack of folic acid. The child's spine was growing out of his back.

There was no electricity, and the sun served as the light source if you wanted to use a microscope.

Evangelism was also part of the mission team's work. The villagers had church services, and they sang without musical instruments, providing a most excellent sound.

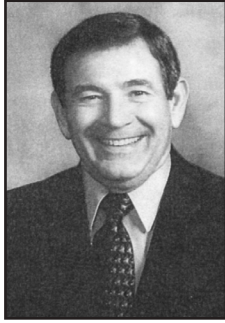
They would grow sunflowers as a cash crop, turning the flowers into oil to sell.

The mission team, based at an Upstate Methodist church, did other things as well.

In the past, a sick person would have to be taken across a mountain for further medical care. Often, the sick person would die before the trip was completed.

## a Word from "THE WORD"

Rev. Dr. John Keith



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### God's Prescription

**Psalm 55:22 "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved."**

Untold billions are spent in the area of medicine each year, but ironically, more than half of all patients fail to follow the physician's instructions. What occurs in the doctor's office often also occurs in the church. God's prescription for well-being is outlined in scripture, but many choose to ignore the Great Physician. Psalm 55:22 gives us God's prescription for well-being.

First of all, notice that this is a command—God commands us to cast our burdens upon Him. In order to do that we must recognize that that we are unable to carry the burden ourselves. Too often we suffer from what I refer to as the "John Wayne" syndrome—we think we are strong enough to handle it on our own, we think it is weak to admit we cannot carry our own burdens.

We need to realize that it takes effort to cast our burdens on the Lord—it is not easy, it goes against our human pride to cast our burdens on the Lord. It also requires effort to leave them with the Lord. We also have a tendency to try and take back the burdens we cast on the Lord. Remember the old hymn—"take your burdens to the Lord and leave them there."

In order to follow this prescription it takes trust on our part, trust that God will do what He promises to do, which is sustain us. When we really trust God we will take Him at His word. When we take God at His word and cast our burdens upon Him we will really believe that He will sustain us. When we trust God in that way we experience great relief. Not only do we experience

great relief but also we have freedom to go on and conduct our life with assurance. The assurance comes from knowing that God will handle our burdens in the best way possible for us.

Now, keep this in mind, trusting our burdens to the Lord does not relieve us of our responsibilities.

In His wisdom and sovereignty God may handle our burdens by giving us something to do about them or showing us the path through them. If God shows us the path through our burdens it is our obligation to take that path.

Whatever your burden is, cast it on the Lord, trust that He will work things out for your best interest, and go on with your life in full assurance that God is in control.

## Omicron making mark here in Abbeville County

By Henry E. Green

Would it be fair to say that the number of COVID cases has exploded in Abbeville County in recent weeks?

Meg Davis, the volunteer services, marketing and Foundation director for the Abbeville Area Medical

Center, provided some data recently which illuminated perhaps how the pandemic has reached truly astounding numbers.

For the week ending Jan. 22, 71.29% of the nasal swabs (PCR tests) for COVID turned out to be

positive for the coronavirus, and that includes mobile testing clinics, the hospital, respiratory clinic, and Due West Family Medicine, said Davis.

For more information, contact the hospital's health-care center at 366-9681.



Due West Chapter 186 of the Order of the Eastern Star awarded its annual \$500 scholarship to Iyana Zimmerman (left). Iyana is a graduate of Emerald High School in Greenwood, SC. She is attending South Carolina State University and majoring in accounting. Her parents are Jessica Jackson and Isaiah Zimmerman, Jr. Her paternal grandparents are Isaiah and Annelle Zimmerman, Sr. (Photo contributed)

## A Slice of Mike

### "Ten days until black belt or your money back"

By Mike Elis

Like many of you, I am watching Cobra Kai Season 5 on Netflix. I'm an 80s kid so of course I have to see what happens to Daniel, Johnny, Kreese, and find out who wins the All-Valley Karate Tournament. No spoilers, I promise.

There are many things to learn from the Karate Kid series. Of course, the number one thing we learned from the original movie is that anyone who can catch a fly with chopsticks can accomplish anything. Well, I am eliminated from that superpower as I can't even keep rice on a pair of those things.

One of the tasks I can't accomplish is keeping comments to myself during a movie when something doesn't seem right. So, if

you are one of the many who is taking Cobra Kai seriously, be glad you aren't watching it with me. I am sorry, but if you expect me to keep quiet as a child with three weeks karate experience can do a double backflip with enough hangtime to kick three people in their heads and not spill his chocolate milkshake in the process; well then you also have taken a shot to the head as well, possibly via crane kick.

It is an interesting storyline if you can get past the horrible acting, the unbelievable fight scenes, and Daniel Larusso (main character played by Ralph Macchio) not being able to have a conversation without mentioning Mr. Miyagi and ending it with a motivational quote found

on any fortune inside a fortune cookie or quoted in any meme on Facebook.

Also, in seasons one and two, Daniel and his arch-enemy Johnny seem to run into each other everywhere they go. Because, as you know, Los Angeles is such a small city with so few people, so that makes sense. Sigh.

And of course, the icing on the cake. Tell me how a karate student, after two months of training, can compete in a tournament and sometimes beat the rival dojo students who have been doing this their whole lives. And how do they have a black belt already?

Maybe the cast should go to Disneyworld and fight in Fantasyland, because that is what the series is.



Olivia Cunningham, sponsored by the Due West Chapter 186 of the Order of the Eastern Star, won the District 3 scholarship by scoring the highest score in the history of the scholarship competition. She went on to win a four-year scholarship at the state level for \$4,000. She is a graduate of T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, SC. She is majoring in biomedical engineering at Clemson University. Her parents are Michael and Bridget Cunningham. Her paternal grandparents are William and Annie Cunningham. Her maternal grandparents are Robert and Drucilla Peake. (Photo contributed)





Snow-covered branches graced the vegetation recently in Abbeville, as we see here on the morning of Saturday, Jan. 22. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# White stuff

## Abbeville County gets just a little frozen precipitation--again

**By Henry E. Green**

Abbeville County got a small bit of snow Friday evening, and many County residents woke up to a white frozen carpet of snow, or something akin to it.

However, the snow did not last, and by noon on Saturday it was largely gone.

Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone estimated Monday that the City received approximately one inch of snow.

"We had no major (power) outages" from the snow," he said. "We were very lucky."

In addition, there were no major accidents.

Lewis Saxton, director of public utilities with the Town of Due West, said Monday that there were no outages in Due West, where the community received about an inch of snow.

Calhoun Falls emerged virtually unscathed.

"We didn't have but a trace," said Sherrie Bowie, Clerk Treasurer with the Town of Calhoun Falls, Monday.

The community did not experience any major power

outages, and neither were there any major accidents.

This past weekend marked the second time in a week that Abbeville County had seen at least a little frozen precipitation.

The County had received a "dusting" of snow on the weekend of January 16.

During that weekend, Due West did have some power outages, with Grier dorm on the Erskine campus suffering an outage lasting about 10 hours, Saxton said.

# Anniversary of massacre coming up

**By Henry E. Green**

There will be a special program on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. at Lower Long Cane ARP Church at 1591 Lone Cane Road, Troy, to commemorate the Long Canes massacre more than two centuries ago.

"This is the 262nd anniversary of the Long Canes massacre," said Jenny Kelly, who is helping organize the event.

"Our speaker will be Eric Williams," she said. Williams is a retired park ranger with the State of South Carolina, and an artist who recently presented to the Abbeville County Museum a painting entitled "Chaos at Long Cane."

Williams will present his new painting of Patrick Calhoun, and he is going

to unveil "an interpretive wayside marker" for the massacre site.

Chip Tinsley, president of Greenwood County Historical Society is going to speak about the importance of the massacre in local history, and its place in South Carolina history, Kelly continued.

The Long Canes massacre occurred on Feb. 1, 1760 in what is now McCormick County. Native Americans attacked a group of settlers, and among the 23 settlers killed was the grandmother of John C. Calhoun.

According to a 1965 article from The State newspaper, the 23 who died were among 150 Scotch-Irish settlers who were on a 50-mile journey to Fort Moore near Augusta, Georgia. "They were preparing to flee just

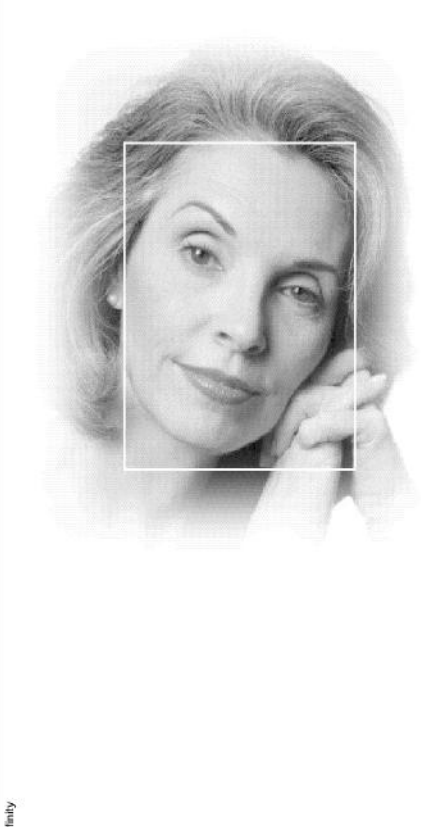
such an uprising when the attack occurred," according to the article. "The 13 wagons bogged down in a deep gully near Patterson's ridge as the small band trudged on its way. The rainy, cold weather prevented the immigrants from unhitching their wagons and fleeing on horseback."

Those who perished are buried in a mass grave in rural McCormick County, Kelly said.

This special program has been organized by "interested historians," she continued.

For more information, one may go to [www.longcane-arp.org](http://www.longcane-arp.org)

Kelly may be reached at 379-2753.



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# Obituaries

## Holmes

Eleanor Alewine Holmes, 86, of Calhoun Falls, SC, wife of the late T.E. Holmes, died Friday, January 21, 2022, at Self Regional Healthcare. She was born in Abbeville County, SC to the late Porter B. Alewine and Lottie Young Alewine.

A 1953 graduate of Dixie High School, Mrs. Holmes was employed in textiles for many years, retiring from the West Point Stevens Plant in Calhoun Falls. She was a member of Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sons, Terry 'Pistol Ball' Simpson, Danny Simpson and Tony Holmes; a daughter, Sherry Simp-



**Eleanor Alewine Holmes**

son; and sister, Annie Lee O'Quinn.

Mrs. Holmes is survived by her son, Brian Holmes (Danya) of Beaufort, SC; and a grandson, Devon Holmes of Abbeville, SC.

Funeral services were held

at 3:00PM, Sunday, January 23, 2022, in the Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church with Rev. Jim Howard officiating. The family received friends after the service and burial followed at Little River Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Holmes, may be sent to the Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church, 920 East Savannah Street, Calhoun Falls, SC.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com).

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

# Obituaries

## Lund

Nioma 'Nonie' Lund, 63, of Mountville, SC, wife of Matthew 'Matt' Lund, died Thursday, January 20, 2022, at Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital. She was born in Hackensack, NJ to the late George Trasak and Edna Berry Trasak.

Nonie, as she was affectionately known, was a 1976 graduate of Montgomery High School in New Jersey. Employed as a CNA in her early years, she later became a full-time homemaker caring for her children and grandchildren. Nonie was formerly active with the Washington State Army National Guard Family Support group.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Sue Arnold, and sister, Penny Causley.

Nonie is survived by her husband of 22 years, Matt,



**Nioma 'Nonie' Lund**

of the home; two sons, Kenny Arnold (Nancy) of Abbeville, SC, Andrew Lund (Bobbie Jo) of Goose Creek, SC; two daughters, Lori Beth Howard of Greenwood, SC and Amanda McDonald (Shayne) of Niceville, FL; brother, David Trasak (Robbie) of Greenwood, SC; two sisters, Sue Ann Beasley (James) and Linda Barbour (Frank) all of Abbeville, SC;

fourteen grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

The family received friends, 3:30PM-5:00PM, Friday, January 21, 2022, and 1:00PM - 3:00PM, Saturday, January 22, 2022, in Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville, SC. A service to celebrate Nonie's life will be 5:00PM, Thursday, January 27, 2022, in Harris Funeral Home chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests, memorial contributions in memory of Nonie be sent to ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 28105.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com).

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

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# Obituaries

## Campbell

Ralph Campbell, 89, of Calhoun Falls, SC, husband of Brenda Jordan Campbell, died Sunday, January 23, 2022, at his residence. He was born in Abbeville, SC to the late Frank Campbell and Hazel Boggs Campbell.

Mr. Campbell honorably served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was employed with Pirelli Cable for over 15 years. A man of faith, Mr. Campbell was a devoted member of the Calhoun Falls Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Gregg Campbell and grandson, Stephen Mark Campbell, II.

Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife of 60 years,



**Ralph Campbell**

Brenda; son Mark Campbell (Angie) of Jasper, GA; two grandchildren, Joe Campbell (Katy) and Turner Campbell (Erica); and a one great-grandson, Finn.

The family will receive friends 1:30PM - 2:30PM,

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, in Harris Funeral Home, Calhoun Falls Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 3:00PM in the funeral home chapel. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens with military honors

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mr. Campbell, may be sent to Agape Hospice of SC, 326 Montague Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646.

The family is at the home in Calhoun Falls.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com).

Harris Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Calhoun Falls Chapel is assisting the Campbell family.

# Obituaries

## Kennedy

Donald Anderson 'Don' Kennedy, Sr., 94, of Due West, SC, husband of JoAnna Queen Kennedy, died Sunday, January 23, 2022, at the Renaissance in Due West, SC. He was born in Anderson, SC to the late A. Seldon Kennedy and Louise Guerard Kennedy.

Mr. Kennedy, a life-long resident of Due West, graduated from Erskine College in 1949 after serving in Japan with the United States Marine Corp during WWII. In 1927, A. Seldon Kennedy opened and operated Hagen & Kennedy service station in Due West, where Mr. Kennedy was employed. In the 1960's, A. Seldon Kennedy became the sole owner of the service station and Don Kennedy was made a partner. After the death of his father in the early 1970's, Mr. Kennedy became the owner of the service station, and the name was changed to Kennedy's Exxon. In the 1970's, Mr. Kennedy purchased and began operating a cattle farm. He retired from the service station after selling the business in 1988. Though he retired from the service station, Mr. Kennedy remained active in business as a cattle farmer through the 1990's. Mr. Kenne-

dy was an outdoorsman, spending time gardening, fishing and hunting. Along with raising cattle, the Kennedy farm had horses, pigs, goats, chickens, and rabbits. One of Mr. Kennedy's favorite pastimes was spending time at the Kennedy family's cabin on Lake Greenwood, SC where he not only fished but taught many of the Due West children to waterski. After moving to the Renaissance, Mr. Kennedy continued his love for the outdoors and gardening by maintaining the center's azaleas and flower gardens.

Mr. Kennedy was a prominent member of Abbeville County and the Due West community. He served on the Economic Development Commission for the county and the Town Council and Volunteer Fire Department for Due West.

He was a member of Due West ARP Church where he served in the long-time capacity as Deacon and Elder. In addition to his parents, Mr. Kennedy was preceded in death his brother-in-law, Donnie Strait of Marietta, Georgia.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, JoAnna Queen Kennedy, of the home; sister, Kathleen Jay Strait

of Marietta, Georgia; son, Donald Anderson Kennedy, Jr. ("Andy") and daughter-in-law, Bree Routman Kennedy, of Hilton Head Island, SC; daughter, Patricia 'Patt' Anne Kennedy Loggins and son-in-law Michael Gene Loggins of Spartanburg, SC; four grandchildren: Bridget Mae Kennedy, Donald Anderson 'Anders' Kennedy III, Laird Sullivan Kennedy, and Elliott Louise Kennedy; and a nephew, Ross Strait.

A memorial service to celebrate Mr. Kennedy's life will be held at the Renaissance Center, Due West, SC on Sunday, January 30, 2022, at 2:00 pm, with military honors.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mr. Kennedy, may be sent to the Due West ARP Church, PO Box 397, Due West, SC 29639 or Hospice and Palliative Care of the Piedmont, 408 W. Alexander Ave., Greenwood, SC 29646.

A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting [www.harrisfuneral.com](http://www.harrisfuneral.com).

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  - \*Super Bowl Halftime show Snoops's "last name"
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  - Many, many moons
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  - Christian of fashion
  - Result of a brainstorm
  - Rudolf Nureyev's step
  - Stallone's nickname



# Editorials & Comments

## The Bankruptcy of The United States

### *A Call to Wake Up America*

Speaker-Rep. James Traficant, Jr. (Ohio) addressing the House  
United States Congressional Record, March 17, 1993 Vol. 33, page H-1303

"Mr. Speaker, we are here now in chapter 11. Members of Congress are official trustees presiding over the greatest reorganization of any Bankrupt entity in world history, the U.S. Government. We are setting forth, hopefully, a blueprint for our future. There are some who say it is a coroner's report that will lead to our demise.

It is an established fact that the United States Federal Government has been dissolved by the Emergency Banking Act, March 9, 1933, 48 Stat. 1, Public Law 89-719; declared by President Roosevelt, being bankrupt and insolvent. H.J.R. 192, 73rd Congress in session June 5, 1933 - Joint Resolution To Suspend The Gold Standard and Abrogate The Gold Clause dissolved the Sovereign Authority of the United States and the official capacities of all United States Governmental Offices, Officers, and Departments and is further evidence that the United States Federal Government exists today in name only.

The receivers of the United States Bankruptcy are the International Bankers, via the United Nations, the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund. All United States Offices, Officials, and Departments are now operating within a de facto status in name only under Emergency War Powers.

With the Constitutional Republican form of Government now dissolved, the receivers of the Bankruptcy have adopted a new form of government for the United States. This new form of government is known as a Democracy, being an established Socialist/Communist order under a new governor for America. This act was instituted and established by transferring and/or placing the Office of the Secretary of Treasury to that of the Governor of the International Monetary Fund. Public Law 94-564, page 8, Section H.R. 13955 reads in part: "The U.S. Secretary of Treasury receives no compensation for representing the United States."

Gold and silver were such a powerful money during the founding of the United States of America that the founding fathers declared that only gold or silver coins can be "money" in America.

Since gold and silver coinage were heavy and inconvenient for a lot of transactions, they were stored in banks and a claim check was issued as a money substitute. People traded their coupons as money, or "currency."

Currency is not money, but a money substitute. Redeemable currency must promise to pay a dollar equivalent in gold or silver money. Federal Reserve Notes (FRNs) make no such promises and are not "money." A Federal Reserve Note is a debt obligation of the federal United States government, not "money."

The federal United States government and the U.S. Congress were not and have never been authorized by the Constitution for the United States of America to issue currency of any kind, but only lawful money, gold and silver coin.

It is essential that we comprehend the distinction between real money and paper money substitute. One cannot get rich by accumulating money substitutes, one can only get deeper into debt.

We the People no longer

have any "money." Most Americans have not been paid any "money" for a very long time, perhaps not in their entire life.

Now do you comprehend why you feel broke? Now, do you understand why you are "bankrupt," along with the rest of the country?

Federal Reserve Notes (FRNs) are unsigned checks written on a closed account. FRNs are an inflatable paper system designed to create debt through inflation (devaluation of currency).

Whenever there is an increase of the supply of a money substitute in the economy without a corresponding increase in the gold and silver backing, inflation occurs.

Inflation is an invisible form of taxation that irresponsible governments inflict on their citizens. The Federal Reserve Bank who controls the supply and movement of FRNs has everybody fooled.

They have access to an unlimited supply of FRNs, paying only for the printing costs of what they need. FRNs are nothing more than promissory notes for U.S. Treasury securities (T-Bills) - a promise to pay the debt to the Federal Reserve Bank.

There is a fundamental difference between "paying" and "discharging" a debt. To pay a debt, you must pay with value or substance (i.e. gold, silver, barter or a commodity).

With FRNs, you can only discharge a debt. You cannot pay a debt with a debt currency system. You cannot service a debt with a currency that has no backing in value or substance. No contract in Common law is valid unless it involves an exchange of "good & valuable consideration." Unpayable debt transfers power and control to the sovereign power structure that has no interest in money, law, equity or justice because they have so much wealth already.

Their lust is for power and control. Since the inception of central banking, they have controlled the fates of nations.

The Federal Reserve System is based on the Canon law and the principles of sovereignty protected in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

In fact, the international bankers used a "Canon Law Trust" as their model, adding stock and naming it a "Joint Stock Trust." The U.S. Congress had passed a law making it illegal for any legal "person" to duplicate a "Joint Stock Trust" in 1873. The Federal Reserve Act was legislated post-facto (to 1870), although post-facto laws are strictly forbidden by the Constitution. [1:9:3]

The Federal Reserve System is a sovereign power structure separate and distinct from the federal United States government. The Federal Reserve is a maritime lender, and/or maritime insurance underwriter to the federal United States operating exclusively under Admiralty/Maritime law. The lender or underwater bears the risks, and the Maritime law compelling specific performance in paying the interest, or premiums are the same.

Assets of the debtor can also be hypothecated (to pledge something as a security without taking possession of it) as security by the lender or underwriter. The Federal Reserve Act stipulated that the interest

on the debt was to be paid in gold. There was no stipulation in the Federal Reserve Act for ever paying the principle.

Prior to 1913, most Americans owned clear, allodial title to property, free and clear of any liens or mortgages until the Federal Reserve Act (1913).

"Hypothecated" all property within the federal United States to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, in which the Trustees (stockholders) had legal title. The U.S. citizen (tenant, franchisee) was registered as a "beneficiary" of the trust via his/her birth certificate. In 1933, the federal United States hypothecated all of the present and future properties, assets, and labor of their "subjects," the 14th Amendment U.S. citizen, to the Federal Reserve System.

In return, the Federal Reserve System agreed to extend the federal United States corporation all the credit "money substitute" it needed. Like any other debtor, the federal United States government had to assign collateral and security to their creditors as a condition of the loan.

Since the federal United States didn't have any assets, they assigned the private property of their "economic slaves," the U.S. citizens, as collateral against the unpayable federal debt. They also pledged the unincorporated federal territories, national park forests, birth certificates, and nonprofit organizations as collateral against the federal debt. All has already been transferred as payment to the international bankers.

Unwittingly, America has returned to its pre-American Revolution, feudal roots whereby all land is held by a sovereign and common people had no rights to hold allodial title to property. Once again, We the People are tenants and sharecroppers renting our own property from a Sovereign in the guise of the Federal Reserve Bank. We the people have exchanged one master for another.

This has been going on for over 80 years without the "informed knowledge" of the American people, without a voice protesting loud enough. Now it's easy to grasp why America is fundamentally bankrupt.

Why don't more people own their properties outright?

Why are 90% of Americans mortgaged to the hilt and have little or no assets after all debts and liabilities have been paid? Why does it feel like you are working harder and harder and getting less and less?

We are reaping what has been sown, and the result of our harvest is a painful bankruptcy, and a foreclosure on American property, precious liberties, and a way of life. Few of our elected representatives in Washington D.C. have dared to tell the truth. The federal United States is bankrupt. Our children will inherit this unpayable debt, and the tyranny to enforce paying it.

America has become completely bankrupt in world leadership, financial credit and its reputation for courage, vision, and human rights. This is an undeclared economic war, bankruptcy, and economic slavery of the most corrupt order!

*Wake up, America! Take back your Country.*

### SC Statehouse Reports 2022-The House of Representatives

## House week in review

**Rep. Craig A. Gagnon, District 11--SC House of Representatives January 20, 2022**

This past week there was again little activity on the House floor but much in the Committees and subcommittees as week three of this year's session got underway. The bills on the floor, however, were very important to our state. I supported S. 525, H. 3055 and H. 4815

After a conference committee resolved issues between the House and Senate, the free conference report on S. 525, a bill dealing with updates to the solid waste laws to include the regulation of advanced recycling, was adopted. The bill outlines that "advanced recycling," means manufacturing processes that convert post-use polymers and recovered feedstocks into basic hydrocarbon raw materials, feedstocks, chemicals, waxes and other products. The bill includes that DHEC require these companies, new to the state, prior to being issued a permit, to provide financial responsibility in the form of a surety bond for five years. This requirement will expire five years from the effective date.

The House gave third reading and sent to the Senate H. 3055, a bill that cleans up language and provides for technical changes in the law for the Department of Natural Resources. The changes include, but are not limited to, updating names of the division departments as a result of the department's name change; updating the department's name on enforcement officers' badges; deleting language regarding enforcement officers requirement for bond; and updating boundary description for the Wildlife Sanctuary at Charleston Harbor by simply deleting old references to location descriptions and replacing them with GPS coordinates.

The House approved and sent the Senate H. 4815, a joint resolution suspending the statutorily mandated sweep of any unused State Health Plan health insurance claim funds to the South Carolina Retiree Health Insurance Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The suspension allows the Public Employee Benefit Authority to retain these funds in the state's employee health insurance program and continue to use them to address the increase in claims that PEBA is experiencing following the delays in scheduling elective surgeries caused by COVID-19 shutdowns. The amount that would be swept is \$92 million. The OPEB trust fund was created in 2008 and current has a balance of one billion dollars.

Some bills of interest were in committee this past week, among them:

**Education and Public Works**  
H. 4840 Charter School Participation in Interscholastic Competition by Rep. Oremus

This bill relates to charter school participation in interscholastic competition, so as to provide charter schools may not contract with private entities that supervise, sanction, or regulate interscholastic competitions (unless the entity requires its member charter schools that accept students living outside of the public school attendance zone in which the charter school is located to participate at higher classification levels of competition).

**Judiciary**  
H. 4819 Medicare Coverage for Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Tests (Rep. Yow)

Memorializes our United States Congress to enact S. 1873, H.R. 1946, or similar legislation, to establish Medicare coverage for multi-cancer early detection screening tests. In addition, it beseeches these elected federal officials to work cooperatively across party lines to reduce cancer deaths in South Carolina.

H. 4830 "Equal Protection for Unborn Babies Act" (Rep. Magnuson)

The "Equal Protection for Unborn Babies Act" would prohibit performing or inducing abortions in this state. Violations would bring criminal penalties. It would become effective once our federal government restores or grants South Carolina the authority to regulate abortion this way.  
H. 4836 SCDPS Audits, Fees, and Witness Payments (Rep. Morgan)  
If enacted, this proposed legislation would authorize the SC Department of Public Safety [SCDPS] to operate comprehensive law enforcement personnel training programs for its officers. Its annual audit would no longer have to be completed by a previously specified date. In addition, the SC Department of Motor Vehicles could carry forward revenues, which, in turn, could be used to cover the costs of drug testing.  
H. 4838 South Carolina Street Gang and Criminal Enterprise Prevention and Anti-Racketeering Act (Rep. Bustos)  
This legislation proposes a "South Carolina Street Gang and Criminal Enterprise Prevention and Anti-Racketeering Act" to expand existing criminal law. Creates various racketeering offenses and establishes penalties for violations. As a final feature, this bill would prescribe asset forfeiture procedures to be used in racketeering cases.  
H. 4848 Vaccination Status Cannot Be a Prerequisite for Premises Admission (Rep. Burns)  
Criminal liability would attach to those who inquire about another person's COVID-19 vaccination status prior to permitting that person to enter their premises, under this pending bill.

**Labor, Commerce and Industry**  
H. 4831 Offshore Wind Energy Supply Chain Industries Economic Development Study (Rep. Elliott)

This joint resolution directs the Department of Commerce must conduct an economic development study to evaluate the state's business advantages, economic climate, workforce readiness, and any other relevant state assets to create a roadmap for South Carolina to effectively compete in attracting offshore wind energy supply chain industries to the state.

H. 4837 Optometry Mobile Units (Rep. Elliott)

This bill establishes additional requirements for the operation of optometry mobile units.  
**Ways and Means**  
H. 4816 Retirement System Payment for Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty (Rep. Herbkersman)  
This bill makes provisions for an additional one-time payment to members of the Police Officers Retirement System who are killed in the line of duty. Criteria are established to make the amount

of the payment dependent on the circumstances of the death.  
H. 4817 "Short Line Railroad Modernization Act" (Rep. Ligon)

This bill makes provisions for an income tax credit equal to fifty percent of an eligible taxpayer's qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures.  
H. 4833 South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Association Dues (Rep. Lowe)

This bill revises payroll deduction provisions to authorize the Comptroller General to deduct dues for the South Carolina Wildlife Law Enforcement Officers' Association from the compensation of state employees and retirees.  
H. 4846 "South Carolina Job Creation and Competitiveness Act of 2022" (Rep. Burns)

This bill repeals provisions relating to the South Carolina Income Tax Act and corporate license fees. The legislation makes provisions for the state standard deduction, an earned income tax credit, and income taxes paid to another state. The legislation repeals certain exemptions from the sales and use tax.

**Education and Public Works**  
The House Education and Public Works Committee met January 19 and reported four bills to the House.  
H. 3464, enacting the "Seizure Safe Schools Act," was given a favorable report, as amended. The bill requires the establishment of seizure action plans in public schools, and to provide requirements for such plans and their implementation  
S. 16, as passed by the Senate, requires completion of certain basic personal finance coursework for high school graduation.  
The Committee adopted S. 203 relating to the removal of school district trustees and filling vacancies. District trustees guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance, incompetency, absenteeism, conflicts of interest, misconduct, persistent neglect of duty in office, or incapacity shall be subject to removal from office by the governor.  
The Committee adopted H. 3100 relating to penalties associated with unlawfully passing a stopped school bus. This bill revises penalties, with all fines being used to purchase digital recording devices mounted on school buses and extended school bus stop arms.  
The Committee Chair (Rep. Rita Allison) announced that beginning January 26th, the Committee would begin work on a group of bills pertaining to critical race theory (CRT). That should be a lively discussion.  
This is only a part of what went on at the State House this past week. There will be much more in the coming weeks.  
Another bill that is sure to bring great deal of publicity in the near future is S. 150, the Compassionate Care Act (Medical Marijuana). This bill is on Special Order in the Senate and may very well pass.  
As always, it is an honor and a privilege to serve you in Columbia. If you need help navigating state government, or have any thoughts or concerns about what we are doing, please do not hesitate to contact me at home (864) 366-4112 or in Columbia at (803) 212-6934 or by email at craiggagnon@schouse.gov.

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## Due West Lions' Chili Sale Tentatively Postponed Until March

Submitted by  
Dick Haldeman

Due to the Omicron variant of COVID-19, the Due West Lions Club decided at its January meeting tentatively to postpone its annual Chili fundraiser until March. A decision will be made at the club's February 10th meeting of whether the fundraiser will be held then. Lion Bill Lesesne is in charge of the annual event.

Because of COVID, the proposed event will be a drive-by sale rather than a supper. In addition to this sale, Lion Mark Fulghum donated 50 pints of frozen chili to the DWLC. Contact Lions Amos and Joyce Cunningham (cunninghamAmos@yahoo.com) for information how to purchase this chili.

The club has continued its service while meeting by telephone due to the Omicron variant of COVID-19.

In addition, it has donated bath towels, liquid cleaning supplies, and cash to the Abbeville Animal Shelter. At the January DWLC meeting, Lion Lee Logan asked club members "to spread the word" about the Abbeville County Transportation System, available on Mondays in Due West.

Several Lions volunteered to distribute flyers on the program for the Due West community.



# Word person

## Diane George presents book to Abbeville County Library System

By Henry E. Green

An Abbeville woman has donated a book to the Abbeville County library.

Diane George, who is originally from South Africa, presented Abbeville County Library System director Mary Elizabeth Land with *South Carolina Bards: Poetry Anthology 2021*, an anthology of poems written by poets from throughout the state of South Carolina.

The book contains a poem Diane had written-- "Money is Power," which Mrs. George describes as a political commentary.

"Coming from South Africa, I've lived through political change," she said.

Her poem contrasts people in power with working people who are just getting by.

Diane has a background in finance, and she believes that so much political power has a foundation in money. "I'm a great believer that economics rules," she said. She is very much a believer in the capacity of music to convey messages.

"I'm a word person," Diane said. "I love the power of words and music."

Particularly powerful are the lyrics of people such as John Prine, and she has other favorites as well.

"I thought Dylan was brilliant," she said.

Carol King recorded an

album called "Tapestry", which is very dear to Diane.

America, she says, is so different from her homeland.

"In South Africa everything has a wall around it," she said.

Why? The answer is simple when you consider that there are people going hungry there, and living in very crowded conditions.

"It's a different world," she said.

Despite their hardships, South Africans are blessed with a kind and generous spirit.

"South Africans are a lovely, lovely people," she said.



The Heritage Preservation Foundation will be responsible for the upkeep of the Harbison cemetery in Abbeville, according to Richard London of Abbeville. The first meeting of the Foundation board was held this past Saturday, he said. London said he is on the board, along with Harriett Cunningham, Raphael Colamen, Thelma Woody, Ronnie Rhodes, Loy Sartin, and Robert Robinson. Seated around the table for the meeting are (clockwise from left) Sartin, Robingson, London, Rhodes, and Coleman. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Council votes to join opioid suit settlement

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County Council had a special meeting Tuesday afternoon, discussing in executive session terms of a lawsuit which Abbeville County has joined with regard to the opioid crisis.

Council voted unanimously to authorize County Director David Garner to join a proposed settlement for a lawsuit in which Abbeville

County and a number of other counties in South Carolina are suing several pharmaceutical companies over the opioid crisis.

The County is projected to get as much as approximately \$750,000, and this will be paid out over 18 years--if the proposed settlement is accepted--Garner said Tuesday.

A number of South Caroli-

na municipalities have also joined the suit.

Abbeville County joined the suit "a couple of years ago," he said.

The companies are being sued for allegedly promoting the use of opioids, and opioid addiction has become a public health crisis.

Further details are to be announced.

# Discount on internet now

Submitted by Virginia Smith

Abbeville, SC (January 11, 2022) - WCTEL, your local internet service provider, is participating in the Affordable Connectivity Program, which is a replacement to the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program established by the Federal Communications Commission last year during the pandemic. The Affordable Connectivity Program, or ACP, is designed to help households struggling to pay for internet service to provide critical access to education, employment, healthcare services, and more.

Through the ACP, WCTEL will provide a discount of up to \$30 per month towards broadband service. The discount is limited to one

monthly service discount per household.

**ACP Eligibility:**

A household is eligible if one member of the household:

- \* Qualifies for the Lifeline program (<https://www.fcc.gov/lifeline-consumers>), including those who receive Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit

- \* Has an income that is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines

- \* Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school

lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, or 2021-2022 school year

- \* Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year

- \* Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income program

**How to sign up for the benefit:**

Please visit [wctel.com/acp](http://wctel.com/acp) to apply or contact WCTEL for assistance if you are unable to apply online -- paper applications are available by request. WCTEL internet subscriber eligibility may depend on service location.

For more information, please call (864) 446-2111 or visit [wctel.com/acp](http://wctel.com/acp).

# Gettys Tells Key Role of Carver Property in Education, Integration

Submitted by Dick Haldeman

The Carver School property in Due West, recently purchased by the Due West Robotics program, has played an important role for almost 85 years in providing sound education and good racial relations for this Abbeville County community.

Dr. Jim Gettys, retired Erskine College history professor and dean, recently emphasized the importance to the town and county of this property and the Carver Elementary and Middle Schools located on it.

Speaking in January to the Due West Lions Club, Dr. Gettys traced the property's history from 1938, when it was contributed by the town to build an African-American elementary school, to its purchase in 2021 by the award-winning Due West Robotics. Due West Robotics plans to con-

struct a building for its program on part of the property and to sell the remainder to an Atlanta firm for construction of a senior living facility.

Dr. Gettys, a member of the Due West Lions Club, said that the original Carver School was the result of the "many prayers and cooperation" of both white and African-American leaders in the Due West community. Together they raised \$25,000 between 1938 and 1940 to construct an elementary school for Due West's black children.

A Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp on the east side of Due West provided labor for its construction. An integrated choir of five churches performed at Erskine in November 1938 to initiate fundraising. Carver Elementary School opened in the fall of 1940, and R.S. Galloway was thanked as a chief donor. In the 1970s it became Carver

Middle School. With an integrated faculty and student body, this school became a model of school integration in Abbeville County.

Carver Middle School was administered by Principal Joseph Reynolds, who recently celebrated his 99th birthday, and the late Dr. Tunis Romein, previously a longtime Erskine College professor. The school pioneered such programs as an outdoor classroom. Many current Due West Lions praised their experience as teachers and students at the school.

After Carver Middle School was closed as a public school, it came under private ownership until sale of its property to Due West Robotics. Under future plans, the property will provide "a new method of learning" for a new generation of young people and a living facility for senior citizens.

# I'm listening

## Sharmel Miller has wealth of experience as County's 911 director

By Henry E. Green

On the first floor of the Abbeville County Administrative Complex, you can find the county's 911 center, and in the middle of it all, you can find Sharmel Miller.

The Abbeville County 911 Director is very definitely in the field of telecommunications, and she doesn't mind sharing the joy and its message.

Telecommunicators can save lives, and at the very least, they have some interesting stories to tell.

You call 911 for emergencies including medical problems, law, fire, or "other threats to life or property," as the Abbeville County E-911 website tells us.

Miller has been a part of the scene for roughly two decades.

"I have lived in Abbeville County all my life, grew up in the Mud Creek area between Abbeville and Calhoun Falls,"

she said.

She started her career with Abbeville County in December of 1998 as a part-timer, and then became full-time in March of 1999.

According to biographical information she supplied to The Press and Banner, she joined Abbeville County dispatch as a 911 telecommunicator and worked her way up through the ranks as a telecommunicator, communications training officer, supervisor, and 911 coordinator, and she was named 911 director in 2011.

Her experience in telecommunications has also taken her to some faraway places, as she was an instructor for communications training officer course in Iceland in 2015.

A graduate of the UNC Charlotte EMS Management Leadership program, Miller also serves as an instructor

for the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, teaching a National Crime Information Center course since 2006.

Miller has also been an Abbeville County part-time substitute teacher/bus driver, a correctional officer, and she has worked with Ashley Medical Transport, but it is in the field of telecommunications that she has made perhaps the deepest imprint.

She has won a number of telecommunications honors -- Telecommunicator of the Year, Trainer of the Year, and 911 Director of the Year.

Miller is, according to biographical information she provided, "committed to enhancing every aspect of public safety communications and working with all facets of the community to ensure continued success of the dispatch center."

# Tai chi classes being offered at Library

By Henry E. Green

Tai chi classes are now being offered at the Abbeville County Library on North Main in Abbeville.

Tai chi is a Chinese martial art practiced for defense training, health benefits, and meditation, according to Wikipedia.

"It involves a series of movements performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing," according to [mayoclinic.org](http://mayoclinic.org).

"Some styles may focus on health maintenance, while

others focus on the martial arts aspect of tai chi."

The classes, which are being offered every Tuesday at 7 p.m., are all free, and they are being taught by massage therapist J.P. Moseley, said Abbeville County Library System director Mary Elizabeth Land.

The classes have been averaging about 25 participants a week, said Land, who said that everyone is welcome to attend.

The classes are being offered at a portion of the Library building called the

ALT, a large space within the Abbeville County Library which opened last fall and is used for a variety of creative activities.

"Luckily the ALT is large enough so that everyone can still social distance," said Land. "We're so pleased to be partnering with J.P. to offer this program."

In addition to classes in tai chi, the Abbeville Artist Guild is being used for art activities every month, for example.

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

# Legislative summary

Senator Mike Gambrell  
Legislative Summary  
January 21, 2022

The South Carolina Senate convened on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, for the second year of the 2021-2022 Session. We welcomed a new Senate President, Thomas Alexander, who was sworn in during a special session in early December. During that December meeting, the Senate approved the new redistricting plan, an action required after every new United States Census.

S.290, legislation to repeal certain sections of the Certificate of Need Program, administered by SC DHEC, was given second reading. The Certificate of Need requires health care facilities to apply for the right to open or enlarge a facility, and opponents have stated that it prevents competitiveness as well as

leaves rural areas underserved. An amendment was approved that would still require nursing homes to comply with the 'CON' process. This bill will be debated again next week.

The Governor made his annual State of the State address on Wednesday. Having released his Budget previously, Governor McMaster spoke of the \$6 billion in additional money that South Carolina has this year, a combination of federal COVID-19 relief funds, the Savannah River Site settlement, and a stronger than expected economy. The Governor identified priorities such as infrastructure, including South Carolina's road and bridge, and additional funding for our ports, lowering state income taxes, and expanding school choice through 529 savings programs.

On Thursday, the Senate

approved the new Congressional Redistricting Plan. This Plan will return to the House and may proceed to a Conference Committee if the House doesn't approve the Senate changes. Also on Thursday, the Compassionate Care Act, S.150, was set for Special Order on the Senate Calendar.

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



# Sports & Recreation



Abbeville (in white) defeated Greenville Technical Charter in varsity boys basketball action Thursday night in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Boys basketball

# Abbeville annihilates Greenville Tech

**By Henry E. Green**

The Abbeville High School varsity boys basketball team reached the century mark Thursday night in Abbeville, with a victory over Region foe Greenville Technical Charter, 100-30.

No, that's not a misprint. The Panthers dominated from the start, as Abbeville's trapping, smothering defense forced turnover after turnover.

At times, the smaller Warriors had trouble getting the ball up the court, with AHS stealing pass after pass, and often their sticky fingers

turned into points.

AHS was dominant in rebounding as well, with the Panthers playing handball off the boards.

AHS led 32-6 at the end of the first quarter, and 53-10 at the end of the first half.

At the end of three quarters, AHS led 85-19, as Panther Javario Tinch put an exclamation point on it all with a commanding dunk.

Antonio Harris led the way for the Panthers with 20 points, and Javario Tinch followed with 18 points.

The Panthers had originally been slated to take on

Crescent, but there was a schedule change.

AHS was scheduled to go to Christ Church, another Region foe, this past Monday night, for a make up game.

"We're both undefeated in the Region (at 2-0)," he said. As for the Greenville Technical Charter game, "the guys got after it," he said. "We continue to put pressure on the ball."

Belcher believes in keeping fresh players on the court, and sometimes substitutes "five in and five out."

# Flying high

## AHS, CF Charter secure big Region victories in basketball action

**By Henry E. Green**

Two local high school basketball teams won significant victories Monday night.

The Abbeville High School varsity boys team defeated fifth ranked Christ Church 63-62 in Greenville on the strength of a free throw by junior Patrick Singletary.

The game went into overtime, and Rasheed Davis had 17 points, followed by Jeremiah Lomax with 14 points, and Javario Tinch had 13, said AHS coach Doug Belcher.

"It was a great game all the way through," he said. "The kids persevered. They played hard the whole game."

Christ Church led 23-18 at halftime, but the Panthers came back, largely on the strength of a strong defense.

Last night, Abbeville trav-

eled to Crescent, and Friday night will host Christ Church, with the game expected to start about 7:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Calhoun Falls Charter girls defeated seventh-ranked Southside Christian 67-65 in overtime.

The Lady Flashes were led by Autumn Thomas, with 33 points, and Anastasia Gillam had 17 points for CF Charter.

Southside is a Region foe, and by defeating them Calhoun Falls Charter solidifies its second place in the Region. High Point Academy is in first place.

CF Charter was slated to travel to McCormick last night, and Friday night the Lady Flashes will host Region foe High Point Academy. Game time is at 6:30 p.m.

Against Southside, Cal-

houn Falls Charter led 34-25 at the half, and led 49-38 going into the fourth quarter, but Southside rallied.

The Sabres got some easy baskets by overcoming the Lady Flashes' press.

"They out-scored us 17-6 in the fourth quarter," he said.

The score was tied 55-all at the end of regulation. In overtime, "our girls didn't give up, and we had some clutch free throws," the coach continued.

CF Charter was actually up five points with seven seconds left, Cade said.

The coach said he told his troops at that point to be careful not to foul. A Southside player came down the court and hit a three-pointer to account for the final two-point margin.

## Boys basketball

# CF Charter Flashes defeat Dixie Hornets

**By Henry E. Green**

The Calhoun Falls Charter varsity boys basketball team defeated Dixie Thursday night in Calhoun Falls, 60-45, according to Brandon Nance, Dixie JV boys basketball coach, who is filling in for varsity coach Josh Harbert, who is out on leave.

Corey Adams led the way for the Hornets in scoring, with 14 points, Nance said Friday.

"It was a very physical

game," he said. "The Hornets played really tough."

"We played great defense for awhile," Nance continued, adding the Hornets shot well from the field in the second half.

"The first half was very fast-paced," he said, noting that the Hornets found a way to slow down the Flashes in the second half.

The Flashes led 28-14 at the half.

The Hornets shot well from

the free throw line, according to Nance. "Calhoun Falls definitely shot the ball well," he said. "Both teams rebounded well."

The Flashes are a hard team to match up with, as they shoot well and they drive to the basket well, he said.

The Hornets were slated to travel to High Point Academy, a Region foe, last night. Dixie is 1-3 in the Region currently, Nance continued.

# CF Charter Lady Flashes defeat Dixie

**By Henry E. Green**

Calhoun Falls Charter defeated Dixie 60-32 in varsity girls basketball action Thursday night in Calhoun Falls.

Autumn Thomas had 33 points to lead the Lady Flashes, and Anastasia Gillam had 12 points, and Jasmine Cade 11.

The Lady Hornets led at the end of the first quarter, 15-14.

"They came out in a press on us," he said, noting that the Lady Flashes initially struggled with the press, but

then they adjusted.

Calhoun Falls Charter led 28-21 at the half.

"We pressed a lot (in the second half)," he said. "Our press created a lot of turnovers in the second half."

The Lady Flashes were set to travel to Southside Christian this past Monday, and McCormick last night.

"We actually will be playing at home (hosting High Point Academy)," on Friday, Jan. 28, he said. Game time is 6 p.m.

"We're 6-1 overall, and 4-1 in the Region," he said. Their

only loss was to High Point Academy.

Asked about the ingredients to the team's success so far, he noted that the players work hard, putting forth considerable effort.

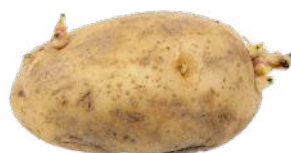
"We've got a lot of quickness on the team," he said.

"Our defense is creating a lot of turnovers," he added.

He paid tribute to the Dixie girls as well. "The Dixie girls are very athletic and scrappy and very well-coached," he said.



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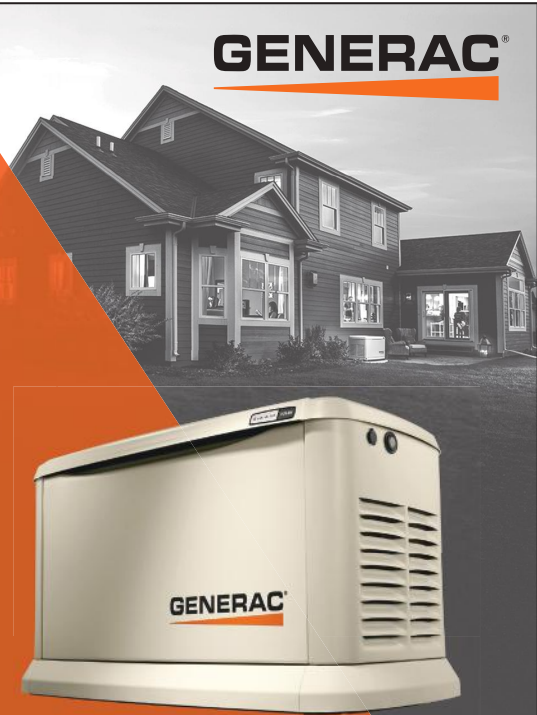
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# Community Calendar

## Hospital board to meet

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 (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](mailto:ABL@dor.sc.gov)  
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# Classifieds & Legals

**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: 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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Estate: Mallie Mae Callahan  
 Date of Death: 10/23/2021  
 Case Number: 2022ES0100017  
 Personal Representative: Nichole L. Murray  
 Address: 102 Weiner Circle Greenwood, SC 29646  
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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  
 Address: 67 Faith Drive Abbeville, SC 29620 & 3042 W. Pierson St. Phoenix, AZ 85017  
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Estate: James Maxwell Ayers, Jr.  
 Date of Death: 12/21/2021  
 Case Number: 2022ES0100006  
 Personal Representative: Deborah C. Ayers  
 Address: 238 Hwy 28 S. Abbeville, SC 29620  
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Estate: Grace Alberta Jolin  
 Date of Death: 12/14/2021  
 Case Number: 2022ES0100010  
 Personal Representative: William J. Jolin  
 Address: 74 Eagle Drive Abbeville, SC 29620  
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Estate: Charlie Mae Norman  
 Date of Death: 10/8/2021  
 Case Number: 2022ES0100009  
 Personal Representative: Gerald E. Norman  
 Address: 114 Hickory St. Calhoun Falls, SC 29628  
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**LEGAL NOTICES**

# Legals

## 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 Johnnie 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  
 Columbia, South Carolina  
 January 10, 2022  
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This quilt, made by Renee Smith (left), was auctioned off recently, and proceeds were directed to the Greater Abbeville Humane Society. (Contributed photo)

## Quilt auction benefits Humane Society

**By Henry E. Green**

A quilt made by award winning quilter Renee Smith of Abbeville has been auctioned off, with proceeds going to the Greater Abbeville Humane Society, according to Jane Agan, Humane Society treasurer.

The red and white quilt was displayed at the Welcome Center late last year, and was auctioned in a silent auction while it was displayed there.

The auction brought the Humane Society “a nice donation”, according to Agan.

The Humane Society has about 50 members, Agan said.

“We’re going through a membership campaign right now,” she said. Anyone

wishing to be a member is encouraged to call 864-828-0105.

Dues are \$25, and may be sent to Post Office 256, Abbeville, South Carolina, 29620.

Smith also donated another quilt, which was auctioned off at the same time of the Humane Society quilt, and the proceeds from the second quilt went to the Abbeville County Animal Shelter.

The purpose of the Humane Society is to “educate people about animals and their care, to promote animal well-being, and to raise public awareness for the betterment of animals in our community.”

To achieve these purposes,

the Society will assist with funds to support the County Animal Shelter, cooperate with law enforcement on their activities related to animals, and promote the adoption of unwanted dogs and cats to qualified homes.”

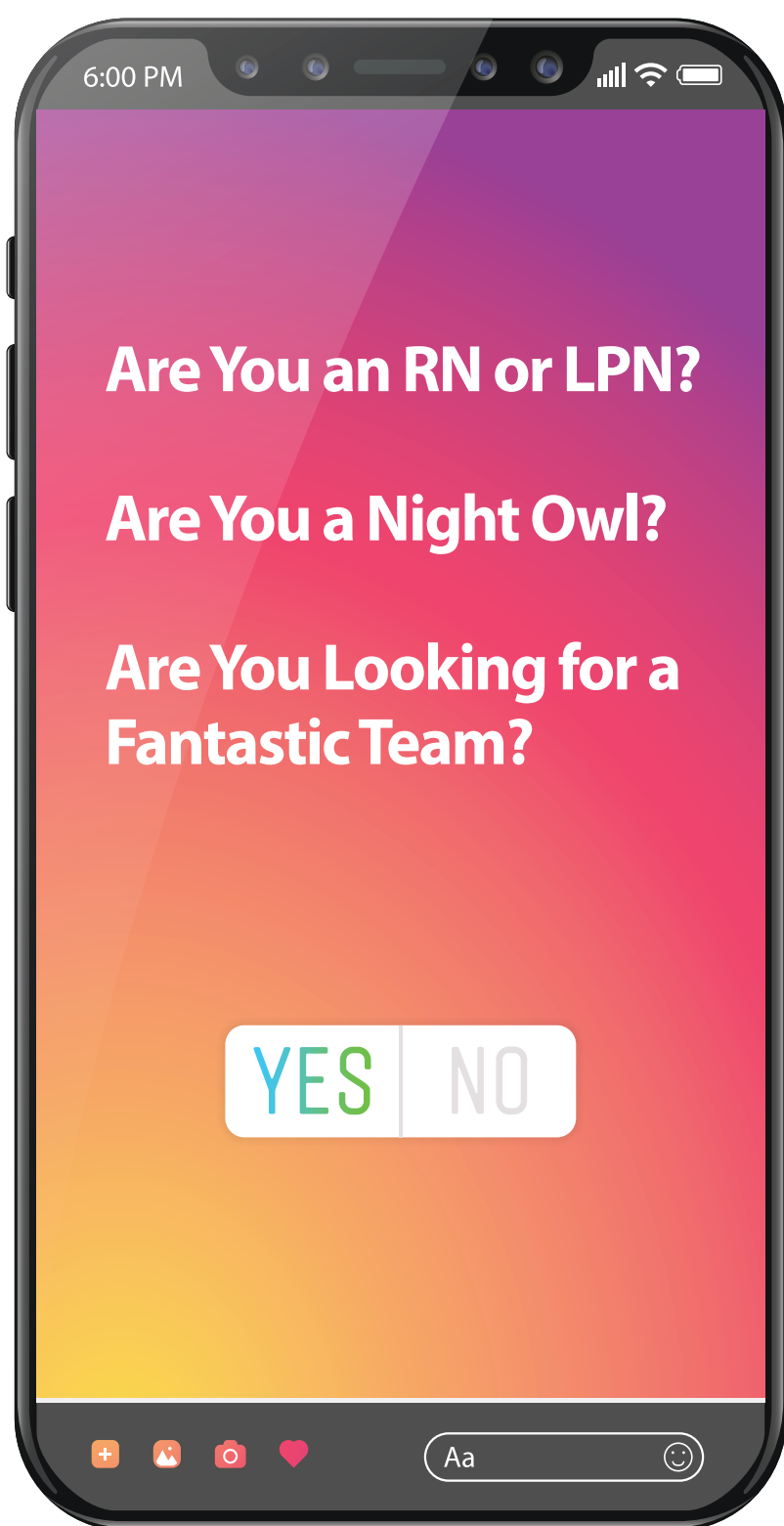
Part of the Society is the Abbeville Cat Coalition, which promotes the TNR (Trap Neuter Return) program, to help solve the problem of stray and feral cats in Abbeville County.

In addition to Agan, the Humane Society’s officers include Ann Davis, president, and vice president Lynn Cody, and secretary Barbara Freese.



Diane George (right) of Abbeville recently donated an anthology of poetry to the Abbeville County Library System, and Library System Director Mary Elizabeth Land (left) accepted the book on behalf of the Abbeville County libraries. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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