



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



A June 27 collision on Highway 28 Bypass on the outskirts of Anderson resulted in the death of a young man from Anderson. The accident occurred near the West Carolina Tel office complex. (Photo courtesy of Shannon Sears)

Man killed in Bypass collision identified

Abbeville County Coroner Dr. Mark Dorn has identified a young man killed last week in a head-on collision on the Highway 28 Bypass in Abbeville last week.

The young man was identified as 33-year-old John Matthew Tyler of Anderson, Dorn said in a June 29 news release.

Tyler died in a two-vehicle collision on the Bypass near West Carolina Tel on June 27. He was driving a pick-up

truck which collided with a cargo truck, the Coroner said in a June 28 press release.

According to witness statements, prior to the accident, the driver of a white pick-up truck was observed having difficulty maintaining control of his vehicle and crossing the center line of the oncoming lane,” Dorn said on June 28.

His vehicle then struck a box type cargo truck head-

on, causing the diesel fuel tank to rupture.

“The driver of the pick-up truck was entrapped and required extended extrication. He was pronounced dead at the scene of multiple blunt force traumatic injuries.”

Tyler was one of two individuals killed in Abbeville last week in separate traffic accidents. The other fatality occurred on Highway 72 on the morning of Wednesday, June 29. (See related story.)

City customers could see rate increases

By Henry E. Green

City of Abbeville residents could face utility rate increases in the coming 2022-23 fiscal year, in addition to a proposed millage increase, according to a budget proposed last week by Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone during a City Council budget workshop.

City utility customers would pay an average of \$5.71 in additional costs for utilities, including electricity, water and sewer, and sanitation.

That includes a 1.5 percent increase for electricity, 1.34 percent for water, and 4.48 percent for wastewater, and 12 percent for sanitation, said Mike Clary, the City's Deputy Administrative Officer, Friday.

The combined utility increases would come to an average of \$5.71 in additional costs per month.

“The increases have been proposed to help offset inflation and the rising costs of operations, as well as

making the minimum hourly wage in the City for City employees \$15 an hour,” said Clary.

The increases, if ultimately approved, would take effect beginning as of Nov. 1, the beginning of the City's new fiscal year.

The proposed budget includes a millage increase of four and two tenths mills.

That would translate to an extra \$17 on a \$100,000 house annually, according to Clary.

Meanwhile, renovations on the Abbeville Civic Center continue to constitute a major project for the City.

“We have completed phases A and B, which include the renovation of the roof, and a new HVAC system,” he said.

The City will continue working on the Civic Center well into the new fiscal year.

“We're moving on Phase C now, including restroom renovations, Americans with Disabilities code com-

pliance.

The next phase could include the renovation of the front portion of the building or working on the gym itself—this has yet to be decided by Council.

This funding will come from the remaining ARPA funds after the conclusion of the North Main water project, as well as some hospitality funds as well.

First reading on the budget is expected in August, and second and final reading in September, said Clary.

Mayor Pro Tem Benji Greeson presided over the workshop in the absence of Mayor Trey Edwards.

In addition, Council members J.J. Jackson and John Sutherland were absent from the meeting.

Following Stone's presentation, City Council went into executive session to discuss personnel, but took no resulting action upon returning to open session.



The Abbeville County Library has a “seed library,” helping promote gardening and encouraging people in their love of it. (Contributed photo)

Let it grow Abbeville County Library starts ‘seed library,’ encouraging gardening

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Library wants to give you a green thumb, or at the very least spark your interest in gardening, with a seed library, where patrons can select free seeds to plant.

“We started the library with a grant from Slow Food Upstate,” said Ashley Weyer, Support Services Director for the Abbeville County Library.

The Library used money from the \$400 grant to

purchase seeds, and the program, which is based at the Library's main branch, was launched in mid-June.

Library patrons are allowed to take home five packets of seeds a week.

Currently, the seeds are that are available from the library are those of vegetables—okra, peas, turnips, peppers, squash, peanuts, and pole beans—Weyer said.

A seed library not only encourages gardening,

but encourages as well the “preservation of rare or heirloom seeds suitable to the local area,” according to a flyer she provided.

So far, the program has been very successful, said Weyer.

“To help the collection thrive, patrons may donate seeds to the library by purchasing or harvesting them,” according to the flyer.

For more information, one may call the Abbeville County Library at 459-4009.



This boat, under the command of Gina Lewis, won second place in the Lake Secession boat parade competition on Sunday, July 3. Sixteen boats participated in the parade. (Photo courtesy of Conway Shirley)



Coming in third in the Lake Secession boat parade held recently at the lake was this boat under the command of Valarie Johnson Pierce. (Photo courtesy of Conway Shirley)

Nirvana on the water Boat parade held at Lake Secession

By Henry E. Green

Red. White. Blue. And wet. Sixteen boats signed up to participated in the Fourth of July boat parade presented Sunday afternoon at Lake Secession by the Friends of Lake Secession, according to .

Winning top honors, and a \$100 prize, was a boat, adorned with a Freedom banner, under the direction of Jodi Miller.

In second place, with a \$75 prize, was Gina Lewis, and

in third place, with a \$50 award, was Valarie Johnson Pierce.

"We the FOLS appreciate the 16 boats who signed up to participate," said Shirley. "Fun was had by all!"

A Lake Secession tradition, the boat parade typically features boats decorated in red, white, and blue, in conjunction with the Fourth of July, although that format is not mandatory.

Balloons, American flags, bunting--all are typical decorations found on parade boats.

On the other hand, several

years ago, the crew of one boat was dressed as the cast of "Gilligan's Island."

One Abbeville woman dressed as the Statue of Liberty, and held her torch high.

A reservoir formed by the damming of the Rocky River, Lake Secession has become synonymous with summer fun for many.

And the boat parade?

Well, is there anything to compare with being on the water, under a blue, blue sky, with the wind blowing softly through your hair?

Firefighters fight two blazes in Calhoun Falls

By Henry E. Green

There were two fires in Calhoun Falls in the early morning hours of Tuesday, July 5--and both were fireworks-related, according to Calhoun Falls fire chief Darrell Manning.

One of the blazes was a grass fire which was reported about 2:10 a.m. on the morning of July 5, near the intersection of Broadwell Avenue and Eastgate Street.

"It was just a small grass fire," he said, adding that no injuries were reported.

The second fire was a structure fire at 2:45 a.m., at a previously burned house. "That was fireworks related," as well, the fire chief said.

The house, located near the intersection of Bamberg and Main streets, had actually burned several months ago.

A small fire ignited in the floor of the remains of the

house. "The frame of the house was still standing (at the time of the blaze)," he said.

"We just went in and put it out," Manning said.

The Calhoun Falls fire department was assisted by Abbeville County stations Lowndesville and Sharon in fighting the structure fire, which was, like the grass fire, extinguished fairly quickly, and in which there were no injuries.

Low-cost mental health service slated

By Henry E. Green

Beginning July 11, Clemson Rural Health is offering low cost mental health counseling for Abbeville County residents, according to information supplied by Amanda Morgan, Director, Community Health, Wellness & Outreach with AAMC.

Appointments will cover basic mental health issues, including anxiety, depression, grief, sleep, stress, parenting, care giving and

more.

Counseling by a licensed social worker is available to adults with or without insurance.

This upcoming mental health clinic is provided at no cost by Clemson Rural Health, Morgan said. This arrangement is a partnership that allows AAMC to give counseling to uninsured or under-insured community members. This service will be at AAMC every Monday and Thursday beginning

July 11th. The clinic takes place on a mobile bus, that will be parked in an AAMC vacant parking lot across from Abbeville Nursing Home, Morgan said.

"I will have staff on hand during each clinic to assist with questions and make sure we keep this program for our community," she said.

For more information, one may call 864-656-3076.

Pick me!

Animal shelter, Humane Society collaborating on adoption event

By Henry E. Green

The Greater Abbeville Humane Society and the Abbeville County animal shelter are taking part in a statewide effort to encourage animal adoptions, said Ann Davis, president of the Greater Abbeville Humane Society.

A number of animal shelters throughout South Carolina are taking part in Pick Me! SC, a statewide project which runs July 8 through July 17.

The goal of the project, which is organized by No Kill SC, is to have 1,500 animals adopted across the state by July 17.

The Society, which has approximately 150 members, is working with the Abbeville County Animal Shelter on the project.

Davis said the Abbeville County animal shelter will be open Monday, July 11, through Saturday, July 16 for the event.

It will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

The shelter is normally closed on Tuesdays and

Thursdays.

If a person brings a large bag of dog food weighing at least 20 pounds to donate to the shelter, he or she will get his adoption fees waived.

The normal adoption fee for dogs is \$50, and that for cats is \$35.

No Kill is working to make animal shelters no kill--that is, shelters which do not euthanize animals if the shelter is overcrowded.

The goal is to make South Carolina a total 'no kill' state by 2024, with an eye toward promoting the "adoption option", Davis said.

The adoption fee covers spay neutering, rabies vaccination, other vaccinations, and a heart worm test.

Even if the fee is waived, the person adopting an animal from the shelter will still be able to avail himself of those services, said Davis, who noted that if the pet lover took the animal to a local vet, it could cost more than \$300.

Other shelters charge a good deal more for adoption fees, .

Meanwhile, the Humane So-

ciety will have volunteers at the Shelter Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The volunteers will be assisting the public with the adoption process.

Adoptions at the shelter are already encouraged, said Davis, who said that five shelter dogs were recently adopted.

And there are many more looking for a home. "There are some really cute puppies (waiting to be adopted) , " said Davis.

The shelter remains overcrowded, however, and "all of the 23 kennels are occupied, in addition to the 13 additional crates.

Davis is working hard to get people out to come and adopt animals.

"Come and adopt me," those animals are saying--Davis will tell you.

Operated by Abbeville County government, the shelter is located on Old Calhoun Falls Road on the western outskirts of Abbeville.



This boat, under the direction of Jodi Miller, won first place in the boat parade held at Lake Secession on Sunday, July 3. (Photo courtesy of Conway Shirley)

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This building on West Pickens in Abbeville is on its way to becoming the new City of Abbeville police station. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

City moving along with new police station plan

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville is moving along with its plans to convert a building at 104 West Pickens Street in the city into the new home of the City Police station.

The building throughout its history has served various purposes. At one time, it housed a seafood restaurant, for example, and at another time it housed offices of Abbeville Area Medical Center's Health

Related Home Care.

"The purchase of the building was completed earlier this year and the City paid \$200,000 for it," said the City's Deputy Administrative Officer Mike Clary Thursday.

"The design part of the renovation process is set to begin later this year and construction is scheduled to begin in 2023 or 2024, Clary said.

"The building is structurally

sound so the majority of the renovations will be somewhat cosmetic in nature" and include the creation of individual office spaces, entrance and lobby area, locker room, training room, and evidence storage, he went on to say.

The final design will be decided by working with a qualified firm and will be approved by City Council, he said.

Trustees vote down 'parliamentarian' plan

By Henry E. Green

Does the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees need a parliamentarian?

The answer from the school board appears to be a resounding NO.

The trustees voted overwhelmingly last week to reject a proposed policy providing for a reorganization of the board's slate of officers to include a parliamentarian.

The board already has a chairman, a vice chairman and a secretary, but under the proposed policy the slate of officers would grow to

include a parliamentarian as well.

The parliamentarian would help to keep the meeting running in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

The proposed policy passed overwhelmingly on first reading of the proposal in May, but ran into something of a buzz saw on second reading and failed.

On first reading, the trustees voted for it unanimously.

On second reading, during the June 28 school board meeting, it failed, with only trustees Marvin Peoples and Joe Bryson voting in

favor of it.

During the discussion leading up to second reading, some trustees wondered why the board would need it.

Others wondered how many school boards in South Carolina had parliamentarians--some boards had them and others did not, it was said.

School board attorney Ashley Story said that the parliamentarian, with knowledge of parliamentary procedure, would facilitate discussion at school board meetings.

Harvest Christian Ministries, the charitable arm of Stoll Industries, recently made a \$3,000 donation for the Tracy Jackson summer program of GIFT (General Instruction for Tomorrow). Here is Mike Mahaffey of Harvest presenting the donation to Veronica Patterson, the executive director of the Tracy Jackson program. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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Artist Guild presents summer art camp



The Abbeville Artist Guild presented recently at the Abbeville Civic Center a summer art camp for youngsters. Here is instructor Cecily Ferguson helping some of the students. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

By Henry E. Green

Express yourself! Fostering creativity in young people, the Abbeville Artist Guild presented a summer art camp last week at the Abbeville Civic Center in Abbeville.

Taught by Cecily Ferguson, who retired earlier this year from teaching art at Wright Middle, the class drew 19 youngsters—from rising second graders to rising fifth graders, said Guild treasurer Jane Agan, who added that Ferguson was assisted by members

of the Artist Guild.

Held from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, during the week of June 27 through July 1, the class followed a tried-and-true format. Each day the youngsters would study a fundamental art skill, and then engage in a craft.

"We study basic drawing skills, and today we're making jewelry," said Ferguson Friday.

The students have made everything from tie-dyed bags to handmade paper to resin coasters.

The class is just one of a number of activities planned by the Guild this summer. This nonprofit organization which promotes the arts here in Abbeville County also is presenting a photo contest this summer, for example.

The Abbeville Artist Guild also helped out with the Juneteenth celebration here in Abbeville, with an exhibit featuring the work of Greenwood artist Simeon Spearman.



The Abbeville Artist Guild recently presented a summer art camp at the Abbeville Civic Center, and Artist Guild treasurer Jane Agan (left) and art camp instructor Cecily Ferguson (right) joined the students for a group photo. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Just around the corner Abbeville High School football team making plans for fall season

By Henry E. Green

Football is just around the corner, and the Abbeville High School football team is gearing up for the fall.

Abbeville High School will participate in the August 4 WCTEL Kickoff Classic at Hite Stadium in Abbeville, with the time to be announced, said Abbeville High School coach Jamie Nickles Thursday.

Ninety Six will play Strom Thurmond in the opening segment, followed by Emerald and McCormick, Abbeville and Greenwood, and Dixie High School and Calhoun Falls Charter will provide the finale, Nickles said.

The starting time is to be announced.

Abbeville will play Strom Thurmond in the Green-

wood Jamboree at Greenwood High School stadium on August 12, the coach went on to say.

AHS will open its season by traveling to McCormick on August 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The Panthers' home opener will be on August 26, versus Powdersville.

AHS will begin practice for the fall season on July 29, Nickles said.

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Philip Said

In the last few years, a war of deception by redefinition has exploded. Publishers, news media, corporations, social groups and movements have been redefining long-established words or even claiming some words are un-definable. Not only can this create (amongst other things) confusion, alienation, and division, but it further perpetuates the belief that "truth" is either unobtainable or whatever you personally desire it to be at any particular moment.

From the standpoint of the "Church," secular society seems to be rapidly descending ever downward into confusion. We need to keep our eyes fixed on that which cannot move. The eternal truths in God's Word are timeless and contain the necessary instructions for our protection and survival.

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." — Isaiah 26:3.

Language is the chief medium by which we communicate ideas, opinions, and emotions. The foundation of honest communication is a trust that the words that are being used are clear and concise. Etymology is defined as "The study of the origin and history of a word or words. Etymon means 'origin of a word' in Latin, and comes from the Greek word etymon, meaning 'literal meaning of a word according to its origin.' Greek etymon in turn comes from etymos, which means 'true.'"

Therefore, as we examine the modes of deception in the Age of Deceit, REDEFINITION of key terms in the Bible stands as a prime weapon in this age-old war on truth. The deceptive act of redefinition is literally the dislocation of a word from its origin in order to give another meaning to that word and thereby the message of the passage where it is being used. This practice is most prevalent when dealing with established writings where, although the text has been freely available for wide public viewing, key terms are "redefined" to obscure and then overlay the original with an entirely new meaning.

Herein is the fertile field of auditory art where concrete concepts become conjecture, clarity turns to confusion, and absolutes devolve into assumptions. It seems that every day we witness the redefinition of foundational terms that in the past helped us to express our long-understood truths. Faced with the tide of historic precedence, these redactors, in a sense, adopt the motto of, "If you cannot erase it, then simply redefine it."

In effect, we are seeing the disintegration of truth through the recasting of the key terms that express it, thus dismantling the chance for clear communication.

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Freedom Blast in CF draws large crowd

By Henry E. Green

A banner crowd blessed the Freedom Blast Saturday night at Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls.

Presented by the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition, Freedom Blast was highlighted by the music of country music star Clay Page and his band. Fire works were also on the agenda, as were pony rides, and a bounce house for the kids.

Music lovers relaxed in their lawn chairs on the lawn in front of the West Carolina Tel pavilion. Nearby you could see children swimming and pontoon boats just off the shore.

An FFA contingent of students from the Calhoun Falls Charter School sold hot dogs, hamburgers, cold drinks and grilled corn, under the direction of FFA advisor Nancy McCannon, and there were other ven-

dors as well.

Those in attendance seemed to give it a “thumbs up.”

“Every year we come here,” said Ed Sharp of Abbeville. Accompanied by his wife, brother-in-law and sister, he described the gathering as a “peaceful, nice event.”

Two visitors from McCormick County were also pleased. Max McIntire of “Chigger Ridge” in McCormick County, was enjoying the event, as was David Collins, McIntire’s neighbor.

The fireworks were a big draw for Collins. “I like to support the community,” he said, noting that he volunteers for the Bethia fire department.

Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition president Bebe Wesson was happy with the crowd, which she said was bigger than last year’s. She estimated

that nearly 1,000 people were in attendance.

She paid tribute to the Wolfpack motorcycle club, which she said brought many people with them to the event.

The Coalition wants to continue to make the event grow—an event which this year was crowded with attractions, including Clay Page and opening acts T Bone Loftis of Starr and Brad Evans of Elberton.

There were also pony rides, a bounce house, face painting, Broken Road Barbecue, and the Calhoun Falls FFA students.

Freedom Blast is one of a number of events presented by the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition. Others include the Lake Russell Hustle, a 5K event, as well as Paddle Fest, and an autumn jubilee.



This bounce house delighted many a youngster at the Freedom Blast, held at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls on Saturday, July 2. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

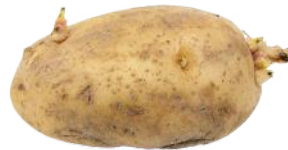


A large crowd attended the Freedom Blast, presented by the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition, on the evening of Saturday, July 2. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Country music star Clay Page and his band performed at Freedom Blast at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls on the evening of Saturday, July 2. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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Home

Proverbs 14:1 “The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands.”

During the years of interviewing children for his TV program “House Party,” the late Art Linkletter occasionally interviewed an underprivileged child. Mr. Linkletter himself grew up I’m a poor family. He writes in his book, “Kids Say The Darnedest Things!” that if the church had not donated dinners to his family, holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas would have been bleak. In one interview, he asked an impoverished child, “What does it take to make a happy home?” The little boy answered, “A steady paycheck.” While that is one element of a happy home, it is not the most essential one.

Our text informs us that a wise woman builds her house i.e. her home. A foolish one pulls it down with her own hands. Wise folks build a happy home—foolish ones tear it down. Let me share some ingredients for building a happy home.

It takes love to build a happy home. It is impossible to build a happy and successful home without love. Love will overlook a multitude of weaknesses. It takes love on the part of both partners. It takes love for the Lord and love for one another. I tell couples in pre-marital counseling that building a happy home is like a triangle—God at the top and the husband on one corner and the wife on the other. The closer the couple get to the Lord the closer they get to one another and the farther away from God they get the farther away from one another they become. The more the couple love the Lord the more they will love and appreciate one another.

It takes labor to build a happy home. It takes effort, we must work at it. I have heard people say marriage is a fifty-fifty proposition—each one giving fifty percent. That

is wrong, it takes 100% on the part of both husband and wife. Building a home takes commitment and that commitment will be tested. Every couple goes through difficult times, stressful times but if they are committed to creating and maintaining a happy home they will do it. If they are not committed to building a happy home they will tear it down with their own hands when life becomes difficult.

If a couple is going to establish a happy home they must lean on one another. No one, I repeat no one, can do it by himself. Our text says a “wise woman builds her house.” That also applies to a wise man who leans on his wife for support.

When a couple share a joy that joy is doubled and when a couple share a sorrow it is cut in half. As the couple lean on one another both of them need to lean on the Lord for support.

Trinity hosts 'Star Spangled Celebration'

By Henry E. Green

Mixing tradition and history with a patriotic flair, Trinity Episcopal Church in Abbeville held a community service Sunday to help celebrate the Fourth of July.

"A Star Spangled Celebration" featured readings, prayers, the singing of hymns, with organist John Pullin providing musical accompaniment, and a recognition of veterans.

World War II hero Thomas Dry Howie, "the Major of St. Lo," was the subject of a poem read aloud by his niece Ruth Bacon of Abbeville.

Howie was killed leading the assault on the German-held town of St. Lo in France in 1944, after D Day.

Bacon read aloud "The Major of St. Lo" by Joseph Auslander.

Jean Hutchinson read aloud "I Was There," a poem which in years past had been read aloud by her mother May Hutchinson, who was for many years for the church's historian. May passed away in 2020.

Charleen Clark read the poem "In Flanders Field" by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae.

The congregation read

aloud together the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, and sang a number patriotic songs, including "The Star Spangled Banner," "America the Beautiful," "God Bless America," and the anthems of the various branches of the armed services.

There as also "A Song of Peace," set to the music of "Finlandia" by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

One of Abbeville's iconic churches, Trinity dates from the 19th century, and has been undergoing a process of restoration.

During Trinity Episcopal Church's "Star Spangled Celebration," Ruth Bacon of Abbeville read a poem about her uncle, World War II hero Thomas Dry Howie. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Jean Hutchinson of Abbeville read aloud the poem "I Was There" during Trinity Episcopal Church's "Star Spangled Celebration" on Sunday, July 3. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Abbeville's Trinity Episcopal Church hosted a "Star Spangled Celebration" on Sunday, July 3. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Makalya Porter (left) and Kayla Overholt (right) sold T-shirts like these during the Abbeville High School alumni baseball game, held recently at Powell Park in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Chamber plans 40th anniversary bash

By Henry E. Green

The Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce will have a special event at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls on July 23 to mark the Chamber's 40th anniversary.

Blue Crab and Blues at the Blue Hole, slated from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., will feature live blues musicians, including local favorites Nicole Quinn and Bryan Norris, as well as Karyn Smith and BJ.

Both of these duos will be performing Delta blues numbers, as well as familiar favorites.

Tickets--\$15 for children, and \$38 for adults--may be purchased through Eventbrite.

The event is sure to please seafood lovers. "We will have fresh blue crabs that will be cooked on site, as well as fish and chips," said LaGrone.

"It is 'all you can eat' blue crab," she said.

The two duos, meanwhile, have a wealth of musical experience between them.

Nicole and Bryan performed at the Chamber banquet, and Karyn and BJ are based in Greenwood

but they play Abbeville gigs as well.

Those planning to attend are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, for an event which LaGrone described as something that will be very "family friendly."

"Blue Hole does have a 'no alcohol' policy," she said.

"We're looking forward to celebrating with everyone at the beautiful Blue Hole," LaGrone went on to say.

"It's been our privilege to serve this county for the past 40 years, and we're looking forward to 40 more."

Chesnee couple plans paranormal conference

By Henry E. Green

When Karen Van Marm of Chesnee was growing up in Ohio, she went to the Ohio state fair one year.

She recalled that enjoying the fair when noted television actor Telly Savalas, of *Kojak* fame, walked by--and she could feel it.

She compared the experience to opening up the door to an oven, and feeling the heat rush out.

That, she said last week in a telephone interview, was when she knew she had a

certain ability.

"I pick up energies from people and places," she said. "I'm not a medium or anything like that."

Fast forward to the present day, and Karen, who realized at an early age that she had a certain ability, and her husband David are planning to present a conference at the Belmont Inn Oct. 7-9 to discuss paranormal activities.

Karen noted in a telephone interview last week that the conference will feature nine

speakers, and there are also plans to have several overnight investigations.

An overnight investigation, she said, is an investigation where a group of researchers will take scientific equipment to a particular location, where they use the equipment to gather evidence of "other-worldly" things.

Does she believe in ghosts?

"I personally believe in spirits," she said, noting that "souls go on to the afterlife."

Author Tonyelle Relaford was one of the speakers during the Juneteenth celebration on Trinity Street in Abbeville recently. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Two Receive Gwen and Gene Hancock Memorial Scholarship at PTC; Piedmont Technical College (PTC) recently held a Scholarship Luncheon to recognize student recipients of dozens of PTC Foundation scholarships for 2022. This year's winners of the Gwen and Gene Hancock Memorial Respiratory Care Scholarship — established in 2005 for majors in the Respiratory Cafe Program at PTC — are Andrea Argo (pictured) and Kiara Jackson. (Photo contributed)



PUBLIC NOTICE: PHA PLAN

The Abbeville Housing Authority's PHA Plan for fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022, is now available to the public for review and comment.

The Plan can be reviewed at our main office, which is located at 508 Haigler Street, Abbeville, SC 29620, during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Abbeville Housing Authority at (864) 366-4549.

Good things

Abbeville County School District has favorable year-in-review report

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County School District definitely had some things to be proud of for the 2021-22 school year, according to a presentation given by Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary to the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees last week.

In financial matters, the District's fund balance has grown from \$700,000 in 2011 to more than \$9 mil-

lion today, Dr. Gary told the board.

In terms of academics, the School District has seen an increase in Advanced Placement and dual credit offerings and an increase in the number of students attending the Abbeville County Career Center.

In addition, a District-wide course guide for students and parents has been created.

And the School District survived the pandemic.

"Through COVID, we went to school and offered ACSD's first virtual instruction opportunity in the district's history," he said.

In terms of technology, interactive display panels have been installed in every classroom and instructional area, and infrastructure and wireless networks have been upgraded. Meanwhile, an energy savings program has been launched.

District school food service in good shape

By Henry E. Green

The school food service division in the Abbeville County School District appears to be in good shape, Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary told the school board last week, during the June 28 school board meeting.

Dr. Gary provided the information during a year-in-review presentation to the trustees.

"Breakfast participation is free to all students and has increased participation," he said.

"Due to strong Food Service fund balance, ALL staff

received \$1850 appreciation bonuses on May 25.

"Aging equipment has been replaced throughout the School District," he said.

Outgoing nutrition director Connie Cunningham talked about what to look forward to in the coming school year--2022-2023.

"All schools will provide free breakfast to students" she said. "John C Calhoun, Long Cane Primary, Westwood, and Wright Middle will serve free lunch to all students. These schools are serving free meals through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)."

"The Community Eligi-

bility Provision (CEP) is a non-pricing meal service option for schools and school districts in low-income areas," according to the United States Department of Agriculture, which administers the program.

"CEP allows the nation's highest poverty schools and districts to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to all enrolled students without collecting household applications

Cunningham is leaving the Abbeville County School District for a post in the Edgefield County school system.

Two Receive Olly and Ross Garrison Memorial Endowed Scholarship at PTC: Piedmont Technical College (PTC) recently held a Scholarship Luncheon to recognize student recipients of dozens of PTC Foundation scholarships for 2022. This year's winners of the Olly and Ross Garrison Memorial Endowed Scholarship — established in 2001 and endowed in 2016 in memory of Olly and Ross Garrison to support a returning adult student who is changing careers — are Amanda James of Abbeville (pictured) and Chad Wooten of Greenville. (Photo contributed)



Cook Receives Mr. 'B' Automotive Technician Endowed Scholarship at PTC: Piedmont Technical College (PTC) recently held a Scholarship Luncheon to recognize student recipients of dozens of PTC Foundation scholarships for 2022. This year's winner of the Mr. "B" Automotive Technician Endowed Scholarship — established in 2013 by Earl Brewington Jr. in memory of his father, a former department head at the college — is Andrew Cook. (Photo contributed)



Pet of the Month

Gotta love this big friendly guy. Tucker is a terrier mix with a beautiful blonde coat with white socks, nose and chest. He loves to walk, is friendly with his roommates and is heartworm negative. He'd love to show you his good behavior in person. Come by the Abbeville Animal Shelter and ask for Tucker. He'll be waiting.

Adoption Fees will be waived for Tucker, sponsored by Abbeville Humane Society. That includes spay/neuter, vaccines, rabies voucher, dewormer, flea treatment and microchip. Visit Abbeville County Animal Shelter M/W/F 10-5, Sat. 10-3. Call 366-6639.



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Obituaries

Busby

Stephanie Dianne Busby, 18, resident of 113 Laurel Ave. Greenwood, SC passed away peacefully Monday July 4, 2022 at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood, SC.

Born Oct. 31, 2003 in Greenwood, SC she was a daughter of Steve and Beth Busby.

She was a member of Emerald Baptist Church where she loved to attend services. Stephanie loved music and she enjoyed listening to stories by Junie B. Jones, Sassy Little Girl. Stephanie was an Angel to all of us during her short time with us. Her precious smile would light up the whole room. She will be missed by her loving family and her many friends.

Survivors include: Her parents Steve and Beth Phillips Busby; two brothers Evan Duvall (Shelby) of Clinton, SC and Aaron Busby of the home; Paternal grandmother Bonnie Busby of Abbeville, SC and Maternal grandmother Betty Phillips of the home; Special friends and caregivers Melody Parks and Beverly Hagan; a niece Ellianna Duvall.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather George Busby.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday July 7, 2022 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel at Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home with the Rev. Craig McDaniel officiating. The burial will follow in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. The

family will be at the home of her grandmother Mrs. Bonnie Busby the day of the service.

The family will receive friends Thursday morning from 10:00 until 11:00 AM at the funeral home prior to services.

Memorials in memory of Stephanie may be made to Emerald Baptist Church, 110 East Laurel Ave. Greenwood, SC 29649.

Online condolences may be made to the Busby family by visiting www.chandlerjacksonfh.com

The Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is assisting the Busby family. ^{1nc}

Obituaries

Rosenberg

Herby M. Rosenberg, 75, of Abbeville, husband of Patrice King Rosenberg, died Sunday, July 3, 2022, at his residence. He was born in Wilmington, NC to the late Dr. George V. Rosenberg and Edith Cochran Rosenberg.

A 1965 graduate of Abbeville High School, Herby also graduated from the Gordon Military College in Barnesville, GA. He owned and operated retail Liquor Stores in Abbeville and Greenwood for 40 years. A sports enthusiast, especially enjoying golfing, Herby was a faithful Clemson Tiger fan who never missed a game. He was of the Presbyterian faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two nephews, Chad 'Pooh Bear' Barber and Ken Holbert; sister-in-law, Holly Keller;



Herby M. Rosenberg

and father and mother-in-law, Osborn and Ramona King.

Herby is survived by his wife of 48 years, Patrice; son, Herb Rosenberg, Jr. of Hilton Head, SC; two sisters, Patsy R. Riley (Milburn) and Grace R. Nelson; a brother-in-law, Chip King (Julie), all

of Abbeville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held 10:00AM, Friday, July 8, 2022, in Melrose Cemetery. The family is at the home.

The family extends their sincere appreciation to the doctors and staff of Home-Bridge Hospice of Abbeville for their kind and considerate care of Herby.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Herby, may be sent to the charity of one's choice.

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 Rosenberg family.

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Obituaries

McCurley

Glenda Hall McCurley, 72, of Greenwood, died, Saturday, July 2, 2022, at Self Regional Healthcare surrounded by her family. She was born in Abbeville to the late W. Pressley Hall and Doris Bosler Hall.

Glenda graduated from Abbeville High School, Class of 1968 and Piedmont Technical College in 2012 with an associate degree in Funeral Service. She retired from GTE / Verizon after many years of service. Glenda enjoyed crafting, especially repurposing old items that no one else wanted. Often, she could be found outside working in her flower and vegetable gardens. Skeet shooting at Rocky Knoll Sporting Clays was a favorite past time. Glenda found pleasure in reading. She and her husband were members of the Greenwood Corvette Club. Glenda was an active member of Ebenezer United Methodist Church. She loved



Glenda Hall McCurley

her family and held them close in her heart.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Billy Hall and two grandsons, Jacob 'Jake' McKinney and Nolan Cole Ashley.

Glenda is survived by her husband, Larry, of the home; daughter, Kim McMahan Ashley (Greg) of Greenwood; four grandchildren, Kelsey Ferguson (Kevin), Tyner Ashley, Ivy

Ashley, and Brook Ashley; four great-grandchildren, Emily, Gavon, Rebekah and Pressley; and her two special cats, Lollipop and Amy.

Graveside services will be 2:00PM, Wednesday, July 6, 2022, in Ebenezer United Methodist Church cemetery with Pastor Mike Evans officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Glenda, may be sent to Ebenezer UMC, c/o Shirley Simpson, 955 Stevenson Road, Abbeville, SC 29620 or the charity of one's choice.

The family is at the home.

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 McCurley family.

Symrise Pet Food to expand operations at North American Headquarters in Greenwood

Submitted by
Jamie Dowtin
Public Information
Officer Greenwood
County, SC

Greenwood, S.C. – Symrise Pet Food, a global leader in the pet food industry, announced plans today to expand operations at the company's North American headquarters in Greenwood County by building a new state-of-the-art facility. The company's \$65.5 million investment will create 65 new jobs.

Symrise Pet Food partners with pet food manufacturers to offer complete solutions covering three essential aspects of pet food through its expert brands: Pet Food Palatability with SPF, Pet Nutrition with Nutrios and Pet Food Protection with Videka (a joint venture with

Kalsec®). With 1,500 employees in 31 sites around the world, Symrise Pet Food's global presence allows the company to remain close to suppliers and customers. Additionally, Symrise Pet Food is part of the Taste, Nutrition & Health segment of the Symrise group, a global supplier of fragrances, flavors, food and cosmetic ingredients.

"This expansion is a key step for SPF's North American business," Tim Lonc, general manager (NA), Symrise Pet Food, said. "We appreciate the support we have received making our project a reality in Hodges and look forward to continuing our partnership within Greenwood County. As the pet food industry keeps growing, we are committed to supporting our customers' needs and are always look-

ing for ways to reach out for new opportunities."

"Symrise has continually invested in Greenwood County and our citizens since they opened their operations 15 years ago," Theo Lane, Greenwood County Council vice chairman, said. "Their decision to further invest is not only a strong vote of confidence in our talented workforce, but also a testament to our collaborative relationship that helped secure this significant expansion. These 65 new jobs support our vision of the development of our Highway 25 North industrial corridor and will have a lasting impact on our community.

We appreciate their continued belief in Greenwood County as a great place to work and live."

Five PTC Scholars Win Spots on 2022 All-State Academic Team

Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigen

Five scholars from Piedmont Technical College (PTC) recently were named to the 2022 Phi Theta Kappa All-State Academic Team at a ceremony in Columbia.

The PTC honorees are: Associate in Science major Malia Katayalani Garcia of

Greenwood; Associate in Applied Science – Welding major William James McClellan of Ware Shoals; Associate in Arts – Commercial Arts – Digital Rendering and Advertising Design major Levanah Storm Reil of Donalds; Associate in Science major Justin Alan Roberts of Ninety Six; and Associate in Applied Science – Vet-

erinary Technology major Cearah Louise Young of Anderson.

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 - Black gunk
 - Not kosher
 - Chills and fever
 - Misbehavior on road
 - Near the wind
 - Ship's steering wheel
 - Sign of escape
 - **"How to Get Away with Murder," starring ____ Davis
 - *Featuring Jerry, Elaine, George, Kramer
 - Theories
 - Make awake
 - Mai follower
 - *Featuring Sam, Diane, Cliff, Norm, Carla
 - Scary creature
 - Salmon on a bagel
 - Etsy member
 - Craving
 - Old and feeble
 - Quaker Man's grain
 - Romanov rulers
 - Without help
 - Stay clear of
 - **"The ____ Life" on Animal Planet
 - Keep from happening
 - Sets to zero
 - Old age, in the olden days
 - ** ____ "Previews" with Siskel and Ebert
 - Same as taboo
 - *Featuring Dre, Rainbow, Zoey, Andre, Diane, Jack
 - New Testament king
 - Is not, colloquially
 - At hand
 - Pond buildup
 - Microscope part
 - **"Hogan's Heroes," set in ____ Germany
 - Coin opening
 - Like some martinis
 - Big Bang's original matter

- DOWN**
- ____-di-dah
 - Awfully long time
 - Stubborn beast
 - Make soiled, in the olden days
 - At the heart of Boston Tea Party
 - Quick or nimble
 - No longer working, shortened
 - *Featuring Rebecca, Jack, Kate, Randall, Kevin
 - *ABC comedy-drama, "____ 222" (1969-74)
 - 90-degree pipes, e.g.
 - Public health agency, acr.
 - "The wretched ____ of your teeming shores"
 - Of a bird
 - Relating to Scandinavia
 - Lookout point
 - Necklace lock
 - Great esteem
 - Napoleon's time on Elba
 - Crystalline hydrochloride
 - Crossbeam
 - Kind of heron
 - "The defense ____"
 - *Featuring Hurley, Sawyer, Kate, Sayid, John
 - Lake, in Provence
 - *Featuring Stubing, Smith, Washington, McCoy, Bricker
 - Fine-tune
 - Finish line, e.g.
 - Builds
 - Dodge
 - Certain jeans fit
 - More than sly
 - **"The ____," featuring Fran, Maxwell, C.C., Niles
 - **"To ____ the Truth," game show
 - Golden Fleece ship
 - *Like George Costanza, Homer Simpson or Captain Picard
 - Close an envelope
 - Mental confusion
 - Possesses
 - Canyon feature

How well do you know our flag's history?

Submitted by
William R. Boone, Ph.D.

Before the Stars and Stripes, there was the Grand Union Flag. It was similar to the Meteor Flag of England (the St. George's Cross joined to the Cross of St. Andrews in the union [upper left corner] on a field of red). The Grand Union Flag borrowed the union part of the English flag, but the body of the flag consisted of 13 alternating red and white stripes. This flag was first hoisted when the colonies on January 1, 1776 organized the Continental Army on Prospect Hill in Somerville, Massachusetts.

To conduct routine matters, Congress convened in Philadelphia on June 14, 1777. While there is no recorded discussion on the matter, meeting records did state: "RESOLVED: that the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." No details were reported of proportions, size of union or canton (quarter of the flag), or how stars were to be arranged. It was not until June 24, 1912 that President Taft signed an Executive Order that established proportions of the flag and specified how stars were to be arranged and oriented.

Until President Taft signed the executive order on June 24, 1912, there was neither uniformity of proportion nor any legal regulation of the stars on the union. Before this executive order was signed, there were at least 66 variations of the size and proportions of the flag being flown in federal buildings. President Eisenhower issued Executive Order No. 10834 on August 21, 1959, which describes the exact dimensions and proportions of our current flag.

The flag was initially designed for use as a marine flag and not a battle flag on land. It was used so naval vessels could recognize other vessels and their origin. Throughout the Revolutionary War, the Stars and Stripes were not assigned officially to the Continental Army by Congress. (The flag was not supplied officially to the Continental Army by Congress until

1783.) There are numerous claims where the flag was flown during the Revolutionary War (Washington displayed it near Trenton, New Jersey; Battle of Hubbardton in Vermont; Fort Schuyler in New York; Battle of Bennington, Vermont; Battle of Saratoga, New York; Battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina; Battle of Cowpens in South Carolina; flown over Fort Independence Boston, Massachusetts; Yorktown, Virginia). Unfortunately, these hoisted when the colonies on

January 1, 1776 organized the Continental Army on Prospect Hill in Somerville, Massachusetts. In October 1780, Congress adopted a resolution pledging any land ceded to the United States be administered for the common benefit and be erected into states as equal partners with current states. By this resolution, the Flag Resolution of June 14, 1777 was obsolete because it had stipulated only 13 stars and stripes (one for each state) in the union. This new resolution opened the way for a new flag to be created that consisted of 15 stars and 15 stripes (Vermont came into the union in 1791 and Kentucky came into the union in 1792).

When Congress convened in 1794, they did not discuss the flag because it was considered insignificant. This may have been due, in part, because the United States was not a strong political confederation. Until 1789, Rhode Island and North Carolina had yet to join the union and New York did not take part in the Presidential election. The Army had never officially carried the flag and, except for a few merchant vessels and land fortifications, few people had even seen the flag.

While many historians consider the War of 1812 mishandled and blundered, one significant flag event transpired during this war. Major George Armistead, commander of Fort MCHenry, had ordered a flag so big: "the British would have no trouble seeing it from a distance." The flag, with its 15 stars and 15 stripes, measured 30 feet by 42 feet. In order to exchange prisoners in this war, attorney Francis Scott Key and Col. John S. Skinner boarded a British vessel located in the Baltimore harbor. While on board, they heard plans to attack Baltimore and thus were not permitted to leave

the vessel. They witnessed the bombing of Fort MCHenry during the night of September 13-14, 1814. After shelling ceased, they remained ignorant as to whether Major Armistead had surrendered or British had abandoned their attack. "The dawn's early light" dissolved their fears, and as the day grew brighter it became apparent the enemy fleet and army were preparing departure. It is from this event Key wrote a poem on the back of an envelope that became known as "The Star-Spangled Banner."

While not all issues were resolved, the April 4, 1818 Flag Act did stipulate when a new state was admitted to the union its star would be added to the flag on the fourth of July the next year.

There are many legends that concern the United States flag. One such legend is Betsy Ross, born Elizabeth Griscom, designed the first Stars and Stripes. However, under critical examination, there is more romance to this story than fact. Another legend has the Stars and Stripes hoisted on the Bon Homme Richard commanded by John Paul Jones. This flag supposedly was made by a bevy of girls who made it from their best silk gowns. Supposedly, this flag was carried away by a cannon shot from the British ship Serapis. However, a midshipman named James B. Stafford on Jones' flagship was supposed to have saved the flag. Again, this turns out to be more of a legend concocted by Augustus C. Buell.

Through foreign wars and great "civil" conflicts, more than a million individuals lost their lives defending the United States. The United States flag has come to signify honor and love of country. May it wave proudly forever!

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South Side Baptist Church in Abbeville placed American flags around its parking lot in conjunction with the Fourth of July holiday. Here's one of the red, white, and blue banners. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Cellphone connected to the fatality on Highway 72 West

Dr. Mark Dorn, Coroner advised that his office continues to investigate a single motor vehicle accident that has resulted in one person's death. According to a recent news release from Dr. Mark Dorn, Abbeville Coroner's Office.

Abbeville County EMS, Abbeville County Fire Department, Abbeville Sheriff's Department, and SC Highway Patrol responded to the scene of a single-vehicle collision at 62, Highway 72 West at 07:23 am this

morning finding a victim partially ejected and entrapped under his vehicle. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The victim was identified as Jefferson Arnold Moss, 59 years old. DOB: 07-27-1962.

A preliminary investigation evaluating the circumstances of the accident revealed that distracted driving may have contributed to the accident. It was determined that Mr. Moss had used his cell phone at 7:14 am and

again to text at 7:20 am. The first call into Abbeville County E-911 reporting the accident was at 07:23 am. We continue to investigate other possible contributors to the accident.

This is a tragic accident that could have been avoided. Texting or cell phone use during the operation of a vehicle can have devastating consequences.

The Office of the Coroner and SC Highway Patrol continues to investigate the accident.

Cornerstone Board Spotlight Abbeville County

Submitted by
Betsy Royal

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Timmy and Susana Abell from Asheville, North Carolina, sang songs and entertained youngsters in a program held at the Abbeville Opera House recently, and presented by the Abbeville County Library System. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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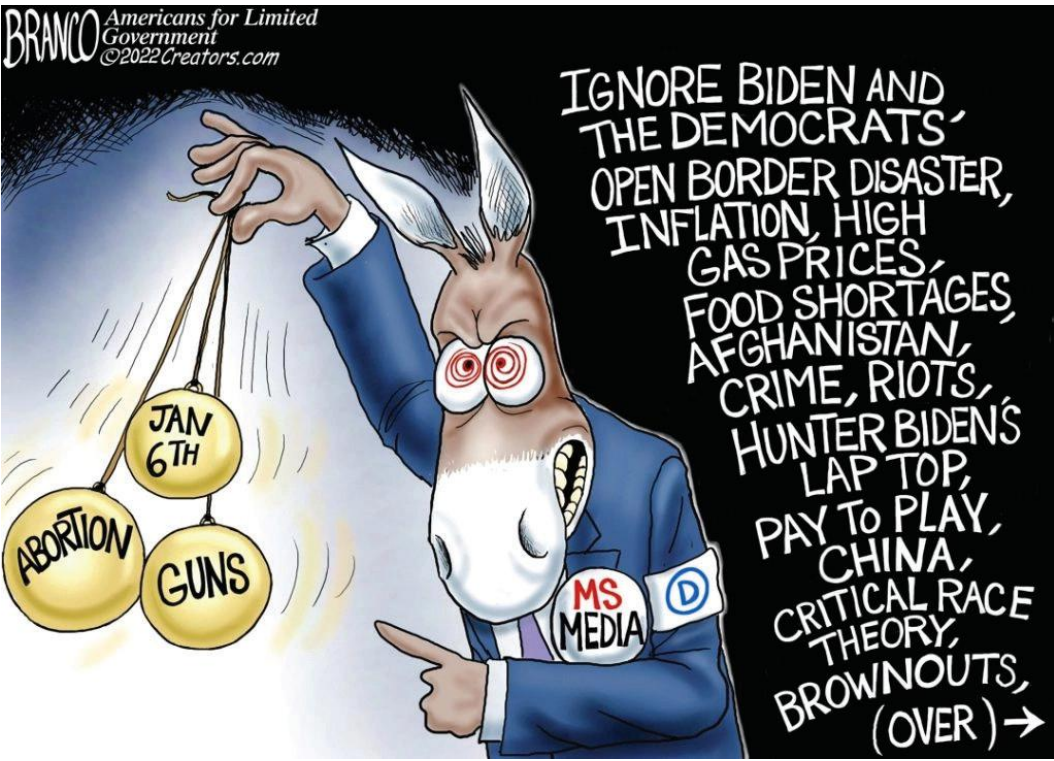
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Editorials & Comments



Scott, Colleagues Call on Biden Admin to Stand with Israel, Reverse Plan to Create an Unofficial U.S. Consulate to the Palestinians

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-S.C.) today joined Senator Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), Representative Lee Zeldin (R-N.Y.), and more than 80 members of Congress on a bicameral joint statement, calling on the Biden administration to reverse course on its plan to erode the full and faithful implementation of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 by moving the Palestinian Affairs Unit (PAU) out of the U.S. Ambassador to Israel's reporting chain of command and renaming the PAU the "U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs" that would serve as an unofficial U.S. consulate to the Palestinians in Jerusalem.

"It is alarming that the Biden Administration has opened what amounts to be a separate U.S. diplomatic office to the Palestinians in Israel's capital. This decision is wholly inconsistent with the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 that Congress passed into law and has repeatedly reaffirmed with overwhelming bipartisan support over the years. We strongly supported the Trump Administration's decision to fully and faithfully implement the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 by formally recognizing Jerusalem as the eternal and undivided capital of Israel, by moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and by closing the U.S. Consulate General for the Palestinians in Jerusalem and merging its functions into the U.S. Embassy's 'Palestinian Affairs Unit' within one diplomatic mission under the authority the U.S. Ambassador to Israel. The Biden Administration's disregard for that law, however, undermines our nation's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital and signals support for dividing Jerusalem.

"Let there be no misunderstanding: This unprecedented arrangement—to turn the Palestinian Affairs Unit into a 'U.S. Office of

Palestinian Affairs' that will no longer report to the U.S. Ambassador to Israel but instead report directly to the State Department in Washington, D.C., and to appoint a Special Envoy to the Palestinians—is an effort to open an unofficial and de facto U.S. consulate to the Palestinians in Jerusalem. In fact, the Biden Administration admits this decision is one step closer to opening an official U.S. consulate, a plan it refuses to stop pushing despite the Government of Israel's adamant opposition and Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources Brian McKeeon's admission to Congress in October 2021 that the United States, under international law, would 'need to get the consent of the host government to open any diplomatic facility.'

"The Biden Administration's decision is wrong and not how America should treat Israel, one of our closest allies in the world. As sponsors of the Upholding the 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Law Act of 2021 to withhold funding for a U.S. consulate to the Palestinians in Israel's capital, we unequivocally oppose the Biden Administration's decision and will use every tool at our disposal to stop it in the 117th Congress and afterwards."

In addition to Sens. Scott and Hagerty, 32 senators signed the statement: Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas), Mike Lee (R-Utah), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kan.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Roger F. Wicker (R-Miss.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Rick Scott (R-Fla.), Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Deb Fischer (R-Neb.), Todd Young

(R-Ind.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), John Kennedy (R-La.), Ron Johnson (R-Wis.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Ben Sasse (R-Neb.), James Inhofe (R-Okla.), Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), James Risch (R-Idaho), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), and Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.).

In addition to Rep. Zeldin, 54 House members signed the statement: David Kustoff (R-Tenn.), Steve Scalise (R-La.), Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.), Robert Aderholt (R-Ala.), Rick W. Allen (R-Ga.), Brian Babin (R-Texas), Troy Balderson (R-Ohio), Jim Banks (R-Ind.), Andy Barr (R-Ky.), Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.), Mike Bost (R-Ill.), Ken Buck (R-Colo.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), Madison Cawthorn (R-N.C.), Dan Crenshaw (R-Texas), Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Fla.), Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.), Jake Ellzey (R-Texas), Chuck Fleischmann (R-Tenn.), Andrew Garbarino (R-N.Y.), Mike Garcia (R-Calif.), Bob Good (R-Va.), Garret Graves (R-La.), H. Morgan Griffith (R-Va.), Glenn Grothman (R-Wis.), Michael Guest (R-Miss.), French Hill (R-Ark.), Bill Johnson (R-Ohio), Jim Jordan (R-Ohio), Young Kim (R-Calif.), Doug Lamborn (R-Colo.), Bob Latta (R-Ohio), Barry Loudermilk (R-Ga.), Nancy Mace (R-S.C.), Tom McClintock (R-Calif.), Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa), Ralph Norman (R-S.C.), Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.), John Rose (R-Tenn.), Chip Roy (R-Texas), Maria Elvira Salazar (R-Fla.), Adrian Smith (R-Neb.), Chris Smith (R-N.J.), Jason Smith (R-Mo.), Michelle Steel (R-Calif.), Greg Steube (R-Fla.), Claudia Tenney (R-N.Y.), Tom Tiffany (R-Wis.), David Valadao (R-Calif.), Jeff Van Drew (R-N.J.), Ann Wagner (R-Mo.), Jackie Walorski (R-Ind.), Dan Webster (R-Fla.), and Steve Womack (R-Ark.).

TWA Flight 800

By Geoff Hult

"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be." —Thomas Jefferson

On July 17th, 1996, Trans World Airlines flight 800 took off from JFK International airport in New York City at approximately 8:19 pm, bound for Paris, France. At 8:31 pm, while flying over the water but visible from Long Island, the TWA 747 exploded and crashed into the sea, killing all 230 people on board. According to wikipedia, this is the 3rd deadliest aviation accident in US history. Official history tells us that the National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB), along with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) conducted a thorough and honest investigation into the event and came to the conclusion that the explosion was due to flammable fuel and air vapors in a fuel tank, and that the likely ignition source was a short circuit.

Let me pose these questions. Regarding an event of this magnitude, if it were due to government negligence, or an accidental or intentional missile strike from the US military or NATO, do you think the government would admit it, or cover it up? Does the government ever admit wrongdoing or to its mistakes when it results in the deaths of Americans? Rest assured, if this were an accidental or intentional missile strike, there would be a cover-up. As always, any information or evidence that is outside of the accepted official story is labeled by the establishment as "conspiracy theory." It is important to note that there are no other examples in history of the aforementioned official explanation ever happening in another jet.

There were over 700 eyewitnesses to this event and at least 100 of them stated to have witnessed a streak from the earth, or water, shoot upward and merge with the plane, resulting in the explosion and subsequent descent into the sea. This streak was believed by the witnesses to be a surface to air missile strike. One such witness was Air National Guard pilot Major Fritz Meyer, who witnessed the event from his helicopter above Long Island. Meyer, a Vietnam veteran, stated that: "It was definitely a rocket, and what I saw explode in the sky was definitely military ordnance. I have enough experience with it to know what it looks like." Meyer saw four explosions

and stated: "the explosion of the fuel was the last event, not the initiating event. The initiating event was a high velocity explosion, not fuel. It was ordnance." The definition of ordnance is: military weapons, ammunition, and equipment used in connection with them.

Another witness was Dwight Brumley, a Senior Navy Non-Commissioned Officer, who was on board US Air flight 217 and witnessed not one, but two missiles hit TWA flight 800 within one second of each other. Other eyewitnesses on the ground also claim to have seen two strikes on the plane.

Commander William S. Donaldson, retired US Navy, who also flew 89 combat missions in Vietnam, stated that there was a ship directly beneath flight 800 at the time of the explosion that the US government claims they have never been able to identify. This ship, according to Donaldson, left the scene and that this is something that is never done, especially during such a catastrophic event as this. This was one of the greatest air disasters in history and this unknown ship fled the scene. Perhaps because this is exactly where the missile strike came from.

Despite these eyewitnesses claiming to have seen a missile strike, or a streak come from the sea and hit the plane resulting in the explosion, the NTSB never allowed them to testify at any NTSB hearing. As well, The FBI tailored all of their reports to conform to the theory of what would become the official explanation. Some witnesses even claimed they found out the FBI had fabricated interviews with them that never took place, falsifying their testimony so as to support the false narrative and suppress the testimony about a missile strike.

On August 15th, 2000, The Washington Times carried a full page ad from the TWA 800 Eyewitnesses Alliance demanding they be heard. The ad claims the FBI and NTSB have lied to the American public and that hundreds of people saw a missile shoot down TWA flight 800. "We don't know who launched them but we know that for some reason our government has lied and tried to discredit all of us to keep that question from being addressed. The FBI, the CIA, and the NTSB must not be allowed to get away with this cover-up by defamation of the eyewitnesses."

Terrell Stacy was a TWA pilot who sometimes flew the same plane, flight 800.

Stacy knew there was a cover-up in progress and took it upon himself to take from the recovered wreckage some seat samples. He gave these seat samples to retired police officer turned investigative reporter, James Sanders. The FBI had taken similar samples and had them analyzed but never shared the results. The samples Sanders received were analyzed in a California lab, and the elements identified by the lab were consistent with residue from a missile or warhead explosion. The NTSB knew there was bomb/missile residue throughout the plane and claimed this was because of a dog bomb sniffing exercise which had been conducted on this plane. Sanders states however, that the exercise in question was conducted on another TWA plane and that the government and FBI knew this. The FBI arrested James Sanders and his wife for receiving the seat material and the jury was not allowed to hear the fact that Sanders was a journalist investigating the government agencies that were involved in this cover-up, and were the very agencies prosecuting him for uncovering this.

Jack Cashill is the author of "TWA 800: The Crash, The Cover-up, And The Conspiracy," as well as the co-author with James Sanders on the book "First Strike:TWA Flight 800 And The Attack on America." Cashill has come to the conclusion that it was an accidental, unintentional missile strike on flight 800 and the government covered up the horrendous mistake. If this is so, how does such a mistake happen? Also, if it isn't so and it was intentional, why would it be intentional? Either way, this is another example of how your government really works: obfuscation of truth and justice, and suppression of evidence and witness testimony. It doesn't take one shred of Fidelity, Bravery, or Integrity to commit crime and fraud while hiding behind the badge and having the backing of the entire corrupt system. Real bravery and integrity is telling the truth in the face of persecution from the powers that be in a situation like this. Official American history on this event, and so many others, remains a lie.

"The eyes of YaHuWaH are in every place, watching the evil and the good." (Proverbs 15:3)

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US House of Representatives

Rep. Duncan Applauds Supreme Court's Decision to Rein in EPA Authority

Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan

Washington, D.C.— Congressman Jeff Duncan celebrates the Supreme Court's 6-3 decision in *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency* to rein in the EPA's abuse of authority.

"The Supreme Court's *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency* decision is a win for the American people because it pulls back the EPA to its delegated authority and restores the power to give policy back to Congress," said Congressman Jeff

Duncan. "Relying on a broad interpretation of Section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act, the unelected bureaucrats at the EPA superseded congressional authority to make sweeping decisions to transform an entire sector of our energy economy. This was clearly outside the scope of the congressional intent of the Clean Air Act, and the Court's decision made this explicitly clear."

"EPA acted outside of its scope of authority, and unelected bureaucrats weaponized federal authority to push their radical climate agenda," said Congressman Jeff Duncan. "It is the

responsibility of Congress to make decisions surrounding greenhouse gas emissions, which is why I was proud to sign an amicus brief to the Supreme Court affirming that the EPA acted outside its congressionally authorized authority by issuing significantly overreaching rules to attempt to transform the nation's power sector through emissions regulations under the Clean Air Act.

This Supreme Court decision is a significant step in the right direction when it comes to restraining the EPA and the Administrative State."

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Easton Phillips of the Donalds area got into the Fourth of July mode -- via his bicycle -- at the Due West pavilion on Saturday, July 2. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

No cobwebs

Opera House veritable hub of activity

By Henry E. Green
The Abbeville Opera House is a busy place this summer, according to City of Abbeville special events coordinator Emily Bledsoe. "The ACPA (Abbeville Community Performing Arts) held their Romeo and Juliet summer camp the first week of June and it was a huge success!" said Bledsoe. "The library will have several shows for kids at the Opera House this summer,"

she went on to say. "Tickets are free for these events!" These include "Treasure Island" on July 13 at 11 a.m., when Bright Star Theatre will bring to life "this classic tale of buccaneers and buried treasure," said Bledsoe. Also in July will be an Afternoon of Magic, with magician Tim Sonefelt. Sonefelt will be visiting the Opera House on July 20 at 2 p.m. And then there is "All I Really Need to Know I Learned

in Kindergarten," set for the weekend of July a 22-24. There will be an 8 p.m. show on July 22, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. shows on July 23, and a 3 p.m. show on July 24. Presented by the ACPA board, and directed by Brad Christie, this production is based on the works of Robert Fulghum, according to the ACPA Facebook page. For more information on tickets, visit the ACPA Facebook page.

Cann incoming District finance director

By Henry E. Green
Adam Cann is the incoming finance director for the Abbeville County School District. "I live in Donalds," he said Wednesday. "And I am a product of Abbeville County School District." Cann graduated from Dixie High School in 2004, and went on to attend Lander University, where he graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 2008. He went on to work with what is now Fluor Corporation, where he worked in accounts payable and accounting and payroll. He then worked with what

is now Lonza, formerly Capsugel. "I was a financial analyst there," he said. "Then I came to the School District," he said. He started out as a financial accountant on July 1, 2020. As finance director, he will be succeeding Roni Scott, who is retiring. Many members of his family actually work in the field of education. That includes brother-in-law Paul Prescott, the Dixie High School principal, and both of his sisters in law--Cayce Prescott and Kassie Cann, who both teach at Cherokee Trail. "My mother and my mother in law are retired teachers,"

he said. "My wife (Samantha Cann) is also a teacher in the school district as well." His daughter Becca Lynn, 7, is a rising second grader at Cherokee Trail Elementary, and his daughter Rainie, 3, will also be going to Cherokee Trail as well. Working with school finance "has been a breath of fresh air for me," he said. "We're doing what we do for the kids. Putting students first--that's what we do." "I'm blessed to be in a place where I grew up, in a community where I grew up," he said.



Greenwood artist Simeon Spearman has an exhibit at the Welcome Center in Abbeville in conjunction with the Juneteenth celebration. His exhibit is slated to run through June and a portion of July, he says. (Photo courtesy of Simeon Spearman)

South Carolinians Lose \$42 Million to Cyber Crime in 2021

Submitted by Kevin Wheeler
The FBI released its annual 2021 Internet Crime Report today, which revealed more than \$42.7 million in losses to South Carolinians due to reported cyber crimes last year. The FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), which is responsible for publishing the report, fielded complaints from 5,426 victims in the state. The top three scheme categories with the largest financial losses were business email compromise (\$17.2 million), confidence/romance scams (\$6.8 million), and tech support scams (\$4.6 million). The senior population con-

tinues to be impacted most by scams; the data show victims 60 and older lost the most money to scams with \$15.7 million in losses. The full FBI report shows victims lost \$6.9 billion in 2021, a \$2.7 billion increase from 2020. Business email compromise, investment scams, and confidence/romance scams accounted for the top three categories with the largest financial losses. The IC3 analyzes and investigates reporting to track the trends and threats from cyber criminals and then shares the data with intelligence and law enforcement partners. Not only does this reporting help to prevent additional crimes, but it also allows the FBI to

develop key insights on the ever-evolving trends and threats faced from malign cyber actors. The FBI encourages victims to file a complaint with the IC3 if they believe they have been the victim of an internet crime, or if they want to file on behalf of another person, who they believe has been a victim. Early reporting allows the FBI to be effective in ensuring consequences are imposed on those perpetrating these attacks and helps to understand these threats more completely. To see the full report, as well as state reports, visit www.ic3.go

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Local Scout Teaches Younger Scouts

**Submitted by
Jim Sienkiewicz,
Assistant Scoutmaster,
Troop 62**

Jacob Sienkiewicz is currently a Life Scout working towards Eagle. He has advanced through the ranks by hard work, weekly participation and helping others. He has earned to date a total of 27 Merit Badges and has 2 more in progress, as well as numerous Awards. He currently holds the position of Senior Patrol Leader after being voted in by his fellow Scouts, as well as being a member of The Order of The Arrow. Jacob has shown his Leadership abilities by attending National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) last year, and was inspired to become a Staff member this year in order to help other Scouts reach their Leadership potential by spending the week in early June at Camp White

Pines in Travellers Rest, teaching and being a part of the Scouting Life. A little information about NYLT to give you some insight as to why this is important.

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

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NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis

on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster. NYLT integrates the best of modern leadership theory with the traditional strengths of the Scouting experience.

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Through a wide range of activities, games, and adventures, participants will work and play together as they put into action the best Scouting has to offer.



Boy Scout Jacob Sienkiewicz (left) and Course Director Bill Edge are at the Campground on the final day of the National Youth Leadership Training course. (Contributed photo)

Outgoing Abbeville County School District finance director Roni Scott, who is retiring, was recognized during the June 28 school board meeting by Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



Deborah Ayers (left) has retired after more than 30 years of service with Abbeville County Adult Education, and she was recognized at the June 28 meeting of the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees by Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary (right), who not only presented her with a plaque but announced that an adult education conference room would be named in her honor. Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lori Brewton (right) looked on. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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The Cedars Of Philomath

By Tom Poland

Long ago it was, in the late 1980s. I was in a hurry to get back to South Carolina. Thus did I take Georgia Highway 22, known also as the Crawfordville Road. I knew that road would take me to I-20 but it took me somewhere else—the past. I drove through farmland and wooded tracts and when I entered a place called Philomath, I knew at once it was an authentic place stranded in time.

Then I passed a house like no other. Four stout cedar trees bereft of limbs served as columns. I could never forget this house and several times over the next thirty years I'd go out of my way to see the unusual home. Then the day came, a Sunday, when I went to photograph it.

The old home stood in Philomath, Georgia, a name that's hard to forget. Phil-o-math. Three syllables that seem Biblical, and in fact King James himself penned a character, Philomathes, to debate arguments of whether the ancient religious concepts of witchcraft should be punished in a politically fueled Christian society, but that's not Biblical. My friend and fellow author, Jodie Peeler, told me that R.E.M. mentioned Philomath in a song. "If you're needing inspiration, Philomath is where I go." That's not Biblical either, but it's true, or I wouldn't be writing about the place would I.

Now, the fine home with the cedar columns you see in

my photo. Thanks to Brian Brown's "Vanishing Georgia" I learned that it's the Bryan-Wolfe House. The old place came to be 100 years ago, and like Sir Elton's song, It's Still Standing. And what about Philomath, the unincorporated community in Oglethorpe County, Georgia? Well, to go there is to flee the present. You'll see buildings of wood whose shape and construction come from the past. The Antebellum



Old cedars have upheld this roof for 100 years.

South comes to mind at once. I cannot verify it but I heard this agrarian community was among the sites selected where the University of Georgia was to be. Athens, of course, won out.

William Bartram came through Philomath, and there's a small building there known as the William Bartram Museum, seldom used unfortunately. I learned this thanks to a thesis Justin E. Courson wrote, "Preservation Planning For Philomath,

Georgia" in 2010. Courson also wrote that President Woodrow Wilson traveled to Philomath as a boy when his father, Joseph Wilson, went there to preach at the request of the Philomath Church's congregation. Courson suggests too that Philomath lore holds that Jefferson Davis dissolved the Confederacy from the balcony of The Globe, an antebellum home.

"Philomath." The name sticks with you. It refers to the Love of Knowledge and a person who's fond of studying and learning. So, what's the morale of this column? When you're young you breeze right through a fascinating place and pay it no heed. Then years later an unusual sight catches your attention and you slow down and want to learn more. And then on a Sunday when you've got time on your hands as well as a camera in your hands, you think, "I'm going to hit the road and photograph the cedars of Philomath."

And I did. Before I go, let me encourage you to visit Brian Brown's Vanishing Georgia website. Google it. Brian will, indeed, show you not just a vanishing Georgia, but a vanishing Southland as Georgialina and neighboring states continue to lose their old southern places.

An old house with rough-hewn cedars as columns. You just don't come across that too often, not at all.

Photo by Tom Poland



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