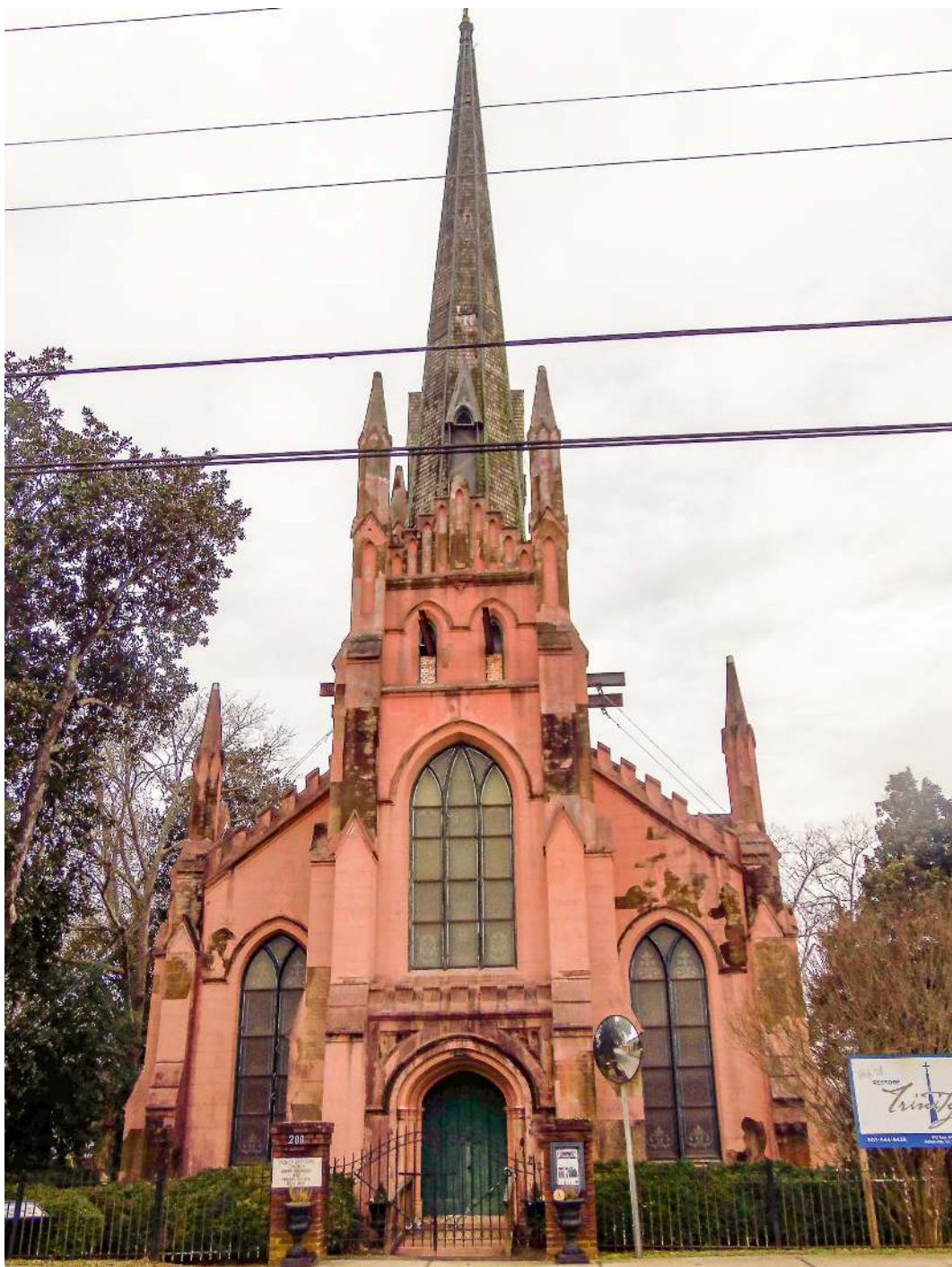




“Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law, no court can save it.”



Restoration work continues on Trinity Episcopal Church, one of Abbeville's architectural gems. A crane is scheduled to work on the steeple today, Feb. 3, permanently securing the steeple, and Trinity and Church streets are expected to be closed near the church. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Traffic fatality occurs on Suber Road

By Henry E. Green

There was, over the weekend, a traffic fatality in rural Abbeville County shortly after midnight on Saturday, Jan. 30, according to published reports.

Kaitlyn Naomi Kellett, 21, of Abbeville, was taken to Abbeville County Detention Center after the wreck, according to reports.

Gabriel Smith, 21, of Abbeville County, died as a result of his injuries.

Kellett was driving a 2007

Jeep Wrangler west on Suber Road near S.C. 284 when the vehicle crossed the centerline, according to published reports.

Kellett over-corrected, causing the vehicle to run off the right side of the road, where it struck a ditch and a fence before it overturned, published reports indicate.

Kellett and Smith were not wearing seat belts, and Kellett was not injured, but Smith was ejected from the vehicle.

Kellett was charged with felony driving under the influence resulting in death, and she was transported to the Abbeville County Detention Center, where she was at press time awaiting a bond hearing, according to reports.

The South Carolina Highway Patrol, including the MAIT team, which investigates traffic fatalities throughout the state, is investigating this accident, reports indicate.



Calhoun Falls Clerk of Court Stephanie Copelan noted during a break in a recent Town Council meeting that the Town had secured some special equipment to help with court proceedings, given restrictions on in-person court proceedings in South Carolina. Here she is beside some of the new equipment. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## For the people

United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County celebrating 13 years of serving community

By Henry E. Green

United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County is celebrating its 13th birthday this year.

That's 13 years of serving the community in a host of ways, as Bill Boone indicated to Abbeville Rotarians recently.

Boone is the executive director for the all-volunteer organization.

"We have over 100 volunteers and not one of them is paid," he said.

Established on a network of collaborating churches, UCMAC has three component ministries.

One of them is that of emergency assistance, housed in the main UCMAC office on Center Street near the Abbeville Area Medical Center.

Because of COVID, much of the emergency assistance work is done over the telephone now.

UCMAC was able to help 105 people last year with such needs as heating, utilities and rent.

UCMAC is designed to help Abbeville County residents, but on occasion, the organization helps people

who live outside its borders. By no means will UCMAC turn anyone away.

The second component of the UCMAC trio of ministries is the food pantry, with branches in Abbeville and Calhoun Falls.

People coming to the food pantry can get a box containing \$25 worth of food. Last year, the food pantry distributed 57,000 pounds worth of food, serving 4,400 individuals.

The supporting churches of UCMAC contribute much of the food for the food pantry system.

Each church is responsible for a certain item.

Boone's church, New Hope Presbyterian, provides one example.

"We're the mac and cheese church," said Boone.

Second Harvest food bank, as well as Ingles and Aldi's grocery stores, also contributes food for UCMAC.

The third component is the free medical clinic, which serves adults 18 years and older who meet income guidelines.

Physicians from Abbeville Area Medical Center vol-

unteer their time to serve at the clinic. Last year, 335 patients were seen at the clinic, and 2,500 prescriptions were filled.

He praised the support of Savitz Drug for its help with the clinic.

The UCMAC clinic provides free health screenings through Clemson and AnMed.

Boone paid tribute to the support UCMAC has received from the Abbeville County community as a whole.

Paramedics raise vegetables in a garden, and then donate those vegetables to UCMAC.

Boone noted that there are 89 churches in the county, and 35 of those churches help support UCMAC either with money or food donations.

The organization has also received contributions of stock, and as much as 20 percent of UCMAC's income comes from this source.

People typically learn about UCMAC through word of mouth, or through the supporting churches, Boone said.



Dr. William "Bill" Boone of Abbeville is the executive director of United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County (UCMAC), and he provided an overview of the organization in a January 28 presentation to Abbeville Rotarians. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Rural fire fighters need equipment upgrade

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County's rural fire fighters, said Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams, could use an upgrade in terms of equipment, an upgrade which he hopes can be met at least partially if the fire fighters can secure a grant.

"The (Abbeville County rural) fire service has several needs," he said.

The fire service takes in the county's rural fire stations. There will be 15 such stations within the next year.

"We're in dire need of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus," he said.

These items, which fire fighters need when going into a hazardous environment, are very expensive--\$7,500 a pack.

Last year the County purchased 16 SCBAs from the fire department in Belton.

The SCBAs, only a year

old, helped meet the needs of two stations--Broadmouth/Turkey Creek and Lowndesville.

These two stations were judged to be most in need of newer SCBAs that meet current fire fighting standards.

However, the rural fire fighters of Abbeville County have a long way to go in terms of securing all that they need.

Each station needs a minimum of 10 SCBAs, said Williams, who underscored the importance of having them available.

Not only do they make fire fighters safer, but having them "protects us from a lot of liability."

According to Williams, the fire fighters' families will not be able to get insurance benefits if the fire fighters are not properly equipped.

Abbeville County Director David Garner, said the Fire

Marshal, is working on an application, on behalf of Abbeville County, for a FEMA grant, which would replace more than 200 SCBAs with newer models that meet current standards.

Williams is hopeful, but he said that there is indeed competition for the federal dollars--there are indeed many fire departments applying for federal assistance.

Abbeville County could receive confirmation this summer if the grant application is ultimately approved.

It is a regional grant which would include the Calhoun Falls fire department.

It would not include the City of Abbeville, or the Town of Due West, which received grants over the past two years.

"We're applying for over a million dollars (in equipment needs)," he said.



# Connections

## Diamond Hill Elementary has its own water treatment plant on its campus

By Henry E. Green

Diamond Hill Elementary is nestled in a peaceful, bucolic setting near Lake Secession.

The Abbeville County School District serves young people in grades kindergarten through seventh grade, and it serves as a "feeder" school for Dixie High School.

How peaceful a setting is it? You are apt to see cows grazing not too far from the school.

"They have their own water treatment plant on campus," said Dr. Mason Gary, Abbeville County School District Superintendent.

In fact, Diamond Hill is not connected to a public water system, County sources say.

One of the goals mentioned at the County Council workshop of Jan. 25 was

to look into connecting Diamond Hill to such a system.

In fact, connecting the school to a public water system was on the list of projects to be funded by a capital projects sales tax proposed several years ago, but the proposed tax failed to pass in a County referendum, said Abbeville County Council member Rick Campbell.

If the school were tapped into a public water system, then the District would pay just for the amount of water used, through a pipeline connecting it to the system as a whole, like schools in the city of Abbeville, he said.

The cost of connecting the school to a public water system is estimated to be between \$2 million and \$3 million, Campbell continued.

The tap in would serve not

only the school but people living along the road along which the pipeline would be situated.

Some have suggested a connection to the Starr-Iva Water and Sewer District, whose service area is close by.

"We would like to supply public water to upper Abbeville County," said Campbell, noting that there have also been considerations of running public water to places such as Lake Secession.

During the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the School District spent \$55,500 on maintaining and operating a water treatment plant on the school's campus, and that expense includes a partial salary for a maintenance person, who helps maintain and operate the plant, according to District finance director Roni Scott.

# Three file for Abbeville City Council seat

By Henry E. Green

The filing period for the special City Council election to fill the unexpired term of Trey Edwards is now complete, and three individuals have filed as candidates, according to the Abbeville County voter registration office.

They include Sandra H.

Hood, Olin D. Henderson, and John Sutherland, Jr., all vying for the City Council District Three seat.

The election will be held on Tuesday, March 9. City Council elections are non-partisan.

The winner of the election will serve approximately year and a half, in a term

which Edwards vacated when he became Mayor of Abbeville.

Edwards was elected Mayor or last fall.

For more information, one may call the Abbeville County voter registration office at 366-2400, extension 53.

# New substations could enhance fire service

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County fire officials are hoping that two new substations will help provide better fire coverage in rural areas of the county, according to Abbeville County Fire Marshal Tim Williams.

McElwain station will serve as a second station to the Cold Springs area.

It is "a three bay building that will house an engine and a tanker," the Fire Marshal continued.

Built through capital improvement millage, the station is on McElwain Road, in rural Abbeville County between Abbeville and Greenwood.

McElwain "is in the final stage of completion," said Williams.

The Diamond Hill station site, at the corner of 284 and Lake Secession Road, is in the early stage of development.

Ground has not been broken on it yet. "We're hoping within a couple of months (to break ground on it)," he said.

One plus for the Diamond Hill site is that it has access to water and sewer, he continued.

Diamond Hill will serve as a second station to Antreville and McGill stations.

McGill station is located in the Lake Secession

area. Diamond Hill, McGill, and Antreville will share the same personnel, and McElwain will share the same personnel as Cold Spring.

McElwain and Diamond Hill will be "substations" to the existing stations, and the hope is that they will help to provide better fire coverage, and lower insurance ratings.

The new substations will be funded through the County's capital improvement millage, and supplementary funding will be provided through the existing departments, Williams continued.

# County starts EMS apprenticeship program

By Henry E. Green

One of the success stories for Abbeville County for 2020 was an apprenticeship program for EMS, to help meet a shortage of EMS personnel.

Abbeville County has joined forces with Piedmont Technical College to promote the program, through which Basic EMTs are trained to be Advanced EMTs and Paramedics, according to Abbeville County Director David Garner.

"Piedmont Tech does the classroom portion of the training," he said.

The on-the-job portion of the program, which began in the fall of 2020, is done by Abbeville County.

The training program lasts three to four months. "I think we have seven (individuals) in the program right now," he said.

The purpose of the program, which is being

funded through money from a grant administered through the state, is twofold. One is to give current employees an opportunity for advancement.

The other is to help address the shortage of EMTs and paramedics.

The apprenticeship program was mentioned during a County Council goals workshop held recently at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex.

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## US House of Representatives

# Duncan Presses SEC on Unprecedented Intervention by Financial Institutions

Submitted by  
Congressman  
Jeff Duncan

Congressman Jeff Duncan (SC-03) pressed the U.S. Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) in a letter regarding this week's unprecedented intervention by financial institutions:

"We are witnessing a mod-

ern day David vs. Goliath story. All the American people want is fairness – from the little guy all the way up to large corporations. They want to know the system isn't rigged against them, and that rich Wall Street types play by the same set of rules as the rest of us. But the actions by certain finan-

cial institutions, like Robinhood, prove otherwise. The wealthy and well-connected get cover at the expense of every day Americans making individual decisions in the market.

This is Wall Street collusion at its worst, and we need answers from the SEC immediately."

## US Senate

# Scott's statement on the Senate Impeachment Trial

Senator Tim Scott

Today, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) released the following statement on the Senate impeachment trial:

"I am unconvinced that the Senate has the authority to hold a trial against a private citizen. If President Trump was such an existential threat, why did Speaker

Pelosi rush the impeachment only to wait twelve days to send the article to the Senate? If the purpose of this trial is to remove a president, that was already done on January 20th when President Trump left the White House. But now, once again, the Senate is faced with the time-consuming task of determining the

merits of yet another Article of Impeachment on now former President Trump. We need to get back to the people's work. We need to get vaccines distributed, save small businesses, safely re-open schools, and get our economy back on track—I'm here to do that. Anything other than that is simply a distraction."

## SC Statehouse Reports 2021-The Senate--Senator Mike Gambrell

# Legislative summary

Senator Mike Gambrell  
Legislative Summary  
January 29, 2021

The Senate successfully debated and passed S. 1, known as the Fetal Heartbeat Bill.

This legislation prohibits abortion after the detection of a fetal heartbeat. The exceptions which were added by an amendment are 1) if the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest, or 2) if the physician can identify a fetal anomaly that would prevent life outside the womb after birth. The physician performing the abortion

under the first exception must report the incident to law enforcement. The bill will now go to the House of Representatives for their consideration.

Governor McMaster has indicated that he will sign this legislation into law once it reaches his desk.

The Senate Medical Affairs will conduct a screening on Tuesday for Dr. Edward Simmer, Governor McMaster's nominee for the position of Director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control. As a member of that Commit-

tee, I am anxious to hear Dr. Simmer's plans for increasing South Carolina's vaccine utilization as well as streamlining the process for requesting an appointment to receive the vaccine.

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: [MikeGambrell@scsenate.gov](mailto:MikeGambrell@scsenate.gov).



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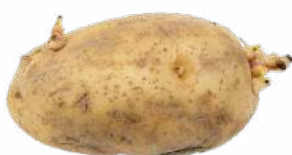
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The community can call the Abbeville Community Services office at 864-459-2100 for an appointment or submit an online application at [www.gleamnshrc.org](http://www.gleamnshrc.org). Click the community services circle and go to the gray box and click the LITT application or download the app or visit [littlitesc.azurewebsites.net](http://littlitesc.azurewebsites.net). The office for Abbeville County is located at 706 Carolina Circle, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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# Second infection very rare, hospital CEO says

By Henry E. Green

It is comparatively rare for an individual to contract COVID-19 more than once, Abbeville Area Medical Center interim CEO Cindy Buck told Abbeville City Council recently.

Buck noted this during a question-and-answer session following a presentation she and AAMC board member Sharon Norryce made during a special January 26 City Council meeting.

The hospital CEO also noted:

There is a space of 17 and 21 days between the first

shot and the second shot of the vaccine. So far the hospital has been using only the Pfizer vaccine, and the possible side effects include headache, fatigue and a sore arm.

The discussion at the meeting also touched on how the COVID-19 pandemic has hurt the City's financial resources.

Abbeville City Manager Blake Stone, in response to a question from City Council member Matt Gambrell, noted that revenue from the City's hospitality tax dipped last year, when many

businesses shut down in response to the pandemic. The decrease was most severe in March and April.

The resolution that City Council passed simply recommends that Abbevilleans wear face coverings to help curb the spread of the coronavirus.

Abbeville Mayor Trey Edwards indicated that the resolution represented a "compromise" from having a mask mandate, requiring Abbevilleans to wear face coverings and imposing penalties for those who do not.

## Drive-By Chili Sale to Replace DW Lion's Chili Supper February 12th

Submitted by Dick Haldeman

Although the Covid-19 pandemic will prevent indoor dining for the Due West Lions Club's annual Chili Supper, Lions will continue this 23-year tradition February 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. with a drive-by sale of chili at the Due West Fire Station.

Persons wearing masks and in automobiles may purchase chili for \$5.00 per pint in front of the fire station that

is located on Church Street in Due West. Church Street turns off Main Street at the Due West ARP Church.

Due West Lions Club vice president Dr. Jim Gettys is in charge of the fund-raiser for the club's local, state, and international causes. Amos Cunningham is club president. The club hopes to resume the indoor chili supper in 2022. It has been held for 15 years at the Due West Fire Station.

Members of the Due West

Lions Club, masked and distanced, will cook the chili and conduct the sale. The annual chili sale continues a tradition established in 1999 by the late Judge Gilbert Smith, cook, and the late Thomas Frasier, dessert chef.

This fund-raiser will help make it possible for Due West Lions to continue their contributions to Lions' local, state, and international charities.

## Virtual programs at the library

Submitted by Mary Elizabeth Land

Since we are unable to hold in-person programming, the library staff is providing virtual programming during the COVID pandemic. Virtual programs become available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 11:00.

On Mondays, a child-centered program becomes available. It features a staff member reading a book and a corresponding craft that kids can do with materials they would likely have at home. These programs typically last about fifteen minutes.

On Wednesdays, an adult-centered program becomes available. It is part of our Read, Eat, Grow initiative and focuses on cooking and healthy eating. The second Wednesday of the month is a video with our community partner. These programs typically last about 10 minutes each. Other Wednesdays are posts related to the theme, including recipes, related websites, and the like. There are 'goodie bags' available at the Abbeville Library that correspond with the month's theme for those who would like one.

On Fridays, a program

geared for older children becomes available. These programs, in collaboration with Due West Robotics, center on STEAM experiments and learning.

While we certainly miss our traditional in-house programming, we are excited to be offering these programs virtually. Lois Rhodes and Ashley Weyer have been instrumental in making these programs a success. These are a great way to keep kids entertained and engaged while at home. Programs become available at 11:00, but can be viewed any time, and archived episodes are available.



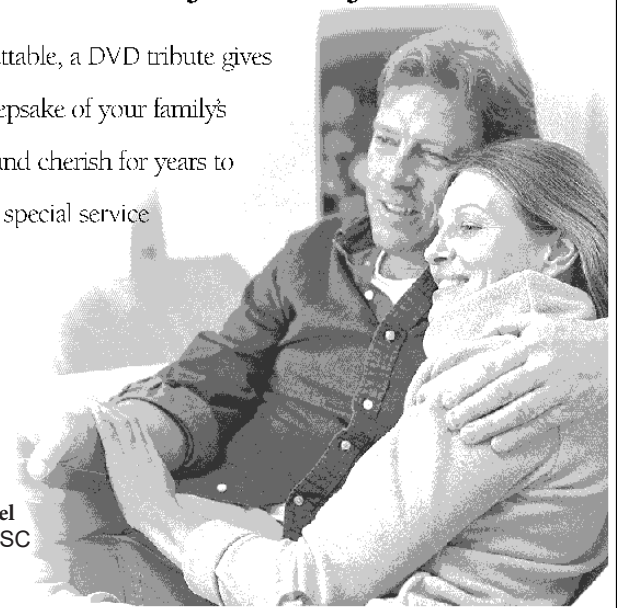
Due West Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church has a new pastor, Scott Moore (center), who was a guest at a recent Abbeville Rotary Club meeting. Following the meeting, he conversed with Rotarians Matthew Johnson (left) and Lee Logan (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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# Scott and Murphy Reintroduce Bipartisan, Bicameral FEED Act with Support of Chef José Andrés

*Bill allows Federal government to pay all costs to states to partner with restaurants and provide food to vulnerable populations*

**WASHINGTON** — Today, Senators Tim Scott (R-SC) and Chris Murphy (D-CT) were joined by John Cornyn (R-TX), John Boozman (R-AR), Mark Warner (D-VA), Lindsey Graham (R-SC), Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ), Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) and supported by Chef José Andrés and World Central Kitchen in announcing their intent to re-introduce the FEMA Empowering Essential Deliveries (FEED) Act in the 117th Congress.

This bill allows the Federal government to pay 100 percent of the cost to states and localities so that they can partner with restaurants and nonprofits to prepare nutritious meals for vulnerable populations, such as seniors and underprivileged children.

These partnerships will support businesses and small farmers as the coronavirus pandemic continues.

The FEED Act is an all-en-

compassing win for our most vulnerable populations, workers, restaurants, and small farms doing their best to stay afloat during the pandemic,” said **Senator Scott (R-SC)**. “By opening up a pathway for food producers, restaurants, and non-profits to easily partner with their state and local governments, the FEED Act is proof that good work happens when the private and public sector work together. Many thanks to Chef José Andrés and our bipartisan coalition for coming together to work on commonsense life-changing legislation.”

“COVID-19 has made millions of Americans food insecure and pushed restaurants to the brink of bankruptcy through no fault of their own,” said **Senator Murphy (D-CT)**. “It’s up to Congress and President Biden to get them the assistance they need to get out of this hell. That’s why I’m teaming up with my colleague Senator Scott to introduce the FEED Act, which provides funding for restaurants and nonprofits to feed Americans struggling as a result of the pandemic. No one should be food insecure in this country and helping families get back on their feet should be a top priority in the coming months.”

“Today, we have in front of us a major opportunity to meet head-on two crises that have been going on throughout the pandemic, mostly out of sight: a serious increase in the

number of hungry Americans, and the loss of hundreds of thousands of restaurants and millions of restaurant jobs,” said **Chef José Andrés with the World Central Kitchen**. “With the FEED Act we have a win-win solution: the federal government will start working hand-in-hand with cities and states to keep restaurants working and communities fed. We know that this model works – we’ve seen it work in Charleston, in New Haven, and hundreds of other cities around the country – and can take it nationwide with the support of Senators Scott, Murphy, and their colleagues in the Senate.

“This legislation would be a game changer for restaurants, farmers, and families in need,” said **Senator Graham (R-SC)**. “This is an important

step in keeping food on the table and workers paid as we rebuild from the coronavirus pandemic. I am hopeful this bill will move through the Senate in a timely manner so we can provide much-needed relief to thousands of Americans.”

“During the pandemic, the number of Texans in need has strained the capacity of food banks while restaurants and farmers have struggled to stay in business,” said **Senator Cornyn (R-TX)**. “This legislation would allow farmers to work directly with nonprofits and restaurants to help senior citizens, families, and the unemployed access healthy meals.”

“We are in the midst of another COVID-19 surge which is adding to the economic anxieties Americans have faced from the onset of this crisis. Right at the top of those concerns, for far too many Americans, is hunger insecurity. A record number of families are struggling to put food on the table during the pandemic,” said **Senator Boozman (R-AR)**. “As co-chair of the Senate Hunger Caucus, I am confident the FEED Act can help address this concern. This approach will help us reach those in need, while keeping restaurants open and ensuring farmers have a market for their commodities and livestock. I appreciate the leadership of Senators Scott and Murphy, as well as the advocacy of Chef José Andrés, and look forward to working them so we can put this plan into motion.”

“Supporting Arizona restaurants and nonprofits that provide meals for children, seniors, and vulnerable communities helps Arizonans stay healthy and keep food on their tables during the coronavirus pandemic,” said **Senator Sinema (D-AZ)**. “The COVID-19 pandemic



Senator Tim Scott and members of his staff assisted Chef José Andrés and World Central Kitchen package meals last summer

has exacerbated the hunger crisis in America, resulting in millions more Americans becoming food insecure. To address the skyrocketing food insecurity in our communities, we must look for innovative ways to ensure families in Virginia have dependable access to nutritious meals,” said **Senator Warner (D-VA)**. “That’s why we introduced this bipartisan legislation that would provide maximum flexibility to states and localities to help address this crisis while also supporting producers, restaurants, and local food systems in the process.”

“The public health and economic crisis created by the coronavirus pandemic has also created a hunger crisis, pushing millions more Americans into food insecurity,” said **Senator Booker (D-NJ)**. “At the same time, restaurants and restaurant workers are facing deep financial struggles. The essential

partnerships created by the FEMA Empowering Essential Deliveries (FEED) Act are a vital lifeline to keep restaurants operating while also ensuring access to nutritious meals for families in need.”

“By forging partnerships between federal and local governments, restaurants, and nonprofits, this bill will lift up struggling restaurants and get nutritious meals to Americans facing hunger. I have seen the devastating impacts of the economic crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic firsthand visiting food pantries and small businesses across Connecticut,” said **Senator Blumenthal (D-CT)**. “I am pleased to see that President Biden is putting vulnerable Americans first by backing this effort. I look forward to working with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to pass this bill and ensure that no American is forced to go hungry.”

**Background:**  
The FEMA Empowering Essential Deliveries (FEED) Act aims to provide nutritious meals to people in need in response to the Coronavirus crisis. The bill waives section 403(b) and 503(a) of the Stafford Act, which allows for FEMA to cover the cost of emergency and disaster related expenses. Under this legislation, the Federal government would cover 100 percent of the cost of disaster-related expenses, instead of the typical 75 percent. This would eliminate any state costs during the COVID-19 crisis and allow more states to take a proactive approach to distributing meals and providing more financial relief to restaurants.

Earlier this month, the House of Representatives filed a companion bill. Representatives Mike Thompson (D-CA), Jim McGovern (D-MA), and Rodney Davis (R-IL) were all cosponsors.

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**THEME: U.S. Presidents**  
**ACROSS**

1. Newton’s first name
6. Part of smog
9. Hissy fit
13. Human trunk
14. Form of “to be”
15. Illegal booze
16. Editorial changes
17. Crematorium jar
18. #56 Down, alt. sp.
19. \*One of six Presidents named James
21. \*First President previously divorced
23. Civil War’s Johnny
24. Manage without help
25. Military procedures
28. Cone-shaped quarters
30. MLB bench
35. Cowboy’s necktie
37. A whole lot
39. \*Whig, e.g.
40. Resembling wings
41. Nightly necessity
43. Experience emotion
44. Large ray
46. Glacier’s deposit
47. \*’Watch out!’ on a golf course
48. Traditional sock pattern
50. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
52. Knight’s title
53. Bypass
55. Foot digit
57. \*President Chester \_\_\_\_\_
60. \*He signed legislation to create Medicare
64. Fauna, Merryweather and \_\_\_\_\_, fairy godmothers
65. Expert
67. Convex molding
68. Bumpkins
69. Café alternative
70. Car ways
71. Trans-Siberian Railroad city
72. Piercing part
73. Slightly drunk

**DOWN**

1. Any thing
2. \*’Trump had button on desk to order his favorite one
3. Desertlike
4. Up and about
5. Coddle
6. Half-man, half-goat
7. Legendary NHLer
8. Tragedy, or comedy, or satire
9. Cheap form of payment?
10. Before Scotia
11. Clickable picture
12. Olden day “your”
15. Be in charge, two words
20. Newspaper notices
22. What all of #70 Across do
24. Painting or poetry
25. \*’He beat McCain and Romney
26. Kind of cap
27. Colloquialisms
29. \*First “dark horse”
31. Gamecock’s spur
32. Dessert sandwiches
33. Wombs
34. \*#29 Down predecessor
36. Creative
38. 18-wheeler
42. Green pasta sauce
45. Big Island greetings
49. Australian flightless bird
51. Group of people, often in research
54. Extremely angry
56. Concluding stanza in poetry
57. \*G. W. Bush to Yale, e.g.
58. Schneider and Lowe, e.g.
59. Major bike maker
60. Audience’s rejection
61. Sold in bars
62. Auto pioneer
63. Like a busybody
64. Back, to a pendulum
66. Latin dance three-step move, once

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# Resting place

## A church in rural Abbeville County works to designate a slave cemetery

By Henry E. Green

As Lebanon Presbyterian marks this year its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, the church is working to map out the parameters of a slave cemetery located behind the church.

Established in 1821, the church is located on Highway 823, commonly known as the Mt. Carmel Road, branching off from Highway 72 between Abbeville and Calhoun Falls.

As with any church that is 200 years old, Lebanon is replete with history, and one of those points of history is believed to lie in the woods behind the church.

Pastor John Butler believes that in those woods there is a slave cemetery. The place was not marked as such originally, but there are clues--depressions in the earth, and field stones. "Last summer (summer of 2019) we became re-acquainted with the slave cemetery," noted Butler.

There had long been talk that the cemetery was there, and Butler went online to try to enlist the aid of people who could help map out the parameters of the "enslaved persons burial site," as described in a sign put up recently behind the church.

Butler and the church wanted to know how many slaves were buried there, with the thought that they might want to designate boundaries of a place to be treated with respect.

Enter the South Carolina Search and Rescue Dog Association. Through online research, Lebanon Presbyterian enlisted the aid of this Spartanburg-based

nonprofit organization.

The Association uses tracker dogs in its work, and this time they would be tasked with locating graves.

On a very cold January day, representatives of the association, including Mitch Henderson, Katie Ingram, Sarah Hey, and Nancy Jocoy, were accompanied by Bo, a shepherd, and Penny, a Lab, and humans and canines together searched the woods behind Lebanon Presbyterian.

Later, in the fellowship hall of the church, they sat down with Butler and a local reporter to talk about the project.

"We are a Wilderness Search and Rescue Team," said Jocoy of the Association, of which Mitch is the president.

In their work at Lebanon, they used two "cadaver dogs"--Bo is nine and a half years old, and Penny two and a half.

"Our typical human remains call is a suicide or drowning," said Jocoy.

The cemetery is believed to include at least 80 to 100 graves, and Jocoy and company had been searching for more.

The dogs indicate by their body language the presence of what could be a grave.

"This is an unusual search for us," Jocoy said, noting that "we don't typically do historical grave detection."

It is an organization to which members volunteer their time "basically anywhere we are needed," said Jocoy.

Their scope of service in-

cludes the South Carolina Upstate as well as North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

Meanwhile, the church has been looking into the question of where they go from here.

"We've filed preliminary paperwork with the state archeologist's office," Butler said.

The pastor noted that "ground penetrating radar" might be a good tool to use, all on the way to designating it as a state archaeological site.

The project has opened a window into the past, with the pastor noting that if the history of other Presbyterian churches in the South is any indication, it is a fair assumption that at least some of the slaves might have been members of Lebanon.

He went on to say that it would not be the only slave cemetery in Abbeville County. At least one other rural Presbyterian church has such a resting place nearby.

Slave burials, he went on to say, were typically held at night, because the slaves had to work during the day.

With the burial allowing the slaves one of the few chances they had to get together in any kind of fellowship, funerals, illuminated by torch light, could last until daybreak.

Fast forward to the 21st century, and the pastor voiced a need to mark the resting place of people whose lives were marked by seemingly unceasing toil.

"We wanted to honor these folks," Butler said.

# Lander University announces Fall 2020 Graduates

Submitted by  
Deb Nygro

Lander University conferred bachelor and master degrees upon 181 students during the University's 162nd commencement ceremony on December 15, 2020.

Dr. Mandy Cleveland, associate professor of Psychology and Lander's 2020 Distinguished Professor of the Year, delivered the keynote address during the formal program held inside Finis Horne Arena.

The Fall Class of 2020 includes graduates from local communities, cities and regions across South Carolina and other states across the country, as well as internationally. In

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Members of the South Carolina Search and Rescue Dog Association are helping out in a project to study a burial site for enslaved persons behind Lebanon Presbyterian Church. Pastor John Butler (second from left) joined the Association's (from left) Mitch Henderson, Katie Ingram, Sarah Hey and Nancy Jocoy for a group photo, along with Penny, a Labrador Retriever, and Bo, a German shepherd. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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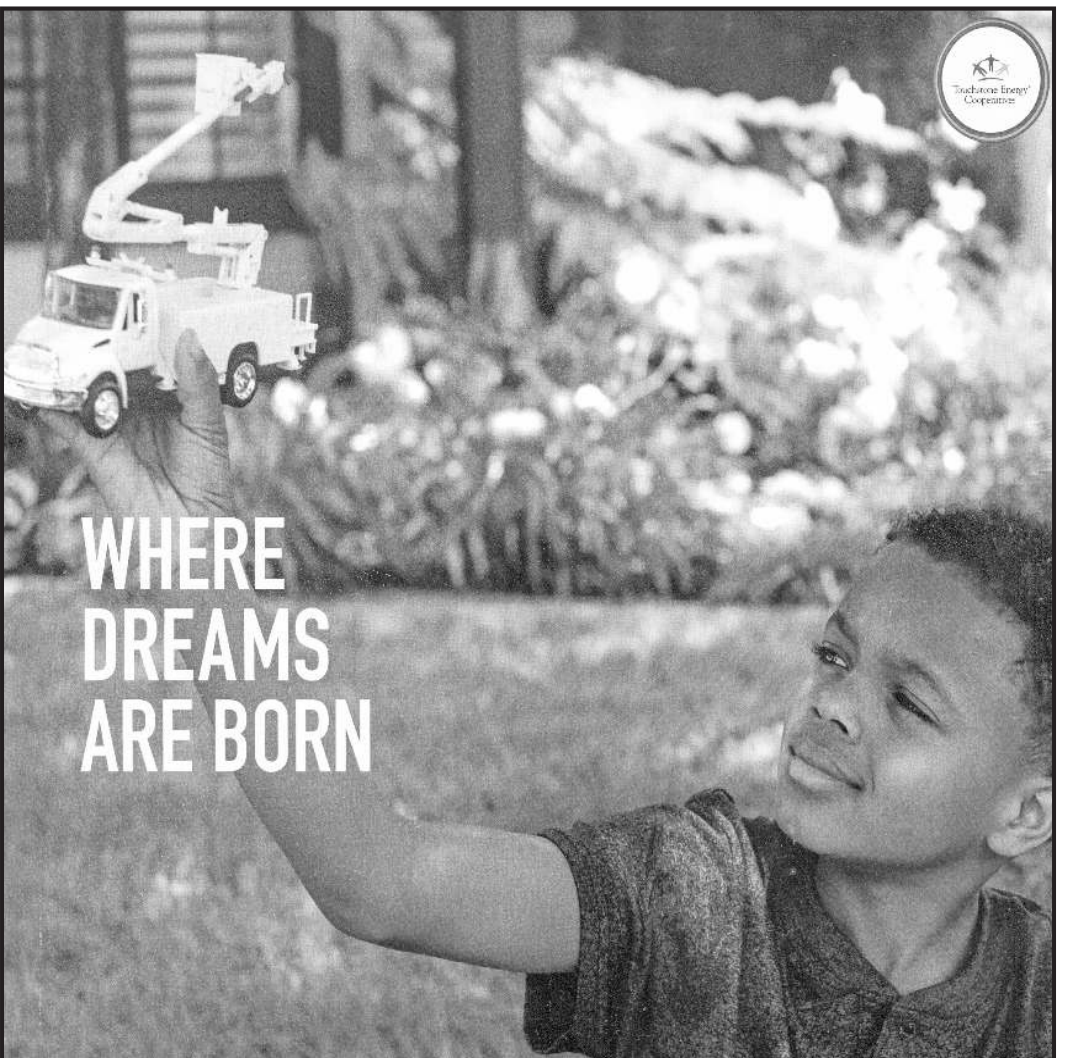
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Lebanon Presbyterian Church is engaged in a project to study a burial site, located behind the church, used for enslaved persons in the days before the Civil War. Pastor John Butler stands beside this sign used to designate the area. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)





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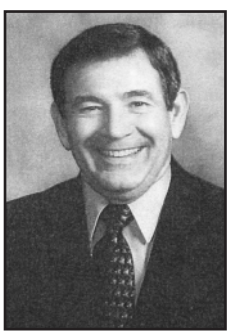
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## a Word from “THE WORD”

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### Epitaph for a Man of God



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**Deuteronomy 34:5** “So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.”

William Borden's life was brief (1887–1913), but his influence stretches into eternity. This Yale graduate was heir to enormous wealth, but he chose the hardships of mission work rather than the lap of luxury. He gave away hundreds of thousands of dollars and refused to pamper himself in any way.

In 1913, Borden died after just four months of passionately sharing the gospel with Muslims in Egypt. The epitaph on his grave describes his love and sacrifices for God's Kingdom and the Muslim people. His epitaph ends with a powerful statement: “Apart from faith in Christ, there is no explanation for such a life.”

That same powerful statement could be said about Moses—“apart from faith in God there is no explanation for the life of Moses.” Here in Deuteronomy 34:5 we have the epitaph of Moses. It is not only short, but profound. I would like to share three thoughts from this passage.

First of all, this is a tribute to Moses. Think about all the extraordinary things about the life of Moses. He had an amazing life—he was used by God to deliver the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage. He stood fearlessly toe to toe with Pharaoh, the most powerful monarch in the

world at that time, and his faith in God enabled him.

God used Moses to pour out the plagues on Egypt. God used Moses to part the Red Sea and lead the Israelites across on dry land. Moses went up on Mt. Sinai to receive the ten commandments from the very hand of God. Moses led the children of Israel to build the tabernacle and set up the sacrificial system of worship. He was used mightily by God and yet his epitaph simply states: “Moses the servant of the Lord died...” There can be no greater tribute to a person than that. Moses wanted to be remembered for being a servant of God—not for all the mighty works that God used him to accomplish.

Second, this is a testimony of how God used him. God used him because he was a servant. Moses was not lifted up by pride, rather he was humbled by the way God used him. Moses stayed close to the Lord and that is why God used him. His closeness to God made him humble rather than proud.

Tom Ellis, one time president of the International Mission Board, was fond of telling stories about his grandfather. He shared how that one time he was with his grandfather in his shop and his grandfather asked him to get him a certain tool. Tom searched for it, held

up a wrench and asked if that were the tool and his grandfather said no. He held up another tool and again his grandfather said no. Finally, his grandfather told him to never mind, he had used a screwdriver to do the job. Then his grandfather asked, “Tom, do you know why I used that screwdriver to do that task? It wasn't because it was the best tool for the job. I used it because it was close. Let that be a lesson for you. You may not be the best tool for God to use, but if you stay close to Him, He will use you.” Tom never forgot that, and neither have I forgotten that story.

Third, this is the true gauge of a person's character. The life of Moses was summed up in those five words—“the servant of the Lord...” Nothing sweeter, nothing nobler, nothing greater could be said of any person than that of being a servant of the Lord. Being a servant of the Lord is the goal for each and every believer in Jesus Christ. No one will rise higher than being a servant of the Lord. There is no greater reward for a servant of the Lord than to hear from the lips of our savior at the end of our lives: “Well done thou good and faithful servant.” I want to hear my Master say those words to me when I come into His presence one day. I hope that you do too.

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# Community calendar

## UCMAC encouraging people to fill out survey

The United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County is welcoming county residents to fill out a survey on the need for public transportation in Abbeville County.

"An electronic version of the survey is available and we need to get as many responses as possible," said UCMAC executive director Bill Boone.

Boone encouraged people wishing to complete the survey to reach out to the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6ZH9FSL>

## Lander to host seminar

The community is invited to participate in a live, virtual seminar with political scientists Amy E. Black, of Wheaton College, and Quentin Kidd, of Christopher Newport University on Monday, Feb. 8, at 5:30 p.m. at Lander.

The session, titled "Who Voted, Who Didn't, and Why Does it Matter," is the second of a series of events to be hosted by Lander's College of Behavioral and Social Sciences this semester, as part of the South Carolina Humanities Electoral Initiative.

Topics for the seminar will

include voting rights, voter access and voter suppression, as well as re-districting in the past and going forward with the 2020 Census.

To register for the session, please visit [www.lander.edu/electoralinitiative](http://www.lander.edu/electoralinitiative). Once registered, the Crowdcast platform will allow participants to add the event to their personal electronic calendars.

For more information on this initiative, please contact the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at 864-388-8176.



The Abbeville County Democratic Party made a \$200 donation to the Community Outreach/Homework Center on Haigler Street in honor of Rosemary McCurry for her 100th birthday, Wednesday, Jan. 20th. Ms. McCurry is a lifelong Democrat who has supported public education, the Public Library System, reading, and the nonprofit Community Outreach Center. She is a graduate of Hanover College in Indiana and Columbia Teachers College in New York, NY where she earned both an undergraduate degree, master's and specialist degree in Librarianship. Rosemary and her husband Joe McCurry retired to Abbeville (where Joe was born and raised). She spent a number of years on the Abbeville County Library Board, and was an advocate of reading. McCurry was a member of the Lamplighter Book Club, and a founding member of the Book Club sponsored by the Abbeville Presbyterian Church. Pictured: Mary Lo Edens, Treasurer of the ACDP, is pictured making the donation to J.J. Jackson, President of the Community Outreach nonprofit center. Sandi Hood, Remie' Beard-Johnson, Kendra Linton, not pictured is Rosemary McCurry. (Photo contributed)

## Obituaries

### Haynes

William Calvin Haynes, 70, of Abbeville, husband of Charlene McIlwain Haynes, died Thursday, January 28, 2021 at Self Regional Healthcare in Greenwood. He was born in Abbeville to the late Ed and Eithel Bannister Haynes.

A 1968 graduate of Dixie High School, Calvin also attended Anderson College. He retired from Coca-Cola Consolidated after 40 years of dedicated service; his work always brought him much joy allowing him to travel to many places and meet new friends. A faithful member of Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church, Calvin served as a Sunday School teacher and elder.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Charlene; his son, Chris Haynes (Anna); two grandsons, Kash and



**William Calvin Haynes**

Max, all of Abbeville; three sisters, Eileen Dickerson, of Due West, Deanna Lusk of Honea Path, and Diane Fisher (Billy) of Honea Path; and a sister-in-law, Lynn McClain (Johnny) of Abbeville.

The family received friends 10:00AM – 11:00AM, Saturday, January 30, 2021 in Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church. Funeral services began at 11:00AM in the church with Rev. Wayne Wicker officiating. Burial followed in Long Cane Cemetery.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Calvin, may be sent to Upper Long Cane Presbyterian Church, 194 Hwy 20, Abbeville, SC 29620 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

Harris Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Abbeville is assisting the Haynes family.

## Obituaries

### Waddell

Dorothy 'Dot' Moore Waddell, 86, of Abbeville, SC wife of the late Horace Fred Waddell, Jr. died Monday, February 1, 2021, at Brookdale Assisted Living in Greenwood. She was born in Laurens County, SC to the late George L. Moore and Josie Carroll Moore.

A 1952 graduate of Ford High School in Laurens, Dot was the Salutatorian of her class. Employed with Milliken & Co. - Abbeville Plant for several years, she later retired after 31 years of service as the administrative office manager with Clemson Extension in Laurens and Abbeville. Dot, a charter member of the Creative Garden Club, enjoyed flowers, gardening, horticulture and participating in and judging flower shows. She was former treasurer of the Long Cane Cemetery Association and the Burk Stark House for many years, as well as a board member of the Heritage House. Dot was a member of Abbeville First Baptist Church, the Bible Study Sunday School Class, Tweenagers, and the Amy Long Circle Group. She enjoyed her involvement



**Dorothy 'Dot' Moore Waddell**

with the Southern Squares, a square-dancing group, and played bridge as often as she possibly could. Dot will be fondly remembered for her caring nature and will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by an infant brother, Willie Ray Moore.

Dot is survived by her daughter, Jolee Waddell Beaver (Jeff) of Abbeville; a brother, Leon F. Moore, of Springdale, SC; two sisters, Virginia M. Thompson of Laurens, SC and Fay M. Prince of Columbia, SC;

two granddaughters, Lynde Beaver and Josie Beaver; a sister-in-law, Carolyn W. Cook, of Laurens; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and extended family.

Funeral services will be 1:00PM, Thursday, February 4, 2021 in the Harris Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Moses Aleman officiating. Burial will follow in Long Cane Cemetery. The family will visit friends following the graveside service. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, masks are encouraged and social distancing will be observed.

The family is at the home of her daughter, Jolee and Jeff Beaver.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. Waddell, may be sent to Abbeville First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, PO Box 825, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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 Waddell family.

## Obituaries

### Brock

Mark Brock, 58, of Troy, husband of Toni Quesenberry Brock, died Thursday, January 28, 2021 at his residence. He was born in Summerville, SC to Ruth Botts Brock and the late Rev. Raymond W. Brock.

Mark, a 1981 graduate of Burns High School and 1983 graduate of Spartanburg Methodist College, was employed with Milliken & Co for 22 years at the Greenville and McCormick Plants. He enjoyed spending time with his family and operating the Belluve Hunt Club. Mark was a member of Abbeville Presbyterian Church; however, he worshipped at Abbeville ARP Church.

He is survived by his wife, Toni, of 32 years, of the home; his mother, Ruth of Troy; a daughter, Baleigh



**Mark Brock**

B. Rushton (Daniel) of Greenwood and their son, Matthew James Rushton, who was the light of his grandfather's life; a brother, John Raymond Brock (Holy) of Troy; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harold and Joyce Quesenberry of Spartanburg; sister-in-law, Anita Quesenberry; brother-in-law, Roger Johnston

(Kelly) all of Spartanburg; and two nephews, Luke Brock and Sam Johnston.

A private service to celebrate Mark's Life will be held in the Harris Funeral Home Chapel.

The family is at the home; due to COVID-19 are requesting masks and social distancing be observed at all times.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mark, may be sent to the Abbeville ARP Church, c/o Riley McClain, 95 Agan Road, Abbeville, SC 29620

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 Brock family.

## Obituaries

### Tollison

Luther Wair 'Doc' Tollison, Jr., 65, of Iva, died Friday, January 29, 2021 at the Hospice House in Greenwood. He was born in Tampa, FL to the late Luther Wair Tollison, Sr. and Helen Smith Tollison.

Mr. Tollison enjoyed assembling model cars. He was a very giving man and known for his good heart. Mr. Tollison was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents,

he was preceded in death by four brothers and one sister.

Mr. Tollison is survived by his brother, Billy Tollison and his wife, Maria, of Iva and two sisters, Clara Parson and her husband, Bobby, of Abbeville and Helen Convey of Anderson.

Graveside services were 11:00AM Tuesday, February 2, 2021 in the Williamston City Cemetery with Rev. Scotty Willoughby officiating.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mr. Tollison, may be sent to the Susan G. Koman Foundation, 531 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601.

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 Tollison family.

## Obituaries

### Perry

Heaven has welcomed a new angel.

Steven Lindsey Perry passed away Wednesday Jan. 27, 2021 at Linley Park Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Anderson, SC. He was the beloved son of the late Claude Perry and Dora Wells Perry. Stevie was born Dec. 7, 1955 in Abbeville, SC and grew up in the Sharon Community.

Survivors include: a brother Billy Perry; a sister Claudette Duffy (Robert); nieces Debbie Duffy, Kristina Burnett (Jack) and their children Sophie and Ben; nephews Eddie Perry, Philip Perry and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by a brother David Perry and

nephew John David Perry.

For the past twelve years Stevie has lived at Linley Park Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Anderson, SC. Before he moved to Lindley Park he lived at Rocky River Residential Care in Belton, SC. Stevie has been on dialysis for the last 21 years, and for all he has had to endure, he never ever complained. He was always so brave and so trusting and touched many lives with his sweet and gentle nature. Stevie will be missed by all those who loved him and there were many.

His family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks, love and gratitude to everyone who has taken care of him

over the past 21 years.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, I learned to endure to the end." 2 Timothy 4:7

A graveside service will be conducted Friday Feb. 5, 2021 at 2:00 PM in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Abbeville, SC conducted by Rev. Marion Argo.

Memorials in memory of Stevie may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Online condolences may be made to the Perry family by visiting [www.chandler-jacksonfh.com](http://www.chandler-jacksonfh.com)

The Chandler-Jackson Funeral Home and Cremation Services is assisting the Perry family.



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The Abbeville High School varsity football team, which won the state championship on December 18 in Columbia, was recognized during the January 26 meeting of the Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees. Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary (far left) presented a certificate of appreciation to AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles, as players Thomas Beauford and Luke Evans, AHS principal Adam Lanford, AHS assistant athletic director Doug Belcher and AHS athletic director Maggie Jameson looked on. (Photo contributed)

## Dixie defeats Whitmire in boys hoops action

**By Henry E. Green**  
Dixie High School defeated Region foe Whitmire in boys basketball action Friday night, 52-33, in Due West, according to Josh Harbert. Max Peeler had 17 points, and Keon Bates had nine, and Luke Morales had eight, and Jared Ledbetter had eight as well for the Hornets. With the victory, Dixie improved to 6-7 overall, and 4-5 in the Region. "We held them to four

points in the first quarter," he said. Dixie, which led by seven points at the end of the first quarter, was able to increase its lead, and maintain it for the rest of the game. "We scored inside and out," he said, and the Hornets rebounded, and played good defense as well. Dixie was slated to travel to McCormick last night for another Region contest. "We're supposed to go to

Ninety Six this Friday (for a non-Region contest)," he said. Dixie has about two more weeks left in its regular season, according to the coach. "We're playing our best basketball right now," Harbert said, noting that Dixie played a close game with Southside Christian, a team he characterized as one of the best in the state, and defeated Ware Shoals and Whitmire by large margins.

## CF Charter whips Whitmire Wolverines

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Calhoun Falls Charter varsity boys basketball team defeated Whitmire 53-45 on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Whitmire, Calhoun Falls Charter varsity boys basketball coach Shawn Turman said. Calhoun Falls Charter improved to 4-0 in the Region with this victory over Whit-

mire, a Region foe. Daquan Lewis led the way in scoring for the Blue Flashes with 23 points. "We led in the beginning," Turman said, adding that the Wolverines made a run in the second and third quarters before the Flashes settled down, retook the lead for good on the way to victory.

"It was a combination of us shooting decently from the field," along with fine defensive play that forced a number of Wolverine turnovers, Turman continued. The Flashes were scheduled to play Ware Shoals, another Region foe, this past Friday in Calhoun Falls, he went on to say.

## Lady Flashes defeat Ware Shoals, 45-36

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Calhoun Falls Charter Lady Flashes defeated Ware Shoals 45-36 in girls basketball action in Calhoun Falls Friday night, said Calhoun Falls Charter varsity girls coach Joseph Cade. Leading the way for the Lady Flashes was Jasmine Cade with 19 points, followed by Autumn Thomas, with 18 points. "We're 6-0 in the Region," said Cade Monday morning.

"We are in first place." Calhoun Falls Charter jumped out to an early lead and never let go. The Lady Flashes were up 21-16 at the half. The second half was more of the same. The Lady Flashes scored their points "mostly on the inside," he said, going on to note that they did a good job of rebounding as well. Calhoun Falls Charter travels to High Point Academy

on Wednesday for another Region contest, and on Friday the Blue Flashes will host Southside Christian, another Region foe, at 6 p.m. The coach expressed satisfaction with the way the season is progressing. "I'm very proud of my girls, with the effort -- being as young as they are, playing against older players," he said.

## Dixie defeats Region foe Ware Shoals

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Dixie High School varsity boys basketball team defeated Region foe Ware Shoals, 64-41, on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 26, at Dixie, said Dixie High School varsity boys basketball coach Josh Harbert. Senior forward Keon Bates led the way for the Green Hornets with 18 points and 21 rebounds.

"That's the best game of his career," Harbert said. Sophomore guard Jared Ledbetter had 12 points and nine rebounds for Dixie. In the past couple of days Nathan Lynch (junior forward) has been playing really well," he added. "We got out to a decent sized lead and we held on to it throughout the game," he said.

Dixie had a height advantage inside, and took advantage of it, going inside to score points. With the victory over Ware Shoals, Dixie strengthened its record. "We are 5-7 overall and 3-5 in the Region," he said. Dixie was slated to host Region foe Whitmire this past Friday night.

## Board recognizes AHS football team

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Abbeville High School varsity football team, which won the state championship in December, was recognized during the Jan. 26 Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees meeting. Abbeville County School District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary recognized the team with a certificate of achievement during the Gold Star Highlights segment of the meeting. Dr. Gary recognized the Panthers not only for the state championship, but for the history the Panthers made. "It was the 11th state championship in school history," he said. If AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles wins two

more state championships, he will be the winner of more state championships than any other coach in South Carolina high school football history. During the Gold Star Highlights segment, District students and personnel are recognized for achievements and milestones they have reached, and in addition to the state championship AHS won, a number of other people were recognized, according to Dr. Gary. "It was a busy night," he said. January is School Board Appreciation Month, and each board member was recognized. Each principal presented a book to be placed in his or her school's library in recognition of a particular

school board member. The South Carolina School Boards Association had a big poster for the trustees to sign, a poster designating ethical principles to be followed by the school board and each trustee signed it. "We had two board members who received (15-year) certificates and pins for their service as a board member," he said. These board members were Tim Rhodes and James B. Tisdale, Jr. Finally, the board recognized Connie Cunningham, the District's director of school food services. The District's school food service recently received an Excellent designation in a recent "procurement review process," the Superintendent said.



Registration for Abbeville Youth Athletics spring sports began on Monday, Feb. 1 and will last through Friday, Feb. 19, as this sign in front of the Abbeville Civic Center indicates. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Registration for AYA spring sports begins

**By Henry E. Green**  
Registration for Abbeville Youth Athletics spring sports began on Monday, Feb. 1, and will last through Friday, Feb. 19, according to City of Abbeville Recreation Director Nick Van Horn. These spring sports include baseball, softball, and T-ball, and they are open to young people ages four to 12 years old. Abbeville Youth Athletics is a nonprofit organization which works with the City of Abbeville to provide recreational activities for young people in the greater Abbeville community.

"We were not able to have spring sports last year" because of COVID, he said. This year, "we'll recommend masks being worn, and practice social distancing." AYA teams play their home games at the Pete Smith Complex and the Dixie Youth complex. To register, a young person needs to come to the Abbeville Civic Center, or register online at the Abbeville Youth Athletics Website, the Recreation Director said. Van Horn is expecting a good turnout of young people this year, and he es-

timates that about 50 to 60 coaches will be needed for the kids who turn out. He is expecting several hundred kids to register. To register, a registration fee of \$55 for City residents and \$70 for those living outside the City will be needed. A copy of the youngster's birth certificate will also be needed. The AYA spring sports schedule is expected to begin in March, with more specific information to be announced later. For more information, one may call the Abbeville Civic Center at 366-5007.

## Virus makes presence felt in high school sports

**By Henry E. Green**  
The coronavirus pandemic has "infected" local high school sports, as can be seen at AHS and Dixie. Abbeville High School is resuming basketball action this week after a change in schedule last week produced a COVID-related reshuffling of varsity games. The junior varsity basketball teams were scheduled to face off against Ninety Six this past Monday night, and last night, the AHS girls were slated to square off against Crescent for second place in the Region, said AHS athletic director

Maggie Jameson. This coming Friday night, Feb. 5, the girls and boys varsity teams are slated to host Liberty for Senior Night, with girls action to begin at 6 p.m. with the boys game to follow. Due to the change in schedule, there were no AHS varsity basketball games last week. Dixie rules Meanwhile, Dixie High School has set up a slate of rules for basketball games to provide for social distancing in the age of COVID-19. The basketball games at Dixie are open only to the

families of the players, said Dixie High School athletic director Vic Lollis. Two tickets are allotted per player for varsity players only. For the JV teams, tickets are provided only for the families of Dixie players. All spectators leave the building after the varsity girls game, which typically is played before the varsity boys game on a basketball night. "We allow up to 10 Gold Card or High School League passes," said Lollis.

# Tender loving care

## Council member Jason Bonds talks about value of Calhoun Falls State Park

**By Henry E. Green**  
TLC.  
That's what Abbeville County Council member Jason Bonds says Calhoun Falls State Park needs. The park is one of the major attractions of Abbeville County, but may need a little refurbishing, Bonds indicated during a recent County Council workshop. "Some of the specific sites for the RVs need some up-keep," he said Wednesday. The same goes for some of the picnic areas, according to Bonds. "They've done a good job

on some of the sites," he said. "Some of them need some TLC. "A little manicuring" would be a good thing, said Bonds, who said that he has camped many times in the park. The County Council member emphasized that the state park attracts a multi-tude of visitors. "We attract people from all over the state," he said. Bonds suggested that County officials talk to state legislators about the need to keep the state park in good condition. The State Park, located

on the shores of Lake Russell, takes in 318 acres, and available activities include picnicking, fishing, hiking, swimming, biking and camping, according to Wikipedia. There are also a nature trail and a marina, as well as tennis courts and a basketball court. The County Council workshop, meanwhile, provided an opportunity for Council to set goals for the County. One of the goals, for example, involved the expansion of water service here in Abbeville County.

# Erskine sports

The following information was provided by the Erskine sports information office.  
**EC mens volleyball team victorious**  
The Erskine mens volleyball team defeated Reinhardt University in a five set thriller on Wednesday night by a score of 3-2.  
**Erskine men fall to North Greenville in basketball action**  
The Erskine mens basketball team was defeated in its home opener by a score of 83-57 against North Greenville on Thursday night. This

was the Fleet's first game since a 13-day shutdown due to COVID issues within the program.  
**Erskine track and field action**  
Erskine mens and womens track teams participated in the CrossPlex event in Birmingham, Alabama, this past weekend  
Zion Murry set a new school record in the 400m dash, posting a 51.82. Murry won his heat by an impressive two and a half seconds.  
\* Freshman Morgan Dutton continued to improve her

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The method of sale will be by sealed bids. The minimum acceptable bid shall be \$3,800. Bids should include the bid amount, name of bidder and contact information. Bids are to be addressed to Roni Scott, Finance Director, Abbeville County School District, 400 Greenville Street, Abbeville, SC 29620. All bids must be received by 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021 and will be opened at the District Office, immediately following the deadline. The district reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

The high bidder should be prepared to pay the entire sale price within 15 days of being notified that his/her bid has been accepted. The storage building must be moved within 30 days of the final sale date or all funds will be forfeited.

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# Some streets in CF getting makeover

**By Henry E. Green**

Some streets in Calhoun Falls are getting a makeover, thanks to the C fund program, according to Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris Cowan, who is hoping the makeover will help.

C funds are funds generated through a state fuel tax and allocated to the various counties.

Kershaw Street is in the process of being reconstructed through the C fund program, said Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris Cowan Wednesday.

"It was a dirt road," he said. "It's just being graveled."

Cowan is hoping that eventually it will be paved, also through C funds.

The C funds for the graveling of Kershaw Street, which the Mayor said is about 100 yards long, were allocated last fall by the Abbeville County Transportation Committee.

Two other streets are being graveled under the same program--Emily Lane and Shaley Street.

All were dirt roads that are now in the process of being graveled.

The three streets together are home to 13 homes. "I'm very pleased for the

residents of those streets," he said, adding that this will improve the quality of life for those residents.

The area, which he said is located inside the City limits, has potential.

"It could become a nice subdivision," he said.

S & S Construction, based in Anderson, is doing the work, which represents the third project in two years that they have done for Abbeville County, said Abbeville County director of public works Daniel Shaw Friday.

The project is expected to be completed by some time this week, he said.



The Abbeville Artist Guild exhibit at the Welcome Center on Abbeville's Court Square highlights the work of McCormick artist Jeffery Callaham, whose paintings are characterized by vivid colors. Callaham's work will be at the Welcome Center until the end of February. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Food distribution set for later this month

**Submitted by Mason Gary Superintendent of the Abbeville County School District**

I would like to explain how Abbeville County School District (ACSD) has and will continue to work with the Farm to Family Program (F2F).

I first learned about the F2F from a neighboring superintendent.

She provided me with a contact name and number and the first food distribution was planned for and carried out on October 29, 2020. This event went very

well and in just short of four hours, 1,152 boxes of food, weighing 32 lbs. each were distributed to community members who patiently waited in long car lines.

Our second event was planned for November 24, 2020 and we waited for almost five hours for the truck to arrive only to find out that it had never departed from the terminal in Florida.

Please understand that because this is a federal program, the drawback is that we are at the mercy of the F2F program and distribution center for delivery.

I was very disappointed that the second event was

cancelled, but since that time, I have been in contact with F2F and completed a survey showing our continued interest and readiness to make the event occur.

As such, our next food distribution is scheduled for February 18, 2021 at 9 a.m. in the Old Fred's parking lot located at 763 Hwy. 28 ByPass in Abbeville.

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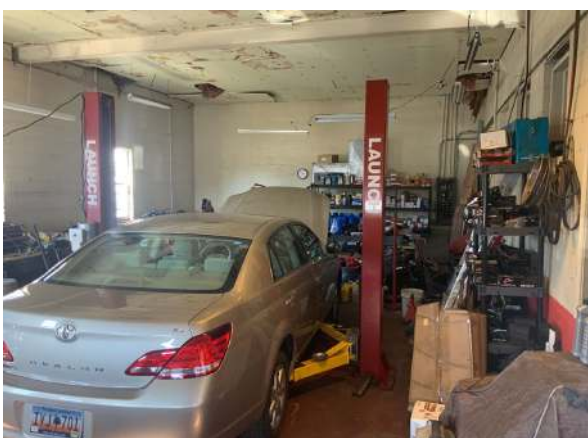
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