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

Coronavirus

Physician sees high percentage of ‘positives’

By Henry E. Green

The coronavirus pandemic in Abbeville County has entered a particularly dark phase, with a high percentage of people testing positive, according to a local physician.

“The Covid-19 pandemic has never been more active than it is currently and health care systems around the world are being stretched in some cases beyond their capacity,” said Abbeville physician Dr. Allen Kolb this week.

“The good news is that several effective vaccines are now available and are being distributed, though not as quickly as needed or as quickly as promised. The challenge is to get all

available vaccines to the people who need them most as quickly as possible and then to get as many people as possible vaccinated. Make no mistake. Until at least 70-80% of the population is immune to this virus it will still be a major risk and life as we knew it and want it to be will not be possible.”

Dr. Kolb sought to clear the air of bad information about the vaccines.

“Sadly, there has been much misinformation and mistrust sewn in some cases by ignorance and in some by political priorities other than public safety and interest,” he said.

The two vaccines currently available in the US, one by Pfizer and one by Mod-

erna, are both 95 percent effective in preventing the recipient from contracting the coronavirus, at least the current prevalent strains, he continued.

“Both vaccines are safe. Neither of them involve the use of fetal tissue cells, regardless of what you may have heard on ‘social media.’”

The Abbeville community has entered a sobering realm in terms of Covid-19, according to the physician.

“Our community is currently experiencing the highest percentage of positive Covid tests that we have experienced since the start of this pandemic,” he said.



Abbeville County Sheriff's Deputies were sworn in Tuesday morning by Abbeville County Clerk of Court Shandal Boggs in the courtroom of the Abbeville County Courthouse in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Big plans

Town of CF looks in 2021 at airport, library, Ellison Center parking lot

By Henry E. Green

The Town of Calhoun Falls has a number of projects which it is hoping to turn into reality in 2021, according to Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris Cowan.

One of those projects involves the Ellison Center, a community center which has served as the location for a number of activities.

“The Town will be seeking funds for the Ellison Center parking lot project. The Ellison Center is a focus point in our community with the facility to be used by community and civic leaders sponsoring events throughout the year. Having the parking lot upgraded to pavement would enhance the appearance and preserve our community center.”

There are other projects

as well.

The mayor said he has been “brainstorming” with a local pilot “about better utilizing our airport.”

The Mayor said they discussed “the prospect of developing flying clubs or even attracting an established training school to be stationed there. If we could maintain storage of at least seven airplanes at the airport, we could possibly be eligible for Federal funding to resurface the airstrip.”

Cowan also has high hopes for the Calhoun Falls library.

“If we could somehow invest in our public library, this could be a huge impact on our community. The library building is physically owned by the Town and the contents on the inside belong to the county.”

The Town currently owns the building in front of the Calhoun Falls post office, he went on to say. The mayor sees the possibilities of “upgrading that building and creating a larger new library facility there; or locating to another suitable location.”

“I think an opportunity of this magnitude will be a great impact for our youth and community needs. If we could also encourage the County and The Friends of the Library to partner with us on a project such as this, it could easily be a success.”

The Town will also during 2021 be continuing to work on upgrading its wastewater treatment system, the Mayor indicated.

“I think that 2021 could be a very busy year for the Town of Calhoun Falls,” he said.



Matt Gambrell (second from right) was elected to Abbeville City Council in 2020, and was sworn in in November by City Judge William McNeil (far right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

‘Freshwater’ group has good year

By Henry E. Green

The Freshwater Coast Community Foundation has had a good year in 2020, according to an FCCF newsletter.

The Foundation is a South Carolina corporation with 14 board members. It serves Abbeville County, McCormick County, and the Starr Iva area of Anderson County, with a main office on the Highway 28 Bypass, according to Foundation administrator Lee Logan.

The chairman is Brad Evans, Wes McAllister the vice chairman, and Andy Timmerman the treasurer.

The Foundation donated \$5,000 to Preservation SC to benefit the restoration of Trinity Episcopal Church, and the FCCF also donated \$500 to the Abbeville Youth Center for its SAT study program.

Donations to the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation came to more than \$2.07 million.

Donations to the Abbeville Promise have come to more than \$1.2 million, according to the newsletter.

The Promise was created

by the Foundation as a scholarship program so that Abbeville County high school graduates can attend Piedmont Technical College free of tuition and required fees, assuming they meet the other qualifications, according to Lee Logan.

In addition to the Promise, the Foundation has made grants to other charitable organizations in the three county area. It has sponsored with Clemson University the Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development.

“We also sponsor the Calhoun Falls Economic Development Fund along with managing a number of donor advised funds, and scholarships,” Logan said.

According to the newsletter, the enrollment at Piedmont Technical College in the first three years of the program increased from 23 percent to 28 percent, and it includes more than 356 Abbeville County students.

“Overall, one hundred forty three companies and families donated to the Abbeville Promise,” according to the newsletter.

Meanwhile, the Freshwater Coast Reward Card program has 95 participating merchants.

The Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development promoted youth entrepreneurship through programs for elementary and middle school students, and more than 30 students received training on how to become an entrepreneur.

The Freshwater Coast Community Foundation helped create a farmer's market pavilion in Calhoun Falls.

The FCCF and community leaders formed a partnership to build the pavilion and raised nearly \$70,000 for its construction.

Finally, the Freshwater Coast Center for Rural Development in 2020, the Center, through Center executive director Wilder Ferreira and various speakers, offered 16 workshops, on topics ranging from conversation and public skills to how to start a small business, the newsletter stated.

Calhoun Falls was very busy in 2020

By Henry E. Green

The Town of Calhoun Falls was busy with some major projects in 2020, said Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris Cowan.

“The farmers market was completed early July 2020,” said Cowan. “Since the Town currently doesn't have a grocery store it was imperative that we build a local pavilion to house our active farmers market.”

The Town applied for two grants to help make the project a reality. One was awarded from Dominion Energy and another from the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

“We partnered with the Freshwater Coast Community Foundation to raise additional fund from community donations. Our partnership committee will be reviewing opportunities for

another project for 2021.”

The Town has also been working to repair the Community Building, which in past years had been the location of numerous gatherings, such as receptions.

“The Community Building upgrade is almost completed, with funds provided from a PARD grant,” he said.

“We have a new roof, a new HVAC system, handicap accessible bathrooms, a leveled porch and handicap ramp. Electrical updates include lights inside and outside. To finalize this project, we need to replace a few logs, stabilize the floor and do some painting.”

Upgrading the Town's wastewater treatment system was a major effort in 2020, and promises to continue to be just that in 2021.

The Town received \$300,000 from a state fund

to be used for the rehabilitation of some sewage lines and manhole concerns.

The wastewater treatment plant received some upgrades as well.

“These upgrades will allow our waste water treatment plant to manage the inflow more efficiently,” said Cowan. “We will begin the process of seeking funding to upgrade all the mixers. This will allow the Town to process the waste more proficiently and reduce our electrical cost.”

Finally, the Town collaborated with Clemson University to provide a Cox Avenue Remake program director, who coordinates activities within the Town of Calhoun Falls commercial district and utilizes historic preservation as an integral foundation for downtown management.

'Red Dog' Sutherland will truly be missed

By Henry E. Green

Was there anyone who called Scott Sutherland by his real name?

It's a safe bet that those people who did were in a very small minority.

No, just about everybody knew him by his nickname --"Red Dog"--and he was as colorful and beloved an individual as his nickname would suggest.

Red Dog was a fixture at Abbeville County high school athletic events, where he served as an official for many athletic events.

We remember him most vividly as an official at softball games. Hunching down behind the plate, he called strikes and balls, focusing on his task, as the softball moms and grandmas who make such events so interesting, and at times amusing, cheered on their loved ones.

Or he would be behind first base, his arms busy with calling someone "safe" or "out."

And of course, he was also a mover of the chains at Abbeville High School football games.

Red Dog, who died at home on Monday, Dec. 28, was good at what he did, and his obituary makes that clear.

The 1977 graduate of

Abbeville High School recently retired from the City of Abbeville after 32 years of service.

A volunteer football and baseball coach with Abbeville Youth Athletics, he served on the football chain crew at Abbeville High School for 31 years.

An assistant football coach at Wright Middle, he was a baseball, basketball, and softball official for 32 years, and was named South Carolina Official of the Year in 2015-2016 by the South Carolina House of Representatives, and was named NFHS Official of the Year for softball in 2015.

"He was a great friend," said AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles Wednesday. "He was an Abbeville man through and through. He loved his family, he loved his Panthers, and he loved his community."

Sutherland was also "very loyal to his friends", the coach added.

"He will truly be missed on Friday nights," Nickles said, adding that he will also be missed at his church, Grace United Methodist Church.

"He will just truly be missed--period," said the coach.

Mike Bolden described Sutherland as his "right hand man."

"He was like my brother," he said, noting that they used to coach recreation athletics together.

Bolden is the head football coach at Wright Middle, and Sutherland assisted him in that endeavor.

"He is definitely going to be missed," said Bolden.

"I've known Red Dog since I was about five years old," said Benji Greeson, adding that translated to 35 years.

"I played baseball from 5 to 15 years old. I always played catcher, and he was the home plate umpire for probably 95% of all the games I ever played. My stepdad, Franklin Lewis, was the public works director and Red Dog worked for the city my whole life.

"He was a great guy. Nice, funny, loved sports... especially Abbeville football and baseball... He'd call a third strike on you in a minute. One of his famous lines when a coach would get on to him about his wide strike zone. He'd say, 'People don't pay to see a walks coach... tell'em to swing cause I'm calling strikes back here. I get paid the same if I'm here an hour or three minutes. He was one of a kind and will be sorely missed."

Abbeville man faces sexual conduct charges

An Abbeville man faces charges in connection with allegations of sexual misconduct, according to the Abbeville Police.

On Dec. 25, 2020, Abbeville City police officers responded to Dutchman Road in reference to an alleged sexual assault. When officers arrived on the scene, they made contact with the victim, who identified the

suspect to be James Clyde Sanders, according to the Police.

While on the scene at Dutchman Road officers were advised by a friend of the victim that Sanders was seen on Haigler Street.

Officers were then given a description of Sanders, and his vehicle, and then they responded to the area. Officers were able to locate

Sanders in the area, where after a short pursuit, he was apprehended and taken into police custody.

After an investigation, Sanders, of 138 Dutchman Road, Abbeville (DOB is 03/06/1960) was charged with criminal sexual conduct first degree, kidnapping and domestic violence first degree, according to the Police.

A Slice of Mike "Slam Punk'd"

By Mike Elis

The picture attached to this column represents what a parent will do for his/her children when they really want something; and how every story can have a twist in a matter of seconds.

Five years ago, my son David and I were watching television when a commercial aired for the Harlem Globetrotters game coming to Greenville, South Carolina. I am not a sentimental person, but I couldn't help but smile as I thought about the time my father took me to see Sweet Lou Dunbar, Geese, Curly Neal, and my hero, Meadowlark Lemon.

What a day it was. After watching them on Scooby Doo and the appearances on Wide World of Sports, I was treated to a huge thing of cotton candy, a jumbo hot dog, and a collector cup full of Pepsi that was \$4 at the time (things have changed). And although I wanted to meet Meadowlark Lemon, that didn't happen but he made the game-winning shot which was so cool.

"Daddy, will you take me to see this game?" I was almost in tears. My eight year old son asking me to take him to this was such a shocker, especially since he is not a sports fan. Doing the math, it had been exactly 30 years since my dad took me, and I was so excited.

I looked at my calendar and saw that I was scheduled to perform in Asheville on the night of the game. I looked at my son, saw that smile, and instantly messaged the guy who booked the comedy show. "Sorry, I can't make it. Something came up, so please find someone else."

With my busy schedule traveling and performing, I was so happy to spend a day with my son. It meant the world to

me that he asked. Although I needed the money from the show, this was so much more important.

We got to the game, Sweet Georgia Brown played over the sound system, and I spoiled him rotten. A hot dog, nachos, soda, game program, and a mini basketball in the Harlem Globetrotter



evil eight year old smile and replied, "Let's do this."

Halftime came and Globie stormed onto the court. At that very moment, the usher in front of us was distracted while talking to someone and I told David, "Follow me." I had a clear path and ran onto the court. Only one issue; when I turned around, no David. I looked up and David chickened out. He was in his seat, sipping on his giant soda and looked in disbelief that daddy just did that.

The only thing missing was Ashton Kutcher. I got "Punk'd."

Yup, he got me, but I wouldn't go quietly. I ran over to Globie mid-halftime

show, grabbed my phone, and posed with him for a selfie. I had just enough time before security came out who nicely told me to return to my seat.

I would do it all again for David, and I hope 30 years from now, my son will take my future grandson to a Globetrotters game and smile the way I did. I was so thankful for him to experience something from my childhood. I was also thankful I have a photo to always remember it, even if I wished my son was in it as well.

Meadowlark Lemon died a month after the game in Greenville with my son, but he will always live in my memories. Memories of a night with my dad, then in memoriam a night with my son.

I am not the perfect father by any stretch of the imagination, but on that night, daddy was nothing but net. Don't forget to check out the amazing lineup of shows coming to the Abbeville Opera House. Visit abbevillecitysc.com for tickets to all of the performances beginning in January.

Make it count! 2020 Census touched Abbeville County along with rest of nation

By Henry E. Green

One of the big stories in Abbeville County in 2020 involved the Census.

The U. S. Census is held every 10 years throughout the nation, and it is used to determine Congressional representation, and for a number of other purposes as well.

Thus, responding to the Census is vitally important. (The tabulation of the 2020 Census was not complete at press time.)

Lanny McKay and Runda Morton served as co-chairs of an Abbeville County

Census committee, whose members volunteered their time and worked hand in hand with the U.S. Census Bureau.

"A good hearty dozen worked on the committee," said McKay Tuesday.

The members of the committee worked hard to get the word out about the Census and to get people to respond to it.

"We held meetings," McKay recalled. There were other strategies as well. Census representatives were stationed outside Ingles to help persuade

people to respond to the Census.

Census reps even went to the free Covid testing events held at the old Fred's parking lot on the Highway 28 Bypass in Abbeville, to spread the word about the Census to people waiting to be tested.

McKay praised his co-chair, Runda Morton, for her hard work on behalf of the Census.

"Runda had tremendous success in the apartment complexes," he said. "Runda reached out more than any of the rest of us."

a Word from "THE WORD"

Rev. Dr. John Keith

Two Handles

Galatians 1:10 "For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ."

Henry Ward Beecher once said, "Every day has two handles; we can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith."

Paul asks the question in verse 10. Who are we trying to please, God or man? If we are trying to please man, we are taking hold of the handle of anxiety. One cannot be a man pleaser and a God pleaser at the same time.

If we want to please God, we must walk by faith and not by sight. God is always pleased by faith. God is not pleased when we walk by sight.

Let me share three thoughts on pleasing God by walking by faith.

First of all, it takes courage to walk by faith. That is especially true when people all around you criticize you for not walking by sight. The world in which we live is characterized by and large by nay-sayers. If you walk by faith, they will

discourage you by saying that you are being foolish. When you walk by faith, these nay-sayers will point out that what you are doing is not practical and that you are bound to fail.

George Washington Goethals was appointed by President Roosevelt to build the Panama Canal on February 26, 1907. Critics said it could not be done. When asked how he would answer his critics his reply was, "By building the Panama Canal," and he did just that. He was not walking by sight. He was walking by faith.

Second, it takes commitment to walk by faith. Your faith will be tested every day. One must be committed to walk by faith especially when things start going wrong or becoming difficult.

Faith walking goes contrary to popular opinion. Faith walking will be tested by our enemy, Satan. He

will try to make us believe that we cannot do what God has led us to do. If we are not committed to pleasing God, we will cave in to peer pressure when the going becomes difficult.

Third, it is a constant battle to not conform to the ways of the world. Our society does not like people who stand out in contrast to it. We live in a world that tries to destroy those who do not agree with their agenda. An example of that is the news media that tries to destroy and tarnish any journalist who disagrees with the main stream opinion.

The prevailing thought seems to be, "if you disagree with my agenda, then you are my enemy and I must annihilate you." It is so tempting to give in and be a man-pleaser rather than a God pleaser. As we face the new year, let us take hold of the handle of faith and walk by faith in God and not in fear of man.



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Shandal Boggs was sworn in Monday afternoon as the new Abbeville County Clerk of Court in the courtroom of the Abbeville County Courthouse by Judge Donald Hocker (back to camera) in front of an audience of family and friends. She was accompanied in the swearing-in by her daughter Jamaya and her son Justin. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Boggs sworn in as new Clerk of Court

By Henry E. Green

Shandal Boggs was sworn in Monday afternoon as the new Abbeville County Clerk of Court in the courtroom of the Abbeville County Courthouse.

Boggs, a Democrat who ran unopposed in the general election last year, was sworn in by Judge Donald Hocker in front of an audience of family and friends.

She was accompanied in the swearing-in by her daughter Jamaya and her son Justin.

Providing the invocation was Rev. Reginald Morton, pastor of Mt. Lebanon AME.

"This is a special day," not only for Shandal and her family but for Abbeville County, Hocker said before the swearing-in. "Shandal does a great, great job."

Following the swearing-in, Shandal provided closing remarks, thanking God, and her mother, her brothers and sisters, church family and work family.

Boggs grew up in Due West and graduated from

Dixie High School. She has an associates degree from Piedmont Technical College.

The Due West resident has been working with the Clerk of Court's office 19 years.

After the swearing-in Monday afternoon, Boggs looked to the future.

"We're going to have a good year," said Boggs, adding her emphasis on serving the public. "My door is always open."

Opera House to host number of events

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Opera House promises to be a busy place in January and February, according to City of Abbeville community development director Mike Clary.

An Elvis tribute is planned for January 16, followed by a Pink Floyd tribute band, Interstellar Echoes, on Feb. 6, and on Feb. 13 a Garth Brooks tribute band, Ropin' the Wind.

The Elvis tribute will include the talents of Elvis tribute artists Austin Irby and Jacob Eder, according to Clary.

"They're both from the area," he said, noting that

they both tour the Southeast extensively.

This will be the third year for the Elvis tribute at the Opera House.

The tribute is officially known as the Elvis Birthday Celebration, held around the time of the King's birthday.

"It's a fun show," Clary said. At a minimum through the end of March, all shows at the Opera House will be at 50 percent capacity and masks will be required.

"On February 20 we have the Breakfast Club," he said.

This is an Eighties tribute band, named after the popular Eighties movie starring Molly Ringwald, and Emilio

Estevez.

"On Feb. 26, we'll Michael Winslow," Clary said.

Winslow is a comedian who received rave reviews in the 1980s classic movie "Police Academy."

These will be the first shows at the Opera House since March 7, 2020, when the community theater hosted Iron Horse Bluegrass.

DEW begins paying out \$300.00 FPUC Payments

On Monday, January 4, 2021, the Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) paid more than \$10 million to the first round of claimants eligible for the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) supplemental benefits. According to a recent news release from the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce.

"We are extremely excited to begin paying these important funds without interruption to continuing claimants with eligible weeks," said DEW Executive Director Dan Ellzey. "Our agency has only received the very first of the guidance from the US Department of Labor (USDOL), and there is still a great deal of work to be done to study and implement these complex programs, but we are happy to begin the process and support South Carolinians during this difficult time. We will communicate with claimants to help them navigate new deadlines and expectations."

Starting with claim week ending January 2, 2021, claimants who are eligible

to receive at least \$1 of an unemployment program will also receive an additional \$300 on top of their weekly benefit amount. This supplemental FPUC payment, made available by the recent passing of the Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act, will be provided to eligible claimants through claim week ending March 13, 2021.

The agency was able to begin this first phase of the Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act so quickly because: · US DOL made FPUC money available to states over the weekend. · The additional benefits were paid overnight only to individuals on a continued claim who have not exhausted their eligible weeks. This is the first group of claimants who will receive these benefits. · Eligible claimants will begin to receive benefits for the claim week ending January 2, 2021. There are not prior weeks of \$300 available through this program. · Individuals receiving the \$300 have already been processed through the agency's enhanced security

system and identification process. · This addition could be programmed into the system in a way that was very similar to the \$600 FPUC program that was built into the system in 2020. · DEW received US DOL guidance to proceed with this phase of the act.

DEW is continuing to work through the guidance as it is issued from USDOL and will implement the various programs in phases as quickly as possible. SC Department of Employment and Workforce NEWS RELEASE Media Contact: Heather Biance As we continue to get final guidance, we will begin paying the additional add groups who have already exhausted the PUA or PEUC programs, including the \$300 FPUC benefits.

As DEW is able to build and apply the programs of the Continued Assistance for Unemployed Workers Act, the agency will post updates to the website, through social media, send information and instructions to claimants, and share information with our media partners.

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Pandemic Brings Respiratory Care Profession to Forefront

Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigsen

This current health crisis arguably has been the most teachable of moments for students in Piedmont Technical College (PTC) health care programs. This couldn't be more true for students in the college's Respiratory Care Program — a curriculum that teaches about caring for patients with lung disorders.

Because COVID-19 patients typically present to the hospital with serious breathing issues, the respiratory therapist (RT) is often among the first people a COVID patient sees. The RT may administer supplementary oxygen and breathing treatments or, in the worst cases, intubate the patient and connect them to a ventilator to mechanically assist their breathing.

"You can't separate the heart from the lungs, so patients in multiple clinical areas need an RT present," said Ann Piggott, program director for Respiratory Care at PTC. "For this reason, an RT can work in just about any part of the hospital, from the Intensive Care Unit to an inpatient floor to the Emergency Department. The pandemic has certainly made people more aware of respiratory care and ventilators and how the RT plays a critical role on the health care team."

The PTC Respiratory Care Program loaned four of its ventilators to Self Regional Healthcare for several weeks during the height of the crisis. "I feel like we have done our part to help with that," Piggott said. "We also gave masks, gowns and other PPEs (personal protective equipment). We basically stripped our cabinets."

Piggott said that managing

ventilators is one of the most challenging aspects of the program due to the technical complexity working with the machines. It's not a matter of one size fits all.

"Every patient is a little bit different," she explained. "Settings are based on the patient's size such as height and weight. You have to learn a lot of different things. It's kind of scary because if you don't get it right, someone could die. It's called 'life support' for a reason."

Some of Piggott's students already work in the patient-care setting. They shared some of their thoughts on the pandemic during an online Zoom class recently.

Deonte Gaffney works as a hospital emergency room technician. She expressed concern for hospitalized patients kept in strict isolation. "Not having family around, with visitors not allowed, it's really, really tough," she said. "We are still seeing positive patients coming in, especially from nursing homes."

Porsha Burton, who has worked as a certified nursing assistant (CNA) for 10 years, says that people truly need to understand the gravity of the virus and take it seriously.

"Some people think it's made up or fake," Burton said. "But some of these COVID patients are very, very sick."

As someone who also has worked as a CNA, Shay Pemberton noted that soft skills such as empathy and communication are particularly important right now when unpopular isolation policies can confuse or anger families.

"The soft approach comes easier for me," Pemberton said. "We have had the situation where the whole nursing home is in quarantine, but all family members come in at

once wanting to visit and we can't let them." Even though they are extremely busy, health care workers, as they are able, should try to be a liaison with their loved one and help keep the communication channel open so the patient does not feel so alone. "It's important that you take on that role, to be the family that they don't have for the moment."

Gaffney said that, for her, one of the most difficult things right now is dealing with PPEs.

"It's hard to wear that mask for 12 hours a day," she said. "It's hard to breathe in and it can irritate the skin."

"This virus is more contagious and virulent than the regular flu," Piggott reminded the group. "We must wear the masks — not so much to protect ourselves but to protect our patients."

Jessica Kennedy said that, between the PPE training and experiences in the classroom and the field, she believes the PTC program is preparing her well. "It will help us in the long run," she said. "It's chaos now, but once we go day by day, it will become more manageable."

Piggott's students learn not only how to properly put on and remove the PPEs but the proper order in which to do it. It's a systematic process.

"COVID-19 has made people a lot more aware of different health care workers and the risks they take every single day with patients with infectious diseases," she said. "This crisis has brought our professional more to the forefront."

Employment for RTs is expected to grow by 23% through 2026. For more information about PTC's Respiratory Care Program, visit www.ptc.edu/respiratory.



Newly-elected Abbeville County Coroner Mark Dorn (right) was sworn in Tuesday morning by Abbeville County Judge of Probate Mark Sumner (center) in the courtroom of the Abbeville County Courthouse in Abbeville. Dorn was accompanied by his wife Betsy (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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New Donalds Town Council member William Scoggins was sworn into office recently at a Donalds Town Council meeting by Donalds Town Clerk/Treasurer Terri Stone. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

City's grant program can assist businesses

By Henry E. Green

The City of Abbeville is opening up its grant program, designed to benefit small businesses, according to Mike Clary, community development director with the City.

Under normal years, the City has four different types of grants, but this year—2021—the City will be offering two grant programs.

"That's due to COVID 19 budget cuts," he said.

Normally there is about \$50,000 allocated for the program, and this year that was cut down to 16,000.

"COVID 19 affected revenues everywhere and the City is no exception," said Clary.

The grant programs that will be available include the Existing Business Grant, open to any existing busi-

ness in the City.

The second is the historic district building grant, open to any commercial property in the City's historic district.

The grant program has produced a significant impact on the City's business climate since its inception in 2019.

"As of right now, the grant program has assisted in the expansion of four businesses, or with their plans for future expansion, helped bring one new business to the City, with another new business planning to open in 2021, and had a minimum estimated economic impact of \$200,000."

To apply for one of these grants, one may contact Clary directly at 366-1800, or visit the City's Website.

Businesses that receive grants can expect to receive

from \$5,000 up to \$10,000.

Applications must be turned in by Feb. 28, and they will be judged by a committee made up of the Assistant City Manager, the City's Chief Financial Officer, and Clary himself.

Applications will be judged on three criteria. The first priority is that of building improvements and renovations, and the second priority is that of projects that will result in the expansion of current businesses.

"That can be a physical expansion or the hiring of additional employees," he said.

The third priority is that of projects which demonstrate significant capital investment.

Recipients will be announced in late March or in April, Clary continued.

US Senate

Senator Tim Scott statement on January 6 Joint Session of Congress

Submitted by Senator Tim Scott

This afternoon, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) released the statement below in advance of tomorrow's joint session of Congress.

"I am grateful for all of the work President Trump has done for the people of this country, and I was proud to work with him on tax reform, regulatory reform, Opportunity Zones, school choice, improving our justice system and many other consequential issues. As I have said multiple times over the past four years, the lives of the American people have been bettered by what has been accomplished in the Trump Administration.

"In nearly every election across this great country, there is some modicum of error. Some errors are merely mistakes, while some are intentional, and therefore fraud. Some mistakes are inconsequential, while some could in fact change the outcome of elections.

"We must work to end these errors - be they intentional, negligent, or otherwise. Simply put, there is no acceptable error rate when it comes to something as foundational and sacred as our vote. We must be vigilant in ensuring every lawfully cast vote is counted and no unlawfully cast vote is counted.

"I have been adamant in supporting the President's legal right to pursue any and every lawful avenue to investigate, litigate and adjudicate allegations of error, fraud, or misconduct. This is rooted in my deeply held conviction that a country as strong, innovative and good as America should be able to hold free, fair, and reliable elections in which all her people can trust.

"The President's legal team exercised its right to

access the courts by initiating suits in state and federal courts in numerous states. Some of these lawsuits have even been presided over and adjudicated by conservative judges nominated by President Trump. Thus far, no justice, judge or fact finder has found evidence indicating the election results in those states should be overturned.

"Republican governors and Republican controlled state legislatures across the country have upheld the results of their individual states' elections. States have initiated recounts and audits with no significant change to the election results. The Electoral College has certified its results and still other judges, including judges and justices nominated by President Trump, have ended or declined to assert jurisdiction over these legal challenges.

"I am, and will forever be, open, interested, and desirous to see any new and credible evidence. Our Constitution is a magnificent document - and this is coming from a man who was not even fully counted as a man in the original version. It has stood the test of World Wars, a Civil War, the Great Depression, and presidential assassinations. The Constitution allows for the confrontation of witnesses, the cross-examination of evidence, the peaceful transfer of power, and the role Congress plays in federal elections. And it is the document I have sworn allegiance to and still do.

"As I read the Constitution, there is no constitutionally viable means for the Congress to overturn an election wherein the states have certified and sent their Electors. Some of my colleagues believe they have found a path, and while our opinions differ, I do not doubt their good intentions to take

steps towards stamping out voter fraud. Importantly, I disagree with their method both in principle and in practice. For their theory to work, Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats would have to elect Donald Trump president rather than Joe Biden. That it is not going to happen, not today or any other day.

"One of the great things about a democracy is there will always be another election. And it is imperative those elections be free, fair, and reliable. That's why I believe the first legislative action the 117th Congress should undertake is the debate and passage of an election security and voter protection package. We must protect future elections from the same uncertainty that has plagued the 2020 election. While it is true the states control elections in their respective jurisdictions, our Constitution still allows Congress to fill any real or perceived voids. There is a growing perception in this country that our elections are not as secure as they can be, and that must be remedied immediately.

"I want to thank President Trump for all he has accomplished on behalf of the American people. Oftentimes it was with a headwind and opposition rarely before seen in American politics. And yet he accomplished much. My commitment to the American people is to continue working to pass critical priorities such as election security, Section 230 reform and support for workers and small businesses. I will continue to keep my oath sworn to the Constitution, and to fight for the policies and values that make our nation the greatest this planet has ever seen."

US Senate

Scott statement on the NDAA Vote

Submitted by Senator Tim Scott

Today, U.S. Senator Tim Scott released the following statement on the National Defense Authorization Act vote:

"The U.S. military is our nation's first and last line of defense and the consequences of not funding our Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Coast Guard, Airmen, and Guardians would jeopardize national security," said Senator Scott. "Simply put, our unpreparedness would allow adversaries—both foreign and domestic—to take advantage of our compromised situation. And while I vote to fund

America's military today, I also will vote with President Trump to rein in Big Tech when Section 230 reform is on the Senate floor."

The FY21 NDAA authorizes \$740.5 billion to support our service members. The funding includes a three percent pay raise for all members of the armed forces for the second year in a row, includes oversight measures to ensure previous reforms to military housing are implemented as intended, continues investments in 5G technology, and prioritizes support for family readiness, spouse employment, and child care.

Below is a list of provisions championed by Senator

Scott:

- An increase of \$27 million over the President's budget for the Department of Defense's HBCU Research, Development, Testing, and Evaluation program for a total of \$57 million
- \$9.1 billion to procure 95 joint strike fighter aircraft, a number of which will be based in South Carolina
- South Carolina specific provisions are listed below:
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Dual Enrollment: The Tuition-Free Way to Jumpstart College Plans

Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigsen

It's not a trick question. If you could earn college credit while still in high school—tuition-free—would you? Hundreds of Piedmont Technical College's Dual Enrollment students are doing just that.

"A new scholarship—the SC Workforce and Industrial Needs Scholarship (SC WINS)—created by the South Carolina General Assembly is allowing us to provide this tuition-free opportunity to students in our region," said Kris Burris, PTC director of Dual Enrollment. "This makes it possible for more students to pursue transferable college credit and start to develop a career plan during their junior and senior years in high school."

The statewide program is designed to address workforce shortages. South Carolina residents taking at least 6 credit hours (generally two classes) per semester can attend classes tuition-free at their high school, on a PTC campus, or online. In addition, if students are enrolled in at least one course designated as a "critical workforce area," they will be eligible to receive a book allowance up to \$300 per academic year.

A wide variety of options are scheduled at area high schools and on PTC campuses—from classes that will transfer to four-year colleges and universities to courses designed to help students jump-start a career. High school students can check with their guidance counselor for details about offerings.

Middle College Partnerships on the Rise

Imagine having GPS for your college journey. Middle College provides a graduation pathway that's tailored to high school students who

are ready to take the wheel on their education. PTC has numerous Middle College partnerships in place or in the works.

"Middle College is kind of like Dual Enrollment on steroids because it establishes a specifically tailored path to college degree for each student," Burris said. "We have worked with partner school districts to curate academic plans that give a strong leg-up to those students who know definitely that they want to pursue either an associate or baccalaureate degree."

Students begin classes in their junior year and earn not only high school credit but college credit toward their degree. If they follow the curriculum, they earn at least 60 credit hours toward a full associate degree while still in high school.

The first PTC Middle College partnership was established about 10 years ago with McCormick County School District, a tremendously successful program that continues today. Last year, Laurens County School District 55 joined the group offering Middle College opportunities. Greenwood County School Districts 50, 51 and 52 and the School District of Newberry County will launch their Middle College programs in the 2020-21 school year.

Put Me In, Coach

Talk about a game-changer! PTC this fall is introducing academic success coaching to Dual Enrollment students as they transition into the college culture, strive to conquer new challenges and meet their higher education goals. PTC's academic success coach will work one-on-one to help DE students develop important skills such as time management, planning and organization, work ethic,

study skills and more.

"We are confident that our coach will make a huge difference in the Dual Enrollment experience," Burris said, "especially in terms of setting and achieving goals, ensuring a healthy school/life balance and accessing available campus resources. Unlike academic advisors, who focus on things like choice of major and course selection, academic success coaches concentrate on personal motivation, engagement and skill-building. If it becomes evident a student is struggling academically, the coach can refer them to appropriate tutoring services. They also can put students in touch with peer mentors who can engage them through common experiences."

Academic success coaches are trained to help students find solutions and strategies to help them perform to their best ability and reach their full potential as the youngest learners on the college campus.

Overall, the primary advantage of Dual Enrollment is that the credit students earn is transferable, which translates to huge college cost savings for families.

"We're excited to be able to lower costs for our Dual Enrollment students," said Dr. Ray Brooks, Piedmont Tech President. "We already have a large number of students who complete coursework through our program each year. Many even receive their associate degree at the same time as their high school diploma. This change will allow many more high school students in our region to build in-demand skills and save big on their college education."

Learn more about Piedmont Tech's Dual Enrollment offerings at www.ptc.edu/dual or call 864-941-8315.

Christina Metcalf has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester at the University of West Georgia. She is the daughter of Rene' and Jane Metcalf of Newnan, Georgia. Her maternal grandparents are the late Albert and Gloria Metcalf of Daytona Beach, Florida. Christina is majoring in Early Childhood Education. She hopes to obtain a B.S. Degree in Graphic Arts and Design as well. (Photo contributed)



Heading Helen's call Lions provide glasses for those in need

By Henry E. Green

Nearly 100 years ago, Helen Keller spoke at a Lions convention, and called for her listeners to be "knights" for the visually impaired.

Today, Lions seem to be heading that call.

Rick Pressly, secretary-treasurer for the Abbeville Lions Club, recently provided some statistics on how Abbeville Lions have been providing pairs of glasses for members of the community.

In the Lions service year of 2014-15, "we helped provide 35 pairs of glasses to community members," he said.

In 2015-2016, 15 pairs were provided, and in 2016-2017 that expanded to 18 pairs.

In 2017-2018, 14 pairs were provided, in 2018-2019 there were 12 pairs, and last year--2019-2020--29 pairs made their way to help people see better.

"I believe that is a total of 123!" said Pressly. "So far this year we have only provided three pairs with two more to be paid at a later date."

Referrals for glasses come from a variety of sources, including UCMAC and Bowen Family Eyecare.

In the past several years, Abbeville Lions have been providing glasses to individuals in Edgefield County as well, thanks to a donation from the former Edgefield Lions Club.

The money for the glasses comes from Lions fund

raisers.

The provision of glasses goes hand in hand with other forms of aid to the visually impaired.

Cataract surgeries can be funded by the South Carolina Lions Vision Services.

If someone is interested, they may contact the Abbeville Lions at 634-5993, and the Abbeville Lions will in turn contact the South Carolina Lions Vision Service.

In addition, local Lions have performed vision screenings at all county schools.

In Abbeville County, Abbeville and Due West Lions screened 1,428 children, with 179 referrals during the Lions 2019-2020 year, from July, 2019, to June, 2020.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION City of Abbeville

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 5-7-200 Code of Laws of South Carolina a Special Election will be held in the City of Abbeville for the purpose of electing a Council Representative for District 3 to fill an unexpired term.

This election will be held between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM on the 9th of March 2021.

Any person wishing to register to vote in the City of Abbeville Special Election must do so no later than February 5th in person, February 7 on-line, All mailed voter registration application must be post marked no later than February 8th. Voters must reside within the City of Abbeville district 3 boundaries in order to qualify to vote in this election.

Anyone wishing to be a candidate in said election must file to do so with the Abbeville County Registration & Elections office located at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex at 903 West Greenwood Street, Suite 2500, Abbeville, SC 29620 from Wednesday, January 13th at 12:00 noon and close on Friday, January 22nd at 12:00 noon.

Voters who are blind, physically handicapped, or unable to read or write are entitled to assistance in casting their ballot. This assistance may be given by anyone the voter chooses except his employer, an agent of his employer, or an officer or agent of his union. The Managers must be notified if assistance is needed.

Voters who are unable to enter their polling place due to physical handicap or age may vote in the vehicle in which they drove, or were driven, to the polls. When notified, the Managers will help voters using this curbside voting provision.

Registered electors who cannot vote in person may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Persons wishing more information concerning absentee voting should contact the Abbeville County Voter Registration and Elections office. (864)366-2400 x53.

At 2:00 p.m. on Election Day, the Abbeville County Election Board may begin the examination of the absentee return envelopes at the Abbeville County Administrative Complex at 903 West Greenwood Street, Suite 2500, Abbeville, SC 29620

On Thursday, March 11th, 2021, the Abbeville County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all ballots challenged, if any, in this election. This hearing will be held at 11:00 A.M. at the Abbeville County Voter Registration and Elections Office, Abbeville County Administrative Complex, Abbeville, SC.

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US House of Representatives Duncan plans to object to Electoral College Certification

**Submitted by
Congressman
Jeff Duncan**

Congressman Jeff Duncan (SC-03) plans to formally object to the Electoral College certification in the House of Representatives on January 6, 2021. He released the following statement:

"I swore an oath to protect and defend the Constitution of the United States as a Member of Congress, and with that oath comes the vital role of ensuring the legality and integrity of our free and fair election system. The 2020 election saw

unprecedented institutional issues like states changing their voting systems in violation of their state constitutions, unelected bureaucrats changing election law instead of lawmakers themselves, poll watchers prohibited from doing their jobs, failure to properly scrutinize the validity of mail-in voting, and the list goes on. We need to shed light on the issues that took place during the 2020 election to preserve our electoral system for generations to come. Our mission is simple: Count every legal vote, throw out every illegal vote, and investigate every

irregularity and allegation. All Americans should be on board with this mission. "On January 6, 2021, I plan to object to the Electoral College certification from states that experienced these unprecedented issues like Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. I plan to object for the people of the Third District of South Carolina and the millions of Americans who are demanding transparency into the 2020 election. We the People know this is a pivotal decision for our great country. May God bless the United States of America."

Physician provides some sobering data

By Henry E. Green
(See related story.)

The state of South Carolina and the Abbeville County community are showing a high "positivity" rate in terms of coronavirus cases, said Abbeville physician Dr. Allen Kolb.

On January 3, 2020 the SC positivity rate on Covid tests was 29.6 percent, and South Carolina is one of the majority of states in the US that is showing an increase in Covid activity in recent weeks, Dr. Kolb said.

Here in Abbeville County, the numbers are also less than promising.

For the month of December, the Abbeville Area

Medical Center clinics did a total of 1421, Dr. Kolb said.

Covid tests through the Due West office, Respiratory Clinic of the Healthcare Center and the ER. Of these tests, 384 were positive for a 27% positivity rate for the month. As of this writing, DHEC has confirmed 1,138 cases of Covid in the county and 21 confirmed and five more probable Covid related deaths.

Some people have compared Covid to the flu, and Dr. Kolb crunched the numbers in comparison, showing that Covid appears to be far deadlier.

In the 10 year interval from 2011-2020, the CDC

reported a total of 359,079 flu-related deaths. The first Covid death identified in the US occurred on February 6, 2020. In the 11 months since, 20,843,556 Americans have been diagnosed with Covid and 354,263 of them have died of this disease, Dr. Kolb said.

"That number increases by thousands every day," the physician continued.

"To put these numbers in perspective, the most recent flu season prior to Covid was the 2018-19 flu season. That year, according to CDC data, 34,157 Americans died of the Flu of the 35,520,583 who were diagnosed."

Now you know Quotation at top of front page comes from distinguished American jurist

By Henry E. Green

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

It's a quote you can find at the top of the front page of The Press and Banner every week.

No, it's not part of a story. It's printed right below the mast head, and it's quite a thought provoking statement on the nature of a word which seems to be a mainstay of the American political vocabulary.

It's a quote attributed to a man who is seldom talked about these days--Learned Hand.

Hand was a judge who lived from 1872 to 1961, and although he never served on

the U.S. Supreme Court, he was a very influential jurist. According to Wikipedia, he served on the United States District Court to the Southern District of New York, and later the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Hand has been quoted more often by legal scholars and by the Supreme Court than any other lower court judge, Wikipedia states.

Born and raised in Albany, N.Y., he majored in philosophy at Harvard, and graduated from Harvard Law School.

The statement at the top of the front page is part of a larger quote, which reads in part:

"The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure

that it is right; the spirit is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women."

And there many more nuggets of wisdom which people through the years have found immensely quotable. Here's a sample.

--Life is made up of a series of judgments on insufficient data; and if we waited to run down all our doubts, it would flow past us."

--The aim of law is the maximum gratification of the nervous system of man."

--Thou shalt not ration justice."
--"It is enough that we set out to mold the motley stuff of life into some form of our own choosing when we do, the performance is itself the wage."

County sees more than 1,000 cases

By Henry E. Green

Coronavirus numbers in Abbeville County continue to spiral upward.

According to figures provided by DHEC, as of Monday, Jan. 4, there have been 1,145 confirmed coronavirus cases in Abbeville County, and 21 confirmed coronavirus-related deaths.

In Abbeville's neighboring counties, Anderson had 12, 123 cases, and 271 deaths.

Greenwood had 4,258 confirmed cases, and 90

deaths as of Monday afternoon, while Laurens had 3,725 cases, and 83 deaths.

McCormick had 442 cases, and seven deaths.

In the state as a whole, DHEC data shows 299,695 confirmed cases, and 5,056 coronavirus-related deaths.

In the nation as a whole, there have been more than 20 million infections, and approximately 350,000 Americans have lost their lives to the virus.

California is now appar-

ently the epicenter of the pandemic in the United States, with Los Angeles County hit particularly hard.

Physicians worry about the surges associated with holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas, and an anticipated surge from New Year's.

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Garrett joins County Legislative Delegation

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville County Legislative Delegation has a new member -- Billy Garrett, Jr.

Garrett, a Republican, is a Greenwood attorney who defeated incumbent Democrat Floyd Nicholson in the State Senate District 10 race in the general election of November 2020.

The new legislator was

scheduled to be sworn in to office yesterday at the Abbeville County Courthouse. Garrett joins State Rep. Craig Gagnon, State Rep. Jay West, and State Sen. Mike Gambrell in the delegation. All are Republicans.

State Senate District 10 takes in much of Abbeville County, McCormick, Greenwood and Saluda counties.

According to published

reports, Garrett is a Greenwood High School graduate, a University of South Carolina graduate, and a former Ninety Six municipal judge.

He has described himself as very conservative politically.

Here in Abbeville County, Garrett secured 63.08 percent of the vote, to 36.88 percent for Nicholson in the Nov. 3 general election.



The Abbeville Christmas parade was held on Saturday, Dec. 12, and it made its way through Abbeville's Court Square on a sunny day. The kids on this float seemed to be having fun. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

US Senate

Senator Tim Scott statement on January 6 Joint Session of Congress

Submitted by
Senator Tim Scott

This afternoon, U.S. Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) released the statement below in advance of tomorrow's joint session of Congress.

"I am grateful for all of the work President Trump has done for the people of this country, and I was proud to work with him on tax reform, regulatory reform, Opportunity Zones, school choice, improving our justice system and many other consequential issues. As I have said multiple times over the past four years, the lives of the American people have been bettered by what has been accomplished in the Trump Administration.

"In nearly every election across this great country, there is some modicum of error. Some errors are merely mistakes, while some are intentional, and therefore fraud. Some mistakes are inconsequential, while some could in fact change the outcome of elections.

"We must work to end these errors - be they intentional, negligent, or otherwise. Simply put, there is no acceptable error rate when it comes to something as foundational and sacred as our vote. We must be vigilant in ensuring every lawfully cast vote is counted and no unlawfully cast vote is counted.

"I have been adamant in supporting the President's legal right to pursue any and every lawful avenue to investigate, litigate and adjudicate allegations of error, fraud, or misconduct. This is rooted in my deeply held conviction that a country as strong, innovative and good as America should be able to hold free, fair, and reliable elections in which all her people can trust.

"The President's legal team exercised its right to access the courts by initiating suits in state and federal courts in numerous states. Some of these lawsuits have even been presided over and adjudicated by conservative judges nominated by President Trump. Thus far, no justice, judge or fact finder has found evidence indicating the election results in those states should be overturned.

"Republican governors and Republican controlled state legislatures across the country have upheld the results of their individual states' elections. States have initiated recounts and audits with no significant change to the election re-

sults. The Electoral College has certified its results and still other judges, including judges and justices nominated by President Trump, have ended or declined to assert jurisdiction over these legal challenges.

"I am, and will forever be, open, interested, and desirous to see any new and credible evidence. Our Constitution is a magnificent document - and this is coming from a man who was not even fully counted as a man in the original version. It has stood the test of World Wars, a Civil War, the Great Depression, and presidential assassinations. The Constitution allows for the confrontation of witnesses, the cross-examination of evidence, the peaceful transfer of power, and the role Congress plays in federal elections. And it is the document I have sworn allegiance to and still do.

"As I read the Constitution, there is no constitutionally viable means for the Congress to overturn an election wherein the states have certified and sent their Electors. Some of my colleagues believe they have found a path, and while our opinions differ, I do not doubt their good intentions to take steps towards stamping out voter fraud. Importantly, I disagree with their method both in principle and in practice. For their theory to work, Nancy Pelosi and House Democrats would have to elect Donald Trump president rather than Joe Biden. That it is not going to happen, not today or any other day.

"One of the great things about a democracy is there will always be another election. And it is imperative those elections be free, fair, and reliable. That's why I believe the first legislative action the 117th Congress should undertake is the debate and passage of an election security and voter protection package. We must protect future elections from the same uncertainty that has plagued the 2020 election. While it is true the states control elections in their respective jurisdictions, our Constitution still allows Congress to fill any real or perceived voids. There is a growing perception in this country that our elections are not as secure as they can be, and that must be remedied immediately.

"I want to thank President Trump for all he has accomplished on behalf of the American people. Often-

times it was with a headwind and opposition rarely before seen in American politics. And yet he accomplished much. My commitment to the American people is to continue working to pass critical priorities such as election security, Section 230 reform and support for workers and small businesses. I will continue to keep my oath sworn to the Constitution, and to fight for the policies and values that make our nation the greatest this planet has ever seen."



Abbeville Lion Sandi Hood was honored last year in November by her fellow Lions for her service to the Abbeville Lions Club. Gathering on Abbeville Court Square were (from left) Lions Robert Fossett, Charles Crowther, Lions Vice District Governor Randy Culbertson, Lion Henry Green, Lion Sandi Hood, Lions District Governor Judy Scott, James "J.J." Jackson, and Lion Rick Pressly. (Photo courtesy of Chris Crawford)



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Garner: Public safety priority for 2021

By Henry E. Green
 Abbeville County may be entering a new year, but the shadow of the old one lingers. Abbeville County Director David Garner says that, since the coronavirus pandemic is still very much with us, public safety is still very much a concern. The County Director noted that there are goals for the new year, but they remain to be fleshed out. "There are several, but we won't discuss a lot of those until council has a workshop in January to set out some goals and objectives for 2021. "Obviously the health and

safety of the citizens is the top priority for 2021 right now and how we as a county support that. Whether it's through vaccine administration, limiting operations, pushing out updated guidelines, or supporting our health care and community partners. Right now we have a worsening pandemic in front of us with hospitals almost entirely full, first responders being pushed to their limits, and an economy that is still trying to recover." Having a workshop to set goals for the coming year is something of a tradition for Abbeville County Council, which has held such a workshop in January for a

number of years. Like other local governments, Abbeville County government had to make massive adjustments last year to cope with the pandemic. Abbeville County government facilities were closed to the public for a time, for example. The pandemic, meanwhile, does continue to exhibit sobering numbers, as the virus continues to surge. The number of confirmed positive cases in Abbeville County on Thursday, Dec. 31, came to 1,119, while there were 20 confirmed coronavirus deaths, according to DHEC data.



Floats like this one graced the Abbeville Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 12. The parade made its way through Abbeville's Court Square before turning on to South Main. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Donalds could use 'better town hall'

By Henry E. Green
 A "better town hall" is Priority Number One for the town of Donalds for 2021, according to Donalds Mayor Billy Kennedy. "We can either revamp the one we have," or build a new one, he said. The current town hall is a one-story frame building which, in a past life, was a Presbyterian church. It is an old building, although Kennedy is not certain how old it is. The town hall's floor is "soft. It's not really a hard floor."

Then, too, there is the low ceiling--an eight foot ceiling which just is not right for the big room which occupies much of the town hall. Kennedy believes the ceiling needs to be a minimum of nine feet. Another problem concerns the exterior of the building. "Our vinyl siding is coming off," he said. In addition, there is paneling in the building where there should be sheet rock, and the building features a porch which the Mayor says is "falling apart."

The town, which is also using the building as a storage area, could build a new town hall in a tract of land located near by. How much either renovating the current town hall or building a new one would cost is not known at press time. The town hall is used as a meeting place for Donalds town council, and also contains an office for the mayor. The building's interior also features a number of photographs depicting life in Donalds in years past.

Those we lost in 2020

Late Charles Carlisle led life of service

By Henry E. Green
 Charles Carlisle was a Rotarian's Rotarian. When he died last year, his fellow Rotarians remembered how he would faithfully attend Rotary meetings. Following the protocols of the international service organization, if he missed a meeting of his beloved Abbeville Rotary Club, he would make it up at a Rotary meeting somewhere else. "Somewhere else" took him to some interesting locations, points of interest throughout much of the globe. He was a charter member of the Abbeville Rotary Club,

and had nearly 60 years of perfect attendance in the club, which was established in 1963. Carlisle, who passed away on April 7 of last year at the age of 95, graduated from Newberry College and the University of South Carolina, and also received honorary degrees from Newberry College and Erskine College, according to his obituary. In 1947, Carlisle began a long career at Erskine, serving first as a history professor before becoming Vice President of Business and Finance, retiring after 42 years of service.

Active in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, he was instrumental in establishing the Due West Retirement Center, now known as The Renaissance. Carlisle was one of those we lost here in Abbeville County in 2020. The club he served so faithfully, the Abbeville Rotary Club, lives on in its service to the community. The club, for example, held a 5K event, a Reindeer Run, to help fund the Angel Tree bicycle project, through which many youngsters in the community are given bicycles at Christmastime.

Animal services had successful 2020

By Henry E. Green
 The Abbeville County animal services had a successful 2020, according to animal services director Jessica Bridges. Located on the Old Calhoun Falls Road on the outskirts of Abbeville, Animal Services seeks to find homes for stray dogs. "Last year from January 1 through Dec. 31, we took in 357 animals," said Bridges. "Out of those, 156 were adopted, 30 were returned to their owners, 159 went to rescues, and we did have 12 that were either euthanized for aggressive behavior or medical illness," she said. Out of all the animals that came in during 2020, we had a live release rate of 96 percent. "Live release" refers to an adoption, transfer, to rescue to a return to the owner. Abbeville County Animal

Services is an Abbeville County government agency. "We have six staff members," she said. There are also five "regular" volunteers, who serve each week. These volunteers perform a variety of tasks, from walking the dogs to helping clean kennels, and transporting dogs to meet rescues. Animal Services conducts animal control for both Abbeville County and the City of Abbeville. There is on staff an animal control officer who picks up strays throughout the county and brings them back to the animal shelter at the Animal Services building on Old Calhoun Falls Road. "He also begins the return to owner search," she said, noting that the officer will scan the dog's fur for a microchip, a "tiny grain of rice sized implant" which

designates ownership of the dog. He will also go door to door in the neighborhood where he picked up the dog to ask if anyone recognizes the animal. If we can figure out who the owner is through those two ways, he will take the dog home," she said. "We work closely with the Sheriff's department on any abuse or neglect cases," she said. Fortunately, those cases are rare. "We always need volunteers," she said. For more information on volunteering, one may call 864-366-6639 or visit the Animal Service Facebook page, or visit the shelter, which is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

General Assembly

How will pandemic affect state budget?

By Henry E. Green
 When the General Assembly goes back into session, legislators will face a number of major issues, according to State Rep. Craig Gagnon, a Republican who represents State House District 11 in South Carolina's legislature. "We go back into session on the 12th of January," he said. "The biggest issue is how the economy and the state budget will turn out with the COVID pandemic this coming year. One of

the big issues aside from that is the Santee Cooper question. What should the state do? Sell it? Reorganize it? Or allow a third party to manage it. I am on the House Santee Cooper Ad-Hoc Subcommittee that is to consider these things and make a recommendation to the full House. This group is scheduled to meet today, Jan. 6, the State Representative said. "Another big issue that was left undone by the COVID outbreak is teacher sala-

ries," Gagnon continued. "We had a good bill last year, but the projected budget numbers kept falling and thus the bill was left to die." Gagnon, a chiropractor who lives on Church Street in the city of Abbeville with his wife Robin, is a member of the Abbeville County Legislative Delegation, along with State Rep. Jay West, and State Sen. Mike Gambrell, and newcomer Billy Garrett, who will represent State Senate District 10.

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100% of PTC Radiological Technology Graduates Pass National Exam

Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigsen

Decades ago, processing an x-ray image was far more complicated than it is today. Patients could wait for days to receive results or a diagnosis from their processed images. Fast-forward to 2020, and physicians can refer to x-rays, immediately in the moment, as the images are captured on a computer screen. Film is a relatively foreign concept to today's emerging radiologic technicians studying at Piedmont Technical College (PTC). Make no mistake, they indeed are processing hundreds of images and information — mentally — as they work their way through the rigorous, hands-on program.

Under the tutelage of veteran Radiologic Technology Program Director Lee Balentine and his faculty, PTC RT students receive five semesters of comprehensive instruction and training that, upon completion, make them immediately employable in a professional field that continues to grow.

"Our graduates qualify to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technology (ARRT) exam to receive their certification," Balentine said. "I am extremely proud that our students have achieved a 100% pass rate on the exam. In addition, all 14 of our recent graduates have secured jobs in the field."

Keyshawn Holloway of Greenwood graduated from the RT program this past summer, and he's already working as a radiologic technologist at Newberry County Memorial Hospital, one of the PTC program's clinical sites where he trained.

"I knew they showed interest in me towards the end of the program," Holloway said. "I originally was hired PRN, but soon after the director offered me a full-time second-shift position. It is perfect for me."

Holloway is proud to be a PTC graduate and encourages young people to consider an RT major and not be intimidated by its well-known rigor. The program is demanding but not insurmountable. "Yes, it is challenging, but it's very doable," he said. "The instructors are great. They really help you through it. They go the extra mile for you."

Balentine, program director since 2001, has worked to assemble a team not only with the highest qualifications but also the ability to be relatable for PTC students. All are PTC graduates themselves and have walked that proverbial mile in the same shoes. Members of his team include Dana Long, Jerry Ryans and Lindsey Edwards. Combined, they have more than 100 years of field experience.

As clinical coordinator, 2007 alum and former adjunct Long keeps in touch with all of the program's clinical sites, which include Edgefield Memorial Hospital, Self Regional

Healthcare, Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital, Newberry County Memorial Hospital and orthopedic practices around Greenwood. She still carves out time to work in the clinical setting as well. "I still work at Newberry County Memorial and at Lexington Medical Center, to keep up my professional skills," she said.

A 1977 PTC graduate who went on to earn his bachelor's degree in 1991 and master's in 2014, Ryans has a personable approach that endears him to students.

Edwards rounds out the team as its newest member, teaching on an adjunct basis.

Balentine said that about 75% of the RT program involves static radiography tasks, which focus on properly positioning patients and administering radiation to capture images. "Our goal is to provide the radiologist (a medical doctor) the best information," he noted.

The program also addresses fluoroscopy, in which the RT assists the radiologist in procedures, such as an upper gastrointestinal tract radiography, using a barium-based contrast material to produce images and broadcast them live in real time over a monitor as they are captured. Another facet the students must understand is mobile radiography. Just like it sounds, mobile radiography is when you take a mobile x-ray machine to the patient rather than them coming to you. It has become much more common during the COVID-19 pandemic to minimize any risk associated with transporting patients.

Britney McGovern of Greenwood graduated in the same class as Holloway. She recently started working as an RT at Prisma Health Laurens County Hospital.

"I knew I wanted to be in the medical field but not by the nursing route," she said. "Once I read up on the RT program, I knew that it was definitely for me."

"We treat patients from birth all the way to the elderly. A lot of people don't realize that," Balentine explained. "It's also a very physical job. You are on your feet all day long. There is some lifting." Of course, that's one of the reasons for the clinical component of the program.

Holloway can relate.

"Prior to getting into the program, I didn't realize that we would be in the operating room at some point. I am not a fan of blood, really," he said. "My only experience had been working in a nursing home. So pediatric work is something that is new to me as well. I am not used to being with kids. That was a learning curve for me."

In his years as program director, Balentine has seen many different student reactions to varying clinical circumstances, including fainting. It's a real test.

"It can be hard to prepare them for things like blood," he

said. But the lightheadedness may not be completely related to a sensitive stomach. It might be hot in the room. Students are wearing N-95 masks. It might be hard to breathe. There might be anxiety. "There are sounds and sights and smells (cauterization) they have to deal with. In my 38 years in the profession, there have been several times when I needed to step into the bathroom or outside to get some fresh air."

The RT program at PTC requires that students demonstrate mastery of 160 procedures to graduate. Skill-building does not stop there. Practicing radiologic technicians must update their certification every two years. McGovern feels that every single challenge, no matter how intense, helped shape her into the professional she is becoming.

"It was the most difficult thing I have ever had to go through, but it was also the most rewarding," she said. "The faculty were wonderful. They always put us first. They made sure we were prepared, especially for the board exam."

After earning his associate of applied science in RT decades ago, Balentine transferred to the Medical University of South Carolina ultimately to get a master's degree in RT. Throughout his career, his first love has been Computed Tomography (CT), a diagnostic test to generate detailed images of internal organs, bones, tissues and blood vessels. "I have continued to do CT all of my years," he said. "I am finishing up my 20th year working part-time at Self Regional Healthcare."

Radiological technologists can expand their scope of practice by adding more specialized credentials. CT, in particular, also caught Holloway's interest.

"Lee likes to ask everybody if they are going to specialize," Holloway said. "I was thinking about specializing in MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging). When I began at my position in Newberry, they started to cross-train me in CT, so I am currently working on getting my CT certification. Hopefully, in the near future, I will have that as well."

McGovern, too, is considering future career moves. "Eventually I do want to go back to school and get certified in CT or mammography," she said. "I just haven't decided yet."

The wave of the future, according to Balentine, is digital radiography. The standard computerized radiography is being phased out. Soon digital will be the only method used. And film? It's joined the ranks of the Dodo bird.

"I haven't held an x-ray film in 10 or 12 years," Balentine said.

For more information about PTC's Radiologic Technology Program, please visit www.ptc.edu/radtech



The 11th annual Rotary Reindeer Run, presented by the Abbeville Rotary Club, was held on Saturday, Dec. 12. The 5K event helps fund the Angel Tree Bicycle Fund. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

Lander's Dean of Nursing leads by example in COVID-19 vaccination effort

Submitted by
Karen Petit

Nursing students and faculty from Lander University's William Preston Turner School of Nursing are among the first people in South Carolina to receive the COVID-19 Vaccine developed by Pfizer-BioNTech.

Dr. Holisa Wharton, dean of Lander's School of Nursing, received her vaccine Friday, Dec. 17, at Self Regional Healthcare. The vaccine was made possible through the University's clinical partnership with Self.

Wharton said Dr. Linda Russell, Self's Senior Vice President and Chief of Nursing, discussed the opportunity for Lander nursing students and faculty to receive the vaccine because of their clinical work at Self's hospital and other healthcare facilities.

Our students and faculty are considered frontline workers through their clinical education at Self," Wharton said, noting that the vaccines are not mandated by the hospital. "The vaccine is strictly voluntary, but many of our students and faculty have requested the

vaccines, and we are grateful that Self has made this opportunity available to us."

Wharton, who has had friends and members of her own family contract COVID-19, had an additional reason to get the vaccine. "In order for me to tell my Mother and my community that they need the vaccine, I knew that I had to step up and take it. COVID has affected minorities disproportionately, and the mortality rate is high. Getting the vaccination is an opportunity to protect myself and get the message to our community. I need to lead by example."

Obituaries

Thompson

Martha Nickles Thompson, 89, of Abbeville, wife of the late Harold Thompson, died Thursday, December 31, 2020 at Self Regional Healthcare. She was born in Abbeville County to the late David Calvert Nickles and Margaret Anderson Nickles.

Martha, a talented seamstress, owned and operated Martha's Draperies for many years. She enjoyed working in her yard, keeping it in pristine condition. Martha was a member of First Baptist Church in Abbeville and the Loyal Workers Sunday School Class. She loved her family unconditionally and time spent together was always special.

In addition to her husband and parents, Martha was preceded in death by a son, Mike Thompson; a brother, David Larry Nickles; and a sister, Jean Nickles Thompson.

She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Sandy Thompson, of Abbeville;



Martha Nickles Thompson

family and friends.

Graveside services were 2:00PM, Tuesday, January 5, 2021 in Long Cane Cemetery with Rev. David Green officiating. The family received friends immediately following the service. Those wishing to pay their respects visited Harris Funeral Home on Monday, January 4, 2021 between the hours of 12:00PM – 4:00PM.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Martha, may be sent to the American Cancer Society, c/o Conway Shirley, 144 Winona Church Rd., Donalds, SC 29638; First Baptist Church, PO Box 825, Abbeville, SC 29620 or Hodges Presbyterian Church, PO Box 99, Hodges, SC 29653.

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The Erskine women's basketball team opened its 2020-21 season with an 88-49 exhibition loss to Div. 1 Wofford College (4-3, 0-0 SoCon) in Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium on Saturday. (Photo contributed)

Cade versus Cade

CF Charter girls to face Brashier, with teams coached by 'cousin coaches'

By Henry E. Green
Call it Cade versus Cade. Joseph Cade is the coach of the Calhoun Falls varsity girls basketball team.

On Saturday, his team will be playing the varsity girls basketball team of Brashier Middle College.

Brashier is coached by--are you ready for this?--Michael Cade.

Yes, folks, they ARE related. They are, in fact, cousins.

Both are graduates of Calhoun Falls High School--Michael belongs to the Class of 1993, and Joseph Cade belongs to the Class of 1985.

"It's exciting, you know," said Joseph, adding that

he was proud of his cousin.

"We talk a lot on the phone." Michael had a team last year that went to the third round of the playoffs, said Joseph, who noted that this will be the first time he has faced his cousin in coaching.

"I look for it to be a good challenging ball team," he said.

Michael also grew up in Calhoun Falls. "I was actually there until I left for college in 1995," he said.

He graduated from Benedict College in Columbia.

"This is my third year at Brashier," he said. "I enjoy it. I enjoy coaching."

Brashier is a charter school in Simpsonville, where Mi-

chael lives.

"I'm definitely looking forward to coming home," he said, noting that this will be the first time he has been on the opposing side.

He still visits Calhoun Falls "a couple of times a month" to see kinfolk.

Michael notes that even though he and Joseph will be facing off against other this coming Saturday, they otherwise try to support each other in coaching.

Michael has been to see Joseph's team play, and Joseph has done the same.

"Even though I'll be playing against Calhoun Falls this time, I'm a die hard Blue Flash," Michael said.

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9:00am-1:00pm Monticello Golf Course

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Pet of the Month Meet **Ava!** This beautiful girl was found without a home back in Aug. 2020. She is a mixed breed, 5 yr. old around 40 lbs. Ava is the perfect size dog for any home and family. She is dog friendly and loves to be outside and show off her sweet smile and cute ears. Her beautiful blue and white coloring will have you melting. Please come give her a chance.

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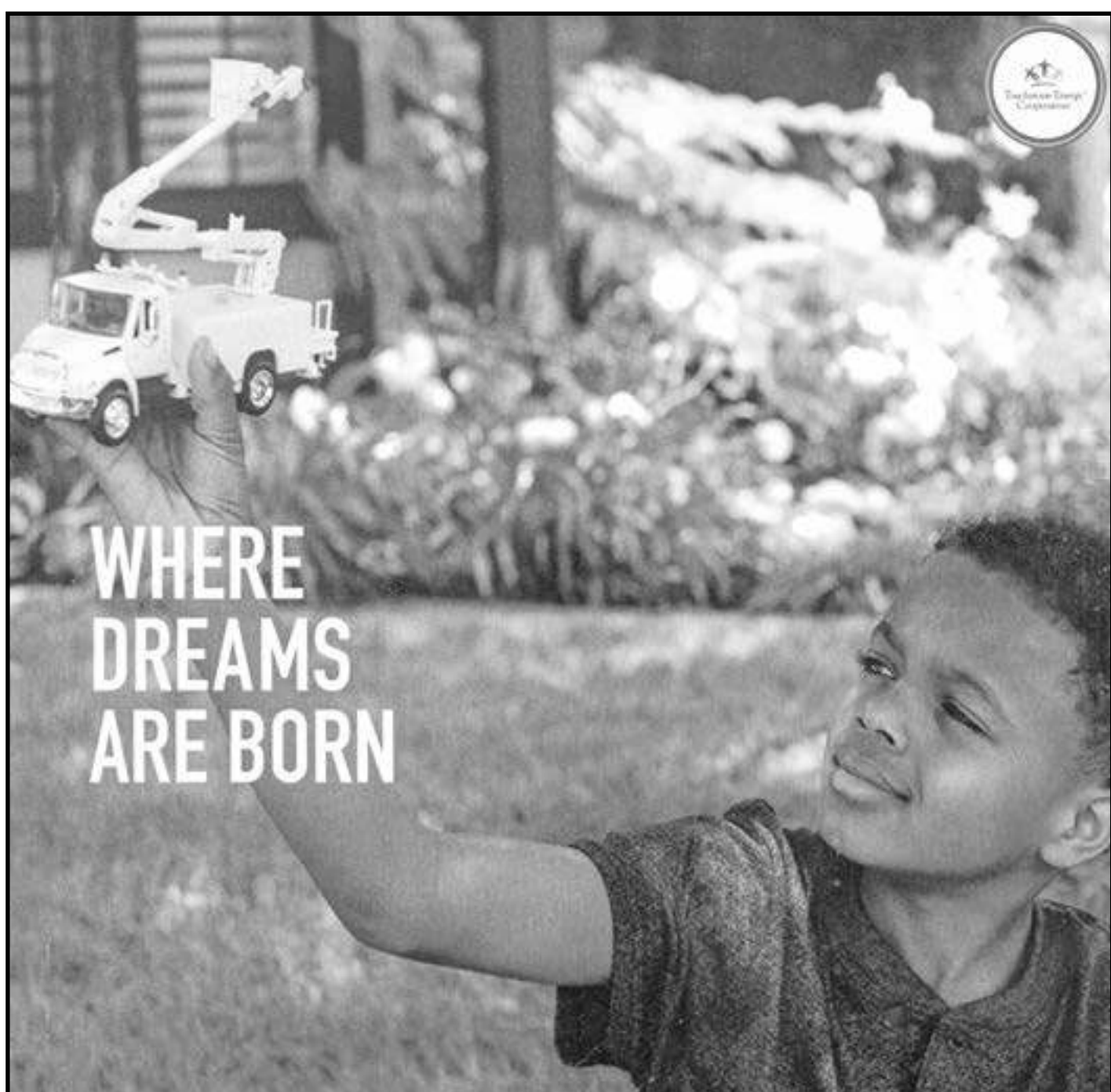
Pet of the Month **Winnie** is the cutest 3 mo. old kitten. She is domestic short-hair with a beautiful tricolor. She is litter trained and it would be a shame for her to grow up in the shelter. She has big beautiful eyes and the playfulness of a kitten. You will love her as soon as you meet her. Make Winnie a part of your family for the new year. Come take her home today.

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Rep. John McCravy presents the Order of the Silver Crescent to Dr. Brooks a few days after the virtual presentation. (Photo contributed)

Area Leaders Join Forces to Nominate Brooks for Order of the Silver Crescent

Submitted by
Kristine Hartvigsen

For a man who is rarely speechless, Dr. L. Ray Brooks momentarily found himself without words on Dec. 9, when Rep. John McCravy, who represents Greenwood in the South Carolina General Assembly, made a surprise presentation to him of the Order of the Silver Crescent from the Office of SC Gov. Henry McMaster. It is the state's most prestigious service award recognizing significant contributions to the life and well-being of the state.

Rep. McCravy presented the award via a Zoom call that included members of the PTC Area Commission, the PTC Foundation Board of Directors, PTC's next president Dr. Hope Rivers, SC Technical College System President Dr. Tim Hardee and college leaders. "When you have a lot of friends, you are always a rich man," McCravy said on the call. "You are a very rich man, Dr. Brooks. ... Thank you for your outstanding service."

Jim Medford, chairman of the Piedmont Technical College (PTC) Foundation, nominated the soon-to-retire college president for the tribute.

"If there were ever a more deserving candidate for this great honor, it would be Dr. Brooks. He has served Piedmont Technical College with honor and distinction," Medford wrote in his nomination letter.

Members of the PTC Area Commission, the PTC Foundation, legislators and prominent industry leaders provided letters of support for the nomination.

"Under Dr. Brooks' leadership, Piedmont is in a solid position, especially in student enrollment and success," Area Commission Chair Richard Cain wrote in his support letter. "The effects of his legacy have been in full view as PTC adjusted operations and instruction to the challeng-

es of COVID-19. Piedmont acted quickly and decisively, and that work paid dividends again this fall term with a healthy enrollment and a well-thought-out plan to deliver instruction while keeping students, faculty and staff as safe as possible."

Travis Dover, vice president at Lonza, wrote: "Under his leadership of PTC, Dr. Brooks' contributions to higher education and economic development are having a lasting impact in the Piedmont area. Specifically, businesses and industries are beneficiaries of a well-trained workforce that has led to a significant increase of manufacturing in the region. Dr. Brooks' collaboration with these companies has secured job growth and sizable investments in South Carolina. ... I am happy that PTC sits directly across the street from Lonza, because I know we can count on a great pipeline of workers to drive our business forward."

"During his tenure at PTC, he has served our Lake-lands area counties with distinction and honor," wrote Sen. Floyd Nicholson. "He has been the driving force behind PTC campus modernization upgrades in all seven counties that the college serves. Ray has developed and pioneered programs that offer our area students a more affordable college experience that better prepares them to be productive members of our society."

James Pfeiffer, president and CEO of Self Regional Healthcare, lauded Brooks' efforts to bring business investment to the region.

"He had a key role and direct impact in the successful recruitment process of at least two of our area's major new manufacturing companies, ZF Transmissions and Teijin," he wrote. "Dr. Brooks continues to work closely with current major employers such as Lonza Pharmaceuticals, Eaton Corporation and FujiFilm to create and provide a ready workforce for their expan-

sion projects."

"It is not insignificant that he was a key force in bringing online our newly constructed O'Dell Upstate Center for Manufacturing Excellence, which was a shared vision of our wonderful friend and supporter, the late Sen. Billy O'Dell," wrote Theo Lane, Greenwood County councilman and government relations representative with Duke Energy South Carolina. "Indicative of their keen insight, this state-of-the-art facility became a key component in the negotiation to land the largest industrial project in South Carolina's recent history, the Teijin Carbon Fiber interest now under construction in Greenwood County."

Jeff Field, chairman of the PTC Foundation Board of Directors and executive director of the Laurens County Water and Sewer Commission, aptly noted in his letter that Dr. Brooks never seeks credit for himself.

"Dr. Brooks has done so much for Laurens County and the other six counties PTC serves. He would be the first to tell you that he didn't really do anything, that it was his staff, his board and other community leaders that made it happen," Field wrote. "While there is truth in that, it was Dr. Brooks' vision, intelligence and, maybe most importantly, his humility that brought these good people together to make a difference in our area and in our state."

Medford took the occasion also to announce that the grand lobby of the recently completed William H. "Billy" O'Dell Upstate Center for Manufacturing Excellence would be named after Brooks.

"We want to acknowledge your tremendous leadership and vision in a meaningful, lasting way," Medford said on the Zoom call. "What better way than through this naming opportunity at the O'Dell Center. This is a facility that will be here many, many decades."

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1. *Timothy Q. Mouse's friend, in Disney classic
6. River in Germany
9. Bridle parts
13. Whatsoever
14. Like tuna tartare
15. Forearm bones
16. Plural of #3 Down
17. Hardware store
18. "Gladiator" setting
19. *Ferb Fletcher's stepbrother
21. *Mr. White's unfortunate student
23. Welcome spot for weary traveler
24. It shall, for short
25. Cul de _____
28. Young herring
30. Dieter's cuisine, for short
35. Gator's cousin
37. French "place"
39. Chunk of iceberg
40. St. Louis monument
41. Like new TV set
43. Front of ship
44. Singular of loci
46. Additional
47. Reality TV's Spelling
48. *Assistant to regional manager Michael Scott
50. Missing a limb
52. More, in Madrid
53. Like acne-prone skin
55. Pimple fluid
57. *Shirley's roommate and fellow bottle-capper
61. *Rory Gilmore's mom
65. Make an effort
66. Legal org.
68. Long stories
69. Scottish valleys
70. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.
71. *One of The Carpenters duo
72. Bone-dry
73. Opposite of WSW
74. Red or orange announcement

DOWN

1. Slightly wet
2. *Malone and Stockton of the _____ Jazz
3. Skirt length
4. Shrovetide dish
5. *Mary-Kate and Ashley
6. Geologists' studies
7. *_____ and cheese
8. Moved under the rug
9. "All _____, no bite"
10. Footnote word
11. *Amy Poehler's comedic partner
12. Welsh alternative to Siobhán
15. Was almost out of gas, e.g.
20. Source of indigo dye, pl.
22. "_____ Be Home For Christmas"
24. In the best possible way
25. Coffee burn, e.g.
26. *Bow and _____
27. Spherical bacteria
29. *Corona's main squeeze?
31. What willow did
32. Read-only chip
33. Greek bazaar
34. *Clark's fellow traveler
36. College party chant
38. Celestial bear
42. Dancer's beat
45. Daisy dukes, e.g.
49. "Wizard of Oz" man
51. Archimedes' exclamation
54. Furlough
56. Flower part
57. Frog delicacy
58. Wheel shaft
59. Swerve
60. European sea eagle
61. *David and Paul on the "_____ Show"
62. Italian currency, pl.
63. Maple genus
64. Negative contraction
67. *Jerry's fellow treat-maker



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