

Lander students embrace nostalgia through trips to local movie theaters

As the events of the first week of classes come to an end, students at Lander University find themselves on the hunt for weekend activities.

Luckily, for us, Greenwood has no shortage of activities that are both fun and easy on the wallet. My personal favorite—among many others—is the array of movies featured at both the 25 Drive-In Theater and the Premiere Lux 10.



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The Drive-In first opened in 1945 with only one screen under the management of Olin Turner. The theater underwent changing management and a series of closures until it closed for a decade in 1999.

The Drive-In re-opened in 2009 and has been open since, with many renovations and new screens coming

to serve the Lander and Greenwood communities. It remains one of only three drive-in theaters open in South Carolina.

With the increasing number of students at Lander each year, including a 20+ percent increase in the freshman class this year, the Drive-In has become a popular place for Lander students to catch a movie under starlight.

Every Friday and Saturday, students can gather for a welcome break from the hectic life of being a student. The Drive-In offers a 2-for-1 feature deal: pay for one screen, see two movies. See? Easy on the wallet.

Contrary to most theaters, the Drive-In also features a wide selection of food that's more filling than just popcorn. There are bacon cheeseburgers, salad, nachos, and even southern favorites like fried green beans and hushpuppies.

On Fridays and Saturdays, the Drive-In provides an all-inclusive getaway for students to relax with friends on a budget.

The Drive-In isn't the only place to see all the amazing recent releases and old classics. The Premiere Lux 10 provides all the elements of an exceptional viewing experience: buttery popcorn, reclining chairs, memorable souvenirs and cherry slushies.

By far, the best part of the Premiere is the reclining chairs, allowing you to truly feel like you're at home with the big screen. Not only do the reclining

chairs provide a great reprieve compared to desk chairs in Lander classrooms, but the Premiere also offers great discounts.

On Tuesdays, movies are \$5.25, giving us a great reason to leave our dorms. Students—including myself—have been flocking to the theater to celebrate brand new movie releases. However, the theaters have also featured throwbacks to join generations together, such as the movie "Jaws" for its 50th anniversary.

The iconic shark movie "Jaws" was reshown at the Premiere the week-end of Aug. 29th to celebrate its 50th anniversary. "Jaws" was based on a novel written by Peter Benchley by the same name in 1974. A year later, Steven Spielberg created what was considered the first ever summer blockbuster.

The film broke records, defeating "The Godfather" by grossing \$100 million within 60 days. The Oscars awarded "Jaws" for Best Film Editing, Best Original Score and Best Sound in 1976. To this day, "Jaws" is still prevalent in the minds of beach-goers, despite its age, and has had a tremendous influence on how we see sharks.

"Jaws" was first released in theaters in 1975, when many of the students attending Lander currently weren't even born. On the other hand, members of the Greenwood community—and the rest of world—stormed movie theaters to see the new film. Many of our local residents even watched the film in our very own Drive-In.

Unfortunately, my generation was stuck watching the film on TV in our living rooms, unable to fully immerse ourselves in the impact it had. However, the 50th anniversary screening allowed all generations to come together to enjoy watching one of the most influential films of all time.

To celebrate the anniversary and history of such a ground-breaking film, Lander students gathered to honor a movie that made an impact well before our time. Both our local cinemas, the Premiere and the Drive-In, have proven to be exceptional weekend excursions for Lander students by not only offering great food and cheap prices, but by also providing a little history as well.

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A proclamation honors the work performed by the South Carolina State Guard at Monday's meeting of the Abbeyville County Council. From left are Chairman William "Billy" Norris and Gen. William Hollingsworth.

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Abbeyville County officials, attorneys to meet about courthouse project

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ABBEVILLE — Financing for renovation work at the Abbeyville County Courthouse was introduced to the Abbeyville County Council during its September meeting, but no action was taken.

The ordinance was one of several measures introduced for a first reading during Monday's meeting. No action is required for first readings. The open portion of the meeting was relatively short, lasting nearly 30 minutes, until an executive session was called to address topics ranging from personnel issues and a contract with Harris Software System to discussion about the Pete Smith Complex. The executive session lasted at least 2½ hours.

The courthouse renovation ordinance involves entering into an installment purchase agreement to finance the costs for the project and transfers of necessary documents. The project is not to exceed \$5.75 million aggregate principal amount of revenue bonds by the Abbeyville Public Facilities Corporation.

County Director Brian Moon requested the council meet again before October to talk with bond attorneys about financing for the project. No date was set.

In other business:

Council passed two proclamations, one honoring the

South Carolina State Guard by recognizing September 2025 as National Preparedness Month and another proclamation recognizing Abbeyville County historic figure Andrew Pickens by naming Sept. 13 Andrew Pickens Day. Gen. William Hollingsworth with the State Guard said recent projects include cleanup after Hurricane Helene and helping to fight fires at Table Rock State Park last spring. He also noted that Pickens was a member of what would have been the state guard.

Council passed a resolution for Moon to enter into a service agreement with Everbridge to provide a mass notification system (reverse 911) for the next three years for \$20,900. Moon said residents can provide to the 911 center advance information of special circumstances, such as whether a residence has handicapped residents.

Moon was authorized to enter into an agreement with Fire Catt for the testing of fire hoses and annual ladder testing for \$24,700 per year.

Council approved Moon entering into an agreement with Barron Weather for forecasting and weather mapping services not to exceed \$5,000.

Council members approved purchase of a Ford F250 truck from Dick Smith Ford for a price not to exceed \$50,000. It will replace the same model of vehicle formerly used by the Abbeyville County Sheriff's Office

for animal control work. Part of the cost comes from insurance funds, Moon said.

Council approved the purchase of 19 thermal printers for \$9,200. They will be bought from Computer Consultants & Merchants Inc. Moon said one model has been tested for use in sheriff's department vehicles and worked well.

Moon said work on the elevator at the Abbeyville County Administrative Complex is scheduled this week and expressed hope that it will return to service by the end of the week.

In recognition of the 24th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, Moon said a fire service 911 memorial walk will begin at 8:46 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, at the Abbeyville County Library, and will end at the Abbeyville Fire and Rescue Department. The attack began at 8:46 a.m. when a hijacked airplane was deliberately crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Bidding for a project to repair the parking lot at the Department of Social Services will go to local firms, Moon told council. The county will use matching funds with a Community Development Block Grant to pay for the project. He received approval to proceed with the grant application.

Contact staff writer Robert Jordan at 864-943-5650.

TUESDAY'S PUZZLES FOR THOSE WHO MISSED THEM

Daily Crossword
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WESLEY COMMONS
Rehabilitation

ACROSS

1 Budget concern

5 Damp

8 Urban pollution

12 Part of the eye

13 Farm tool

14 Skin opening

15 Singing voice

17 Drizzle

18 "— Land"

19 Overindulge

20 Snoop

22 Paper label

23 Thought deeply

27 Child

30 On the summit of

31 Swindle

32 Mellow

33 Make angry

34 "— Pinafore"

35 List-ending abbr.

36 '60s psychedelic

37 Certain factory (2 wds.)

39 Means of transport

40 Poor grade

41 Meddlesome one

44 Arab VIP

47 Fuss (Hyph.)

48 High school memento

52 Employs

53 Pointed tool

54 Needle case

55 Aerie

56 Encountered

57 Pro —

DOWN

1 Young animal

2 Ellipse

3 Antitoxins

4 Auto part

Answer to Previous Puzzle

J	A	B		S	E	T	H		G	R	O	W
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5 "— goes there?"

6 Long time

7 Pipe fitting

8 Bit of mint

9 Complain

10 First (Abbr.)

11 Actor — Hackman

16 Sour

19 "Breaking —"

21 Luxury boats

22 Grew taut

23 Astronomer — Sagan

24 Singer — Redding

25 Olympic prize

26 Book

27 Monkey

28 Iridescent gem

29 Reveal

32 Bring to mind

37 Have food and drink

38 Wanton look

39 Raise

41 Shock

42 Snout

43 Works in verse

45 Least little bit

46 Defeat utterly

48 Sweet potato

49 Ram's mate

50 Hgt.

51 Sorento automaker

SUDOKU

To play sudoku, use logic to fill the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the numbers 1-9 only once. Puzzle difficulty increases from Tuesday to Sunday.

3	4	5		2	6		7	8	9
		1			9				
7		9	4	8					5
	5	6		2			3		
2				1					7
	7			4		8	6		
6				5	8	1			4
				7		5			
5	9	2		3	4	6	7	8	

Answer to puzzle

8	7	9	4	3	1	2	6	5	
3	6	5	2	7	9	8	1	4	
4	2	1	8	5	6	7	3	9	
2	9	8	6	4	5	3	7	1	
7	5	6	9	1	3	4	8	2	
1	3	4	7	2	8	9	5	6	
5	1	2	3	8	4	6	9	7	
9	4	3	5	6	7	1	2	8	
6	8	7	1	9	2	5	4	3	

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" H G W S X A X T A E X W G X L F X I V G X O X P

Y F T G K P V P L T L F X H K G P V P U

H K V E R V P U . L F W L ' N H G W S X . "

— X E V C W H X L F X R Y W G R N

Previous Solution: "If you have a crisis, whether on a ship or wherever, there are heroes who rise above it." — Jerry Bruckheimer

TODAY'S CLUE: *equals F*

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