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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."

## Lee Garrett new public works director

By Henry E. Green

At Monday night's County Council meeting, Council chairman Billy Norris introduced Lee Garrett as the County's new director of public works.

Garrett, formerly the mayor of Calhoun Falls, was also sworn in by Norris as a County code enforcement officer.

County Director David Garner praised Garrett on Tuesday as someone well qualified for the job.

County Council passed third reading of an ordinance to approve for the sale of approximately 23.69 acres, previously listed as 25.46 acres, located off South Carolina Highway 72 in Calhoun Falls in Abbeville County.

Council had first reading on two ordinances. All first readings are read into the record by the chairman, and a vote is not necessary, per Ordinance 05-11. These ordinances included the following:

Ordinance 2021-11 to amend the County zoning map for a parcel of land of approximately two acres located at 20 Wooden Bridge Road, from Forest Agricultural to General Residential.

Ordinance 2021-12 to amend the Zoning Map for a parcel of land of approximately nine acres located at 741 East Greenwood Street, from Restricted Residential to General

Commercial.

Council also Monday night:

--Passed a resolution to authorize the expenditure of accommodations tax monies as recommended by the accommodations tax committee.

--Passed a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a purchase agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc., for the purchase of 16 Axon Bodycam 3 and other equipment not to exceed \$57,284.93.

--Passed a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a purchase agreement with Vic Bailey Ford for the purchase of three 2022 Ford F150 vehicles for Building Codes and County Mechanic not to exceed \$81,813.

The money is coming from revenue from a General Obligation Bond.

--Passed a resolution authorizing the County Director to enter into a purchase agreement with Computer Consultants & Merchants, Inc., for the purchase of 32 Verkada cameras to be installed in the Detention Center in the amount not to exceed \$68,940.

Norris said he had received a number of calls from people wanting to know if the hospital is being sold.

He appointed Garner

and Roper to look into the matter.

Council also voted to appoint Donald Burton to the GLEAMNS board.

Following an executive session, Council came back into open session. Council member James McCord made a motion to authorize the County Director to enter into a contract with AT&T for cell phone services for the County employees.

Council member Jason Bonds seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In other matters Monday night, Norris praised County employees who worked together in the aftermath of the heavy rains. "We have an outstanding crew," he said.

Garner said during his County Director's report that as many as a dozen County roads have been closed or damaged.

Abbeville County Council voted Monday night to amend the accommodations tax committee recommendations to give the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition \$2,000 more, and to take the additional money from the City of Abbeville's expenditure.

Every year Council distributes money gained from an accommodations tax to organizations which use it typically for the enhancement of tourism.



Abbeville High School cheerleaders had much to cheer about during the 48-0 Panther victory over Liberty recently. Here is Abbeville cheerleader Marissa Arrowood. Her parents are Mandy (Ray) and Dustin Arrowood. (Photo by Andy Johnston)

## Time well-spent Community Night at Career Center in September enormously successful

By Henry E. Green

Good things have been happening at the Abbeville County Career Center.

The Career Center, located on the Old Calhoun Falls Highway on the outskirts of Abbeville, recently presented its annual Community Night/Industry Showcase program on Sept. 27.

This has become a late September tradition, and it provides an opportunity for the public to check out what the Career Center has to offer in terms of courses, and to highlight local industries.

The Career Center is the Abbeville County School District's center for technical education, and representatives of its course offerings were on hand to greet the public.

The Career Center has eight programs, including cosmetology, carpentry/building construction, welding, automotive technology, culinary arts, health science, Project Lead the Way,

a pre-engineering program, firefighting, and information technology, according to Dorinda Bell, Career Center director.

"We have 123 students," she said, noting that the Career Center welcomes students from Abbeville, Dixie and Calhoun Falls Charter, and McCormick high schools, as well as home school and private school students.

Community Night, meanwhile, was a chance to have fun as well as to learn about educational opportunities.

Providing entertainment was Rockin' Robin Music Show, featuring a DJ, and opportunities for karaoke.

There were "inflatables for the kids, and free hot dogs and chips for all persons who registered," she said.

In addition, there were representatives of various agencies, organizations, and industries, such as Prysmian, ACS Manufacturing, and WCTEL, just to

name a few. Piedmont Tech was also represented. "Actually they brought 14 different departments," she said. "They were well represented."

Others included Great Clips, Liyahs Luxury Hair Studios, Holston Air and Gas, Self Regional Healthcare, Bakers Creek State Park, Hickory Knob State Park, Calhoun Falls State Park, Abbeville County voter registration, Abbeville County 911, Abbeville County animal services, Abbeville County School District food and nutrition department, Abbeville County School District adult education and the Wheels of Time car show.

Bell said that this year's Community Night was well-attended, and quite successful.

There were 248 people in attendance who registered, Bell continued.



Abbeville County Council chairman Billy Norris (left) swore in Lee Garrett (right) as a County code enforcement officer Monday night at the County Council meeting. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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Abbeville Rotary Club president Matthew Johnson (left) recently presented, on behalf of the club, a donation for United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County, and Dr. Bill Boone, the executive director of UCMAC, accepted it on behalf of the nonprofit organization. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# UCMAC shows impressive numbers

**By Henry E. Green**  
United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County has compiled some impressive numbers so far this year, according to Dr. Bill Boone, the executive director of the all-volunteer, nonprofit organization.

The organization is based on the work of more than 100 volunteers, and it has three component ministries--emergency assistance, a food pantry system with branches in Abbeville,

Calhoun Falls and Lowndesville, and a medical clinic.

During a presentation of a donation from the Abbeville Rotary Club recently, Dr. Boone read aloud some of the statistics to show how many people the organization has helped through the years.

So far this year, he said:  
--77 people have been helped via the Emergency Assistance Program  
--185 people have been

helped via the Free Medical Clinic.

--\$19,370 has been paid in drugs for patients

--1,008 families have been helped via the three food pantries

--26,275 pounds of food have been purchased and donated

The organization, which also recently received donations from Abbeville First Bank, is based on a network of collaborating churches.

# Let's talk about your inevitable death

**Submitted by  
Bill Boone**

Are you prepared to die! Do you have a will? Have you told your family members your wishes concerning your burial? No, of course not! You do not want to think about death and dying! Well guess what, it is going to happen and if you have not developed a set of documents discussing these items as well as others, you are doing a great injustice to your family.

We have been intimately involved with five funerals and only one was organized and

carried out with the wishes of the deceased. Three of the five were the sole remaining spouse. Of these three, only one of these had complete instructions for us to follow. One of the two did not have a will and the other had a will but it was not easy to find. As for funeral arrangements and numerous materialistic items left behind by these two individuals, nothing was done. The family members who remained were left to determine the deceased's wishes. Please, please, please do not do this to your spouse or your children; this is just not fair.

To avoid this, we would like to suggest that you attend a free lecture to discuss 16 points that should be done prior to death. The lecture will be held at New Hope Presbyterian Church (corner of Highways 28 and 71, across from Wright Middle School) at 7 PM on Thursday, October 21. A handout will be provided to aid in this discussion. If you are interested, please text (864-420-4069) or email (wrboone48@gmail.com) us to register for this seminar. The closing date for registration is Tuesday, October 19 at 5 PM.

# Abbeville man charged with armed robbery and possession of a firearm

**Submitted by  
Abbeville City Police  
Department**

On September 10, 2021 Officers with the Abbeville City Police Department received a call in reference to an Armed Robbery involving a vehicle at located Oakland Apartments which is located at 200 Virginia Dr. During the investigation Officers

were notified that the vehicle stolen was being pursued by Greenwood City Police Department. The vehicle ultimately crashed on Long Cane AME Rd in Abbeville County. During the investigation it was determined that De'Andrevious Kel'Vonnte Jaheim Williams, 20 years old, of 105 Gip Edwards Rd., was involved in the Armed

Robbery. He was arrested by Greenwood City Police Department after the crash. Warrants were obtained from Abbeville City Investigators. Mr. Williams was brought to Abbeville on October 11, 2021 and charged with Armed Robbery and Possession of a Firearm. During the Commission of a Violent Crime.

# Abbeville County 4-H Program announces in-person programs and club meetings planned for the fall 2021

**Submitted by  
Jenny Mountford**

Abbeville County 4-H Program is excited to announce that there are in-person programs and club meetings planned for the fall 2021!

4-H is a nationwide youth development program that is volunteer led and open to youth between the age of 5 and 18. Some of the programs have specific themes and age requirements. Please contact Jenny Mountford with Abbeville County 4-H Program for specific details and registration information. Information can also be found at the Abbeville County 4-H Facebook Page.

4-H Membership is required to enroll in the following events and can be found at <https://v2.4honline.com>

Upcoming Events:  
4-H Livestock Club Meeting, October 21, 6:30pm-7:30pm, Abbeville Clemson Extension Office

4-H Day at the Fair, October 23, free admission with membership card to the South Carolina State Fair, Columbia

Community Service 4-H Club, October 25, 6-7:30pm, Abbeville Clemson Extension Office

4-H WHEP Study/Wild Game Dinner, December

16, ages 9-18, Abbeville Clemson Extension Office

4-H Shooting Sports Course Registration Opens, December 15-mid January, TBA, Ages 9-18, Course will be held January-March 2022

4-H/FFA Winter Pig Project Registration Opens, mid-October, Kick off mid-December, 5-18

Other 4-H and Extension Happenings...

Abbeville County Clemson Extension will host all ACSD third graders for a Farm City Day event on October 21st. We are excited to share agricultural education with the students and allow them to make the connections of how farmers work to provide us with food, fiber and the resources we use daily.

SC 4-H Pullet Sale, online auction will be open for bidding November 8-22. Website will be posted in November. Contact any Clemson Extension office for more information.

Diamond Hill Elementary School and Abbeville County 4-H have teamed up to host a Running Club for students as an extra-curricular activity. The students will be engaging in physical fitness twice a week, and learning all about healthy lifestyles during a mini-lesson. Lessons

include nutrition, mental health, emotional well-being, physical health, family and peer relationships, and stress management. An additional partnership for this activity is provided by Walmart Foundation via South Carolina Healthy Habits mini-grants, of which will provide the participants with healthy snacks at many of their meetings.

Abbeville County Clemson Extension Office is currently offering their annual Fruit, Nut, and Landscape Tree Sale. To obtain information visit their website, call the office, or stop by and pick up an order form on site. Ordering is available through November 15.

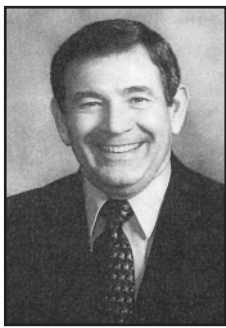
To learn more, or contact the Abbeville Clemson Extension Office, visit our website at [www.clemson.edu/abbeville](http://www.clemson.edu/abbeville) or call 864-446-2276. Abbeville County 4-H information can also be obtained by emailing Jenny Mountford at [grier@clemson.edu](mailto:grier@clemson.edu)

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## a Word from "THE WORD"

Rev. Dr. John Keith

### Knowing God



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**Psalm 40:17 "But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinks upon me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God."**

A father relates this story about his five year old son who wondered about his pastor's theology one Sunday morning. His son, Paul, was seated near the front with his parents. The pastor was preaching away, and exhorting people to a deeper understanding of God and to a stronger commitment to Him and the church. In an attempt to sound profound, the pastor paused, leaned forward over the pulpit, and raised a rhetorical question: "And God—who is God?" In the hush of the moment, Paul looked up at his father and, loud enough to be heard by half the congregation, "Great day, Dad, doesn't he know?"

Well, in this passage of Scripture in the way David expresses himself, he most surely does know God. He is well aware of the character of God. Three thoughts come to my mind from this passage of Scripture. The first one is that David recognized his need. He states that "he is poor and needy..." yet the Lord thought about him. That means God knew his present

condition, God took notice of his poor and needy condition. Dear one, the world may not pay much attention to the poor and needy, but God sure does. Listen to what God said about that in Exodus 22:22-24 "You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. If you afflict them in any way and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; and my wrath will become hot, and I will kill you with the sword; your wives shall be widows and your children fatherless." As you can see from that passage, God is very much aware of the plight of the poor and needy. David recognizes his condition and he is humble. Some folks recognize their need but they do not humble themselves before the Lord. 1 Peter 5:6 "therefore humble yourself under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time."

Secondly this was a recognition of the One who could meet that need. David knew that God was the only one who could help him in his poor and needy condition.

David knew that if God did not help him then he would not be helped. Folks, our nation needs to recognize that the only one who can help us out of the mess we are in is God. Like David, we cannot do it ourselves. The third thought from this passage is that David made a request for speedy relief. He called on God to help him without delay. I believe the David prayed that prayer with full assurance that God not only thought about him in his trouble but would act in a speedy and timely manner. God is always on time, He is not one minute early or one minute late, He is always right on time, every time. God thinks about us and He knows all about us but He won't act in our behalf until we call upon Him. Romans 10:12 informs us that "God is rich to all who call upon Him." God knows your condition, He cares about what is happening in your life, He keeps you on His mind, if you need help, call upon Him, He will hear and His answer will be right on time.

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# Green acres

## John de la Howe president Tim Keown speaks at CF Chamber event

By Henry E. Green

The Governor's School of Agriculture at John de la Howe is unique in the United States, said school president Tim Keown in a presentation at the Calhoun Fall Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday night.

It is one of three Governor's Schools in South Carolina. The others include the Governor's School for Science and Math in Hartsville, and the Governor's School for Arts and Humanities in Greenville.

John de la Howe is the only residential high school devoted to agriculture in the United States, he said.

It is the latest incarnation of a school whose roots go all the way back to 1797, when Dr. John de la Howe made provisions in his will for an agricultural seminary for poor boys and poor girls.

Providing a thumbnail sketch of the school's history, Keown noted that following its founding by the physician John de la Howe the school served different purposes at different times--an orphanage and a school for troubled youth.

John de la Howe opened as a School for Agriculture in August of 2020 with 31 students. The students come from various locations throughout South Carolina.

"We had a very successful year," said Keown, noting

that De la Howe teams won championships in events such as livestock judging.

And the enrollment has risen, he said. "We now have 61 students," he said.

Keown painted a positive picture of life at De la Howe. "All of our core classes are on an honors level," he said.

In addition, students have chores before and after school. De la Howe does not offer football, but it does offer agriculture-related activities such as rodeo, and the school also has teams in such endeavors as livestock showing, bass fishing, and shotgun shooting.

He touched on some negative publicity the school received several months ago, and the state audited the school's books, and everything was found to be clear, he said.

At John de la Howe, which also maintains a herd of cattle, students are responsible for breeding animals. "We're raising our own pigs now," he said.

There is also a forestry program at the school, whose staff is highly qualified. "We have three PhDs on our staff," he said, noting that most of the other teachers have masters degrees.

John de la Howe has 12 dormitories and nine residential advisors as well as a small business office.

"We have 12 day students," he said.

Last year, the school had

a very successful plant sale, as well as an Ag Fest, with more than 500 exhibitors and a 5K event, which last year featured 96 runners.

John de la Howe, which has three miles of shoreline on Lake Thurmond, recently signed a memorandum of agreement with South Carolina State to support each other in educational activities.

The Governor's School for Agriculture has a number of goals--both short term and long-term.

One of those is to increase enrollment. "Our goal is to have 100 students," he said.

Keown would also like to see additional sports teams, such as that of baseball.

One long term goal is to develop the Lake Thurmond shoreline.

De la Howe plans to graduate 24 students this year with Governor Henry McMaster to be the keynote speaker.

Students who want to apply to John de la Howe need to have a 2.8 GPA, and three letters of recommendation.

A Clemson graduate, Keown grew up on a farm in the Iva area, and student taught at Abbeville High School in 2004.

The John de la Howe president was introduced by Calhoun Falls Mayor Chris Cowan, and he spoke to a group of about 50 people.

Tim Keown is the president of the South Carolina School of Agriculture at John de la Howe, and he spoke at the recent Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce banquet. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



# Filing period for Due West election closes

By Henry E. Green

The filing period for a special Due West town election has concluded, and one individual has filed for a vacant Due West Town Council seat, according to the Abbeville County voter

registration office.

Sandra Totherow of Due West is the only candidate who has filed for the special Due West Town Council election slated for Nov. 23, according to the office.

The election will be non-partisan and write-ins will be allowed.

For more information, one may call the voter registration office at 1-864-366-2400, extension 53.

# Obituaries

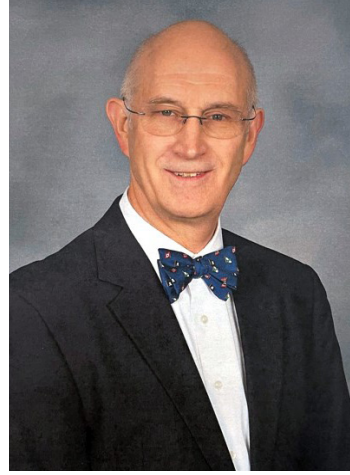
## Ferguson

Little Mountain - John Herbert Ferguson, M.D., 66, husband of 43 years to Debra (Debbie) Clement Ferguson, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family Thursday, August 19. He was born in Abbeville, SC to the late June Price Ferguson and Herbert Harris Ferguson.

John graduated from Dixie High School, Wofford College and the Medical University of South Carolina. He completed his residency in Family Medicine in Greenville, SC. He practiced 36 of his 40 years in Family Medicine at the Pinner Clinic in Peak, SC. He was respected by his colleagues, nurses, staff and loved by his patients for his compassion, diligence, understanding and sense of humor. He was also a member of the Medical University of South Carolina College of Medicine Alumni Board of Directors, where he continued to serve as mentor and clinical instructor to medical students until his retirement in October 2020.

In addition to being a family physician, John loved music, the outdoors and cycling. He was an avid bicyclist and could be found on his bicycle at every opportunity. He also enjoyed camping, hiking and backpacking.

Dr. Ferguson was a mem-



John H. Ferguson, M.D.

ber of Lake Murray Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder, as a member of the Missions Committee and as a member of the Jesus Seekers Sunday School Class. He was the Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 411 for 27 years. He felt it was an honor and privilege to be entrusted with the care and lives of so many young people. As Scoutmaster, he guided 103 young men to attain the rank of Eagle Scout and led 9 crews to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. He was proud of every scout and their accomplishments.

In addition to his wife, Debbie, John is survived by his son, John Matthew Ferguson, M.D. (Lisa Marie) of Mount Pleasant, SC, and his daughter, Kiri Ferguson Willis (Andy) of Spartanburg, SC. He was "Papa" to his five adoring grand-

children and the joys of his life: Jack Harris Ferguson, Charles O'Neil Ferguson and Thomas Cooper Ferguson of Mount Pleasant, and Madison Frances Willis and Lucas Edward Willis of Spartanburg. He is also survived by his brother, Michael Craig Ferguson (Catherine), of Williamston SC, and his brother-in-law, Charles Winfred Clement, Jr. (Rebecca) of Nicholson, GA as well as many nieces and nephews.

John's family would like to extend their appreciation to all of you: patients, friends, church members, scouts, and the community for your continuous support this past year. We would like to thank you for all the kind words and loving messages.

A private service was held for the family and close friends at Lake Murray Presbyterian Church with a graveside service at the Mount Hermon Lutheran Church Cemetery (Peak Cemetery) at Peak, SC. Memorials may be made to the Lake Murray Presbyterian Church Missions 1020 Dutch Fork Road, Chapin, SC 29036.

May the greatest Scoutmaster of all time be with you until we meet again.

Dunbar Funeral Home, Dutch Fork Chapel, assisted the family. Memories may be shared at [www.dunbarfunerals.com](http://www.dunbarfunerals.com).

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# Obituaries

## McLane

Lynda Broome McLane, 75, of Spartanburg, SC was a beloved wife, mother and retired schoolteacher whose career spanned 45 years. She died unexpectedly the evening of October 7, 2021 in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Born February 12, 1946 in Lancaster, SC, she was the daughter of the late LD and Lena Grace Broome.

Lynda was a graduate of Abbeville High School and earned her Bachelor of Science at Winthrop College, and her Master of Education at Converse University, formerly known as Converse College.

Her love of children was unbounded by her dedication to her profession. She began and continued her teaching craft at the elementary level and she later specialized in the Reading Recovery Program for children with reading difficulty.

Lynda spent the remainder of her career providing her expertise to achieve improved reading performance for her young students. She was renowned for the results by grateful



**Lynda Broome McLane**

parents and colleagues. Over her retirement years, she tutored children who were referred to her from the reputation developed by her students' improved learning.

Survivors include her husband of over 50 years, SGM (R) Foster B. McLane III, daughter, Jenifer "Jeni" Grace McLane Barrantes and husband Pablo, son, James Gregory "Greg" McLane, brother, William L. "Buddy" Broome, and wife Kathy, sister, Nancy

Best Hedden and husband, Jerry, four grandchildren, Elena Barrantes, Lucas Barrantes, Emerson McLane and Bentley McLane. Along with her parents, she is also predeceased by a brother, LD Broome, III.

A Visitation was held at 1:00 - 2:45 PM Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at Floyd's Greenlawn Chapel, 2075 E. Main Street, Spartanburg, SC 29307. A Celebration of Life service began at 3:00 PM, at the chapel, conducted by The Rev. Steve Wise, The Rev. Matt Johnson, Mrs. Jeni McLane, Miss Elena Barrantes McLane, and Mrs. Nancy Hedden.

The family will be at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fernwood Baptist Church Children's Ministry, 200 Fernwood Road, Spartanburg, SC 29307 or to Pine Street School Reading Scholarship, in memory of Mrs. Lynda McLane. The fund is managed by the Spartanburg County Foundation, Fund 02215 424 East Kennedy Street, Spartanburg SC, 29302.

## Leslie



Donald William Leslie, 90, of Abbeville, husband of Marian Henderson Leslie, died Thursday, October 7, 2021 at his daughter's home in Madison, GA. Born April 18, 1931 in Atlanta, GA, he was the son of the late Alpheus Ezekiel Leslie and Lucy Katherine Sturdivant Leslie.

A 1948 graduate of the Decatur Boys High School, Mr. Leslie was a member of the 1948-49 class at Presbyterian College where he played football. He received his BA degree from Georgia State University in 1986. While at PC, Mr. Leslie was drafted into the United States Navy and honorably served his country during the Korean War. He owned and operated Leslie Enterprises, a construction business, retiring after 43 years. Mr. Leslie was most proud of his Scottish Heritage. He was a member of Clan Leslie Society for 25 years and proudly served as past Chieftan of Clan Leslie Society for four years. Mr. Leslie enjoyed woodworking, watching football and most of all, spending time with his family. He was a member of the Abbeville Historical Society, the Hunting Club



**Donald William Leslie**

and New Hope Presbyterian Church where he was elder emeritus.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Leslie was preceded in death by two sons, Donald W. 'Bo' Leslie, Jr. and Henry Miller 'Hank' Leslie; two brothers, Robert Edward 'Ed' Leslie and Alpheus E.

Leslie, Jr.; and a sister, Mary Leslie Williams.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marian, of the home; one daughter, Susan Leslie Vaughn of Madison, GA; two grand-daughters, Allison Vaughn Candler (Clark) and Audrey Katherine Vaughn; two great-grandsons, Griffin and Clark Candler, III; a nephew and a number of nieces; two sisters-in-law, LaFern Leslie of Atlanta, GA and Jane Leslie of Birmingham, AL.

The family received friends 2:30PM - 3:30PM, Sunday, October 10, 2021 at New Hope Presbyterian Church. Funeral services began at 4:00PM in the church sanctuary with Rev. James Norris officiating. Burial followed in Long Cane Cemetery with Rev. Jim Williams officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Leslie, may be sent to New Hope Presbyterian Church, 136 Hwy. 71, Abbeville, SC 29620.

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

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

## McCurry

Patricia Davis 'Pat' McCurry, 76, of Abbeville, wife of Jack McCurry, Jr., entered her eternal home, Saturday, October 9, 2021, at the Hospice House & Palliative Care of Greenwood. She was born in Abbeville to the late Adrian W. and Safronia 'Fronia' Ellenburg Davis.

A 1963 graduate of Abbeville High School, Mrs. McCurry was employed with the former Milliken & Co - Abbeville Plant for many years. Pat's longest and most rewarding role in life was rearing her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed animals and lovingly cared for them at every opportunity. Mrs. McCurry was a long-time member of South Side Baptist Church and sang in the church choir. Presently and for many years, Pat capably served as the church hostess.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth 'Lib' Cantrell; two brothers, Gene



**Patricia 'Pat' McCurry**

A. Davis, and Leon 'Shine' Davis.

Mrs. McCurry is survived by her husband, Jack, of 57 years of the home; four children; Jeff McCurry (Tracy) of Greenwood, Kimberly M. Morton (Karl) of Abbeville, Ginger M. Miller (Chris) of Hodges, and Justin McCurry (Katie) of Abbeville; seven grandchildren, Kayla

Morton (Erik), Kelsie Patrice Morton (Jordy), Ward Andrew McCurry, Cade McCurry, Connor Miller, Reece Miller and Evangeline Ruth McCurry; and her beloved puppies, Precious, Howie and DJ.

The family received friends from 12:00PM to 1:30PM Tuesday, October 12, 2021, in Harris Funeral Home. Funeral services began at 2:00PM in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Zack Little and Rev. Earl Hartley officiating. Burial followed in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

The family is at the home. Memorial contributions, in memory of Mrs. McCurry, may be sent to a Humane Society of your choice.

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

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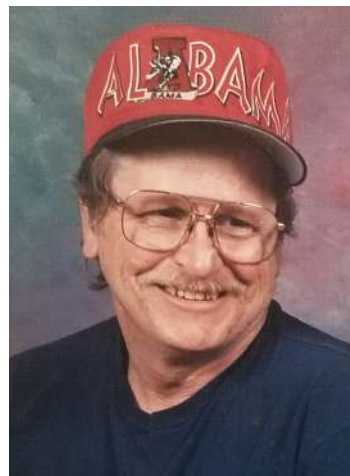
# Obituaries

## Loftis

Jimmy E. Loftis, 74, of Abbeville, husband of the late Rebecca Stamps (Becky) Loftis, died Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Hospital. He was born in Greenwood to the late Leonard Ashley and Emma Ruth Gunnells Loftis.

Mr. Loftis proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and received a Purple Heart medal. He was employed with Prysmian Cable (formerly Pirelli Cable) for many years. Working on old cars, gold mining, treasure hunting and gardening were some of his favorite pastimes. He also was an avid fan of Western movies and their stars, especially John Wayne.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-father, Grady



**Jimmy E. Loftis**

Loftis; two sons, Jimmy Earl Loftis, Jr. and Douglas Franklin Loftis.

Mr. Loftis is survived by two daughters, Amy Loftis Alley of Greenwood and Lorrie Loftis Walters of Abbeville; three brothers, Bobby Loftis (Kathy) of Ware Shoals, Billy Ray Loftis of Greenwood and Jesse Ashley of Abbeville; four sisters,

Linda Abramson (Murray) of Williamston, Shirley Bell of Honaker, VA, Patsy Ashley and Denise Cooper (Ken) all of Abbeville; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The family received friends from 3:00PM - 4:00PM, Monday, October 11, 2021 in Harris Funeral Home. Funeral services began at 4:00PM in the funeral home chapel with Mr. Jamie Baker officiating.

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

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

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

## Nichols

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bonds Nichols, 86, of Highway 72 W, Calhoun Falls, SC, wife of the late J. Lee Nichols, passed away on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at her daughter's residence in Abbeville, SC.

Mrs. Nichols was born in the Nations Community of Abbeville County, SC on September 26, 1935, daughter of the late Sug James Bonds, Sr. and Lizzie Hill Bonds. She was a retired spinner having worked in mills in Pickens, SC and Calhoun Falls, SC, and a

member of Midway Baptist Church in Lowndesville.

Survivors include her children: Theresa Bowie of Abbeville, SC and Roger Nichols and his wife DeRhonda of Calhoun Falls, SC; seven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is preceded in death by her sons: David Nichols and Randy Nichols; son-in-law, Willie "Red" Bowie;

and siblings: S.J. Bonds, Jr., Marion Bonds, Frank Bonds, Parnice Parks, and Louise Ross.

Mrs. Nichols requested no formal services, and burial will be in Latimer Cemetery in Calhoun Falls, SC.

Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at [www.berryfh.com](http://www.berryfh.com).

Berry Funeral Home & Crematory of Elberton, GA is respectfully in charge of arrangements for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Bonds Nichols.

# Obituaries

## Milas

Mary Margaret Hill Milas, 79, of Abbeville, died Sunday, October 3, 2021 at the Abbeville Area Medical Center. She was born in Berwyn, IL to the late Thomas Jackson and Lyda Ferguson Hill, Sr.

Mary Margaret attended the University of South Carolina and the University of Maryland. She completed her graduate studies at Bowie State University. Employed with Social Services, Mary Margaret taught child development at Pensacola Junior College and worked with abused children and their families in La Plata, MD, Beaufort, SC and Pensacola, FL. She also licensed foster homes. Mary Margaret served on many boards including the Gulf Breeze Library, the Charles County Crisis Center and the Lavallet Association. She worshipped at Providence Presbyterian



**Mary Margaret Hill Milas**

Church and participated in the Book Club of Abbeville Presbyterian Church.

In addition to her parents, Mary Margaret was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Jackson Hill, Jr.

She is survived by two sons, Lonnie Matthew Temple of Pensacola, FL and T. Patrick (Piper) Milas, PhD of Rahway, NJ; two grandchildren, Lonnie Matthew

Temple, II and Maeve Violet Milas; three cousins, Linda Patterson of Abbeville, Daryl Patterson (Diane) of Anderson and Jonathan Patterson; and special friends, Ingrid Haskell, Ellen Holt and Carol McKenzie.

A service to celebrate Mary Margaret's life will be 11:00AM, Saturday, October 16, 2021 in Harris Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Sherry Martin officiating.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Mary Margaret, may be sent to Providence Presbyterian Church, PO Box 226, Lowndesville, SC 29659.

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

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Abbeville (in white jerseys) defeated Liberty 48-0 Friday night at Liberty. The Panthers ran their record to 7-0 with the victory. (Photo by Andy Johnston)



## Ware Shoals defeats CF Charter, 34-14

**By Henry E. Green**  
Ware Shoals defeated Calhoun Falls Charter Monday night in Ware Shoals, 34-14, according to Calhoun Falls Charter coach Juwan Owens.

Scoring two touchdowns for the Flashes was Marquise Turman, who had a 43-yard touchdown run, and a 41-yard touchdown catch from Tylin Turman.

Tylin Turman ran in the two-point conversion for the 43-yard run.

Ware Shoals led 22-14 at the half, continued Owens, who noted that there was some miscommunication involving the Calhoun Falls

Charter offensive play calling, he said.

"We threw three interceptions," he added.

Marquise Turman led the way for the Flashes offensively, with 50 yards on the ground and 70 receiving, and on defense, Ty Moon had eight tackles.

"We have one more contest this Friday with Dixie," the coach said. "That will be our homecoming game." Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The game with Ware Shoals had originally been scheduled for this past Friday night, but it was postponed due to inclement weather.

## Abbeville bedevils Liberty, 48-0

**By Henry E. Green**  
Abbeville crushed Liberty 48-0 Friday night to run its Region record to 2-0 and its overall record to 7-0.

There was a running clock for much of the second half, as the Panthers put the game away earlier.

Abbeville drew first blood, courtesy of a 39-yard touchdown run by AHS quarterback Zay Rayford in the first quarter.

With the PAT good, AHS led 7-0.

The Red Devils could not capitalize on their next possession, and had to punt.

Blessed with good field position, Abbeville went right to work. Rayford connected with speedster Antonio Harrison to get the ball inside

the Red Devil 5, and three plays later, it was Rayford again, plunging in from the four on a third and goal. With the PAT good, AHS led 14-0.

In the second quarter, the Panthers poured it on. Harrison found the end zone on a 23-yard run in the second quarter, putting the finishing touches on a six play drive, that started at the Abbeville 34.

With a successful PAT, AHS led 21-0, but there was definitely more to come.

Jeremiah Lomax picked off a Red Devil pass and returned it for a touchdown, and Abbeville led 28-0.

It was Lomax's third "pick six" in the past three games.

Panther C.J. Vance returned a punt 52 yards for

a touchdown, and AHS led 35-0.

The Panthers recovered a fumble late in the second quarter at the Liberty 43.

In the second half, J'Marion Burton scored on a seven-yard run for the Panthers, and J. Hill found the end zone on a 22 yard run in the fourth quarter.

Damarcus Leach also had an interception for Abbeville.

When the smoke cleared, the Panthers had amassed 249 yards of offense, including 225 yards rushing.

Abbeville, which has not allowed a point in Region play since 2019, will host West Oak this coming Friday at Hite Stadium.

## Paging Noah Abbeville County gets seriously saturated with rain recently

**By Henry E. Green**  
Abbeville County got seriously wet recently.

Heavy rains saturated Abbeville County and much of the rest of the Upstate last week.

Abbeville County Director David Garner was asked about any property damage resulting from the rains.

"Yes, we did experience some damage," he said this week. "We are still getting a handle on it, but numerous county roads were closed and/or damaged."

The amount of rain the County received varied from

location to location. Susie New, who lives on the outskirts of Abbeville, recorded two inches during the week of Oct. 6.

However, the northern part of the county got much more--particularly the Antreville and Diamond Hill areas.

One farmer reported getting as much as 12 inches on Wednesday and Thursday--Oct. 6-7.

New also said that a road near Diamond Hill Elementary is closed due to flooding.

The weather resulted in a number of alterations in

the high school football schedule. Dixie's game with Southside Christian, a game originally slated for this past Friday night, was postponed to Oct. 22. The game had been designated as Dixie's homecoming.

Meanwhile, Calhoun Falls Charter was scheduled to play the Ware Shoals Purple Hornets this past Friday night, and the game was rescheduled for last night, with the Blue Flashes scheduled to visit Ware Shoals.

(See related story.)

## Anderson claims honors for Week 7

**By Henry E. Green**  
Liv Anderson of Abbeville is the winner for Week 7 of the Press and Banner's college football contest.

Let Contest Editor Lamar T. West tell the story.

"For the first time this season not only one but two entries missed NO picks," he said.

"Liv Anderson and Chloe Anderson were 100% correct in picking week #7 college football winners. There were 912 total points scored in the 15 games in this past weeks football selections.

Liv thought there would be 810 points scored and Chloe settled on a total point score of 738. We have some reasons to believe they may have worked together on their picks so maybe they will choose to share the \$50 prize.

"We are now half way through the college football season so if you have not won the fifty dollar prize then get busy picking the winners. You could be the next winner."

You may be the next winner, but you may not preside over a week quite as tumultuous as Week 7.

This will long be remembered as the week the Mighty Alabama, the Number One team in the nation, lost to Texas A&M 41-38, on a field goal. Yes, folks, the Tide got rolled, and tumbled out of the top spot to Number Five.

The new Number One? The Georgia Bulldogs, who are undefeated and who beat both Clemson AND the University of South Carolina.

It would be interesting to see how the Bulldogs match up against the undefeated Kentucky Wildcats next week in an SEC showdown.

Closer to home, we predicted that the University of South Carolina would fall to Tennessee in the decidedly hostile environment of Neyland Stadium.

For once in our lives, we were right, and we're getting a Gold Star to paste on our crystal ball.

So what's next for the Bedraggled Birds?

Ah, Vanderbilt! Everybody's choice for a homecoming opponent!

Don't get us wrong. Vanderbilt is home to stellar academics, but football is not one of our specialties.

As bad as our Beloved Birds are, they should be enough to tackle the 'Dores, especially within the friendly confines of Willie B Stadium.

We see the Cocks getting a much-needed win--Carolina 21-Vanderbilt 10.

The Charming Kitties, meanwhile, will be on the road to face Syracuse after a narrow win over that pesky Open Date.

Clemson, we believe, will defeat the 'Cuse. No, the Tigers are surprisingly mortal this year, but they should be enough to suck all the juice out of the Orange...

Clemson 24, Syracuse 13. Maybe there should be a T-shirt. How about "NO EXCUSE FOR THE 'CUSE.!"

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This metal rendering of "bigfoot" adorned a car show at the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition's Fall Jubilee held recently at the Blue Hole recreation area in Calhoun Falls. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Hendricks recalls 1981 AHS state title

**By Henry E. Green**  
(The following article is the second in a series.)  
The 1981 Abbeville High School football team won the state championship. It was the second state championship for Abbeville High School, which had already claimed a state title in 1971.  
"We beat Wade Hampton in the final, 6-0," said Mike Hendricks, who was head coach of the Panthers at the time.  
Dale Collier recovered a fumble in the end zone for the touchdown in the first half of the game, said Hendricks.  
Yes, it was a defensive struggle. "We had a good defense that year," he said. "It was just a defensive

battle."  
And the game was played at Hite Stadium in Abbeville. "Back then you could do that if you had enough seating." The Panthers had gone undefeated during the regular season, winning their Region.  
"We had a great team," he said, noting that this team included a great attitude, and great athletes.  
And everyone contributed to the team's success, said Hendricks, who was in his seventh year as head coach when the 1981 team won the championship.  
Hendricks had come to AHS from a coaching post in McCormick.  
"I grew up in the Clemson --Central area," he said. He went on to graduate from

Anderson College and Mars Hill College.  
Did he expect his 1981 team to win the state title? "You go into any season and that's your ultimate goal," he said.  
In the playoffs that year, the Panthers defeated Andrew Jackson, Pendleton, and Woodruff before defeating Wade Hampton.  
Hendricks coached a number of years after that banner year, and he said all 14 of his teams he coached at AHS worked extremely hard, and all could feel part of that state championship. "They did their part," he said. Hendricks had positive things to say about his time at AHS.  
"I thoroughly enjoyed every year I coached," he said.

# Erskine Women's Golf Guzman breaks record at the Patsy Rendleman Invitational

**Submitted by Erskine Athletic Department**

The Fleet Women's Golf Team placed 6th at the Patsy Rendleman Invitational despite a record breaking performance by Amanda Guzman. Guzman, a freshman from Valparaiso, Chile, shot -4 under in both rounds of the tournament, breaking the Fleet wom-

en's 18 hole record, and shot -8 under for the tournament, breaking the Fleet women's 36 hole record!  
CONFERENCE CAROLINAS FINISHES:  
King University (8th)  
Mount Olive (9th)  
North Greenville (t-10th)  
Barton College (13th)

Amanda Guzman finished 1st overall with a total score of -8 for the tour-

namment, beating the next closest player by a margin of 6 strokes. Charleigh Hodges of Queens University finished 2nd with a final score of -2. More about the Erskine College Flying Fleet Visit the Official Home of Erskine Athletics at [www.erskinesports.com](http://www.erskinesports.com)  
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t-28th	Sofia Altes	78	76	+10
t-60th	Delia Parker	85	82	+23
t-64th	Mia Settle	89	79	+24

# Erskine Football Fleet drop road bout with Savannah State, 39-6

**Submitted by Erskine Athletics Department**

SAVANNAH, GA – The Erskine College football team (1-5) was defeated by Savannah State University (5-1, 3-0 SIAC) by a score of 39-6 at Theodore A. Wright Stadium on Saturday evening.

Savannah State ran for 369 yards, led by D'Vonn Gibbons (12 carries, 137 yards, 1 TD) who was one of four Tigers with a rushing touchdown.

Erskine QB Bryce Jeffcoat went 10-for-20 for just 101 yards and a touchdown, but Erskine outgained through the air 101 to 77 as the Tigers attempted just 13 passes all game.

Erskine WR Senika McKie had game-highs in receptions (7) and receiving yards (87), including the Fleet's lone touchdown.

The Fleet's defense was led by nine tackles from Jarvis McClurkin and Jamal Barron.

The Fleet received the ball to open the game but went three-and-out on their opening possession. Savannah State's first drive begin at their own 15-yard line, but the Tigers went on a 14-play drive behind three conversions on third down and scored a touchdown to take an early 6-0 lead following a blocked extra point. After another quick three-and-out for the Fleet,

Savannah State picked up right where they left off and began moving the ball into Erskine territory.

SSU ran the ball eight straight plays to begin the second quarter, and had the ball on the Fleet two-yard line. But, the Erskine defense stood strong as Marcelous Livingston forced a fumble on the goal line and Jyilek Harrington came up with the ball. The Fleet though, barely moved the ball off their own goal line, and SSU took the ensuing punt back for a touchdown, but it was called back due to a penalty on the return. The Tigers still took back over in the Erskine redzone and scored on their first play to extend their lead to 13-0. The Fleet offense again was stifled on their next drive, and Savannah State went on a 10-play drive that ended with a four-yard passing touchdown in the final seconds to take a 20-0 halftime lead.

The Tigers added to their lead with a 65-yard rushing touchdown on the first play from scrimmage in the second half to make it a 27-0 game. But, after a stagnant first half from Bryce Jeffcoat and company, the Fleet answered right back behind big plays from Senika McKie. The sophomore wideout had a 46-yard reception on third down and a few plays later, caught a 13-yard touchdown. Erskine went for a two-point conversion, but

Savannah State ran it back to get two points of their own, which made it a 29-6 game. The Erskine defense got its first three-and-out on the next drive, and the Fleet looked to have some momentum as Kaavon Parker started Erskine's next drive with a 22-yard run. The Fleet moved the ball into the SSU redzone but a missed field goal kept the Tigers lead at 23.

Savannah State cashed in on the missed field goal, and scored on another long drive to make it a 36-6 game early in the fourth quarter. Jeffcoat threw an interception on the Fleet's ensuing drive and SSU went on one final long drive that ended in a 17-yard field goal to finish off a 39-6 victory for the Tigers.

The Fleet's 2021 fall season continues as Erskine is at home next Saturday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m. when they take on Bluefield State College (3-1) at J.W. Babb Stadium.

Follow the Flying Fleet all season long to get schedule updates, scores, highlights, photo galleries, game notes and more at [www.erskinesports.com](http://www.erskinesports.com).

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# ‘Worth the wait’ An Abbevillian gets the ultimate birthday present -- a Rolling Stones concert

**By Henry E. Green**  
Bad boys do have a certain appeal, don't they? That is at least true of the Rolling Stones, who technically are senior citizens, although they may not act like it.

An Abbeville man and his family recently got a chance to see these legends of rock'n'roll, legends who lost one of their own when drummer Charlie Watts passed away.

Tom Howie celebrated his birthday by going to see Mick and Keith and company at a recent concert in Charlotte.

"They were awesome," he said. "Everything I expected and more. Mick Jagger has so much energy and he is even older than me! He is amazing. We made a quick trip, just drove up to Charlotte for the concert."

They tailgated in the parking lot and "partied all through the concert," he recalled.

"It was so nice for Mick and Keith to get the band back together just for my birthday," said Tom, tongue slightly in cheek.

The Abbevillian said he has been a Stones fan all his life.

He loved the song "Satisfaction" when it was released in 1965 "because it described the frustration of my youth.

"However, my all-time favorite Stone's song is 'Honky Tonk Woman.' Kind of ironic that one of the best ever country music songs came from a rock and roll band, huh?" he said.

It was the first time he and his family had seen the Stones.

"We bought the tickets for the concert in 2019, I think, then they postponed due to COVID," said Tom.

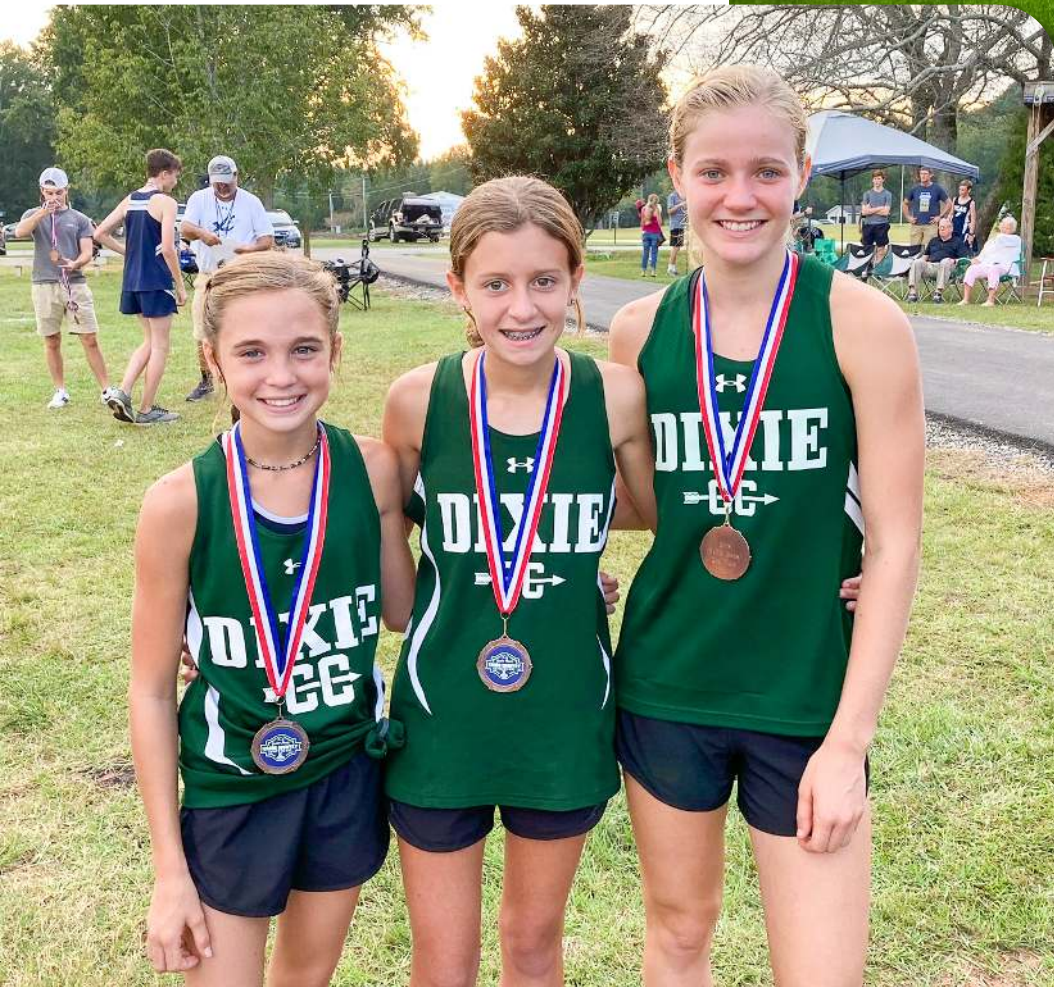
They were offered a refund, but "we just held on to them," said Tom. "It was well worth the wait."



Tom Howie of Abbeville recently described the experience of seeing the Rolling Stones in Charlotte. The concert was a feast of sight and sound. (Contributed photo)



Abbeville High School coaches and players prayed following the AHS victory at Liberty Friday night. (Photo by Andy Johnston)



The Dixie Girls Cross Country team competed in the Junior Hawk Invitational at Greenwood Christian. Ashton Stoll won the 6th and 7th grade division. Rachel Prescott won the 7th and 8th grade division followed by Clara Angel who finished second. These three runners have posted three of the top four times in Class A this year. Ashton leads the state with a time of 20:51. Posing for a picture here are (from left) Ashton Stoll, Rachel Prescott, and Clara Angel. (Contributed photo)

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Austin Walker, community development director with the City of Abbeville, spoke to Abbeville recently about the upcoming Hogs and Hens festival. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Accommodations tax monies distributed

**By Henry E. Green**  
(See related story.)  
Abbeville County Council Monday night passed a resolution authorizing the expenditure of accommodation tax monies as recommended by the accommodations tax committee. Abbeville County received accommodation tax funds for promoting tourism here in the County, and funds are appropriated yearly by County Council, the resolution stated.

A request for appropriations was published in local media, and 12 applications were received, according to the resolution.

The Accommodations Tax Committee met and considered the applications, and made a recommendation on how they should be spent, the resolution continued.

Council on Monday night accepted the recommendations with one amendment, giving the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition an additional \$2,000.

The amounts approved are as follows, as amended by County Council Monday night:

- Abbeville Artist Guild -- \$3,500
- Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce -- \$30,000
- Abbeville County Historical

- Society -- \$37,422
- Abbeville County Library -- \$2,000
- Abbeville County Museum -- \$3,000
- American Legion Post 2 -- \$2,000

- Burt Stark Mansion/Historic Preservation Commission -- \$11,000
- Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce -- \$10,000
- City of Abbeville special events program -- \$13,000
- Friends of Trinity -- \$2,000
- Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition -- \$5,000
- Lake Secession Rocky River Property Owners Association -- \$1,000

## County Council

# Proposed ordinance sparks discussion

**By Henry E. Green**  
A proposed ordinance concerning ambulance service and an EMS fee stimulated considerable discussion among County Council members Monday night at the County Council meeting.

Council held a public hearing and passed second reading on an ordinance to authorize intergovernmental agreements with the City of Abbeville, the Town of Due West, the Town of Lowndesville, the Town of Honea Path, the Town of Donalds, the Town of Ware Shoals, and the Town of Calhoun Falls for the provision of ambulance services, and to authorize the County to charge the public safety/EMS fee, formerly the public safety fee, to defray the cost of providing ambulance services in Abbeville County.

During the discussion which preceded the vote,

County Attorney Lee Roper explained that the new measure provides for the public safety/EMS fee to be used to pay for ambulance service within the county.

The proposed ordinance changes the name of the fee, but the fee amount remains the same, and the budget remain the same.

Services previously paid for through the public safety/EMS fee will now be paid for through the general fund, said Abbeville County Director David Garner.

These services include Abbeville County E-911 and a small portion of the detention center budget, Garner said Tuesday.

"There's no net loss or gain either way," he said.

The amount the emergency services budget will be reduced in the general fund will be balanced by the public safety/EMS fee.

The proposed ordinance is in response to insuring the current fees reflect the constitutional language as passed by the General Assembly.

Council members Charles Goodwin and Drew Simpson voted in opposition during second reading.

Also, during the public hearing, Council heard from Mack Beaty, who was curious as to what the ordinance aimed to do.

He called on Council to do more to explain, in simple terms, proposed ordinances.

"Tell us what's going on," he said.

He noted that the Association of Counties suggested giving members of the media and the local library agenda packets.

"The word we're looking for is 'transparency,'" he said.

# Summer Term PTC Nursing Graduates Receive Pins

**Submitted by Kristine Hartvigsen**

Summer 2021 graduates of Piedmont Technical College's Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing Programs were pinned in a recent pinning

ceremony at the Lex Walters Campus-Greenwood. In total, 51 students received pins. The students and their counties of residence are:

- Abbeville: Tia Ashmore, Elizabeth Dansby, and Jemonica Shell

- Greenwood: Tarshika Bastian, Anna Marie Chastine, Shannon Falin, Rondala Hentz, Michael Latham, Coryna Milford, Amy Owensby, Victoria Parnell, Susan Seabag, Shakeryhia Terry
- McCormick: Zandalee Watts

# Hogs and Hens festival coming up

**By Henry E. Green**

Promising the joys of live music with the taste bud blessings of barbecue, the City of Abbeville will present the Hogs and Hens Festival in downtown Abbeville on Friday, Oct. 15, and Saturday, Oct. 16.

Bands will be performing Friday evening and most of the day Saturday.

According to City special events coordinator Emily Bledsoe, the following bands will be performing:

- Friday**
  - 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Blues Squirrel
  - 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mighty Kicks
- Saturday**
  - Noon to 2 p.m. Poiz'n Whiskey Band
  - 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mug Band
  - Split Shot will be perform-

ing from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Saturday and Danny Dawson Band will be playing from 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM on Saturday.

"We always like to have a mix of music that everyone can and enjoy," said Bledsoe. "We have a little bit of blues, a little bit of country, a little bit of southern rock, and a party band on Friday night."

And, of course, there will be barbecue vendors, who will be judged on their offerings.

Awards will be presented Saturday in the various categories of barbecue and related items.

There will also be a craft show in the Livery Stable, and around the Square, and the Abbeville Artist Guild will judge the crafters booths and provide awards for Best Presentation of a Booth, and

Best In Show Art/Craft Item. The following roads will be closed for the Festival:

**Thursday, October 14th**  
5:00 AM - Square will be closed. North Main will be closed at Harry's Plaza. Traffic will be allowed to continue to flow down South Main and make the right turn onto East Pickens.

**Friday, October 15th**  
5:00 AM - The following side streets around the Square will be closed: Washington from the intersection of Pressley to the Square, and both West Pickens and Trinity from Church to the Square. South Main will be closed at Cherry Street.

**Sunday, October 17th**  
12:00 PM - All roads will reopen.

# Nickles pleased with team's performance

**By Henry E. Green**  
(See related story.)

"I thought our kids did a good job," AHS head football coach Jamie Nickles said Monday following Friday night's AHS victory at Liberty.

Indeed, Abbeville defeated the Red Devils to the tune of 48-0, with the offense, the defense and the special teams joining forces to give the Panthers their seventh victory of the year against no defeats.

The Red Devils just got a new coach, Paul Sutherland, said Nickles, who predicted good things for the Red Devils under Sutherland's guidance in the future.

Meanwhile, AHS is scheduled to host West Oak this Friday at Hite Stadium in Abbeville. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

The game will be a highlight of Pink Out Week at Abbeville High School, in observance of October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

"That means a lot to our kids," he said of the solidarity which Panthers and Panther fans are showing in the battle against breast cancer.

The pink out will be a special game for Abbeville Panthers and Panther fans-- "a special game for our kids," he said.

West Oak, meanwhile, is

still searching for its first win of the season, but West Oak still has some good athletes, according to the coach.

"They have one offensive lineman who's been recruited by everybody," he said.

The Warriors have an offense that tends to be more run-oriented. West Oak will run about 70 percent of the time, and pass the rest of the time, Nickles estimated.

The AHS jayvees, meanwhile, are slated to play at Dixie Thursday night in a 6 p.m. game, said Nickles. The AHS junior varsity team has lost only one game all year--a loss to Belton-Honea Path.

## US Senate

# Scott, Booker, Bass Statement on Police Reform Negotiations

**Submitted by Senator Tim Scott**

U.S. Senators Tim Scott (R-S.C.) and Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Representative Karen Bass (D-Calif.) released the following

statement on the status of police reform negotiations:

"After months of working in good faith, we have reached an agreement on a framework addressing the major issues for bipartisan police reform. There is still more

work to be done on the final bill, and nothing is agreed to until everything is agreed to.

Over the next few weeks we look forward to continuing our work toward getting a finalized proposal across the finish line."

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# A people of peace

## Pacifism has been major part of Mennonite way of life for centuries

**By Henry E. Green**  
(The following article is one in a series.)

Mennonites have, from their roots in the Anabaptist movement during the Reformation, been a people of peace.

"A forgiving love in all of life: this ideal has resulted in most groups through the centuries refusing to participate in war--any war," write Merle and Phyllis Goode in *20 Most Asked Questions about the Amish and Mennonites*.

"Peace is a way of life--with one's family, church members, neighbors and all human beings everywhere in the world," they write. Here in Abbeville County,

Wendell Hochstetler concurred.

"We as Mennonites are conscientious objectors and we are this because of the teachings of Jesus where He asks us to Love our enemies and do good to those who mistreat us," he said in an email Friday.

"There are many commands in the New Testament that teach this lifestyle and we are simply following what Jesus asks us to do. I can give you much more information on this if you want.

"Most Mennonites would not serve in the military even in non-combat roles. However, we do help in government programs out-

side of the military as long as it does not violate Jesus' teachings.

"Along with this belief we do not file lawsuits or take people to court but rather deal with these situations outside of court. We also feel we cannot participate with jury duty and ask to be exempt. We will attend and be there for the duration of the court hearing but rather not be a part of the jury decision."

"We want to honor and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in all we do. We are not a perfect people and do not feel we are the only church but only follow Christ's teaching."



Abbeville First recently presented a donation to the Lake Russell Recreation and Tourism Coalition. Accepting the donation was Bebe Wesson (center), Coalition president, and presenting the donation were Selena Belcher (left) and Bennis Burden (right) of Abbeville First. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Keown discusses goals for De la Howe

**By Henry E. Green**  
(See related story.)

What's next for John de la Howe?

One long-term goal is that of a ninth grade "virtual academy," which John de la Howe president Tim Keown says is in the planning stages.

"This is in the long range plans to create," he said in an email Friday. "We are in the infant stages of developing this program. Since we do not allow 9th grade residential students, we are going to develop a 9th grade virtual academy for students across the state. This will

begin to funnel those students to our school rather than going to their home school first then coming here in 10th grade."

Also in the planning stages is a "magnet school" for tourism and culinary arts.

"We are also developing this program as a part of our long term goals for the school. We would like to combine agriculture with tourism which are SC's two largest industries. Within this program, we would also recruit the state's top students who are interested in becoming a chef or enter into the tourism industry.

With agri-tourism and "farm to table" restaurants on the rise, we want our students to be the front-runners for this expanding business. Our students could be a part of the entire economy, from raising products on the farm to preparing for the consumers on their table."

The school is officially called the South Carolina Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe.

Keown was the keynote speaker at the Calhoun Falls Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday evening.

# Dixie achieves lofty high school ranking

**By Henry E. Green**

Dixie High School, in a ranking based on 20-21 school year test scores, is ranked #18 out of the 225 high schools in South Carolina, according to [SchoolDigger.com](http://SchoolDigger.com), said Dixie principal Paul Prescott.

"Nine of the schools above us are nontraditional schools that have restrictive admission requirements," he said. "Dixie is different from these schools because we enroll all students living in our attendance zone. With that being considered, this puts us in the top ten of all traditional high schools in the state of South Carolina. This is a significant accomplishment considering

the adversity we faced last school year."

The district leadership teams should be commended for keeping the schools open when many districts went to 100% online learning, according to the principal.

"Students and teachers treated each day with a sense of urgency knowing that we could be forced to go online at any time. Our support staff that includes the custodial team, bus drivers, and food service staff went above and beyond as we navigated DHEC and CDC safety protocols. I could not be more proud of the success of our students. It is awesome to see the data

that proves our hard work paid off."

Dixie's ranking also places the school as the top rated public school in Class A. These are schools that are similar to Dixie in size throughout the state of South Carolina, Prescott said.

SchoolDigger is an unbiased third party website that ranks schools nationally. Most schools and districts use this information as they compile compared data, said the Dixie high School principal.

"The rankings came out a couple of weeks ago," Prescott said. "They are based on last school year's test scores--20-21."

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## Philip Said

All things are not the same to God. He is essentially and absolutely needed for any one individual to be saved. He does act savingly towards those He chooses to act upon savingly and does this completely based upon His own Will. What is critical to remember is that He acts this way completely without any regard whatsoever to the human's behavior. Perhaps every bit as critical to remember is God gives no regard to whether one's behavior is good OR bad; neither is a factor. We more often think of man's godless behaviors and his extreme social violations, but we must realize and keep remembering man may be extremely zealous religiously and still cannot work his or her way up to God nor demand He compensate them. The human behavior has zero influence on God. None. It is God's choice. His alone. This is plainly stated here:

"For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy." - Romans 9:15-16

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# Dull it won't be

## Month of October will have its share of special events in Abbeville

**By Henry E. Green**  
 October is definitely going to be a busy month in the Abbeville area. Just ask Anna LaGrone, the executive director of the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce.

She recently provided a list to the Press and Banner of some of the happenings slated for this month. For example, on October 16, there will be a blood drive at the Hogs and Hens festival.

(For other information about the Hogs and Hens Festival, look elsewhere in this issue of the paper.)

"Participants will be entered to win free flowers once a month for a year from Deasons!" said LaGrone.

Then on October 22 and October 23, the Ghost Walk will be held in downtown Abbeville. The Ghost Walk has become a Halloween tradition in Abbeville. Participants go on a walking tour of downtown Abbeville, where they stop at various historic locations to hear "ghost stories."

On October 28, there will be Scare on the Square, in which the Chamber will be a participant.

The Scare has become another Halloween tradition in Abbeville, allowing children in costume, and supervising adults, to walk around downtown Abbeville, where merchants stand in front of their shops, and City employees stand in

front of the Opera House, and hand out candy.

The City will present Scare on the Square, which City special events coordinator Emily Bledsoe said will indeed be on Court Square.

"However, we do plan to move inside the Stable in the case of inclement weather," she said by email. "We'll have a map with all the stops which we'll post on Facebook the week of Scare on the Square. Businesses and organizations wishing to be a part of Scare on the Square are encouraged to complete the participation form on the City's Facebook page and the City website. This will ensure they're listed on the map."

The Abbeville Artist Guild has a new autumn-themed display at the Welcome Center on Abbeville's Court Square, and one of the items is this piece by Carolin Ann McLane of Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



# The Brew and you

## City of Abbeville program fosters networking, entrepreneurial spirit

**By Henry E. Green**  
 The Brew continues to percolate, welcoming budding entrepreneurs to share their ideas with Abbeville business owners, in a program presented by the City of Abbeville, in partnership with the Greater Abbeville Chamber of Commerce and the Abbeville County Economic Development Partnership.

"We ended up having 26 1/2 attendees at this month's Brew program--there was a baby that I'm counting as half," said City community development director Austin Walker in an email.

The group assembled listened to entrepreneurs April and Andy Bagwell,

who received feedback from those in attendance. The meetings are being held at the Belmont Inn on the first Wednesday of every month, with food and beverages being supplied by local restaurants, and the next program is set for Nov. 3, with the speaker to be announced.

Typically Brew presenters are business owners, said Walker.

"We have only had three meetings with The Brew, but we have already seen the connections and conversations grow into something more," she said.

"The Downtown Merchants Association and the Greater Abbeville Chamber of

Commerce are looking to host several workshops on topics brought up during the September Brew. There was also a new concrete and masonry company that recently moved to Due West from Ohio who had several jobs lined up by the time he left Wednesday's meeting."

Walker said she is impressed by the bonds that are developed through the Brew--bonds of friendship and shared ideas.

The Abbeville Brew was inspired by a similar program in Anderson, a program which spawned "Brews" in a number of Upstate communities.



The Abbeville Artist Guild has a new autumn-themed display at the Welcome Center on Abbeville's Court Square. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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