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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."



Law enforcement officers and others looked for an elderly man who had gone missing in the Cedar Springs area Monday morning. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## New industry would bring \$11.3 million investment to county

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville County Council had a budget workshop Monday night, discussing a projected budget for the coming fiscal year, and passing second reading which could bring as many as 50 jobs to Abbeville County.

Council passed second reading on an ordinance providing a fee in lieu of taxes agreement for Project FOAM, which, if it comes to fruition, would bring as many as 50 jobs and as much as \$11.3 million in investment to Abbeville County, according to the ordinance.

Following that action, Council heard a presentation by County Director David Garner on the budget being prepared for the 2022-23 school year.

There could be a small tax increase of up to approximately 2.3 mills for the upcoming fiscal year. This would be approximately \$22 additional tax dollars on a \$100,000 house, Garner

said.

Council is slated to have second reading on the budget in May, and third and final reading in June.

Council is discussing a new fire protection service fee to provide more revenue for county fire departments. The fee is still under discussion and no action has been taken on it.

The process of property reassessment will be completed over the summer, and will be implemented in the upcoming fiscal year.

The impact will be reflected in tax bills going out in the fall of this year, Garner said.

Council is discussing whether to implement a fire service improvement fee, for the purpose of hiring up to four full time firefighters to cover day time hours in the rural areas of the county.

The fee is still very much in the discussion stage and no decisions have been made.

The purchase of two new fire trucks, and the implementation of the second phase of the 911/telecom-

munications project, to improve communications among the county's first responders.

Following that presentation, Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Upon returning to open session, Council took no resulting action.

Council vice chairman James McCord presided in the absence of chairman Billy Norris.

Council members McCord, John Calhoun, Drew Simpson and Rick Campbell were present for the meeting.

Absent were Council members Norris, Charles Goodwin, and Jason Bonds.

The total amount of property taxes billed for the 2021-22 fiscal year, according to the County Auditor's Office, came to \$21,196,252.61.

The total amount collected so far, from July 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, comes to \$20,259,657.27,

according to the County Treasurer's Office.

## Public meetings set

By Henry E. Green

District Superintendent Dr. Mason Gary announced at Tuesday night's Abbeville County School District Board of Trustees a schedule of public meetings in which he will present information on the upcoming referendum on May 17.

Gary told the board he will be meeting with local news media, including representatives of radio and newspapers.

He will be speaking to Benji Greeson on WZLA Radio on May 2 at 9 a.m.,

He will have community meetings at the Dixie gym on May 5 at 6 p.m., Grace United Methodist Church on May 11 at 6 p.m., and the Abbeville High School auditorium on May 12 at 6 p.m.

Responding to a suggestion from trustee Tim Rhodes, Gary said that he will also try to set up a meeting in Calhoun Falls, with the date to be determined, and responding to one from trustee James Tisdale, he will also try to reach out to area churches.

In addition, the Superintendent said that previously-approved work on bleachers will be done at AHS and Dixie. The District will be replacing bleachers at various schools.

The visitor bleachers at AHS will be re-purposed

at schools throughout the District.

The trustees also discussed Policy IKE (Promotion Retention and Acceleration of Students) and passed first reading on the policy. This is an update on an existing policy.

The board approved also Local Board Approved Courses.

Gary explained before the meeting that core courses are all state approved, but school districts do have the power to implement a course as long as that course is approved by its school board.

Among the local courses is Film Literature and Writing. Suggestions for local courses can come from counselors, principals and teachers.

The board also approved textbooks adoption for the coming year--books on such topics as economics and anatomy, from a state approved list.

The board updated Strategic Plans and School Renewal Plans for the School District as a whole and for individual schools.

The school board also approved the administration's recommendations with regard to personnel.

During the Gold Star Highlights segment, District director of student services Skip Hopkins and finance director Roni Scott

were recognized for helping provide a clean audit for the District's federal programs.

And District Director of Special Services Kathy Bernard was recognized for coordinating a report with the federal office of civil rights compliance.

In addition, a number of Dixie High School students were recognized for excellent performances in FBLA competition.

Other Dixie students were recognized for excellence in FFA competition.

Teachers Jennifer Hines of Cherokee Trail Elementary and Renee McCaslan of Wright Middle were honored, with McCaslan recognized for a grant she received, and Hines for having been named a finalist for an award for teaching excellence.

The board went into an executive session at 6:20 p.m.

The trustees praised those honored for Gold Star Highlights.

"We're proud of you and we appreciate your hard work," said David Brooks.

"Hard work will get you places," said Keith Dunn.

The board also went into executive session at 6:20 p.m. and returned to open session at 6:40 p.m., taking no resulting action.

## CF fire department has space concerns

By Henry E. Green

Calhoun Falls Fire Department is in need of more space, as well as a new fire truck, according to Calhoun Falls fire chief Darrell Manning.

The fire department is housed in a building that was built in the early to mid-1950s, said Manning.

Although the building was constructed according to standards in use at the time, fire trucks through the years have increased in size.

"The new fire trucks today

will not fit in our current building," he said.

That is not good news for the fire department, which Manning said is needing a new fire truck, and also needs a place to house it.

A new fire truck can cost as much as \$500,000, said Manning, who said that the department has been seeking grants from FEMA and other sources to fund a new acquisition.

The department currently has three fire engines, with the newest one 22 years

old, and the other two are 48 and 45 years old.

Thus, there are two issues causing concern--needing a new truck, and needing a place to house it.

The current building is owned by the Calhoun Falls fire department, which has about 28 members.

Manning, who has been chief 22 years, works to stay positive.

"I keep my fingers crossed and hope for the best," he said.

## Cat Coalition probes stray cat problem

By Henry E. Green

(See related story.)

One major project of the Greater Abbeville Humane Society is the Abbeville Cat Coalition, an outreach program of the organization.

The mission of this project is to address the problem of stray and feral cats in Abbeville County, by way of a TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program, according to Society literature.

One can spot a cat that has been through this program by its "notched" ear.

This is a surgical alteration

showing that a free living cat has been spayed or neutered.

These cats should never be re-trapped or brought to a shelter, unless they are sick. Instead, they should be left in their neighborhoods to provide cat population control, the Society reported.

Studies have shown that by just being there, they prevent other cats from moving into the area, and because they have been fixed, they will never have litters of kittens.

The Society, of course,

also seeks to help out the Abbeville County Animal Shelter, and in a Society brochure, some of the Shelter needs were listed.

Those needs included adult dog food, puppy food, dog treats, adult cat food, kitten food, cat litter, new/used toys, beds, pet leashes and collars, laundry detergent, dish detergent (liquid), paper towels, bleach, used towels, sheets and blankets, newspapers, plastic spray bottles, and trash bags, according to Society literature.



Dixie High School agriculture teacher Josh Murdock drove this kiddie train, filled with delighted youngsters, during Dixie's recent Farm Day activities. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Veterans honor Sheriff's deputies

By Henry E. Green

Two heroes were honored by American Legion Post 2 Wednesday night at the Abbeville Veterans Memorial Foundation building in Abbeville.

Abbeville County Sheriff's Deputies Benjamin Dockins and Mark Davis were recognized for having rushed into a burning building in March in Calhoun Falls to save an elderly man inside the structure.

The man, who was eventually taken to a medical facility, was a veteran, noted Post 2 commander Terry Greenfield Wednesday at the meeting.

Greenfield drew a parallel between the two law enforcement officers and the veterans—all had had the same mission to serve and protect.

"We're all on the same

plane in that regard," he said.

The Post 2 commander read aloud a statement from Captain Tripp Crosby of the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office, a statement describing the heroism of the law enforcement officers on March 6.

Dockins and Davis went into a residence that was fully engulfed in flames, brought out the man, and began performing CPR.

Eventually airlifted, the man is now at a burn center, where American Legion Post 72 commander Michael Brandt said he is breathing on his own but is still bedridden.

Greenfield presented each law enforcement officer with a Legion commendation certificate.

"It's nice to be a part of helping somebody," said

Davis.

Dockins, meanwhile, expressed satisfaction that the elderly man they saved was in satisfactory condition. Dockins is an Army veteran who served in Iraq.

"We appreciate the recognition," said Captain Crosby.

Greenfield said that Dockins and Davis will be nominated for a statewide award.

The two men have already been recognized by Abbeville County Council, and by the South Carolina Sheriff's Association.

Greenfield paid tribute to heroes such as Davis and Dockins.

Heroes are very often humble people, underplaying their acts of heroism.

"I was just doing my job," they will tell you, in Greenfield's words.



American Legion Post 2 honored recently two Sheriff's deputies who rescued a man from a burning building in Calhoun Falls earlier this year. The man they saved was a veteran. Presenting deputy Benjamin Dockins (center) with a certificate were Legion 2 commander Terry Greenfield (left) and vice commander George Key (right). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



American Legion Post 2 honored recently two Sheriff's deputies who rescued a man from a burning building in Calhoun Falls earlier this year. The man they saved was a veteran. Presenting deputy Mark Davis (left) with a certificate was Legion 2 commander Terry Greenfield. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

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# It's a May thing

*Spring Festival is celebrating four decades of music, food, crafts*

By Henry E. Green

The Abbeville Spring Festival began in 1982, according to a festival history provided by former Festival chairman Julye Harris.

In years past, the town had enjoyed a one-day event called "A Day in May."

Mrs. W. G. Bowie suggested that an event with more days might allow a larger number of people to visit the town.

As Harris noted, the purpose was to bring people to town to shop."

With the Abbeville Development Board as its first sponsor, and the late William Kurtz as chairman, the festival began as a five day event, according to the history, which dates from 1992.

The festival in its first year was held in April, but the date was changed to the first weekend in May in commemoration of a meeting which Confederate president Jefferson Davis had with his advisors in May, 1865 in Abbeville.

In March 1987, the Abbeville County Spring Festival Association, Inc., was chartered by the state of South Carolina, and for many years sponsored the event.

The festival was recognized as the best 1989

festival in the state for communities with a population of 5,000 to 15,000.

Harris, meanwhile, served as the festival's general chairman from 1986 to 1999, when she retired.

Her service as chairman began at a dinner party at the home of her friends Bob and Novella McKenzie. Buddy Reid mentioned to her at the party that the Festival needed a chairman. "Oh, I can do it," she recalled saying.

She found out very quickly that she had moved into a full time job, one to which she donated her time.

Harris recalls the chairman's job as "lots of work." Working with a core group of 10 volunteers, she started planning the festival in January.

Everyone had a job to do. "Buddy (Reid) took care of the entertainment," she said.

Betty Simpson, meanwhile, supervised the crafts. Those were the days when such groups as the Brass-town Ball were big.

Expenses were big, too, as the festival could cost as much as \$15,000 to produce. Billboards, paying the musicians—those were just some of the components that translated into money

going out.

Revenue came in from ticket sales for the home tours, as well as from the amusement rides, which were behind the Opera House, and from renting space to crafters.

Mother Nature, too, could prove to be an adversary. The event has not always experienced perfect weather, as it has been rained out at least once over the years.

It was in 1999 that the Festival was turned over to the City of Abbeville, which has presented it ever since.

This year's festival will be held May 5-7. For more than 30 years, the Festival has been providing its blend of music, food, crafts and rides to the city of Abbeville.

For this reporter, the most vivid memory of the Festival may be the yellow vests which Festival Association volunteers used to wear.

Those vests were the color of daffodils, which incidentally were prominently featured on the first Spring Festival logo.

That first logo was designed by M.F. Sessions of Greenwood, and presented to the late William Kurtz, the festival's first chairman, as Julye's history relates.



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# Furry friends

## Greater Abbeville Humane Society president Ann Davis talks to Rotarians

**By Henry E. Green**  
The purposes of the Greater Abbeville Humane Society are to educate people about animals and their care, to promote animal well-being, and to raise public awareness for the betterment of animals in the community, according to a GAHS brochure.

Humane Society president Ann Davis spoke to Abbeville Rotarians about the Society and its mission. The Society, she said, was reactivated in 2017 after a number of years in which it was dormant.

The organization had a membership appeal in 2020, and today has about 100 members.

A big part of its mission is involved with helping the Abbeville County Animal Shelter, which is located at 79 Old Calhoun Falls Road on the western outskirts of Abbeville. The Shelter is operated by Abbeville County government.

Davis cleared up a common misconception.

"The Animal Shelter and

the Humane Society are two separate entities," she said.

The Society does serve as an advocate for the Shelter and Davis has spoken to Abbeville County Council about the Shelter's needs.

It was at the Animal Shelter that the Humane Society staged a Pet Adoption Day recently.

The Society also staged a fundraiser as part of the Pet Adoption Day, and, despite extremely cold temperatures, raised \$600, said Davis, who extended gratitude to local merchants for their help. Last year, the Society also staged a pet photo shoot as a fundraiser.

The Society does have a wish list. For example, the Shelter needs more volunteers to walk the dogs in the afternoon.

Also on the wish list is a set of walking trails and benches, as well as a van for the transportation of animals. She also would like to see a storage building constructed for the Animal Shelter.

Davis would like to see

more personnel for the shelter. "They are grossly understaffed," she said.

Currently, she said, the animal shelter has no telephone.

There have been improvements, however. There is now a volunteer coordinator at the shelter, for example.

The coordinator would help volunteers know how dogs should be handled when and if taken out of their kennels.

A graduate of Abbeville High School and of the University of South Carolina, where she received a B.S. in nursing, Davis lived in North Carolina for a number of years before returning to Abbeville.

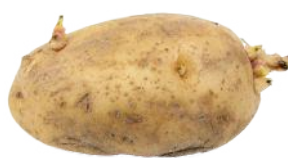
Since returning to Abbeville, she has been volunteering her time with United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County, an organization for which she does a newsletter, as well as with the Humane Society.

"I'm a crusader," she said recently.

Greater Abbeville Humane Society president Ann Davis (right) spoke to Abbeville Rotarians recently about the Humane Society and its work. Following the meeting, she posed for a picture with Rotary Club president-elect Lou Paradis (left). (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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# Play to deal with mental health issues

**By Henry E. Green**

Bow and Arrow Center of Hope is teaming up with the Opera House and Cambridge Academy to present on Friday, May 6 a play designed to heighten awareness of mental health issues, and topics teenagers find important, according to Krissi Raines, Center director.

The play will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Opera House with a question and answer session following.

The Cambridge Academy drama class, under the direction of Ryan Hewitt, will be presenting the play.

Youth under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult. "Every young person comes to the event with a different experience, and we want them to be supported after the event," she said.

There is no admission charge for the play, but donations are appreciated at the event, Raines continued.

Located at 112 Whitehall Street in Abbeville, Bow and Arrow Center of Hope is a nonprofit agency whose mission is "to partner with God in bringing individuals, families, and communities hope, and to restore quality of life."

"We do this by addressing mental, social and emotional needs," she said.

For more information, one may call Bow and Arrow at 864-366-4403.



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Public safety agencies joined the search for a missing elderly man Monday in the Cedar Springs area on the outskirts of Abbeville. Among those helping out in the search were Abbeville County firefighter Matthew Busby (right) and Ryan Herring (left) of Anderson. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Missing man found after massive search

**By Henry E. Green**  
Public safety agencies searched Monday for an elderly man who has dementia and who walked away from his home on the outskirts of Abbeville, before finding him Monday evening, according to Abbeville County Sheriff Ray Watson. Abbeville County Sheriff's Office personnel, fire

fighters and others began looking for a man in his late 80s after he reportedly wandered away from his house on Cedar Springs South.

Franklin Perrin Scott, 88, lives alone, and went missing about 7:15 a.m., and was found about 12 hours later in a wooded area about 800 to 1,000 yards from his house,

the Sheriff said. Scott was located and sent to a hospital for evaluation, said Watson.

The Sheriff stressed how important it is for people who have relatives with dementia to have monitoring devices with which those relatives can be found should they go missing.

# Restaurants to have culinary arts fair

**By Henry E. Green**  
Five Abbeville restaurants are having today--April 27--a program for Hodges Elementary second graders in the alley of the Belmont Inn, said Erica McCier-Rayford, owner of Indigenous Underground. Participating restaurants will include Indigenous Underground, Main Street Coffee, Wings 101, Blon-

dies on the Bricks, and the Belmont Inn.

The program for Hodges Elementary, which is in Greenwood, will include a culinary career fair--basically to show the students what is like to work in a restaurant.

The youngsters will be touring the Belmont Inn, including its kitchen, and the career fair will provide interactive lessons, teaching the

kids how to prepare food.

The program will begin at 11 a.m. and last until about 1:30 p.m. The idea came from a Hodges Elementary teacher who used to be one of Rayford's students, when she was teaching at Wright Middle School a number of years ago.

"It's just a way to give back," she said.

# Speak your mind! MASC article examines public comment periods during meetings

**By Henry E. Green**  
Public comment periods should be kept productive, according to an article in a recent issue of Uptown, a publication of the Municipal Association of South Carolina.

Public comment--a time set aside during a city council meeting to hear from the public on a number of issues--is not the same as public hearings required by state law.

SC Code Section 6-1-80, for example, requires a public hearing before the council adopts an annual budget, and SC Code 6-1-330 requires a public hearing before the adoption of a new service or user fee, according to MASC.

"But public comment periods beyond those required in state law are not necessary," the Municipal Association reports.

"State law gives councils the authority to set their own rules of procedure, as long as the rules do not conflict with state law."

Rules of public comment may determine the following, according to MASC:

--When during the meeting the public may speak

--Whether speakers may comment upon only matters on the agenda or on any topic

--Whether speakers must sign up in advance of the meeting

--How long a person may speak

--Whether there is any discretion for council to extend the time allowed under specific circumstances.

Council could extend speaking time when a person is speaking on behalf of a larger group.

"It can be useful to note that the comment period is the only portion of the meeting when the council will receive comments from attendees during the meeting," MASC reports.

Councils that set time limits will often display a timer so that the individual speakers know when to conclude their remarks.

There are times when a large number of people will be attending a meeting to express anger over a certain issue.

"Some municipalities have adopted rules or ordinances authorizing the presiding officer to stop public comments that either the chair or a majority of council determine to be uncivil, contentious or disruptive," MASC reports.

"In a difficult situation, managing the meeting can mean giving warnings that if speakers do not follow the rules, the council will end public comment, and then follow through if necessary."

To learn more about conducting meetings one may visit [www.masc.sc](http://www.masc.sc)

To learn more about county council meetings, one may visit [www.sccounties.org](http://www.sccounties.org)

The South Carolina Association of Counties has a handbook for Clerks to Council in South Carolina, and one section of that handbook deals with how to conduct meetings.

# Richey: CF Police building needs 'face lift'

**By Henry E. Green**  
The building in which the Calhoun Falls Police Department is housed needs renovations, according to Calhoun Falls police chief Tim Richey.

"It needs a face lift," Richey said Wednesday, noting that it has been years since the exterior has been painted.

The police department building is visible from Highway 72, and Richey would

like to see the building have some kind of designation that would be visible from the highway--something to show that it houses the highway department.

In addition, the interior needs to be painted, and the building has no central air conditioning or heating.

The sign over the door to the entrance to the building needs to be updated, too.

During a recent budget

workshop, Richey brought his concerns to Town Council, and discussed his concerns with them. Council is expected to look into getting bids for exterior painting.

The building in which the Calhoun Falls fire department is housed reportedly needs renovations as well. Those renovations will be discussed in an upcoming article.



The Creative Garden Club had a plant sale recently in the parking lot of the First Citizens Bank. Jolee Beaver of Abbeville welcomed the public to participate. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



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Voters should remember to bring one of these IDs with them to the polling place. Voters without Photo ID can get one free of charge from their county voter registration office or the Department of Motor Vehicles. Voters who encounter an obstacle to getting a Photo ID should bring their paper voter registration card without a photo to their polling place. These voters can then sign an affidavit swearing to their identity and to their obstacle to obtaining a Photo ID and vote a provisional ballot. This ballot will count unless the county board of voter registration and elections has grounds to believe the affidavit is false. For more information on Photo ID, visit [scVOTES.gov](http://scVOTES.gov) or contact your county board of voter registration and elections.

At 10:00 a.m. on the day of the primaries and the day of any necessary runoffs, the county board of voter registration and elections will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes at Abbeville County Complex, 903 W. Greenwood Street, Room 2500, Abbeville SC 864-366-2400 Ext. 53.

At 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022, the county board of canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in the primaries. At 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 30, the county board of canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all provisional ballots cast in any necessary runoffs. These hearings will be held at Abbeville County Complex, 903 W. Greenwood Street, Room 2500, Abbeville SC. 864-366-2400 Ext. 53.

The following precincts and polling places will be open during the primaries and runoffs from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Polling places are subject to change under certain conditions. Voters can check their assigned polling place at [scVOTES.gov](http://scVOTES.gov) before going to the polls on election day.

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003	Abbeville No. 3	Abbeville County Complex	903 W Greenwood St Abbeville SC 29620
004	Abbeville No. 4	Abbeville Fire Dept Headquarters	17 Old Calhoun Falls Rd Abbeville SC 29620
005	Antreville	Antreville Fire Dept	147 Hwy 184 W Abbeville SC 29620
006	Broadmouth	Turkey Creek Fire Dept	6855 Hwy 252 Donalds SC 29638
007	Calhoun Falls	Calhoun Falls Civic Center	401 Washington St N Calhoun Falls SC 29628
008	Cold Springs	Cold Springs Fire Dept	2106 Hwy 20 Abbeville SC 29620
009	Donalds	Donalds Fire Department	445 W Main St Donalds SC 29638
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Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Abbeville recently had two fish fries in conjunction with Lent. Among those in attendance for the April 8 fish fry were David and Laurie Whitmire of Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# Dixie SRO leaving for Ware Shoals post

**By Henry E. Green**  
Dixie High School School Resource Officer Tommy Clamp is leaving Dixie High School to take a post in the Ware Shoals School District.  
Clamp, a member of the Due West Police Department, had been the SRO at Dixie since 2015, according to Due West Police Chief David Maxwell.  
"His last day will be April 29," said Maxwell.  
The other schools in the Abbeville County School District have SROs who are members of the Abbeville County Sheriff's Office.  
Maxwell said that the new SRO for Dixie will be a member of the Sheriff's Office as well.

A School Resource Officer provides security for the school, and handles any law enforcement matters that come up in the school setting.  
"He talks with parents on matters that come to his attention," he said.  
If any state laws have been violated at the school, it is the responsibility of the SRO to respond.  
He also provides educational training on matters from alcohol and drug abuse to "any kind of situation where the child could be a victim or a perpetrator."  
He also provides security for extracurricular activities at the school.  
"The SRO is involved in a lot more than most people

realize," he said.  
"I will be District 51 safety coordinator," said Clamp of his new post in Ware Shoals Wednesday.  
He will supervise safety in the District's three schools, and will be the liaison for the School District and the schools' SROs.  
"I'm very appreciative of Chief Maxwell and the Town of Due West for the opportunity to work at Dixie High School as a School Resource officer, and to the faculty and the students at Dixie for making the last seven years great," he said.  
"I never dreaded one day of coming to work at Dixie High School."

## Palmetto Boys State

# Turman, Lindler to represent Post 72

**By Henry E. Green**  
American Legion Post 72 is sending two young men to Palmetto Boys State this summer.  
Calhoun Falls Charter juniors Quade Lindler and Tylin "Ty" Turman will be representing the Post at Palmetto Boys State, which is presented by the American Legion every summer to teach those attending about American government.  
Lindler is a member of the Calhoun Falls Charter track, cross country, and basketball teams, and he is the defending 1-A 800 meter state champion. He is also a member of the Beta Club, according to Calhoun Falls

Charter assistant principal Lori Lindler.  
Tylin, meanwhile, is a member of the football, basketball, and track teams, and was recently named to the 1-A All Region team for boys basketball, Lindler said.  
"Both young men are currently participating in the Teacher Cadet program at school," she said.  
Both have been named graduation marshals for the CF Charter graduation, coming up on May 27, Lindler continued.  
This year Boys State will be held at Anderson University the week of June 12, Brandt said, and it is expected to draw many young men from

throughout South Carolina.  
Turman and Lindler were chosen by Post 72 based on recommendations from the Calhoun Falls Charter School—recommendations based on character and academic achievement.  
Post 72 will present a Memorial Day program in Calhoun Falls on May 30 at the town's veterans monument, Brandt said.  
"We have 23 members right now," he said.  
The Post is engaged in other community activities as well, presenting every year a Veterans Day parade in the Savannah River valley community.

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# The gift

*Doug White of Tennessee writes a memoir about his time in Abbeville*

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville, Doug White will tell you, is a special place.

He is definitely in a position to know. He spent a number of years here when he was attending Erskine Seminary.

The Knoxville resident remembers that time vividly, and he had collected his recollections in a memoir, *Kiss the Magnolia Tree*.

"It's my gift to Abbeville," said White Wednesday by telephone.

It is a gift for a place which to White is special and unique—a place which White, who was a therapist for 24 years and a professor at Erskine for 14 years, began to appreciate more than three decades ago,

White enrolled in Erskine seminary after his first wife died, and rented a room from Margaret Bowie in Abbeville.

"The book is about getting to know Margaret," said White, who lived in Abbeville for roughly a decade beginning in 1993.

*Kiss the Magnolia Tree*, which came out about four weeks ago and which one may order on Amazon, paints a picture of a group of about half a dozen ladies who helped look after the Burt Stark House and provided tourism-related services.

That group included Margaret, whose commitment to Abbeville was such that she gave a building to the City, a structure which was transformed into today's Livery Stable.

At the age of 87, she experienced a spiritual transformation, a special awakening to the power of the Holy Spirit in her life.

"Margaret became very aware of the power of angels in her life," White recalled.

She prayed to receive Christ in her life, and people who knew her noticed a positive change in her.

After retiring to Still Hopes, an Episcopal retirement facility in Columbia, she passed away in 2007.

Margaret was a force of nature to all who knew her, the book seems to make clear, but there are a number of supporting characters.

Her dog Possum was famous, or infamous, for having bitten a fair number of people, although White might have been one of the fortunate ones.

"She never bit me," he recalled.

He had two special purposes in writing the book.

The first was to "advertise what a wonderful place Abbeville is." However, he was also aiming to "share that at any age you can have a spiritual transformation."

Margaret received hers when she was about 85. Raised Catholic, she became a Presbyterian when she married, and then following her husband's death she became an Episcopalian, according to White.

Now retired, White looks back on many years of helping others, and he continues to visit Abbeville from time to time, catching up with old

friends.

Asked if Abbeville had changed through the years, he said he has noticed more empty stores on the Square, noting that the recession of about 2008 was hard on the city.

"But it's coming back," he said.

The book, meanwhile, has received a positive reaction, according to White.

"(Margaret's son) Flynn was very pleased with the book," he said.

White has long been impressed with how friendly and supportive the residents of the city are, but he did not know until relatively recently that he had family roots there.

He discovered from a genealogist that he had an ancestor who was in Abbeville about 1765.

And the title of the book?

Well, the title comes from how Margaret used to tease her friend Ella Cox, telling Ella that she was so Southern that she would kiss the magnolia tree in her yard.

The expression became a sort of code for Margaret and her circle of friends for being "Southern."

Thus, the book is a love letter to a place White has embraced with open arms—a place he describes in warm and endearing terms.

"Magical" is a word that comes to mind when it comes to Abbeville, White will tell you.

"What a unique place it is," he said.

# Through Broken Glass

by Tom Poland

The old church just wanted to be left alone, but that didn't happen. Someone shot out her windows. Some kid's BBs shattered panes, leaving sharp jagged edges in their wake. Panes hanging like guillotines gave a gray catbird a perilous route to build a nest where men once sought sanctuary. Through broken glass the bird flew, confident it'd suffer no pain from the pane.

It was a cold spring afternoon when I stood in a beautiful old church taking photos of an old Bible on an old pulpit in a church no longer active. To my right, a fluttering motion caught my eye. That catbird was about to fly into the sanctuary when it caught sight of an interloper. It held up, wings cupping air, marking time as it decided to flee. Just like that it was gone.

I moved out of view and soon the bird darted through a pane. It flew past venetian blinds hanging like large white pine needles or so many giant spaghetti noodles. It swooped over fine pews of longleaf pine, then soared up to its nest where fledglings made a ruckus. Dinnertime. The nest in the church's front, up near the ceiling, made for a protective place to raise a brood. It'd be tough for a snake or crow to attack the nest, and bad weather was of no concern.

Such a scene's oft repeated. In my rambles along back roads, I explore many an abandoned building and over and over I see how wildlife makes good use of man's forsaken places. I



have encountered baby buzzards, immense wasp nests, abandoned hornet nests, Carolina wrens, and other creatures that found secure homes in places we left for greener pastures.

I'm glad our old habitat gives them new habitat.



*A church window's broken glass offers no barrier to a determined catbird.*

When you see just how many woodlands are falling to the saw these days, you better appreciate how old buildings take up some slack. As I stood in the old church, I noticed bird nests had been built atop most of the light fixtures hanging from the ceiling. It brought to mind wood duck boxes and those wraparound metal baffles.

Consider the church a snake baffle.

Inactive churches, abandoned barns and houses, forgotten stores, I daresay even ugly forlorn strip malls, are not abandoned, not at all. No, wildlife species inhabit such places. Bats, foxes, squirrels (of course), and various species of birds take up residence in places man used to call home. Add old cars and trucks to the list. Last spring I came across a Carolina wren nest in an abandoned refrigerator, its door ajar just enough to give the jaunty birds a way in and out. And how many times have I come across the skin of a snake in an old shed.

Whatever man leaves behind, nature repurposes. Suppose mankind ceases to exist? Ian Weisman did. In his book, *The World Without Us*, Weisman predicts that an abandoned city would start looking like a forest within five years. Give nature 20 years and skyscrapers tumble. Let 200 years pass and trees colonize a city. I find that comforting, and early pioneers of such

a world are creatures like that gray catbird. It found sanctuary in a sanctuary by daring to fly through broken glass. And soon the day will come when its brood must fly through broken glass with perfection. Never doubt for a minute. They will.

*Photos by Tom Poland*

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## Security

**Psalm 112:7 "He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord."**

One of the annual Christmas specials that brightens our season is the "Charlie Brown Christmas." In this special, Charlie Brown directs a Christmas play and hunts for the perfect tree, and Linus expounds on the true meaning of Christmas. Linus recites from the Gospel of Luke and here is something some folks miss: as he reads the Christmas story, he lets go of his security blanket. As you recall, Linus is obsessively attached to his security blanket, but he lets go of it when he recites the birth of Jesus. And why wouldn't he let go of it? Jesus is our security. Jesus is our peace.

Here in Psalms 112:7, the Psalmist gives a short discourse on security. Let me give you the context of verse seven and then I want to share three thoughts. The context according to verses 5-6 is a good man who shows discretion in his affairs. That kind of man trusts in the Lord and that is why

he has security. Now for the three thoughts.

Thought number one: this type of person knows that God is sovereign. The reason this type of person is not afraid of evil tidings is because he knows that God is in control. No matter how out of control our world seems to be, keep in mind that God is sovereignly moving history to the conclusive end He designed before the world began. Because God is in control, we do not need to fear.

Thought number two: this type of person knows he is secure in the Lord. When one trusts in the Lord he is secure. This security is based on what the Word of God tells us about Jesus, our good shepherd. John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (28) And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone pluck them out of my hand." Now that is security to know that Jesus has us in the palm of His hand—a

safe and secure place to be.

Thought number three: this type of person's faith is solid in the right thing—the Lord. Look at the last phrase, "steadfast, trusting in the Lord." Steadfast, something that cannot be moved.

The reason it cannot be moved is because it is founded on the Lord and not the shifting sands of the world. Matthew 7:24-28 Jesus said, "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of mine and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on the house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

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# Agencies team up for Drug Take Back

By Henry E. Green

Area agencies had a successful Drug Take Back Day Saturday.

Cornerstone, area law enforcement, the Be Well Abbeville substance use and mental health task force—all of these entities joined forces for the event, in which the public was encouraged to turn in their unused or expired medications at various collection points, including Ingles, the Due West Police Department,

There will be other drug take back events in other

counties throughout the state and nation on the weekend of April 30.

“Our total is still being tabulated,” said prevention specialist Betsy Royal.

The medications collected will be incinerated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. Drug Take Back Days are typically held twice a year in Abbeville County. “We’ll have another one in October,” Royal said.

If people need to dispose of medications before then, they can drop them off at any of the drop box locations in

Abbeville County.

These are located at the Abbeville County Sheriff’s Office, Due West Police Department, and Abbeville Area Medical Center emergency department entrance.

Turning in expired or unused medications lessens the risk of having those medications fall into the wrong hands.

“And it keeps them from polluting the environment,” she said.

For more information, one may call Royal at 366-9661.

A number of agencies collaborated to present a Drug Take Back Day, for area residents to return expired or unused medications. Betsy Royal of Cornerstone and Dwane Balchin of the City of Abbeville Police Department set up a table outside Ingles in Abbeville. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)



# City probes business license ordinance

By Henry E. Green

Abbeville City Council has passed first reading on an ordinance amending the business license ordinance of the City.

In September 2020, the South Carolina General Assembly adopted the South Carolina Business License Tax Standardization Act (2020 Act. No. 176)

This act requires all municipalities and counties that impose a business license tax to adopt a standard business license year of May 1 through April 30.

To assist municipalities and counties with complying with the requirements of the Act, the Municipal Association of South Carolina developed the 2022 Model Business License

Ordinance in compliance with Act 176.

The Act requires all municipalities and counties that impose a business license tax to utilize the Act’s standardized business licensing requirements and class schedule.

With the new ordinance, Council wants to update the rate schedule and class schedule of the business license ordinance to ensure compliance with the requirements of Act 176.

So how will all this affect the cost of a business license in the City of Abbeville?

“The cost of a business license in the City should remain largely the same for most businesses,” said Mike Clary, Deputy Administrative Officer for the City

of Abbeville.

“In fact, one of the requirements of this new state mandated ordinance is that fees and revenues from business licenses remain as stable as possible and the City has worked towards that end.

“However, some businesses may experience either a slight reduction in their rate or a slight increase based on their entering a new business classification under this new ordinance.

“Any business with a question about their specific rate is encouraged to reach out to the City’s Finance Department for more information.”

For more information, one may call the City at 366-2109.



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# Obituaries

## Metcalf

Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Bradberry Metcalf, 68, of Newnan, wife of beloved husband, Rene, and mother to precious daughter, Christina, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at Piedmont Newnan Hospital.

Born October 30, 1953, in Calhoun Falls, South Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Clarence Bradberry and the late Irene Burris Bradberry. Mrs. Metcalf grew up in the First Baptist Church of Calhoun Falls, SC, where she became a born again Christian and joined as a member in 1983. She especially enjoyed singing in the choir. Mrs. Metcalf cherished her walk with her Savior and the help

of God's angels through the years, even after long illnesses and toward the end of her life. Jane graduated with honors from Forrest Business College in Anderson, South Carolina in 1974 and went on to work in the secretarial field for the next 20 years, including working for three executives the Coca Cola Bottlers Association in Atlanta. Jane enjoyed her hobbies or horseback riding early in life, and doing embroidery and cross stitch pieces, which she loved giving to people she cared about. All admired her attention to detail and delicate work. She also loved spending time with family, travelling to the beach, and southern cooking.

Survivors include her husband of 30 years, Rene Metcalf; daughter, Christina Metcalf of Newnan; special cousins, Rhonda B. Dorn of Calhoun Falls, SC, Rhonda B. Harmon of Laurens, SC, Maryellen Alekna of Hoffman Estates, IL; and special friend, Glenda Saintsing of Thomasville, NC.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, 2022, at Hillcrest Chapel with Pastor Scott Blake officiating.

Higgins Funeral Home Hillcrest Chapel is honored to serve the family of Jane Metcalf, please visit [www.hillcrestchapelcares.com](http://www.hillcrestchapelcares.com) to share your memories or leave a condolence message.

# Obituaries

## Knox

James W. 'Jimmy' Knox, Jr., 86, husband of Pamela Reiberg Knox, passed away peacefully at home in Due West, SC, surrounded by his family on Friday, April 22, 2022. He was born in Abbeville to the late James Wallace Knox, Sr., and Ella Brooks Ferguson Knox.

A 1953 graduate of Abbeville High School, Jim was very active in high school sports, earning best all-around athlete his senior year. He has always been an entrepreneur. Jim started Knox Machine Works in Abbeville, specializing in the manufacture of textile parts. Later, he opened Tri-State Machinery Company in Greenville, concentrating in buying and selling used industrial machine tools. Tri-State Machinery Company brought forth Fort Knox Auctioneers. This led to conducting industrial auctions in twenty-three states and receiving the MDNA (Machinery Dealers National Association) award for best auction brochure of the year. Jim was always interested in widening the scope of his business activities. He received his pilot's license enabling him to travel more quickly within the areas of his work.

While growing up and living in Abbeville, he was an active member of Warrenton Presbyterian Church. He served on the Abbeville City Council for two years and was active in the Abbeville



**James W. 'Jimmy' Knox, Jr.**

of Abbeville and Robert W. Knox of Greenwood; two sisters, Sara Morgan of Abbeville and Frances K. George (Charley) of Greenville; his mother-in-law, Mildred Reiberg of Due West and his former wife, Alice Faye Williams Knox of Abbeville; seven grandchildren, Don Stone (Erin), Jeffrey Thompson, Taylor T. Rogers (Joey), Patrick Nickles (Heather Fields), Andrew Hyman, Chris Hyman and Casey Ashley (Mel); eleven great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

A service to celebrate the life of James W. 'Jimmy' Knox, Jr. will be 4:00 PM Thursday, April 28, 2022, in Harris Funeral Home Abbeville Chapel.

The family will receive friends following the service. The family is at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, Attn: SC Gift Processing, 4600 Park Rd, Ste 250, Charlotte, NC 28209 or <https://www.alz.org/sc/donate>.

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 Knox family.

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# Obituaries

## James

Willie Mae 'Granny' Morrow James, 99, of Lowndesville, wife of the late Willie A. 'Bill' James died Sunday, April 24, 2022, at the Abbeville Nursing Home. She was born in Anderson to the late Cape Huron Morrow and Bessie Dickson Morrow.

Affectionately known as Granny, she reared nine children and will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great grandmother. Granny James was a member of Lowndesville Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, David Randall James and Billy Ray James; a daughter, Mary Ann Clardy; four brothers, three sisters; and two grandsons.

Granny James is survived by six daughters, Lois Brantly of Greenwood,



**Willie Mae 'Granny' Morrow James**

grandchildren. The family will receive friends 2:00PM- 3:00PM, Wednesday, April 27, 2022, in Harris Funeral Home, Abbeville Chapel. Funeral services will begin at 3:00PM in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Scotty Willoughby and Rev. Dr. Fred Griggs officiating. Burial will follow in Smyrna Cemetery.

Memorial contributions, in memory of Granny James, may be sent to Lowndesville Pentecostal Holiness Church, PO Box 27, Lowndesville, SC 29659.

The family will be at their respective homes.

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 James family.

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Dixie defeated Ninety Six in a non-Region game in Due West recently. Here is Dixie at bat. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

## Dixie softball team has good week

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Dixie High School varsity softball team defeated non-Region foe Ninety Six Friday night in Due West 7-3, according to Dixie head softball coach Samantha Ferguson.

Gillian Hughes was the winning pitcher, striking out seven, walking one, and giving up three runs, and 10 hits.

The Lady Hornets, meanwhile, pounded out eight hits. They were led in offense by Hailey Hill, who was two for four. Addie Smith was also two for four and Alana Mitchell was two for four.

Ashton Crocker had one hit, and scored three runs. In defeating Ninety Six, a

2-A school, the 1-A Lady Hornets improved to 16-4 overall.

Earlier in the week, Dixie defeated Emerald in Due West, 19-3.

Mati Cox and Mackenzie McElrath were the two pitchers for Dixie, with Cox pitching the first three innings, and McElrath coming on in relief.

"Combined they had six strike-outs, walked two and allowed eight hits," said Ferguson.

"We had a total of 14 hits as a team," the coach continued. "And only two strike-outs."

Hailey Hill went three for four, Mati Cox went one for two, and so did Ellie Watson. Reaganne Stoll was three

for three.

Dixie was slated to play Crescent this past Monday, Calhoun Falls Charter yesterday, and visit Ninety Six today at 7 p.m.

The Lady Hornets split with High Point earlier in the season. If High Point wins its Region games this week, Dixie and High Point will have a special play-in game to determine the Region title on Friday, April 29, at the neutral site of Southside Christian at 6 p.m., Ferguson continued.

"We're doing a good job right now," she said. "We're putting the ball in play. I'm very proud of how they're playing."

## Stoll wins Player of Year in cross country

**By Henry E. Green**  
A Cherokee Trail Elementary student who has been a mainstay of the Dixie cross country team has won statewide cross country honors.

Ashten Stoll has been selected by SCCAWS as Class A Cross Country Player of the Year

"That's a huge honor," said Ashten's girls cross country coach Cayce Prescott, The award is just for female runners, Prescott said.

A seventh grader at Cherokee Trail, she is a member of the Dixie High School cross

country team.

The Dixie girls cross country team won the state championship in November, 2021, and Ashten was named the top female individual runner.

The daughter of Melanie and Doug Stoll of rural Abbeville County, Ashten is only 13, she said.

"She's a gifted runner, with a lot of potential ahead," Prescott said.

Ashten also plays on the jayvee girls soccer team at Dixie.

"She loves to ride horses,"

added Prescott. "She also is a very successful student."

A member of the Beta Club, Ashten excels in the classroom as well as in athletics.

The South Carolina Coaches Association of Women's Sport plans to honor Stoll at a Player of the Year Luncheon on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at the Brookland Baptist Banquet and Conference Center in West Columbia, according to an SCCAWS news release.

## Cornhole tournament coming up in May

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Abbeville Rotary Club will present the Fourth Annual Tony Simpson Memorial Rotary Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, May 7 at the Livery Stable in downtown Abbeville, according to a flyer advertising the event.

Registration is at 11 a.m., and the first toss is at noon. The cost to participate is \$25, and \$50 for teams of two.

"Bring your own bags (BYOB)," the flyer proclaims.

One may pre-register at eventbrite.

Cash prizes include \$200 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place.

Players will enjoy double

elimination play, music, friendly competition, and Broken Road barbecue.

The event is being sponsored by SAGE Automotive Interiors, and proceeds will fund college scholarships for area seniors.

A banker and a Rotarian, Tony Simpson was beloved for his kindness and his sense of humor, and he left a positive mark on the city of Abbeville before he passed away a number of years ago.

The Abbeville Rotary Club, meanwhile, is a service club that is part of the international Rotary network. The club meets every Thursday at the Belmont Inn, and in addition to its scholarship program, it presents annually the Rotary Bowl, a day

of recreation league football at Hite Stadium.

Shortly before Christmas, Abbeville Rotarians present the Reindeer Run, a 5K event whose proceeds benefit the Christmas Angel Tree bicycle project.

On Christmas Eve morning, many Rotarians help deliver bicycles to delighted children throughout Abbeville County.

Rotarians the world over are involved in endeavors from bringing clean water to rural communities in Central America to eradicating polio.

The cornhole tournament is just one of the attractions of this year's Abbeville Spring Festival.

## Baseball

# Abbeville Panthers clinch Region title

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Abbeville High School baseball team has clinched the Region title, said AHS Panther coach Daniel Little.

The Panthers did so with a 10-1 victory over Christ Church on the evening of Tuesday, April 19 at Christ Church, and Ty Price was the winning pitcher.

AHS played Christ Church again on Friday in Abbeville and emerged victorious to the tune of 1-0.

Hunter Overholt was the winning pitcher, striking out 10 and giving up only one hit.

In the first Christ Church game, Ty Price pitched six innings, had seven strikeouts, and gave up three hits.

For the Panthers, Jackson Clemmons had four hits, and Ty Price, Trent Delgado and Thomas Booth each had two hits.

In the second Christ Church game, Hunter Overholt pitched seven innings, and had 10 strike outs and gave up one hit.

Overholt had three hits for the Panthers.

The Panthers improved to 16-5 overall, and finished their Region schedule with a record of 9-1.

This week AHS has four non Region games. Yesterday, AHS was slated to travel to Greenwood Christian, and Wednesday to host Whitmire at 7 p.m., and

travel on Thursday to Powdersville, for a 6:30 p.m. match-up, and on Friday they will host Greenwood Christian at 6 p.m.

"The playoffs started Tuesday May 3," he said.

AHS will be playing at home, with the first-round opponent to be announced.

AHS is ranked in the Top Five in the state among 2-A teams, Little said.

What has made the Panthers so successful this season?

Good hitting, good pitching, good defense—all have blended together to provide good results for Abbeville.

"I think it's just a combination," he said.

## Dixie Hornets on roll, pick up two victories

**By Henry E. Green**  
Dixie, a 1-A school, had a good week in baseball, with the Hornets defeating 2A Saint Joseph's 14-8 and 3A Emerald 11-7, said coach Michael Turner.

The Hornets went on the road to claim both wins. Against Saint Joseph's, Staten Rice was the winning pitcher, striking out seven, walking one, and giving up eight runs on 11 hits.

Meanwhile, the Hornets got 11 hits. Leading the way were Hunter Satterfield, who was three for four with an RBI, and Kendon Kelley,

who was two for four with five RBIs. Michael Ashley was two for two with one RBI, and Brandon Hershberger was two for four with two doubles and two RBIs.

Against Emerald, Hunter Satterfield was the winning pitcher, striking out three, walking one, in pitching five innings.

"Hunter gave up only one earned run," he said. "Cody Quarles pitched the final two innings to secure the win."

The Hornets pounded out eight hits. Leading the way were Kendon Kelley, who was two for three with

two doubles and two RBIs. Michael Ashley was one for three, and Case Minor was one for three with an RBI, and Rhett Wilson was one for two with two RBIs.

The two wins were over non-Region foes, and Dixie improved to 13-6 overall with the victories.

This week the Hornets were slated to play Ninety Six in Due West this past Monday, and will host Clinton on Thursday, with the jayvees starting at 5 p.m., and the varsity to follow at 7 p.m.



Ashten Stoll, who runs cross country for Dixie High School, has been named Class A Cross Country Player of the Year for female runners. (Contributed photo)

## AHS softball team resuming action

**By Henry E. Green**  
The Abbeville High School varsity softball team did not play during spring break but this week will play three games, according to AHS coach Tim Collins.

The Panthers were slated to visit Emerald this past Monday, and then host

Ninety Six yesterday, and host Crescent Thursday at 6 p.m., Collins said.

Crescent and Ninety Six are Region foes. The playoffs will start on Wednesday, May 4, the coach continued.

"We've already clinched a playoff bid, and seeding is

to be determined," he said.

As of Monday morning, AHS was in second place in the Region, behind Crescent.

The Panthers as of Monday had a Region record of 3-1, and an overall record of 14-4, Collins continued.



Mary Dixon (right) and Katie Finley (left) supervised a group of Abbeville High School students in planting things on Abbeville's Court Square. (Staff photo by Henry E. Green)

# 'A close group'

## AHS Class of 1964 stays together

**By Henry E. Green**  
Yes, you could say that 1964 was an interesting year.

The Beatles made their famous appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show", helping to launch Beatlemania.

Lyndon Johnson won a landslide victory over Barry Goldwater in the Presidential election in November.

And a very special class graduated from Abbeville High School.

The AHS Class of 1964 included so many people who would go on to occupy a prominent place in the life and history of the Abbeville community.

Jane Agan, Connie Normand, Ann Davis, Ruth Bacon, and Pat Hodge are among those class members.

Dynamic individuals in their own right, they have, interestingly, joined forces in the context of the United Christian Ministries of Abbeville County (UCMAC).

Jane Agan is the finance director for UCMAC, and Connie Normand is the director for the organization's free medical clinic. Ruth Bacon is a former executive director of the UCMAC, and is now a board member, as is Pat Hodge.

Ann Davis handles the newsletter for UCMAC, and she is also the president of the Greater Abbeville Humane Society.

Davis, after graduating

from the University of South Carolina with a B.S. in nursing, moved away from the Abbeville area, and she lived in North Carolina for a number of years before returning to Abbeville in 2009.

Agan is the treasurer of the Abbeville Artist Guild, and she is the treasurer as well of the Humane Society, and of the United Methodist Women at Main Street United Methodist Church.

"I think I'm the treasurer of six different organizations," she said humorously.

A number of classmates moved away from Abbeville County for a number of years and then came back, and after their return they became active in the community, largely through networking with classmates.

"We are a close group," Agan said.

Before COVID, classmates would get together every month, and the class still has a reunion every July.

"This year we're going to have lunch at the Belmont (for the July reunion)," she said, noting that 80 to 90 people typically attend the reunions.

Not every AHS class keeps in touch so well. Some AHS classes have not had a reunion in 20 to 30 years, she noted.

That the Class of 1964 networks so well is due largely to classmate Reggie Griffin, Agan indicated.

Griffin, retired from a ca-

reer in railroad work, said Friday that his work at keeping graduates informed extends not only to the Class of 1964 but to AHS graduates from the 1930s through 1969.

"I don't do this by myself," he said Friday, noting that friends such as Wilma Reeves keep him informed about graduates who have fallen ill or passed away, and then word goes out by e-mail to as many as 400 to 500 AHS graduates about tidbits of news.

These graduates have sometimes moved far beyond Abbeville.

"We've got them from Maine, California, all over," he said. "North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida."

Reggie has been keeping the Class of 1964 informed since 1989.

He said Kerry Fossett started an AHS Old School back in 2006—periodic gatherings of graduates.

"Just old friends getting together," Reggie said.

Meanwhile, about 100 people originally belonged to the Class of 1964, but as many as 20 have passed away, Agan said.

The school they graduated from back in 1964 was just a little different from the one today—AHS today serves students in grades nine through 12, but back then it served young people in grades seven through 12, for example.

# Love in action

## Wine walk held in downtown Abbeville to benefit local resident

**By Henry E. Green**

The Drink for Pink wine walk in downtown Abbeville Saturday was a huge success, attracting as many as 400 people to downtown Abbeville for a good cause—to benefit Abbeville merchant Chanda Ferguson, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

"Friends and family and small local businesses of Abbeville" presented the wine walk, said Chanda

Tuesday. In addition to the wine walk, there were other attractions, with door prizes, as well as a disc jockey in the Belmont Inn alley.

Local restaurants donated gift cards, for example, and a number of home-based businesses also participated.

There was also an after-party at the Belmont, Chanda continued.

"We had beautiful weath-

er," said Chanda, adding that the turnout was excellent as well.

"I have lived here since 1992," she said. "I graduated from Abbeville High School."

She runs Trends on Trinity, with her partner Amy Simpson.

Chanda was touched by the outpouring of support.

"I feel so blessed," she said.

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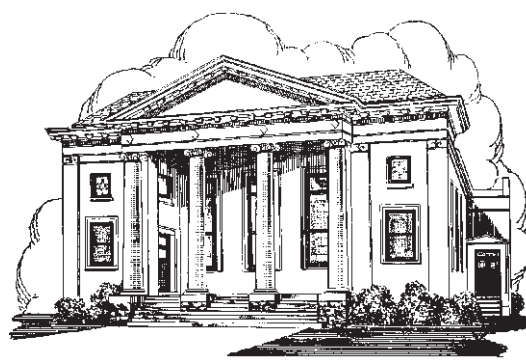
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