

# Woman sought for murder

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A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Latrisha Renee Lawrence, 30, of Barnwell, for the murder of 30-year-old Williston resident Uniqua Odom.

The charge stems from a shooting that happened around 2:15 a.m. on Saturday, cal Center in Augusta, Ga.

Chavis Street, approximately 40 yards from the club.

"The shooting happened after a fight between the two females inside the club, which then continued into the street," said Williston Police Chief Rodney Pruitt.

Odom was transported by EMS with a gunshot wound to Augusta University Medion Kelly Street. Officers found injuries, said Barnwell County

autopsy has been scheduled for Tuesday in Newberry.

A crime scene team from the State Law Enforcement Division came to the scene to collect evidence, including shell casings.

At least 20 to 30 people were at the scene when officers arrived.

"We've had relatively few volunteer interviews from Jan. 29 outside the Lucky Spot where she later died from her anybody at this point. It's a sad testimony to the times

Odom lying in the middle of Coroner Denise Gibson. An we live in where people who witness a homicide, and even have ties to the victim, won't say anything," said Pruitt of how some people use their lack of love for the local police as an excuse to not get involved. "This does nothing to solve the case."

The WPD is looking to talk to individuals who were present at the time of the shooting. "The Williston Police De-

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Latrisha Renee Lawrence



Firefighters are seen checking the interior of this home on Paul Street in Williston after a Jan. 28 fire.

Fires displace three



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Interim leadership has been named for the Barnwell County Consolidated School District (BCCSD).

Dr. Marcella Shaw, who has been superintendent of Williston District 29 since 2018, has been named interim superintendent-elect of the consolidated district. She officially takes over on July 1 once District 29 and Barnwell District 19 consolidate. The transitional board overseeing the consolidation process made Shaw's appointment on an interim basis at this time since board elections will be



Dr. Marcella Shaw has been named interim superintendent of the new Barnwell County **Consolidated School District.** 



## families in Williston

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Three families are displaced after a rash of recent fires in Williston.

The fires kept firefighters from Williston and neighbor-ing communities busy between Jan. 19 and Jan. 28. The houses were all heavily damaged or destroyed, but all occupants made it out safely.

"I praise our guys and gals on the response they've had the past two weeks as they dedicate their time to protecting the citizens of Williston and Barnwell County. They responded quickly and efficiently to extinguish the fires. Trucks were on scene at all calls in under five minutes, extinguishing the fire in under 10 minutes," said Williston Fire Chief John Melton.

4:15 p.m. on Jan. 19 at 161 Nottingham Road, part of the Lincoln Park Apartment Complex. Fire and heavy smoke were showing from the roof in the rear of the home as firefighters arrived.



Smoke billows from this duplex at the Lincoln Park Apartments Jan. 17.

performed, and the fire was knocked down which had involved two bedrooms, hallway, and attic space," said Melton.

The cause of the fire has been labeled "undetermined", but The first fire broke out around Melton said it started in the back bedroom.

> Firefighters from the Elko, Long Branch, and Blackville fire departments provided mutual aid to Williston.

Jamie Pope and her four children lived in the half of the "An interior attack was duplex that caught fire while the

other side was vacant. The family escaped unharmed, but they lost everything in the fire. The Red Cross is providing some support, but Pope said people can donate via CashApp to \$JamieVictoriaPope. Donations can also be mailed or dropped off at her mother's house at 277 Mirror Drive, Williston, S.C. 29853.

The second fire happened at 67 Mirror Drive on Jan. 27 around 9 p.m.

Firefighters were initially See FIRES, 13A held in November to select a permanent board.

"I am excited and honored that the BCCSD Board of Trustees have entrusted me to facilitate the important work of the consolidation of Blackville and Williston school districts. Working alongside the BCCSD Board, our consolidated team, faculty, staff, scholars, and both communities, our goal will be to ensure the safety of all as we continue to navigate through the pandemic as well as advance and grow every BCCSD scholar to their fullest potential," said Shaw.

Barnwell District 19 Superintendent David Corder, who the BCCSD board named assistant superintendent through June 30. He said he has not negotiated past that time for a full-time role, but is happy to help out as needed.

"I think a lot of Dr. Shaw and think we work together really well. I think she'll be a great leader for the consolidated district, but I am glad to help any way I can," said transition. Corder.

plimentary of her counter- love them both," said Corder, part. "Mr. Corder has been who has ties to both Blackinvaluable to me during this process. I have felt 150 per-

#### David Corder is assistant superintendent of the new district until June 30.

cent supported by him. He has an unwavering love for Assisting Shaw will be the Blackville and Williston communities, and he is doing everything within his will power to ensure our consolidation is successful. I have been able to call upon his historical and institutional knowledge during this process," said Shaw.

Both superintendents have been collaborating for the past year in preparation for consolidation and remain committed to ensuring a smooth

"I want to do my best for Likewise, Shaw was com- both communities because I

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# City of Barnwell creates advisory committee

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The City of Barnwell has created a new advisory committee.

Mayor Marcus Rivera created the nine-member committee of residents and non-residents, although he said the nonresidents own businesses in the city.

"Thank you for your willingness to serve the City of Barnwell, but most importantly thank you for your time, energy, and expertise. I know that through great teamwork and communication with myself and council you all will play a vital role in the present and future plans in the City of Barnwell," said Rivera in an email to the members.

Committee members include: Lisa Firmender, Robert Hemby, Steven Hunter, David Dangerfield, Steven Brown, Emily Coble, Will Kearse, Shelby Broomfield, and Rodney Croft.

The committee's role is to provide "judicious



Ryan Bragg takes the oath of office in December 2021 after winning election the month before.



Alicia Davis (right) is sworn in Jan. 6 for a new term after winning re-election in November 2021.

spective of residents to which is the city's elected advice" from the per- the mayor and council, policy-making body.



Brad All (right) is sworn in as a councilman on Jan. 6 after winning election in November 2021.



Ron Still (right) takes the oath of office Jan. 6 after winning a council seat in November 2021.

"They will give insight in the city," said the on what may be needed mayor.

According to information provided by the city, "advisory committee activities may include study of critical issues, hearing public testimony, independent research, and review of staff reports and recommendations - all of which are intended to enable the committee to discuss, formulate, and forward well-developed, thoughtful recommendations to the mayor and council in a timely manner."

The committee's first meeting is Feb. 21.

During Barnwell City Council's Jan. 10 meeting, the council amended its public participation policy.

The city's policy had stated that only city residents could speak during the public participation portion of council meetings. While City Administrator Lynn McEwen suggested removing that limitation, Mayor Rivera said the business of the city is for the citizens of the City of Barnwell.

"The only way to conduct business is to set a laser focus on the City of

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# School boards, governments hosting federal facilities need critical funding for schools, emergency services

#### Contributed

Energy Communities Alliance On Jan. 27 local school boards joined local governments in communities hosting the Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River Site to highlight the importance of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and ask that they be included in the FY 2023 DOE budget request for the Office of Environmental Management (EM). PILT payments directly support local school, police, and emergency response funding for frontline communities adjacent to DOE sites. It is critical to these communities that DOE ensures the continuation of PILT in its budget requests. Last year, the Administration's budget request did not include PILT funding for the City of Aiken, Aiken County, Allendale County, and Barnwell County, SC - the communities hosting the EM-led Savannah River Site. PILT payments support vital local government functions and are used to provide municipal services around the Savannah River Site at levels, and in quantities, that otherwise far outstrip the community's tax base. 'The PILT is a critical funding source for both our local school districts and communities adjacent to the Savannah River Site," Gary Bunker, Chairman of the Aiken County Council said. "The PILT makes up for revenue lost due to ad valorem taxes. Our local

communities support the critical missions at the Savannah River Site and the continuation of the PILT supports this ongoing collaboration between the Site and the surrounding three county region."

According to Dr. Margaret Gilmore, Superintendent of Allendale County School District, the PILT funds for school districts are urgently needed to address the learning tremendous loss students faced during the pandemic.

David Corder, Superintendent of Blackville-Hilda Public Schools in Barnwell County, added further insight on the impacts of PILT pay-ments for school children in the district.

"Blackville-Hilda Public Schools is the small-

strongly essential operations nec- communities. essary for providing a high-quality education to our area's youth," she said. "Eliminating PILT payments would be even more detrimental to our school systems at a time when schools are facing so many increased challenges brought about by the current pandemic and other educational issues, such as national staffing shortages and increased need for narrowing the academic gaps caused by the disruption to our nation's educational system dur-

ing COVID-19." Dr. Marcella Shaw, Superintendent of Wil-liston School District 29 in Barnwell County, similarly noted the essential functions of PILT payments.

"The PILT funds are

The five superintendents signing the letter include: King Laurence, Aiken County Public School District; Margaret Gilmore, Ed.D., Allendale County Schools; David Corder, Blackville-Hilda Public Schools; Crystal Stapleton, Barnwell School

Shaw, Ed.D., Williston activities. The mission of School District 29.

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est and one of the poorest school districts in the state," Corder said. "Each year we strive to continue to offer the best educational opportunities to our children while struggling to maintain financial stability. The loss of PILT funds will further exacerbate our budget shortfalls in a district that has a narrow tax base and only one industry."

Crystal Stapleton, Superintendent of Barn-well School District 45 in Barnwell County, letter further expands echoed these remarks.

"PILT payments have been essential in helping school districts offset losses in property taxes, and the impact of that funding is critical in carrying out the operations of our school districts. School districts have utilized these funds for for PILT payments to our

critical to the overall operations of [the school district]," she said. "The funds are utilized to support our general fund budget. A balanced general fund budget affords us the opportunity to equip our schools with the necessary materials, supplies, and tools needed to assure that we meet the overall vision and mission of our district, ensuring that all of our scholars are college and/or career ready."

The superintendents' upon their remarks, stating: "As the host communities of one of our national security and defense missions, we ask for your assistance and support in ensuring that future DOE budget requests, including for FY 2023, include sufficient funding



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## Corder's Book Corner: Reawakening the romantic

Discussion of books and all things literacy from writer, reader, and teacher, David B. Corder.

Valentine's Day is right around the corner. That being the case, I decided to write a very personal article, one I hope will speak to those who have a heart similar to mine.

Five years ago, I gradually ceased being a "Hopeless Romantic." Throughout my teen years, I had this precocious sense of finding the girl of my dreams, someone who would satisfy all my desires, which of course was fed by my love of romantic ideals. Well, I found her, and for a time I was happy.

But after about six months, the relationship ended. So much for fairy tale endings.

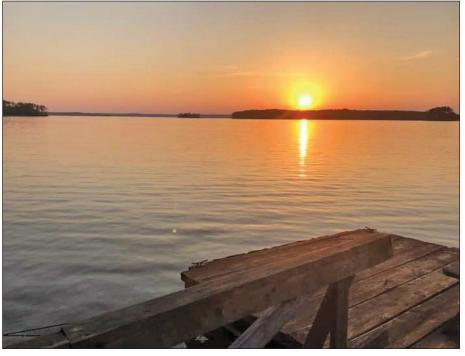
Months passed after our breakup, and slowly but surely, I had a revelation. I held Romance too highly in my life. She was a goddess that I worshiped, and as I had seen from the relationship, it wasn't everything it was not something to be igcracked up to be.

So I took my goddess, Romance, and buried her. To quote Poe's "Annabel Lee," I "shut her up in a sepulcher/In this king-dom by the sea" (lines 19-20). And I moved on with my life. Romance was something that should only be menially included in relationships. Rationalism and logic were better. That was the key to a good, lasting relationship.

But over these past few months, I've discovered something.

Rationalism isn't enough to make a relationship last. While it gives focus to compatibility with another person, it takes one of the key ingredients of life, falling in love, and shuts it away. Rationalism must be coupled with Romance.

Romance is a Godgiven gift, one to make the love between a man and woman flourish. It's



thought in a relationship should also be utilized, but there must be a balance between the two of them. I have been on both ends of the spectrum, and

to be too much on one rect her as a goddess, side.

Now that I have gained this wisdom, I am now on a personal quest to

be worshipped. Rational ness in the realm of love by the sea. Not to resurbut to have her as a companion in search for a mate, as well as to have as a companion in life gmail.com regain some of the Ro- itself. Because isn't it so nored. Yet it shouldn't it only leads to unhappi- mance that I left buried fantastic when romance

and love flourish, like the blossoming of flowers in early spring? Through a lens of romance, the world is more vibrant and more colorful, and life becomes all the more exciting.

So, I will dive back into the old literature. I will read love poems by W.B. Yeats and John Keats. I will write about lovers meeting under the rosepetal sunset to steal a secret kiss. I will write poetry depicting the wistful ache for love and desire and hope for the future. I will bring Romance back to life.

And this Valentine's Day, wherever you stand on romance, I hope you will take time to cultivate it because it is one of the most enjoyable gifts in the world.

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## Does TV judge need common sense or sense of humor?

It was a slow day, so I decided to check out daytime television.

On Channel 3 was Jerry Springer, best known for proving who the daddy is, or isn't, to some woman's baby. Jerry was pretending to be a judge in TV court.

On Channel 5 was Judge Judy, whose real name is Judith Susan Sheindlin. I'd rather go before an unneutered, illtempered pit bull.

On Channel 7 was the Hot Bench, which was loaded with three judges. On Channel 9 was The People's Court. Preceding The People's Court on Channel 9 was Judge Faith, presided over by Faith Jenkins. And that's just a few of the TV judges.

My favorite TV judge probably would be Steve Harvey, the comedian. Like some others, he's not a real judge or even a lawyer, but he's funny. He does not bang his gavel, demanding order in the court, when the audience laughs. That's why they're there.

This thought came to me: I could do that. I don't have a law degree, but I have served as a judge many times: once in a VFW speech contest, once in a Christmas decorations contest, several times in writing contests, once in a Little Miss Banks County pageant-the most dangerous of all-and in two tacky contests sponsored by the senior center in my hometown.

Knowing tackiness when you see it is most important for a TV judge, because so many of the cases they hear are just plain tacky.

To see what might be required of me should the TV producers come calling, 1 watched the Judge Jerry Springer show. Judge Jerry was hearing a suit brought



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by a magician against another magician, his performing partner. It seems that the defendant was at a party at the plaintiff's house, and he was showing off to some of the guests.

The plaintiff claims the other magician, using the power of his mind, bent 13 spoons into irreparable conditions. Expensive spoons. Worth \$5,000.

Most of the show was taken up by the two men doing magic tricks for Judge Jerry and the audience. But in the end, Judge Jerry awarded the plaintiff \$100 for each damaged spoon. I could have done that.

If the TV producers didn't like me, they might consider my wife as a substitute judge for Divorce Court, Star Jones, I read recently, has been named to take over the longest-running TV court, and she is a lawyer. But she might want a break sometime.

My wife once served as a juror in a divorce case, andtalk about tacky-the couple were arguing over five things: money and guns, none of which could be located, along with a black-and-white TV, a recliner and a sofa. The jury's verdict: give the item to the person who bought it.

You see, serving as a TV judge can't be all that hard. As Judge Steve Harvey said, what it lakes is a little common sense.

Which seems to be lacking at the witness stands.

## **A LOCK on Mental** Health Mental Health America

states that 1.2 million people living with mental illness sit in jail and prison each year, according to an article titled Stepping Up in the Wednesday, October 13, 2021 Augusta Chronicle, written by Josef Papp and staff writer Susan McCord. Vera Institute of Justice, a nationwide nonprofit research and policy organization adds that based on data collected by the federal government on local jails, about 14.5 %of men and 31% of women in jails have a serious mental illness compared to 3.2% and 4.9%, respectively, in the general population. Elizabeth Swavola, director of the jail decarceration initiative at Vera stated in this article that people with serious mental illnesses are dramatically over represented in jail populations". The article outlined the local scope of this problem at the Richmond County jail and the initiatives that are underway to fine tune understanding of the magnitude of the issue and how to tackle it. One serious issue in Georgia is that availability of mental health services is very limited. According to Papp and McCord, the state ranked last in access among the fifty states and DC, according to a 2021 report by Mental Health America.

Another issue that was considered in dealing with this problem was the use of intercepts, points "in the criminal justice process where an individual could be diverted to mental health resources rather than continuing to cycle from street to jail". Richmond County is working hard to maintain a robust mental health court, and currently has forty two people with mental illnesses assigned to their program. One of the rate limiting steps for them right now is to really get a handle on the scope of the problem and the needs that currently exist.

I wanted to share with you what we are doing in Aiken County to address similar problems on this side of the Savannah River. According to Varney Hodge, who helps to coordinate and administer mental health services and mental health court services at the Aiken County Deten-tion Center (ACDC), "Mental health courts were developed. in response to the inability of



traditional courts and jails to address a defendant's underlying mental illness, in cases where prior diversion efforts have failed, but the nature of the charge is not so serious that prosecutors are unwilling to relinquish control. Similar to other specialized court systems such as drug courts and veterans' courts, mental health courts are an alternative to navigating the criminal justice system for people with a mental health disability." Tamara Smith, Executive Director of Aiken Barnwell Mental Health Center, stated that the mental health court is a partnership with Aiken County government, the Aiken County Probate Court, Solicitor-2nd Judicial Circuit, the Public Defender's office, SCVRD,

ABMHC and the ACDC. Angela Little, Associate udge of Probate in Aiken County, told me that she as quite encouraged by the pro-gram in Aiken County thus far. She said that the mental health court helps to find housing if needed, retrains and certifies for job positions, helps participants reconnect with their loved ones, and provides other services as needed. She emphasized that inmates must volunteer for this program, plead guilty to their charges, sign releases of information so that all involved may pool and share information to better help them succeed, and agree to attend court meetings as mandated. Terms of this arrangement may range from six to twenty-four months, said Judge Little. She told me that there have been approximately six people in the program over the last year, and that three more people are being examined as possible good candidates going forward. After starting the conversation and planning for this program almost three years ago, Judge Little says she is as pleased with the interventions it provides as she has ever been about any of her work with the Probate Court.

Tamara Smith provided further insights into the workings of the mental health court in Aiken County. It reserves space for violent criminals and others for whom incarceration is the only reasonable alternative. It reduces arrests, reduces days spent in jail, cuts down on recidivism and the overall burden on law enforcement, who often need to provide more direct observation, assistance with medications and suicide watches for inmates with mental illness. To be considered for the program, offenders must be charged with a misdemeanor or non-violent felony and have a diagnosable mental illness. They must understand and be able to commit to the program, usually for a year. They must be a resident of Aiken County and not be a threat to the public. The members of the mental health court leam must agree that the person is appropriate for the program. The offender must admit guilt and vol-unlarily enter the program. Mental health services are provided by a mental health professional. The offender must complete community service, pass drug screens and report to the court as required. If the offender does not meet program guidelines, they may face sanctions, including weekends in jail, additional community service, or increased mental health services. Multiple sanctions may result in return to jail to serve out their sentence, and as Judge Little told me, time spent in the mental health court would not count against the time of the sentence needing to be served in that case.

All of these pieces of the existing mental health court program in Aiken County are designed to screen for people who are likely to be successful in the program and return to being productive citizens, all while treating their mental illness at the same time. It is an exciting and innovative way to provide the services that offenders need in order to minimize incarceration time, maximize training, support and productivity, and put them on a trajectory to success. Let's hope that the programs in Richmond and Aiken counties can continue to succeed and grow.



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Instead of enjoying my hobbies I find myself watching ty



such educational, emotional and interesting shows on ETV, but I've reached my limit on how many ways to cook nutritionally. I'd rather just nibble guilty.

Any mental health I've managed to preserve is in quarantine somewhere with my sense of humor. Among many names our present mood has been called languishing, for one. It's A feeling of viewing life through blurry glasses. My former goals have been revisited and put back on the shelf because in the scope of our new normal life they are less important than staying safe and well.

I've never felt hopeless. It's

on comfort food and then feel that just when it seems we're conquering one variant, another rises again. It's not just stagnation and emptiness, it's the little defeats that corrode away at our hopefulness.

Mental health resources are overloaded for those who need acute professional care. Suicides have risen, crime is increasing, our children are suffering from missed school.

The world is in a sad state.

There are times, when I am quiet that I feel a profound sense of compassion well up in me for

all the sadness in some many people's lives.

However my sense of gratitude always overshadows my gloom when I realize how I have been blessed beyond all expectation.

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low are public record and have been provided by local law enforcement agencies. All persons named are presumed innocent until their cases are determined in a court of law.

Brad Thomas Allen, 34, of 832 Butler Drive, Livingston, was arrested Jan. 26 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for two counts of Forgery. Allen was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Brittany Renae Burgess, 29, of 832 Butler Drive, Livingston, was

Arrest reports listed be- BCSO for two counts of Jan. 20 by the BCSO for Forgery. Burgess was booked and released to the BCDC.

> Rafeal Ladicks Chisolm, 36, of 73 Barnwell Highway, Denmark, was arrested Jan. 19 by the III, 31, of 607 N. Mill BCSO for Failure to Appear. Chisolm was booked and released to the BCDC.

Kierra Jannine Cooper, 23, of 1030 Windright Road, Lake City, was arrested Jan. 29 by the BCSO for three counts of Failure to Pay Court Fines. Cooper was booked and released to the BCDC.

Stephon Foster, 24, of 430 Boston Avenue, Pine-

Prisoner/Possession or Furnish Contraband. Foster was booked and released to the Aiken County Jail.

Willie Deontay Frazier Street, Allendale, was arrested Jan. 30 by the BCSO for False Information to Police. Frazier was booked and released to the BCDC.

Hykeem Daquan Hampton, 26, of 367 Shiloh Heights Road, Aiken, was arrested Jan. 26 by the BCSO for Prisoner/ Furnish/Possession of Contraband. Hampton arrested Jan. 26 by the bluff, N.C., was arrested was booked and released

to the BCDC.

Brian Scott Maximiek, 49, of 89 Pineneedle Road, Barnwell, was arrested Jan. 24 by the BCSO for Distribution of Heroin and Distribution of Meth. Maximiek was booked and released to the BCDC.

Lashanda Lynette Odom, 36, of 306 Litchfield Street, Barnwell, was arrested Jan. 18 by the BCSO for Driving Under Suspension and Interfering with the Operation of a School Bus. Odom was booked and released to the BCDC.

Frank Owens II, 39, of 621 Chavis Road, Blackville, was arrested Jan. 26 by the BCSO for Traffick-

ing Meth, Possession of a Controlled Narcotics, Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon and Possession of Firearm During a Violent Crime. Owens was booked and released to the BCDC.

Jose Perez, 35, of 3634 Seelye Drive, Augusta, GA, was arrested Jan. 25 by the BCSO for Failure to Pay Court Fines. Perez was booked and released to the BCDC.

Kenyae Antoine Robinson, 28, of 621 Charleston Avenue, Fairfax, was arrested Jan. 28 by the BCSO for Failure to Appear. Robinson was booked and released to and released to the BCDC.

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Shelvick Deshae Tilley, 43, of 2151 Red Oak Road, Barnwell, was arrested Jan. 19 by the BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Tilley was booked and released to the BCDC.

Rachel Warren, 46, of 31 Little Oak Road, Williston, was arrested Jan. 20 by the BCSO for Disorderly Conduct. Warren was booked and released to the BCDC.

James Edward Williamson, 48, of 81 Perry Street Barnwell, was arested Jan. 17 by the BCSO for Failure to Appear. Williamson was booked

# IRS issues 10 tips to avoid tax season fraud

#### Contributed

Internal Revenue Service

Each year, taxpayers' personal information is compromised through phishing scams or by unscrupulous tax preparers. With tax season kicking off Jan. 24, IRS Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI) wants taxpayers to be aware of taxrelated fraud.

"IRS-CI is the investigative arm of the IRS, and this tax season, we want to remind U.S. taxpayers about ways they can protect their wallets and personal information," said IRS-CI Spe-cial Agent in Charge Donald "Trey" Eakins.

Tips to avoid tax season fraud include:

1. Choose a tax preparer wisely. Look for a preparer who is available year-round. Check references, ask questions, find out the fees involved prior to engagement, ask for a printed copy prior to submission to the IRS and a common practice for a return preparer is with you.

2. Ask your tax preparer for their IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number (PTIN). All paid preparers are required to have one.

3. Don't use a ghost preparer. They won't sign a tax return they prepare for you.

4. Don't fall victim to tax preparers' promises of large refunds. Taxpayers must pay their fair share of taxes.

5. Don't sign a blank tax return. Taxpayers are ultimately responsible for what appears on tax returns filed with the IRS.

6. Make sure you receive your refund. Your refund should be deposited into your bank account, not your tax preparer's.

7. The IRS will not call you threatening legal action. If you receive a call like this, hang up.

8. Don't respond to text messages, emails or social media posts claiming to be the IRS. They may contain mal-

sections of the return promise your personal information.

9. Don't click links or open attachments in unsolicited emails or text messages about your tax return. These messages are fraudulent.

10. Protect your personal and financial information. Never provide this information in response to unsolicited text messages, emails or social media posts claiming to be the IRS.

Donald "Trey" Eakins advises that "Ås we approach tax filing season, those who might consider preparing false tax returns should be aware of the consequences as evidenced in recent cases in the Charlotte Field Office of convicted tax return preparers and their co-conspirators" as the following examples of Garvey Imhotep was prosecuted cases show.

Charlotte FO: Third Defendant Sentenced in Tax Preparation Conspiracy

On October 29, 2021 Andrea Pasley was sentenced to 20 months imprisonment followed to file false tax returns

supervised release. Pasley was ordered to pay the IRS \$1,264,493 in restitution. Pasley conspired with Karen Jones and Audrey Odom to defraud the US Government by preparing false tax returns. The false tax returns claimed false education credits and false dependents and manipulated income to qualify for large amounts of earned income tax credits. Pasley, Jones, and Odom charged clients up to \$3,000 to prepare the false tax returns. Jones and Odom were previously sentenced to 22 months and 15 months, respectively.

Charlotte FO: North Carolina Tax Return Preparer Sentenced for Tax Fraud

On December 17, 2019, sentenced to 45 months in prison, 3 years supervised released and ordered to pay \$2,144,888 in restitution to the IRS. From 2011 through 2014, Garvey Imhotep conspired with others

to review the various ware that could com- by a three-year term of for clients of several tax begins Monday, Jan. 24 return preparation businesses, including Tax Kings, Two Brothers Tax Service, and Taxes Done Right. Imhotep and his co-conspirators filed returns claiming false education expenses and other fraudulent items in order to increase clients' tax refunds. To conceal his\_involvement and evade Internal Revenue Service (IRS) detection, Imhotep used tax preparer identification numbers that are assigned to other individuals. Imhotep's conduct caused a tax loss of more than \$1.5 million to the United States.

> For more tips on choosing a tax professional or how to file a complaint against one, visit IRS.gov. Taxpayers who suspect tax violations by a person or business, may report it to the IRS using Form 3949A, Information Referral. Taxpayers can report phishing emails to phishing@irs.gov or IRS impersonation scams to TIGTA.gov.

This year's tax season

and continues through Monday, April 18 for most taxpayers. U.S. taxpayers are subject to tax on worldwide income from all sources and must report all taxable income and pay taxes according to the Internal Revenue Code. Taxpayers found to be committing fraud may be subject to penalties including payment of taxes owed plus interest, fines, and jail time.

IRS-CI is the criminal investigative arm of the IRS, responsible for conducting financial crime investigations, including tax fraud, narcotics trafficking, money-laundering, public corruption, healthcare fraud, identity theft and more. IRS-CI special agents are the only federal law enforcement agents with investigative jurisdiction over violations of the Internal Revenue Code, boasting a nearly 90 percent federal conviction rate. The agency has 20 field offices located across the U.S. and 11 attaché posts abroad.

#### Advertisement for Bid

Qualified General Contractors are invited to submit a proposal for the renovation of a medical clinic in Bamberg, SC, Bamberg County.

The project consists of a 3,535 square foot wood frame 2-story structure to be renovated.

Low Country Health Care System will be accepting

## **DHEC** announces Premier Medical cleared testing backlogs

Department of Health ID-19 test results are back additional and Environmental Control (DHEC) is pleased to announce that Premier Medical Laboratory Services and DHEC's other Kevin Murdock, Premier oratory Services is now testing vendors are re- corrected its backlog of back to pre-surge turnporting all backlogs have surge-related

to the standard 48-hour time frame.

According to Premier Chief Executive Officer testing been cleared and turn- through the investment

The South Carolina around times for COV- of millions of dollars in equipment and the hiring of more than 300 South Carolina employees.

"Premier Medical Lab-

## Wanted: Lawrence wanted for murder

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proposals and qualification statements at 333 Revolutionary Trail, Fairfax, SC 29827 at 2:00 p.m. on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Questions or requests for drawings may be made by calling 803-632-2533 ext. 1127.

The owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers.

Low Country Health Care System, Inc. Mailing address: P.O. Box 990, Fairfax, SC 29827 Physical Address: 333 Revolutionary Trail, Fairfax, SC 29827

## **Barnwell School District 45 Office of Special Services**

Barnwell School District 45 presently provides programs/ services for children 3 to 21 who attend public or private school with the following categories of disabilities: Developmental



Delay, Intellectual Disability, Specific Learning Disability, Emotional Disability, Speech or Language Impairment, Deafness and Hearing Impairment, Visual Impairment, Deaf-Blindness, Orthopedic Impairment, Other Health Impairment, Traumatic Brain Injury, Autism, and Multiple Disabilities.

Should you be aware of any such children who are in need of services, please contact Kim A. Rhoad at (803) 541-1346 on weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All names of referred persons will remain confidential.

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL

Notice is hereby given that the School Trustee Election will be held on April 12, 2022. Two seats will be filled in Barnwell School District #45. Any person wishing to register to vote in this election must do so no later than March 12, 2022. Districts #19 and #29 have been consolidated and will not be included in this election.

Citizens desiring to be a candidate for the above listed offices must file a Statement of Intention of Candidacy with the Barnwell School District, 770 Hagood Avenue. Books will open for filing Friday, January 21, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. and close Friday, February 4, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the locations designated below.

At 9:00 a.m. on April 12, 2022 the County Board of Canvassers will begin its examination of the absentee ballot return envelopes from the School Trustee Election at the Barnwell County Board of Voter Registration & Elections office located at 367 Fuldner Road, Barnwell, S.C.

On Friday, April 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m., the County Board of Canvassers will hold a hearing to determine the validity of all ballots challenged in this election. The hearing will be held at the Barnwell County Board of Voter Registration & Elections office located at 367 Fuldner Road, Barnwell, S.C.

The following precincts and polling places will be involved in this election:

- Barnwell #1, #2, #3, and #4 will vote at the National Guard Armory, 10233 Marlboro Ave.
- Elko will vote at the Elko Fire Station, 10077 Hwy. 78
- Friendship will vote at the Friendship Fire Department, 3391 Green Branch Rd.
- Kline will vote at the Kline Town Hall, 1031 Kings Ave.
- Hilda will vote at Hilda Town Hall, 35 Railroad Ave.
- Snelling will vote at Snelling Town Hall, 30 Morris St.
- Williston #2 will vote at Williston Town Hall, 13112 Main St.

awaiting others to come forward and provide details of what happened so we can provide justice for the victim," said Chief Pruitt.

No arrests have been made at this time, but police are searching for Lawrence.

Anyone with information should call the WPD at (803) 266-7011.



Branchville Villa complex at Branchville Lane, Branchville, SC

Denmark Gardens Complex at

Mimosa Avenue, Denmark, SC Fairfax Boundary Complex at Boundary Street, Fairfax, SC

Williston West Main Complex at West Main Street, Williston, SC

Barnwell Arms Complex at Thomas Street, Barnwell, SC

Bamberg Villa Complex at Race Street, Bamberg, SC

Hampton Gardens Complex at W. Holly Street, Hampton, SC

Affordable and effective units Available. Rent is based on income. Applicants will be screened prior to Leasing. Contact the Barnwell, SC Office to submit an application on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at 1-800-922-5504 Or 803-259-3588

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# Society

Share your special occassion by emailing jvickery@thepeoplesentinel.com. Births, Birthdays (12 and under), Weddings and Anniversaries (50th and over) are free to announce.

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Susan Filyaw recognized for *Commendable* Service from S.C. Dept. of Motor Vehicles



#### Contributed Photo

Susan Filyaw (right) earned the Commendable Service Award from the S.C. Department of Motor Vehicles in December 2021. She served the citizens of Barnwell as a Customer Service Representative and a Titles and Licensing Specialist with distinction, culminating in 19 years of service. "She was known for her kindness and compassion towards her customers. Susan's exceptional professionalism and commitment to the public reflect great credit upon her," stated a post on SCDMV's Facebook page.

#### snow-covered mountains and quaint towns made them feel like they were in a Hallmark movie. The couple resides in Barnwell fetti as the couple made their Dr. Tim and Debbie Phillips of with their cat Brahms.

Campbell and the late Dr. Baxter

and Wanda Phillips, all of Florida.

School District 45 as a band di-

and Sharon Vickery of Barnwell.

He's the grandson of the late

Lloyd C. Vickery Jr. and Imogene

Vickery of Barnwell and Ione

and the late Cecil Broadwater of

The People-Sentinel in Barnwell.

He is publisher and owner of

The couple enjoyed a Christmas

honeymoon in Stowe, Vermont,

where the picturesque views of

rector.

Greenville.

She is employed by Barnwell

The groom is the son of Charles

Dawn Reitz and Jonathan Vickery were married December 18, 2021.

## Dawn Reitz weds Jonathan Vickery

Vickery, both of Barnwell, were united in marriage on December 18, 2021, at First Baptist take them away. The fire truck Church of Barnwell. The Rev. Dr. Bart Kelley officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

The bride wore a white floorwith a red sash. The bride carried a bouquet of silk red and white flowers accented with pinecones and berries for a touch of Christmas.

the bride) of Columbia served as matron of honor.

Harry Adkins (friend of the groom) of Florence served as best man.

To complement the Christmas theme, guests threw snow con-

awn Reitz and Jonathan exit from the church where the Columbia. She's the granddaugh-City of Barnwell's historic "Big ter of the late Wyatt and Alberta Bertha" fire truck was waiting to was a tribute to the groom's paternal grandfather, the late Lloyd C. Vickery, who served as Barnwell's fire chief for 15 years.

Following the wedding, a relength dress that was accented ception was held at Barnwell State Park. The community building was decked out in Christmas décor. Everyone enjoyed a delicious barbeque buffet that was catered by Barnwell Fire Chief Andrea Crowell (best friend of Tony Dicks. The two-tiered wedding cake featuring a gingerbread bride and groom was prepared by Cindy Flowers of Blackville while Hansel & Gretel Bakery in Barnwell prepared banana pudding cheesecakes.

The bride is the daughter of

# Hannah Gibson weds Jose Miranda Diaz

annah Gibson Sara Wieser (sister of ding a reception was of Orlando, Fla. the bride), Laura Wil- held at Maitland Art & (formerly of Barnwell, liams (cousins of the History Museum. S.C.) and Jose Miranda bride), Britney Smith The bride is the (friend of the bride), daughter of Wendy and and Aurora Rodzianko Mary Beth Gibson of Barnwell, S.C. (niece of the bride). She is a 2005 gradu-Nieces Anya Rodzianko and Savannah ate of Barnwell High Wieser served as flower School and is currently employed by Carlo's The bride was given girls. Thiago Rodriguez Bakery. (friend's son) served as The groom is the son of Juan Carlos Miranda ring bearer. Javier Rodriguez and Sonia Diaz Lopez of (friend of the groom) Humacao, Puerto Rico.



Diaz of Orlando, Fla. were united in marriage on Nov. 5, 2021 at Maitland Art & History Museum. The Rev. Michelle Jarnigan officiated.

in marriage by her parents, Wendy and Mary Beth Gibson.

The bride's dress was an ivory lace fit and flare gown with sweetheart neckline. The bride carried a bouquet athan Cintron (friend), of ivory roses and hydrangeas.

Emily Rodzianko (sister of the bride) served as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were

served as best man.

Groomsmen were Jon-Adalberto Rivera (brother), Eric Flores (friend), Dale Wesenberg (friend), and Gustavo Herrera (friend). Following the wed-

He is a 2012 graduate of Fajardo Community Private School and is currently employed by Allied Universal.

Following a wedding trip to Europe, the couple resides in Orlando, Fla.

AT LEFT: Hannah Gibson and Jose Miranda Diaz were married Nov. 5, 2021.



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## Carol Lucas Creech

WEST COLUMBIA Carol Lucas Creech, 70, of West Columbia, passed away January 25, 2022, surrounded by her loving family.

Services were held on Saturday, January 29, 2022 at Dunn's Chapel Church in South Congaree. The family received friends from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. before the service in the church sanctuary



followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m., also in the church sanctuary. Pastor Tom Atten officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery on site. Everyone was asked to follow the appropriate COVID guidelines to safeguard their health.

Carol was born in Hilda on January 21, 1952, the daughter of the late A.T. Lucas and the late Mary Lucas. She graduated from Barnwell High School in 1970.

Carol was dedicated to her family and church. She volunteered at Congaree Elementary School and Fulmer Middle School where her children attended. She also volunteered at Dunn's Chapel Church with their AWANA program for many years. Carol served as a member of the United Transportation Union (UTU) Ladies Auxiliary in Columbia. She was not only the best wife and mother, but the very best grandmother who loved to spoil her grandchildren every opportunity she had.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, William Glen Creech; her son, Jody Glen Creech (Page) of Charlotte, N.C.; her daughter, Staci Creech Klotz (Daniel) of West Columbia; grandchildren, Chandler Klotz, Kerry Creech, Logan Klotz and Candace Creech; brothers, Charles Lucas and Tee Lucas (Jan); and sisters, Gwen Jeffcoat and Marcia Lucas. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brothers, Don Lucas and Tommy Lucas.

The family would like to give a heartfelt thank you to the South Congaree Fire Department, Lexington County Emergency Services, and the Lexington Medical Center ICU.

Memorials may be sent to Dunn's Chapel Church Cemetery Fund, 281 Chapel Road, West Columbia, S.C. 29172

**The People-Sentinel 2/02/22** and friends.

## Mae L. Bush

BRONX, N.Y. - Mae L. Bush was born on November 14, 1945, to the late William Dicks and Minnie (Jane) Owens in Barnwell. Our Lord, Jesus Christ called Mae home on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, from her earthly home in Bronx, New York to her eternal home.

Mae accepted Jesus as her Savior at an early

age, and became a part of Sweetwater Baptist Church in Barnwell. She attended and graduated from the school system in Barnwell.

In 1965, Mae met and married the love of her life, the late Donald Bush Sr. From this union, God blessed them with three offspring. After marriage, they relocated to Bronx, N.Y., where they lived for 56 years. While in the Bronx, she joined Fountain Spring Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Rev. Nelson C. Dukes Sr. In June 1992, she joined First Union Baptist Church under the pastorate of Rev. James É. Wilson Jr. She was an active member of the Trustee Board for many years; Pastor's Anniversary Committee, Scholarship Committee, attended both Bible Class and Sunday School.

Mae was employed as an executive assistant for the Legal Defense Fund for 28 years, where she retired a few years ago. She was committed and enjoyed the work she did for the Legal Defense Fund. She also enjoyed being a member of the Eastern Stars. Although she was committed to the things above, she was most committed and loyal to her family. She absolutely loved family gatherings, which gave her an opportunity to showcase her amazing cooking skills, of which her last cooking experience was on Christmas Day.

To cherish her memory, Mae leaves her three children and one son-in-law: Tammy L. Bush of Brooklyn, N.Y., Donald Bush Jr. of Bronx, N.Y., Jeanel Bush-McBeth (Samuel) of Rahway, N.J.; one sister, Alma Thomas of Bronx, N.Y.; five grand-children: Destiny L. Williams, Jade Bush, Joshua Bush, Tyler T. Simmons and Danielle Bush; and a very special friend, Carolyn Seward of North Carolina. She also leaves a host of other relatives, including nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins,

Elizabeth "Lib"



## Cheryl Zorn Gatlin

Cheryl Zorn Gatlin, 64, loving wife of Billy Gatlin, passed away January 28, 2022 at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

Cheryl was born in Barnwell County on October 9, 1957 and was a daughter of the late Johnny Zorn Sr. and Frances Still Zorn. She was a homemaker



and a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 31, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel with burial in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery at the airport. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at the Mole Funeral Home.

Survivors include her husband, Billy Gatlin of the home; sons, Bryan Sanders, Kevin Jennings, Eric Jennings and Billy Christopher (Tammy) Jennings; stepchildren, Lester (Jeanette) Gatlin, Chester (Milan) Gatlin, Thomas Gatlin and Regina Gatlin; brothers, Danny (Cathy) Zorn, Dennis (Bonnie) Zorn; sisters, Chrystie (Mark) Blackwood, Connie Zorn, Lynn Fail Zorn; 20 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She was predeceased by siblings, Kenneth Zorn, Johnny Zorn Jr., Terry Zorn, and Lelar Zorn. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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## Miriam Smart Bryan ("Mim")

BURLINGTON, MA -Miriam or 'Mim,' born Miriam Elvira Smart, died on January 26 at age 94 in Burlington, MA. Miriam is formerly of Oceanport, N.J., and Allendale, S.C.

Miriam was the beloved wife of the late Joseph F. Bryan, and was predeceased by her parents, Lewis and Belle Smart; siblings,

Nicholas, Louise, and Wini Smart Quackenbush; and granddaughter, Lydia Sobey. She is survived by her children, Rick Bryan (Suzie), Katherine Sobey Kaminer (Paul), Kip Bryan (Patty), and Bob Bryan (Louise), 14 grandchildren and 19 greatgrandchildren.

Miriam loved volunteering for local and civic organizations. She graduated from Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, N.J., and attended the University of South Carolina. She graduated from Point Pleasant Beach High School, N.J.

## Charles B. Grubbs

Charles B. Grubbs, 72, passed away on Friday, January 28, 2022, at Select Specialties Hospital, Augusta, Georgia.

Charles was born in Barnwell County on September 21,1949 and was a son of the later



Tanner WILLISTON - Funeral services for Mary Elizabeth White "Lib" Tanner, 91, of Williston, were held at 11 o'clock a.m., Saturday, Janu-ary 29, 2022 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with Greg Walkup officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the Williston Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C. 29853.



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Frank an Salley Gilliam Grubbs. He was a retired Heavy Crane Operator and a member



of Seven Pines Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, father, brother, and friend. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Seven Pines Baptist Church with Pastor Mark Watford officiating. Burial followed in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery at the airport. Visitation was held one hour before the services in the church. Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell assisted the family.

Survivors include his loving wife, Betty Steed Grubbs; sons, Edward (Teresa) Grubbs and Walter (Lisa) Grubbs; sister, Irene Grubbs Padgett of Hampton; 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by siblings, Junior Grubbs, Franklin Grubbs, Jake Grubbs, Leroy Grubbs, Rose Sanders, Annie Lou Kinard and Elizabeth "Lib" Sanders.

Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com. The People-Sentinel 2/02/22

## Cornelia Fail Green

WILLISTON - Cornelia Fail Green, 98, passed away Wednes-day, January 26, 2022, in Williston.

Born in Barnwell County on April 13, 1923, she was the daughter of the late Henry W. and Lillie Wilson Fail. She was a retired employee of the Shuron Corporation.



A private family ser-

vice will be held at a later date. Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell is assisting the family.

She is survived by her son, Eddie Green of Barnwell; and was predeceased by her parents, brothers, James Louis Fail, Henry Fail Jr., Woodrow Fail, and Harold Eugene Fail; and sisters, Mary Fail Pitsinger and Mildred Fail Vincent.

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Mrs. Lib passed away on Tuesday, January 25,

Born in Williamson County, TN, she was a daughter of the late William Allison White and Hannah Murrell Moore White and was married to the late John William "Bill" Tanner. She was a graduate of College Grove Tennessee High School and was a member of the Williston United Methodist Church. Mrs. Lib was a retired bookkeeper for Bank of Williston and C & S Bank after working a number of years. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her daughters, Martha Sue (Donnie) Fields and Mary Ann (Greg) Walkup, all of Williston; grandchildren, Kellie (Grayson) Sanders, Stacie Fields, Ian (Tracy) Fields, Sallie Walkup and Paul Walkup; great-grandchildren, Trey, Jake and Kyle Sanders; Tanner and Wyatt Page; Weston and Hunter Fields.

In addition to her husband, Bill Tanner, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Pamela Jane<sup>4</sup> "Pam" Tanner; sisters, Margaret Proffitt, Ruth White and Bonnie Haley; and her brothers, Edward White, Horace White and Eugene White.

Folk Funeral Home Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at www.folkfuneralhome.com.

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## **Evangelist Daisy** Mincy

BLACKVILLE - Evangelist Daisy Mae Mincy, 75, entered into eternal rest on Friday, January 28, 2022, at Lexington Medical Center, Lexington.

Homegoing celebration for Evangelist Daisy Mae Mincy will be conducted on Friday, February 4, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Young Rosemary Baptist Church, Wil-liston. Burial will be in Barnwell County Cemetery. Visitation will be on Thursday, February 3, 2022, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, Inc. & Cremation Service (13188 Main Street, Williston).

Sign the online guestbook at www.simmonsfuneralhomeofwilliston.com. The People-Sentinel 2/02/22

Mim lovingly served her Presbyterian churches in Red Bank, N.J., and Allendale, S.C., as Elder, Church Clerk, Sunday School teacher, & church newsletter editor. She was a member of the Community United Methodist Church of Wayland, MA.

With her husband Joe, Mim extensively researched the family's genealogical roots, discovering ancestors from the earliest days of N.J., GA, and S.C., and was a life member of both the Squan Village Historical Society of Manasquan, N.J., and the Georgia Salzburger Society.

Mim was the first woman on the Borough Council of Oceanport, N.J. and helped create several riverfront parks. An avid gardener, she was a National Council Flower Show Master Judge and a co-founder and past president of the Oceanport Garden Club, N.J.

Mim worked as a real estate saleswoman and as a reporter for a N.J. newspaper. She was president of the League of Women Voters of the Red Bank Area (N.J.) and of the Monmouth County Council, N.J.

She was Citizen of the Year in 2004 in Allendale, S.C., and a member of the Fairfax Garden and Study Club, Allendale County Arts Council, Allendale Book Club, and Allendale County Family and Community Leaders.

Mim loved good conversation and is lovingly remembered by her family.

Funeral services were held at Allendale Presbyterian Church, Allendale, S.C. at 2 p.m., Tuesday, February 1 (visitation at the church 1 p.m.), and an online service will be held February 17 at 7 p.m. Keith Smith Funeral Services of Allendale, (803)

584-2492, is in charge of arrangements. Contributions may be sent to Allendale-Enter-

prise.com.

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## **Richard Creech**

BLACKVILLE - Funeral services for Richard Alan Creech, 74, of Blackville, were held at 3 o'clock p.m., Thurs-day, January 27, 2022, at the First Baptist Church of Blackville with Dr. Thomas Terry and Reverend Ken Frederick officiating; burial was in the Blackville Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to



8 p.m., Wednesday at Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First Baptist Church of Blackville, P.O. Box 217, Blackville, S.C. 29817 or the Blackville Cemetery, P.O. Box 365, Blackville, S.C. 29817. The family would like to extend a very special thank you to Dr. Rodney Rhinehart and his staff, also Joseph Lott, Herman Still, and Donnie Abbott for their compassion and all of the loving care they have shown to the family during this time.

Richard passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022.

Born in Orangeburg County, he was a son of the late John Melbourne Creech Sr. and Elizabeth Hair Buckingham Creech. He was a graduate of Blackville High School; in 1967, he earned an Associate Degree from Palmer College in Columbia and where he majored in Higher Accounting. In 1976, he graduated from the School of Banking of the South at Louisiana State University and in 1980 he graduated from the Commercial Lending School from the University of Oklahoma. He retired from Enterprise Bank as Senior Vice-President and Director. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Blackville where he served as a deacon, was a member of the Barnwell County Chamber of Commerce, Barnwell Rotary Club, the Blackville Masonic Lodge #63, and served in the U.S. National Guard.

Survivors include his loving wife of 26 years, Dorothy Darby Creech of the home; daughters, Sandy Creech (Elaine) of Edisto Beach, Mandy (Jeff) Harrington of Chapin; son, Scott (Lindsey) Etheredge of Lexington; grandchildren, Addie and Jake Harrington, Garrett (Demi) Etheredge, Ethan, Morgan and Mason Etheredge; nephews, Charles Anderson "Andy" (Kim) Creech Jr. and David Creech; and a niece, Miriam Combee.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Charles Anderson Creech Sr. and John Melbourne Creech Ir.

Folk Funeral Home Inc. and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at www.folkfuneralhome.com.. The People-Sentinel 2/02/22

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## Willie "Will" Still

BARNWELL - Funeral services for Willie Calhoun "Will" Still, 37, of Barnwell, were held at 2 o'clock p.m., Monday, January 17, 2022, in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Reverends Timmy Gunnells and Ken Dodson officiating. Burial followed in the Barnwell Memorial Cemetery by the air-

port. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Monday.

Will passed away on Monday, January 10, 2022. Born in Orangeburg County, he was a son of Willis Ronald "Ronnie" Still and Kathy Sanders Still. He worked construction and as an installer for Rings World of Windows. He was a member of Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church. Will loved to fish, enjoyed drawing and was quick to think of ways to make things work and often invented his own ideas. He loved to pick and play with his children and loved spending time with his family.

In addition to his parents, Ronnie and Kathy Still of Olar, survivors include his loving wife of 19 years, Erma Paige Carolyn Sweat Still; his children, Teegan Still, Chase Still and Taylin Still, all of Barnwell; a sister, Shannon (Larry) Still of Hilda; niece, Emmily Still; nephews, Hunter Still, Jaycen Still, Michael Sweat, Mayson Sweat and Wyatt Creech; mother-in-law, Sherry Sweat; father-in-law, Ringo Sweat; and numerous aunts, nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Jack and Sylvia Sanders; paternal grandparents, Lottie Mae Hair and Willie Calhoun Still; his brother, Willis Ronald Still; and his sisterin-law, Morgan Sweat.

Folk Funeral Home Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at www.folkfuneralhome.com.

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#### THEME: VALENTINE'S DAY

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## **Morgan Brantley** Sanders

Morgan Brantley Sanders, 35, passed away on January 22, 2022, at RMC, Orangeburg.

Morgan was born in Orangeburg on November 10,1986. He was the son of Moye C. "Pete" Sanders Jr. and the late Genevive "Jenny" Truitt Sanders. He was an employee of SCDOT, Orangeburg

Office. He was a loving son, father, brother and will be missed by his family and friends.

A private family burial will be held on Saturday, February 5, 2022 in the South End Cemetery, Bamberg at 2 p.m. Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell is assisting the family.

He is survived by his children, McKaela Sanders and Tyler Shircliff; sisters, Angela Sweatman and Casey Robinson; brother, Jason (Becky) Truett; nieces and nephews, Ashton Sweatman, Jonathan Sweatman, Brayden Cogburn, Grayson Cogburn, Aiden Robinson, Leo Robinson, Jason Truett, Richard Truett, David Truett, and Victoria Truett. He was predeceased by his mother and his brother, Adam Sanders.

Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com. The People-Sentinel 2/02/22



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### Leaders: Dr. Shaw named interim superintendent of consolidated school district

ville and Williston. He meeting together regular- Hopefully people will fourth Tuesday of every has worked in Blackville- ly to discuss what the new embrace it," said Corder. month at 6 p.m., but the Hilda Public Schools his entire 35-year career, but includes budget discushe is originally from Williston. His sister, Lexie Clamp, is a former superintendent of District 29 while his wife Lynette and son David are teachers in Williston.

Corder said he and Dr. Shaw also want to alleviate the fears and apprehensions of staff who are concerned of what might happen to their jobs after consolidation. While consolidation will not affect schools, it could eliminate some district-level positions as the two districts combine.

"We will try to have a place for everybody, but it might not be the same place they were. We both love our staffs and admire them," said Corder.

While change can be scary, it can also bring new, exciting possibilities.

"My prayer is that July 1, 2022, the board, faculty, staff, scholars, and community members will be able to state that the newly-formed BCCSD successfully opened its doors with integrity and with all stakeholders knowing that our foundation is grounded with our scholars' best interest at the forefront," said Shaw.

district will look like. This sions to ensure financial needs are aligned.

"We know it's not an easy process, but when you have the best interest of the scholars at hand that's when you can make the best decisions. We are bringing our heads together so we can be more collaborative and problem solve together," said Shaw.

These discussions have already led to new possibilities that will benefit faculty, staff, and scholars, although Shaw and Corder could not comboard has not voted on these opportunities.

"Working alongside team members from Blackville and Williston over the past three days we can already visualize win-win opportunities for all of our scholars. We are most excited about the possibilities," said Shaw on Jan. 28.

"I really think we need to create something new and a better educational experience for our students. I'm pleased with how Dr. Shaw is leading this collaboration. The ideas we are coming up with will really be good for our two communities Representatives from and I think everybody

The BCCSD is also hard at work to complete the mammoth task of consolidation in a short period of time.

Since officially forming in December 2021, the board has been holding two meetings a month to get everything in place for the new BCCSD to launch July 1. This includes examining policies and best practices that need to be adopted and implemented. Board members also volunteered to sit on various committees, such as curriculum, finance, and personnel.

"The BCCSD Board of ment on specifics since the Trustees are to be commended for how they have already embarked upon the work of establishing policies, are engaged in committee work, and will be partaking in upcoming professional learning sessions for new Board of Trustee members," said Shaw.

At their Jan. 25 meeting, the board filled two vacant teaching positions for the 2022-23 school years. They hired Diamond Tyler as a music teacher at Kelly Edwards Elementary School in Williston and Kenyatta Bell as the Family and Consumer Science teacher at Blackville-Hilda High School.

Board meetings are both districts have been will be pleased in the end. held the second and came after the federal

location rotates between Blackville and Williston to make it more accessible to the public. Meetings on the second Tuesday are held at Blackville-Hilda High's auditorium while the fourth Tuesday meetings are held at the Williston District 29 auditorium.

"We encourage community members to come and be involved," said Shaw.

Work is also underway to unite the faculty and staff from the two districts as they prepare to become part of one family. This includes cookouts and other regular gatherings for faculty and staff to get to know each other better.

"There is a lot of engagement and collaboration going on," Shaw said.

Consolidation of the Blackville and Williston school districts could be just the first step. State lawmakers have said the likely next step is to consolidate Barnwell District 45 so there's only one district in Barnwell County.

The county could receive \$90 million to build a new county-wide consolidated high school and career center as part of the \$600 million legal settlement between the state and U.S. Department of Energy. The settlement

government's termination of the Mixed Oxide Fuel (MOX) Fabrication Facility and removal of the remaining 9.5 metric tons of toxic, radioactive plutonium at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

It's currently unclear how the settlement funds will be divided, but Gov. Henry McMaster wants the money to be given to Barnwell, Allendale, and Bamberg counties since they all gave up land to form SRS. He issued his recommendations in December 2021, including the \$90 million for the new school.

"Future prosperity in Barnwell County requires bold investment in public education to ensure that the next generation's workforce has the knowledge and skills necessary to compete for jobs and capital in the region. This bold investment of \$90 million will be used to construct one centrally located, countywide, stateof-the-art high school and career technology center to serve all 1,500 students in grades 9 through 12 in Barnwell County. The new facility will provide students with career opportunities and youth apprenticeship programs aligned with current and projected workforce needs of the region. The facility will also serve as a tremendous tool to recruit their districts.

teachers and school leaders to Barnwell County,"

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said McMaster. However, the new school is contingent upon all school districts in Barnwell County being consolidated into the Barnwell County Consolidated School District.

"While Act 105 of 2021 consolidated the Barnwell County (Blackville) School District No. 19 and Barnwell County (Williston) School District No. 29 into the Barnwell Consolidated School District effective July 1, 2022, the remaining district, Barnwell School District 45 must also be consolidated. This significant investment in the educational system of Barnwell County requires a reciprocal commitment on the part of the residents of Barnwell County to improve fiscal efficiencies through district consolidation," said McMaster.

If countywide consolidation does not occur by July 1, 2023, the funds shall be transferred to the Department of Commerce and held in reserve to address future needs and requests from counties that surround the SRS.

While county-wide consolidation remains up in the air, Shaw and Corder said they are committed to ensuring a smooth consolidation process for

## Backlog: COVID testing turnaround times return to normal

around times," Murdock expand our infrastrucsaid. "We are processing 95 percent of our results in under 24 hours."

"Each test that we receive is important to us because we know that it affects someone's quality of life. That's why our team worked tirelessly to hire and train hundreds of South Carolinians and

ture so that we could return to our normal turnaround times of results. We hold ourselves to the highest standards as a laboratory and look forward to serving South Carolina's diagnostic testing needs."

DHEC COVID-19 Co-

tor Louis Eubank said the ing diligently to provide clearing of the testing backlogs was welcome news.

'We appreciate the patience of all South Carolinians and the hard work of our lab partners to respond to the challenges presented by the surge in testing demand," Eu-bank said. "We thank all ordination Office Direc- of our vendors for work-

timely test results and are optimistic that the adjustments made by all parties will ensure no such backlog occurs again."

DHEC continues to advise anyone who does experience a wait time for a test result longer than 72 hours from the time they were tested

call 1-888-697-9004 to email ACC-Testingor CustomerService@dhec. sc.gov to get your results. Please limit comments to one phone message or email; this helps avoid multiple requests for the same test. When leaving a message, please provide your name, date of birth, a good contact number, the FROM PAGE 5A

test date and testing location and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Free at-home tests also are available from DH-EC's public health department testing sites (check DHEC's testing locator page for local availability) and for free through the federal government at covidtests.gov.

# **Real Estate Tips with Bekah Grubbs**

Seller Typ

If you are selling your home, be very



Buyer Typ

Things you need to be prepared to

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#### Wednesday, February 2, 2022

# BHS student attends international business roundtable on apprenticeships in the U.S.

Contributed Barnwell District 45

Swiss Krono USA participated in a roundtable meeting in Washington, D.C. with Mr. Guy Parmelin, president of the Swiss Confederation and Minister of Economic Affairs, Education and Research. The meeting discussed the current state of apprenticeships in the U.S. and was attended by a council of officials from Switzerland, Swiss companies operating in the U.S., U.S. representatives from the Department of Labor, U.S. Department of Education, and U.S. companies utilizing apprenticeship programs.

Swiss Krono representatives Todd Mankin and Youth Apprentice TyZavier Grayson also attended a reception at the residence of the Ambassador of Switzerland to the U.S., Mr. Jacques Pitteloud, at which Barnwell High School's (BHS) Youth Apprentice TyZavier Grayson took questions from President Parmelin. Many officials attended the reception including Senator Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Deputy Secretary Don Graves, Dr. Tracy Dove, Scientific Advisor to the Swiss



Dr. Mikota, President of Spartanburg Community College; Amy Firestone, VP Apprenticeship Carolina; and Guy Parmelin, president of Switzerland; TyZavier Grayson, youth apprentice from Barnwell High, and Todd Mankin, Swiss Krono representative.

from the Apprenticeship Department in Washington D.C., and many other officials.

"I am extremely blessed and grateful for the opportunity to be a Youth Apprentice at Swiss Krono," Grayson said. "Being selected as the first apprentice to represent BHS and Swiss Krono in Washington, D.C. was an

Embassy, representatives amazing experience that resent Swiss Krono at this tices for high school stu-I will never forget."

Grayson is a current junior at BHS and has been a Swiss Krono Youth Apprentice since August 16, 2021, where he works as a production operator. After high school, Grayson plans to continue working at Swiss Krono while also pursuing an associate's degree.

"It was an honor to rep-

event and a huge learning experience for our young apprentice, TyZavier, said Mankin.

apprenticeship The partnership between Barnwell School Dis-trict 45 and Swiss Krono came to fruition back in 2016 and has recently expanded from hiring two apprentices per cycle to more than ten appren-

dents in our community and surrounding communities.

"Make no mistake about it. TyZavier Grayson is one of many great students at BHS. However, the opportunity to represent an entire organization, Swiss Krono, and help showcase this wonderful program, is a testament to the high

caliber of students that attend our school, the fantastic families from which they come, and the teachers who prepare them for the future. I am so proud of TyZavier; he is so humble yet deserving of this opportunity," said BHS Principal Franklin McCormack.

In attendance at the reception were:

- Switzerland Officials: President Guy Martina Parmelin, Hirayama State Secretary for Education, Research and Innovation and Marie-Gabrielle Ineichen-Fleisch - State Secretary for Economic Affairs.
- U.S. Officials: Deputy Secretary Don Graves, Brent Parton - Department of Labor, Amy Lovd - Department of Education.
- Swiss Companies in the U.S.: Martin Ritter - CEO Stadler, Andre Kudelski - CEO Nagra, Todd Mankin - Training Coordinator Swiss Krono.
- **Companies:** U.S. Intertech Plastics Ryan Gensler, Aon Bridget Gainer/ Daniel Serota, CVS Charnetia Young/ Peter Virgil.

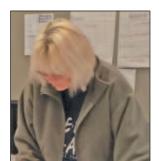
## Williston-Elko teachers learn crisis prevention techniques

Contributed Williston District 29

For the days of December 2nd and 3rd, 2021, three teachers, Ms. Amanda Carter, Mrs. Mary Wright, and Mrs. Tamora Parker, were chosen to attend a conference in Raleigh, North Carolina that allowed them to learn effective de-escalation techniques that can be utilized in moments of crisis. Crisis Preven-The tion Intervention (CPI) taught training only teachers, but social workers and other mem-







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Tamora Parker (left), Amanda Carter (above), and Mary Wright (right) attended a crisis prevention intervention training in December 2021 in North Carolina.

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Contributed Williston District 29

Audrey Grimball is Williston-Elko High School's current Global Career Development Facilitator, and has been here since January 2020.

She grew up in North Carolina, and decided to move to South Carolina while in college and continue to live and work here. She decided to work at Williston-Elko as she wanted to work in a small town where everyone knows each other and has a great community.

education, Mrs. Grimball worked in the food and beverage industry as well as the financial industry. So, she has experience in a variety of vocations. In fact, if she of education to enter, she and the community.



would love to work in an apiary or vineyard.

She is someone who loves adventure, as she spends her summers and free time gardening, swimming, bee-Before working in keeping, golfing, hiking, horseback riding, traveling the world, and working on farm and house projects with her family. Audrey Grimball is someone who loves to have fun and works had not chosen the field hard for both the school

## Elko Baptist feeds WEHS staff

Contributed Williston District 29

On Jan. 14, Elko Baptist Church made the faculty and staff of Williston-Elko High School and the Williston-Elko District Office a delicious spaghetti meal complete with salad, bread, pound cake, and sweet tea as a thank you for everything that they do for the students and community.

As the faculty and staff prepared for the coming academic week, they came together to enjoy this meal and to thank the church members for their efforts. Williston-Elko would especially like to thank Pastor Tom Baker, Karen McAlhaney, Jodi Bazzle, Birdie Williams, John Williams, and Ramona Burt. They came not only to serve the meal, but to get to know the faculty and staff of the high school and district better.



Members of Elko Baptist Church (above) fed the faculty and staff of Williston-Elko High School and the district office on Jan. 14 to show their appreciation.



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It is when everyone with each other more that help our students learn



## BREAKING THE COLOR BARRIER

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Baseball Hall of Famer, Jackie Robinson probably changed baseball more than any other player—not by skill alone, but by who he was as a person.

Biographical information on today's page verified by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum: baseballhall.org

## A Rough Beginning

Jack "Jackie" Roosevelt Robinson was born in rural Georgia in 1919. He was the grandson of slaves. His \_\_\_\_\_\_ were sharecroppers, whose lives were not much better than those of his grandparents.

When Jackie was one year old, his father left the family, leaving his mother to \_\_\_\_\_\_ five children alone. His mother took the family and her \_\_\_\_\_\_ for a better life to Pasadena, Calif., where her brother lived. But things weren't always good there either. Jackie could only go to the \_\_\_\_\_ pool one day a week. He had to sit in a special \_\_\_\_\_ at the movie theater. Their white neighbors cursed the Robinsons and even threw rocks at them. Why? Because of the \_\_\_\_\_

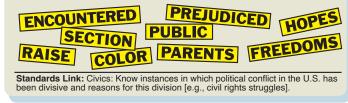
In Jackie Robinson's life, he

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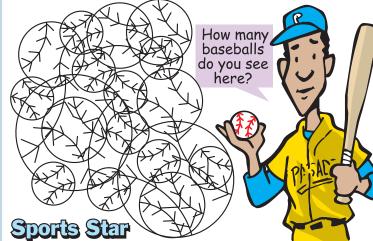
## Sports: A Path to Change

When Jackie started school he found something he was very good at—sports. He liked to play hard. He liked to win. He found out that by winning in sports he got respect from the white children. He liked this feeling and vowed he would always work hard to gain respect.

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By the time he was in high school, Jackie led the football, basketball, baseball and track teams. In 1938, when he was a student at Pasadena Junior College, Jackie led his college teammates to victory in a track meet and a baseball game held 40 miles apart on the same day!

Help Jackie get to the baseball game from the track meet.

### Breaking Baseball's Color Barrier |

After college, Jackie went into the Army. When he got out he signed on with a baseball team in the Negro Leagues. At that time, black players were not allowed in the all-white Major Leagues.

Then, on October 23, 1945 Branch Rickey, the general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, asked Jackie Robinson to play for the Dodgers beginning in 1947. He said it would be difficult to be the first man to end segregation in Major League Baseball.

Standards Link: Civics: Know that civil rights efforts strived to reduce discrepancies between ideals and the reality of American public life.

Rickey said to Jackie ...

I'm looking for a ballplayer with guts enough not to fight back.

What do you think he meant by that?

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write responses to text.

Helping Others

What made Jackie Robinson great is not only what he accomplished for himself, but what he made possible for other people. Search the newspaper to identify individuals who are working to make life better for other people. Name the individuals and then summarize their actions and the possible benefits

to others. Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write summaries of text.

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)Kid Scoop Together: Imbers Game

In baseball, the batting average is defined as the ratio of hits to at bats.

A batting average is a measure of a player's ability to hit. A batting average over .300 is considered to be good, and an average over .400 a nearly unachievable goal. (The last player to hit that mark, with enough at bats to qualify for the batting championship, was Ted Williams of the Boston Red Sox, who hit .406 in 1941.)

Jackie Robinson's career batting average of .311 is still one of the top 100 of all time.

The baseball statistics in the newspaper provide a fun way to practice math skills. Use the following to get yourself started.

#### How do you say a batting average?

- Always say as a three-digit whole number.
- Say the first digit as a single whole number.
- Combine the second and third digits to form a two-digit number.
- For example:
- .274 = two seventy-four .309 = three oh-nine
- .309 = unree on-nine .075 = oh seventy-five

## How do you express the following as a batting average?

- Batting averages are always three digits.
- If you have a two digit number place a zero on the end: .25 becomes .250
- If you have only one digit, place two zeros on the end: .3 becomes .300
- If you have more than three digits look at the fourth digit to determine if you should round the third digit up or keep it the same: .30119 becomes .301 .2348 becomes .235

## How do you calculate a batting average?

- Batting Average (BA) = Hits (H) divided by At Bats (AB) or BA = H/AB.
- If you have a fraction: 1/5 that's the same as saying 1 for 5 or 1 hit for 5 at bats.
- To determine the batting average 1/5 divide the numerator by the denominator to create a decimal. Then say the answer as .200.
- 3 for 8 or 3/8 = .375
- 1 for 4 or 1/4 = .250

## How do you calculate a player's batting average over two games?

- Add the hits from both games together and then add at bats from both games together, next divide the sum of the hits by the sum of the at bats.
- 1 for 4; 3 for 5, first add up the hits 1 + 3 = 4, next add up the at bats 4 + 5 = 9, then divide the sum of the hits 4 by the sum of the at bats 9 or





## **Action News**

Select a photograph in today's sports pages and try to imitate and hold the pose of a person in the photograph. Then, have a friend





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## Pastor's Column: God given wisdom

late Yogi Berra "It's déjà vu all over again."

For many of us, the past two years have been a constant reminder that just when we think we have life figured out, we all have areas of reality has a way of reminding us that isn't the case. During the gather-Thanksgiving ing, a church member remarked that he believed COVID was finally going to fade away. Just a few days later, we learned of a new strain, and it was déjà vu all over again! One thing I have learned both personally and as a pastor over the past two years is that I am not in control of the future.

As I think about what the future holds, there are three questions that for us to learn the lescome to mind for us to ask in the face of such uncertainty. God has questions can help us ask, what is God trying Winning an argument

In the words of the to evaluate the circum- to teach me in this seastances we are in and help us in living with God given wisdom.

> 1) What is God teaching me?

We all need to learn; growth.

In times such as this it is important for us to look for the lessons God is trying to teach us. C.S. Lewis once said, "God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world."

Sometimes, the lessons come easily, other times we are stubborn, and we don't learn the lesson as quickly. God is persistent in doing whatever is necessary sons He wants us to learn. Before we jump to conclusions about what called us as His people other people need to to live wisely in the know, maybe we should another apart over difworld and these three take a few minutes and ferences of opinion.

son of life?

2) How can I be a witness to Christ in this season?

What we do reflects who we serve. The actions and words of our lives can either point people to Jesus or drive folks farther away from Jesus.

Jesus said that we would be known as His disciples by our love for one another. Are our actions and words loving others well or are we living selfishly?

While we may not all agree on the best course of action at times, we can all agree that it is essential that in spite of disagreements that we love one another. We need to be faithful witnesses for Jesus through times such as this.

The Devil would love nothing more than for Christians to tear one



is not important if in the process we lose the chance to point someone to Jesus.

What we say and do matters and if we represent Jesus, we need to really do it.

3) Will it matter in eternity?

This is the question about our priorities. Will the things that we are concerned about today matter in eternity? If the answer is no, then we need to stop worrying. If the answer is yes, then we need to pray and seek God on the issuc.

We do not need to miss out on God's best for our lives because we are too caught up in temporary

to fix our eyes on Jesus and to set our minds on things that are above. We need to live with an eternal perspective.

In the days ahead ask yourselves these three questions and I promise you that God will help you live with wisdom in the days ahead. Take some time as well to meditate on the words of one of my favorite hymns and know that one day we will look back on this time and we will see how God worked and how good and faithful God truly is.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently

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#### For His Glory, Rev. Matt Thomas

Rev. Matt Thomas is the Senior Pastor of The First Baptist Church of Denmark. If you are looking for a church home, FBC Denmark invites you to worship with us on Sundays at 10 a.m. A live stream of our services is available through our church Facebook page or www.fbcdenmark.org.

## Trinity Baptist issues community survey

We, the members of Trinity Baptist Church along with our pastor, have been praying and seeking the Lord's help in how we can enlarge our opportunity to serve our Lord. We are, therefore, seeking ways that we might minister to people in our community.

The question survey we are sending out is for everyone. By giving answers to the questions, we believe it will help you draw nearer to God, and you will give more thanks to Him for His blessings, and will lead all of us to a closer walk with God, and will help all of us serve Him better. It will help us at Trinity Baptist Church to enlarge our ministry and have a greater ministry for our Lord Jesus Christ.

How can we help you and how can you join with us in helping others in our community? To grow in faith & love for Jesus Christ?

Our prayer to God is the same as the Praver Jabez in 1 Chronicles

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on the name of the Lord and ask God's forgiveness for sins and invites Jesus Christ into their heart can be saved.

26. You know you you.

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Not Sure

We believe it would be good to share your answers with a friend. It would be a testimony of your faith in God. This we believe is a good way to share your faith. May God bless all of us as we seek to do His

will. Pastor Rommie Martin (803-259-1326) & members of Trinity

Baptist Church The questions are for your benefit to bring you closer to God.

You agree to let your answers be a witness to others:

This is my testimony! I believe!

If you have no problem answering yes to all these questions, send your questions to a friend.

If you have a problem with the questions, send them to Trinity Baptist church and we can help

4:10. And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying on, that you would bless me indeed and enlarge my territory, that your hand will be with me and that you would keep me from evil and that I may not cause pain! So God granted him what he requested. Our desire at Trinity Baptist Church is that God would enlarge our ministry to help us to minister to more people in our community. Our prayer is that more people will take the journey from knowing about God to knowing God. That is our purpose, our only purpose for these stand what believers questions. If you do not feel free to answer all the questions, answer what you feel in your heart.

May God bless all of us. Thank you for your support.

Return to: **Trinity Baptist Church** 4721 Galilee Rd. Barnwell, SC 29812

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7. Do you believe in a place called Heaven? Yes

No Not Sure

8. Do you believe in a place called Hell? Yes No

Not Sure

9. Do you understand what Hell is going to be like for unbelievers? Yes No

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## Fires: Donations sought to help victims of recent house fires in Williston

FROM PAGE 1A

dispatched for a stove ments responded to 65 fire, but arrived to find Paul Street around 6:30 fire and smoke billowing from the rear of the home. The entire kitchen was engulfed in flames, which also spread to part of the den and attic.

A pot on the stove is being blamed. "The occupant started

smelling something and went in the kitchen where she saw the pot on fire. She tried to move it to the sink, but the grease spilled over and caught fire," said Melton. In the event of a grease fire, Melton encourages people to turn off the stove and cover the pot.

The Red Cross is assisting the family of four who lived in the home. Crystal Brown lived there with her mother, three children, and grandchild. Donations can be made via CashApp to \$H33D100 or by calling Brown at 803-645-8660.

The Elko, Long Branch, and Windsor fire departments assisted Williston.

Just a day later, the Williston and Elko fire departp.m. on Jan. 28 for another house fire.

"Upon arrival heavy fire conditions were encountered in the front and rear of the structure. Crews had to extinguish flames from the exterior before making entry," said Melton.

An electrical issue is being blamed for the fire. "The occupant saw an outlet sparking and then the wall caught on fire," said Melton.

The Red Cross is providing the two residents some help, but occupant Tytavion Williams said he welcomes donations to help him find another place to live. Donations can be made via CashApp to \$Tyrone803.

Around 11:30 a.m. the following day (Jan. 29), firefighters responded to 5237 Highway 37 in Elko for a controlled burn that had gotten out of control. "Units arrived on scene

and found a fast-moving, wind-driven fire headed for some pines and pastures. Due to several homes in the fire's path, the Williston Fire Department was requested to provide extra protection and S.C. Forestry was requested to respond," stated a post on the Elko Fire Department's Facebook page.

S.C. Forestry arrived with three plows and worked with the fire departments to contain the fire, which burned approximately 80 acres.

During the same time, Elko was called for mutual aid assistance for Long Branch Fire Department for another brush fire in which one unit was diverted to help assist.

While it's unusual to have so many fires in a short amount of time, Chief Melton said it's a good reminder to all residents to be prepared in the event of a fire.

This includes having an escape plan that every member of the family knows, including an outside location to meet if a

Animal Shelter

fire happens. Smoke detectors is another important compo-

nent to a home. "I encourage people to have working smoke detectors because they will alert you of a fire and help you get out in time. Smoke detectors alerted one of the occupants recently that their house was on fire," said Melton.

While the other two homes did not have working smoke detectors, Melton said they were fortunately awake and smelled smoke.

Following the recent string of fire, members of the Williston Fire Department came together on Jan. 30 to make sure all equipment was ready for the next call. This included fueling equipment and trucks, cleaning equipment, and ensuring battery-powered equipment was charged.

"It's the little things like this that allow us to have quick and efficient responses," said Melton.

The 32 members of the

Williston Fire Department well County are ready to along with all volunteer serve their community firefighters across Barn- when the call comes.

Firefighters make entry into the attic of a home on Mirror

Drive in Williston after it caught fire Jan. 27.

#### Committee: City council tweaks public participation policy FROM PAGE 2A

Barnwell," Rivera said.

However, McEwen said some business owners who pay city taxes do not live in the city limits. Councilman Ron Still also said the council's decisions affect people who do not live in the city, including people who shop at city businesses.

In the end, council voted to keep the requirement to be a citizen, but added that business own ers and property owners, who do not live in the city, can speak during public participation. Councilman Still made the motion to revise the policy, which was seconded by Councilman Jimbo Moody and approved.

Mayor Rivera said he feels people should have a "stake" in the city in order to speak. If not, then he encourages people to contact him or council



Peggy Kinlaw was elected Jan. 10 by her fellow council members to be the city's new mayor pro-tem. A mayor pro-tem fills in on the mayor's behalf if the mayor is unable to attend or fulfill his futies.

directly.

"All of our numbers and emails are available on the city's website if people want to talk. We are more than willing to take those people's conversations," he said. People-Sentinel The

reached out to the mayors of Blackville and Williston in regards to their public participation policies. They said they are not aware of a policy that limits public participation to just citizens of their towns.

ADOPTABLE PET OF THE WEEK 'Brynn' ready for new home

Brynn is this week's Adoptable Pet of the Week from the Barnwell County Animal Shelter.

Brynn is a beautiful female American Bull Dog. She is about 6 months old and gets long with other dogs.

"Her sister, Bri, is also in the shelter. They are sweet and playful and love attention. Brynn is more laid back than Bri but both get along well as kennel mates. Please

consider giving her an everlasting home with your family," said shelter manager Marlena Ray.

The Barnwell County Animal Shelter is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to meet and greet animals. Stop by to meet Blaire or any of the other adoptable dogs and cats.

Mail donations to 57 Wall St., Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

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#### Feb. 8

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Tuesdays/Thursdays Exercise with Ernie 10-11am

<u>1st Tuesdays</u> Barnwell Development ociation:

Feb. 11 Make Your -Own Take Home Kit

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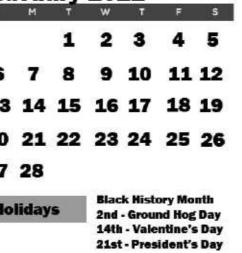
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#### Barnwell United Methodist Church

236 Main Street 803-259-3331 Sunday Services & activities: 9:15 Coffee Fellowship in Crenshaw Hall 10:00 Adult Sunday School in Crenshaw Hall 10:15 Youth Sunday School 11:00 Traditional worship service and Children's Sunday School Monthly activities: United Methodist Women - date announced each month Barnwell Soup Kitchen - 10:45 every 3rd Monday at First

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Sunday Worship 7 p.m.

#### First Baptist Church of Barnwell

161 Allen St, Barnwell, SC 29812 Contemporary Service Sundays 8:30am Traditional Service the parking lot over 90.5

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3rd Wednesdays

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#### Jordan Missionary Baptist

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3223 Highway 37 Williston, SC SUNDAY 9:15am - Sunday school 10:30am - Morning worship service 5:30pm - Bible study 6:45pm - Evening worship service WEDNESDAY 7:00pm - Prayer service

#### Ned Branch Missionary **Baptist Church**

10620 Dunbarton Boulevard., Barnwell Inside Services: Sunday school al. 9 a.m. and services at 10 a.m. Bible study is held Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. Please wear a mask.

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181 Church St, Barnwell, SC 29812Pull up, Park, & Praise 2nd & 4th Sundays 10:00am (803) 259-1385 www.facebook.com/SBCBarnwell

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## Police Chief/Captain or Other Designee

#### Summary Full-time Position

Under supervision of department Chief ec office designed this position requires duries including but no. Emited to administrative and derict support, exclence custofern, grant writing and vicain's advocacy. Administrative Support: Collect, resider, code and enter all incident, arrestbooking and supplemental reports according to state and national standards for classifying, eveling, and reporting, Review all SCIBRS and NIBRS coding, back-up all data and submit mouthly IBR submission to Slod before the 15th of overy menth. Victim's Advocate: Receives and processes Victim Right's Forms and Victim Impact Statements, Reviews statements, police reports, and other documentation to determine the victim's needs, foidence Castediare Response ble for the daily operations of the Evidence/Property Division as wall as the custody and care of property and evidence breath into the Department's possession. Grant Writing: Works with the Police Chief and other department personnel to develop plans for necessary requests for equipment, vehicles personnel, and other items for police department use. Supervisory Responsibilities: None

#### Education and/or Experience

High school diploma or general education degree (GED); or one to three months related expansione and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and



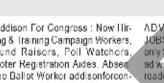
Parks, Recreation & Tourism Director.

Department: Reports To: Employee Status: FLSA Status:

Parks & Recreation Administrator/Council Full-Time Exempt

#### JOB DESCRIPTION

Develops and directs the implementation of goals, objectives. policies, procedures and work standards for the department. Plans and manages a comprehensive citywide recreation



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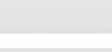
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program including athletic leagues, instructional programs, day camps, and special events. Responsible for developing short and long range planning for a comprehensive citywide recreation program; proposed long range capital improvement and development of facilities, equipment and programs.

Trains, supervises and evaluates work performance of full-time and seasonal personnel; makes recommendations for hiring and termination; prepares schedules and assignments for recreation personnel. Provides for risk management practices; ensures all safety rules, regulations and procedures are followed; makes sure employees are trained in safety procedures. Coordinates tournaments, recreation programs, facilities, and activities for schools, clubs and other area associations.

Prepares and manages annual budget for department. Approves purchases of supplies and operating inventory for recreation programs. Develops alternative funding sources for programs and improvements. Directs efforts to secure available grant monies for various department facilities and programs. Performs public relation duties; responds to complaints; prepares news releases, information and marketing bulletins or other publicity. on recreation activities. Market city for tourism.

Complete job description at: www.cityofbarnwell.com

#### QUALIFICATIONS

Possession of a Bachelor's Degree in Parks and Recreation Administration or closely related field and at least three years of professional experience in parks and recreation management; or any equivalent combination of education and experience which would provide the following knowledge, skills, and abilities: Thorough knowledge of sports, crafts, games and group recreation activities, and participant needs and interests.

Thorough knowledge of the principles and objectives of parks and recreation administration, including capital improvement programming. Thorough knowledge of marketing principles and practices.

Ability to read, analyze, and interpret general business periodicals, professional journals, technical procedures, or governmental regulations. Ability to write reports, business correspondence, and procedure manuals. Ability to effectively present information and respond to questions from groups of managers, clients, customers, and the general public.

PAY INFO: Competitive Salary & Benefits Package available.

HOW TO APPLY: Applications can be obtained at Barnwell City Hall or the city's website. Resumes are accepted but applications are required for complete file.

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## Job Opportunities

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Check online at barnwellcountysc.us for additional information and salary.

Benefits: S.C. State Retirement 2 weeks vacation 13 paid holidays 12 sick days 401K Health, Life, Vision & Dental Insurance

All benefits hegin immediately (Insurance begins 1st of the following month)

You may apply in person at the Barnwell County Administration Building, Human Resources Office, Room 114, 57 Wall Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 or at the S.C. Employment and Workforce Office at 248 Wall Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 .

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experience. Must have great organizational skills, excellent communication skills (both oral and written), must be sensitive to the needs of others and able to work in a frequently changing cuvironment. Valid Driver's License required. Other certifications in related fields are a plot. Employment is contingent upon background investigation, as well as the results of a pre-employment drug screening. Resumes accepted but application must be completed for file.

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## JOB OPENING

Title: Parent Educator, Parents As Teachers, reports to Program Officer, and Executive Director. Hours are Monday-Friday, variable hours, some nights and weekends This is not an exempt, full-time or qualfied for benefits position. There are 3 positions available and we offer a bilingual signing bonus.

Job Summary:

A certified parent educator implements the Parents As Teachers (PAT) model, emphasizing parent child interaction, development-centered parenting and family well-being in their work with families. Utilizing the PAT Foundational Curricula in culturally sensitive ways, the parent educator partners, facilitates, and reflects

with families.

Qualifications:

BA Degree in Early Childhood Education, Human Services, Social Science or related field (minimum AA degree or equivalent experience). Previous experience working with families and young children, 0-5 years old and an ability to speak English and Spanish is preferred. Knowledge of parenting and child development as well as local health and human service systems within Barnwell County is necessary.

Bilingual Signing Bonus:

A S500 signing horus is available to candidates who meet the qualifications of being fluent to read, write, and speak in both English and Spanish. The bonus will be awarded to candidates who are extended a job offer and are onboarded. New hires will receive more information . regarding this signing bonus within their employment offer letter. To Apply: An application packet and complete job description may be obtained by emailing a request to:

info@barnwellfirststeps.org, subject line: "PAT Parent Educator." Applications close February 9, 2022. Barnwell County First Steps is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Barnwell County First Steps, 110 Franklin Street / PO Box 130, Barnwell, SC 29812

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#### LEGALS.

#### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Tiki Series III Trust,

Plaintiff, IN THE COURT OF COM MON PLEAS CASE NO.: 2015 CP 06 00088

NOTICE OF SALE v.Deficiency Judgment Waived Shirley R. Elmore; Defendants.

BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: U.S. Bank Trust National Association as Trustee of the Tiki Series III Trust vs. Shirley R. Elmore, the undersigned Special Referee for Barnwell County, South Carolina, will sell on February 7, 2022 at 11:00 am at the Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street. Barnwell, SC 29812 to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Blackville school District. County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, containing one (1) acre. more or less, as shown on a plat prepared for Leroy H. Elmore and Shirley R. Elmore by J.J. Foy, R.LS., dated September 1, 1987. and recorded September 16, 1987, in Plat Book 2 C, at Page 35, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, said lot be ing bounded, now and formerly, and measures, more or less, as shown on aforesaid plat as follows: Northwest by Road S 6 16 and measuring thereon 210.0 feet; on the Southeast by lands of Napoleon Reed and measuring thereon 210.0 feet; on the North east by lands of Napoleon Reed and measuring thereon 210.0 feet: and on the Southwest by lands of Napoleon Reed and measuring thereon 210.0 feet, all of which boundaries and measurements will be more accurately reflected. by reference to said plat, which is incorporated herein by reference. this is the same premises conveyed to Leray H.

Elmore and Shirley R. Elmore by deed of Napoleon Reed dated April 22, 1981, and recorded May 25, 1981, in Book 16-O, at Page 303, the said Leroy Elmore thereafter conveyed his one-half interest on and to the said property. to Shirley R. Elmore by deed dated July 12, 1994, and recorded July 22, 1994, in Book 267, at Page 239, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County Property Address 1992 Izlar Street, Blackville, SC 29817 TMS No 122-00-00-031 TERMS OF SALE:

The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms

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of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may re-seli the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.625% perannum. The sale shall be subject. to taxes and assessments, exist ing casements and restrictions of record. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Special Referee's Order and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.

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This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination. of the subject property as no warranty is given. Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding, you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of a licensed South Carolina attorney.

McMichael Taylor Gray, LLC Pamela Price (SC Bar No. 14336), pprice@mtglaw.com John P. Fetner (SC Bar No. 77460), jfetner@mtglaw.com Brian L. Campbell (SC Bar 74521), bcampbell@mtglaw.com 3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260 Peachtree Corners, GA 30092 Telephone: (404) 474 7149 Facsimile: (404) 745-8121 Attorneys for Plaintiff 2022-9 3tc 02-02-22

#### NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL AC-TION NO. 2020-CP-03-00284 BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust vs. Any heirs-at-law or devisees of Sam William Bradley a/k/a Sam Wi Bradley a/k/a Sam Bradley a/k/a Samuel Bradley a/k/a Billy Bradley a/k/a William Bradley, deceased; their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them, all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a

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class designated as Richard Roc; and any unknown minors, incompotent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doc.; The United States of America, act ing by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the undersigned Master In Equity for Allendale County, South Carolina, will sell on February 7, 2022 at 11:00 AM, or on another date, thereafter as approved by the Court, at the Courthouse, Town of Allendale, State of South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND, LO-CATED IN THE TOWN OF FAIR. FAX, COUNTY OF ALLENDALE, SOUTH CAROLINA TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDING AND IM-PROVEMENTS THEREON, CON SISTING OF THE NORTHERN TWENTY FEET (201) OF LOT NO. FOUR (4) AND ALL OF LOT NO. FIVE (5) IN BLOCK SEVENTY. SEVEN (77), AS SHOWN ON A PLAT MADE BY GEORGE DALE WADLEY OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR BARNWELL COUNTY IN DEED BOOK 6B AT PAGES 482-483. SAID PLAT WAS RECORDED IN BARNWELL COUNTY IN 1891 BECAUSE AT THE TIME ALLENDALE COUNTY. DID NOT YET EXIST AND THE PROPERTY WAS THEN PART OF BARNWELL COUNTY. REFER-ENCE IS ALSO MADE TO A PLAT RECORDED AUGUST 31, 1959 IN ALLENDALE COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK 6B AT PAGE 61 WHICH ALSO DEPICTS THE REFER ENCED LOTS AND BLOCK SAID LOT IS BOUNDED NOW OR FORMERLY AS FOLLOWS, TO WIT: ON THE NORTH BY THE ESTATE OF LOADHOLT FOR A DISTANCE OF ONE HUNDRED. (100") FEET; ON THE EAST BY A TWENTY (201) FOOT ALLEYWAY FOR A DISTANCE OF SEVENTY (70) FEET; ON THE SOUTH BY ÎIARRY SULLIVAN FOR A DIS-IANCE OF ONE HUNDRED (100') FEET; AND ON THE WEST BY PICKENS AVENUE FOR A DIS-TANCE OF SEVENTY (Y0) FEET. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO SAM WILLIAM BRADIEY BY DEED OF THE ESTATE OF LAWRA BELL B. WRIGHT DATED ANGUST 29, 2001 AND RECORDED AUGUST 28, 2001 IN ROOK 145 AT PAGE 151 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEFDS ALLEN-DALE COUNTY.

CURRENT ADDRESS OF PROP-ERTY: 314 Pickens Avenue N, Fairfax, SC 29827

TMS: 123-07-07-00

TERMS OF SALE. The successful older, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master In Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but in the case of noncompliance to be forfeited and first applied to the costs incurred by the Plaintiff related to the sale and the balance then applied to the Plaintiff's debt in a manner suitable to he Plaintiff Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master Inouity may re-self the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day No. personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed The successful bidder will be required to pay interest. on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 1.19% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing casements and restrictions, easements and restrictions of record and any other senior encumbrances In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order. The Honorable Walter H. Sanders, Jr

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file. their claims on FORM #3/1ES with the Probate Court of Allendale County, the address of which is 292 Barnwell Highway. Allendale, S.C. 29810, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Greditors or within one (1) year from date. of death, whichever is earlier. (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #3/1ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Gloria Ann Robinson Date of Death: January 1, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00002 Personal Representative: Betty Bradicy

Address: 279 17th Street East, Fairfax, S.C. 29827

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#### Estate Melba Miller Free

Date of Death: December 7, 2021 Case Number 2021 FS 06 00258 Personal Representative: Robert C Free

Address: 8622 Glascow Island Lane, Edisto Island, S.C. 29438 January 19, 26; February 2, 2022 2022-17 3tp 02-02-22

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claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Barbara Rosier Croft aka Barbara Nicewanner

Date of Death: November 23, 2021 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00005 Personal Representative: Court ncy Croft

Address: 185 Starling Road, Barn well, S.C. 29812

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Estate: Melvin Schrock

Date of Death: December 30, 2021 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00008 Personal Representative: Inal Schrock

Address: 881 Hilda Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812

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Estate Charlotte Perkins Kirkland Date of Death: December 16, 2021 Case Number 2022 FS 03 00001 Personal Representative: John F Kirkland

Address: P.O. Box 3942, Allendale, S C - 29810 February 2, 9, 16, 2022 2022-23 3tp 02-16-22

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Master In Equity for Allendale County Brock & Scott, PLLC 3800 Fernandina Road, Suite 110 Columbia, SC 29210 Attorneys for Plaintiff Phone 803-454-3540 Fax 803-454-3541 2022-15 3tc 02-02-22

name and address of the claimant the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim

Estate: Albert Martin Collins Date of Death December 8, 2021 Case Number: 2021 ES 06 00244 Personal Representative Jeffery Collins Address 2725 Friendship Road,

Barnwell, S.C. 29812 Attorney J. Martin Harvey Address: P.O. Box 705, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 January 19, 26, February 2, 2022 2022-18 3tc 02-02-22

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mental Control for a Groundwater Withdrawal Permit, under the Groundwater Use and Reporting Act for one (1) proposed agricultural irrigation well located at approximately N 33 256136' W 81.252414' in Barnwell County, S.C. A proposed maximum groundwater withdrawal of 21.7 million gallons per year from the Gordon aquifer has been developed from calculated water use requirements for (1) total agricultural irrigation well on approximately 40 acros. Additional information concerning this application may be obtained from Courtney Kemmer by calling (803) 898-3952 or email at kommerca@dhec.sc.gov. SCDHEC invites and will receive commonts on the application until March 3rd, 2022, close of business day, 5:00pm EST. Please submit comments to SCDHEC/ Bureau of Water, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, attention Couriney Kemmer, Interested parties wishing to be notified of the final permit decision must make comment on the application and/or make a request to receive notice of the final decision and must provide SCDHEC with a correct name and mailing address 2022-24 1tp 02-02-22

