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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, Jan. 29 outside the Lucky Spot on Kelly Street. Officers found

Odom lying in the middle of 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 Medical Center in Augusta, Ga. where she later died from her injuries, said Barnwell County

Coroner Denise Gibson. An 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 anybody at this point. It's a sad testimony to the times

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-



Latrisha Renee Lawrence

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

Fires displace three 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 neighboring 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.

The first fire broke out around 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.

"An interior attack was



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 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 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

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Dr. Shaw to lead consolidated school district

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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 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.

Assisting Shaw will be 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 Corder.

Likewise, Shaw was complimentary of her counterpart. "Mr. Corder has been invaluable to me during this process. I have felt 150 per-



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



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

cent supported by him. He has an unwavering love for 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 transition.

"I want to do my best for both communities because I love them both," said Corder, who has ties to both Black-

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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 non-residents 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 Kears, Shelby Broomfield, and Rodney Croft.

The committee's role is to provide "judicious advice" from the per-



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



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

Photos Courtesy: Melissa Roberts



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



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

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

"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

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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 strongly 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 tremendous learning 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 payments for school children in the district.

"Blackville-Hilda Public Schools is the smallest 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 Barnwell School District 45 in Barnwell County, 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

essential operations necessary 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 during COVID-19."

Dr. Marcella Shaw, Superintendent of Williston School District 29 in Barnwell County, similarly noted the essential functions of PILT payments.

"The PILT funds are 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' letter further expands 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 for PILT payments to our

communities."

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 District 45; and Marcella

Shaw, Ed.D., Williston School District 29.

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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.

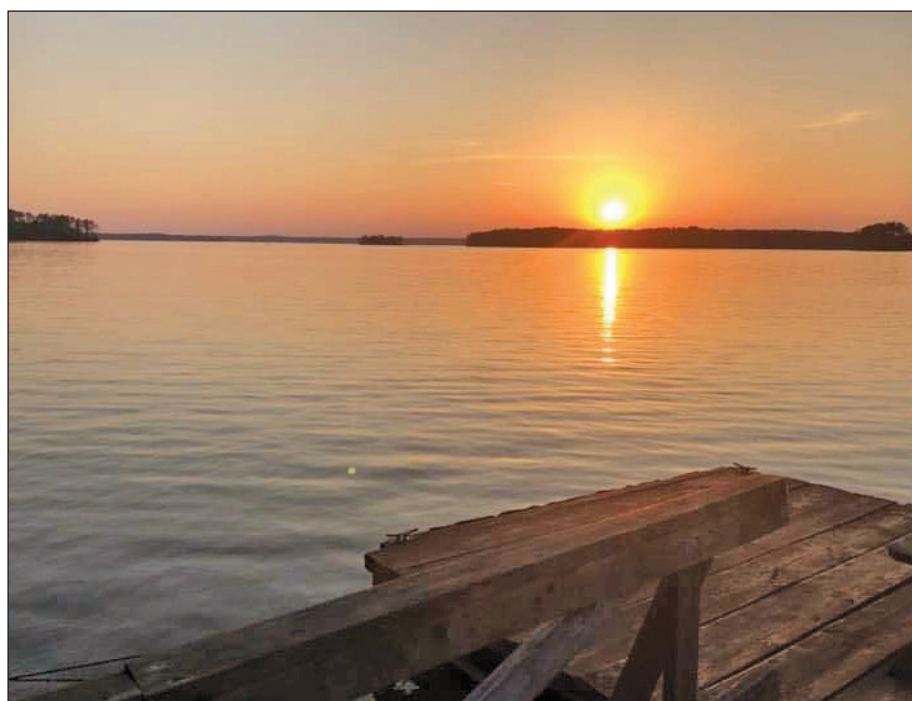
Months passed after our breakup, and slowly but surely, I had a revelation. I held Romance too highly in my life. She was a goddess that I worshipped, and as I had seen from the relationship, it wasn't everything it was cracked up to be.

So I took my goddess, Romance, and buried her. To quote Poe's "Annabel Lee," I "shut her up in a sepulcher/In this kingdom 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 God-given gift, one to make the love between a man and woman flourish. It's not something to be ignored. Yet it shouldn't



be worshipped. Rational 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 it only leads to unhappi-

ness in the realm of love to be too much on one side.

Now that I have gained this wisdom, I am now on a personal quest to regain some of the Romance that I left buried

by the sea. Not to resurrect her as a goddess, but to have her as a companion in search for a mate, as well as to have as a companion in life itself. Because isn't it so 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 rose-petal 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 7 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, ill-tempered 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 lackiness 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, I watched the Judge Jerry Springer show. Judge Jerry was hearing a suit brought



Phil Hudgins
Columnist

by a magician against another magician, using the 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, and—talk 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 takes 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 Detention Center (ACDC), "Mental health courts were developed in response to the inability of



Dr. Greg Smith

Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health

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 Judge of Probate in Aiken County, told me that she as quite encouraged by the program 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 team must agree that the person is appropriate for the program. The offender must admit guilt and voluntarily 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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If you're like me, you're just tired. Tired of everything covid. If you're vaxed or not, you can agree that covid and its variants have affected each of us in many ways. I no longer care about checking off my to do list. Rather, my list is of what I can do. I find myself saying, "so what, does it really matter."

Instead of enjoying my hobbies I find myself watching tv



Paulette Rooney
Columnist

more and more. Yes, there are 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

on comfort food and then feel 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

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.

We are all together in this fight for life, sanity and health. I look forward to what's coming with faith in my heart and a prayer on my lips.

God bless.

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

Dawn Reitz weds Jonathan Vickery

Dawn Reitz and Jonathan Vickery, both of Barnwell, were united in marriage on December 18, 2021, at First Baptist Church of Barnwell. The Rev. Dr. Bart Kelley officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

The bride wore a white floor-length dress that was accented with a red sash. The bride carried a bouquet of silk red and white flowers accented with pinecones and berries for a touch of Christmas.

Andrea Crowell (best friend of 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 confetti as the couple made their

exit from the church where the City of Barnwell's historic "Big Bertha" fire truck was waiting to take them away. The fire truck 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 reception 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 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 Dr. Tim and Debbie Phillips of

Columbia. She's the granddaughter of the late Wyatt and Alberta Campbell and the late Dr. Baxter and Wanda Phillips, all of Florida.

She is employed by Barnwell School District 45 as a band director.

The groom is the son of Charles 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 Greenville.

He is publisher and owner of *The People-Sentinel* in Barnwell.

The couple enjoyed a Christmas honeymoon in Stowe, Vermont, where the picturesque views of snow-covered mountains and quaint towns made them feel like they were in a Hallmark movie.

The couple resides in Barnwell with their cat Brahms.

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



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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.



Hannah Gibson weds Jose Miranda Diaz

Hannah Gibson of Orlando, Fla. (formerly of Barnwell, S.C.) and Jose Miranda Diaz of Orlando, Fla. were united in marriage on Nov. 5, 2021 at Maitland Art & History Museum. The Rev. Michelle Jarnigan officiated.

The bride was given 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 of ivory roses and hydrangeas.

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

Bridesmaids were

Sara Wieser (sister of the bride), Laura Williams (cousins of the bride), Britney Smith (friend of the bride), and Aurora Rodzianko (niece of the bride).

Nieces Anya Rodzianko and Savannah Wieser served as flower girls.

Thiago Rodriguez (friend's son) served as ring bearer.

Javier Rodriguez (friend of the groom) served as best man.

Groomsmen were Jonathan Cintron (friend), Adalberto Rivera (brother), Eric Flores (friend), Dale Wesenberg (friend), and Gustavo Herrera (friend).

Following the wed-

ding a reception was held at Maitland Art & History Museum.

The bride is the daughter of Wendy and Mary Beth Gibson of Barnwell, S.C.

She is a 2005 graduate of Barnwell High School and is currently employed by Carlo's Bakery.

The groom is the son of Juan Carlos Miranda and Sonia Diaz Lopez of Humacao, Puerto Rico.

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.

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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 E. 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 grandchildren: 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, and friends.

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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.

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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 late 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.

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Elizabeth "Lib" Tanner

WILLISTON - Funeral services for Mary Elizabeth White "Lib" Tanner, 91, of Williston, were held at 11 o'clock a.m., Saturday, January 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.

Mrs. Lib passed away on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. 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 "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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Cornelia Fail Green

WILLISTON - Cornelia Fail Green, 98, passed away Wednesday, 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 service 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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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, Williston. 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).

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Obituaries

Richard Creech



BLACKVILLE - Funeral services for Richard Alan Creech, 74, of Blackville, were held at 3 o'clock p.m., Thursday, 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 Jr.

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

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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 airport. 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 sister-in-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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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 Moyer C. "Pete" Sanders Jr. and the late Genevieve "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 preceded by his mother and his brother, Adam Sanders.

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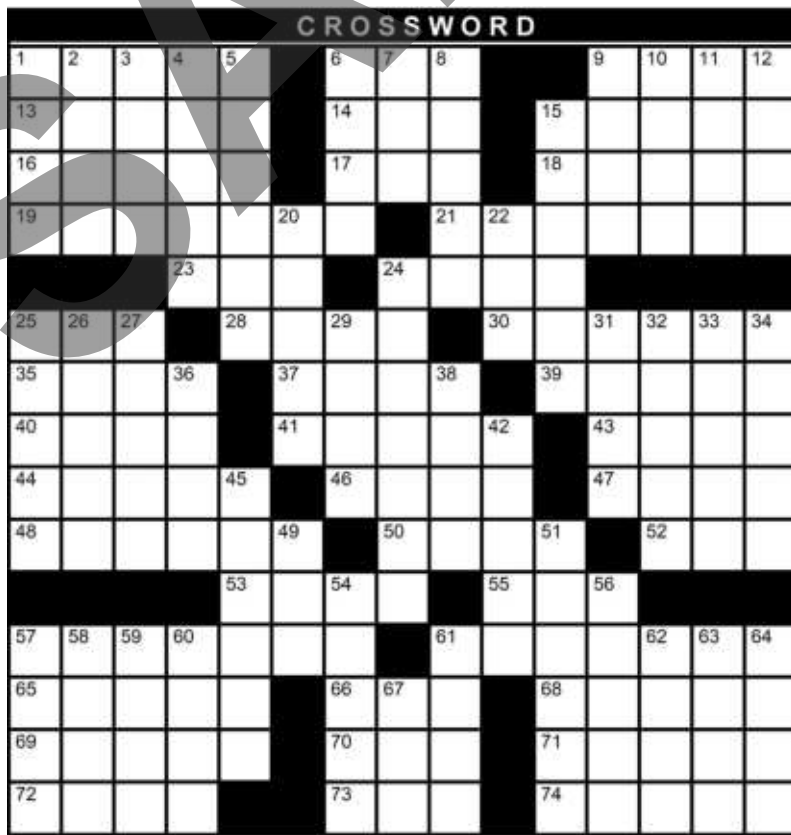
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- 6. Accounting acronym
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- 13. Branch of economics
- 14. All talk, no action type of service
- 15. Relating to symmetry, in geometry
- 16. Base-8 numeral system
- 17. "___ the land of the free..."
- 18. Lots and lots
- 19. *Actor Ryan of "Blue Valentine"
- 21. *Desdemona's suspicious husband
- 23. Big fuss
- 24. Nose-in-the-air type
- 25. Uber alternative
- 28. One on a pedestal
- 30. Moderately wide
- 35. Eye layer
- 37. Twelfth month of Jewish year
- 39. Cheese-covered chip
- 40. Popped relief?
- 41. *"Love, ___" movie
- 43. Splints site
- 44. Muhammad's teachings
- 46. Orchestra instrument
- 47. Past of heave
- 48. Avoids work, in British slang
- 50. Give off
- 52. Dose of sunshine
- 53. Back seat
- 55. Hair-raising product
- 57. ___ valentine, an opposite of love note
- 61. English author perhaps best known for "The Canterbury Tales"
- 65. Like Mary-Kate and Ashley
- 66. Pooh's "wise" friend
- 68. Bring to an end
- 69. Potassium nitrate
- 70. Farm sound
- 71. Arm bones
- 72. Back talk
- 73. Uniting conjunction
- 74. Imposter

DOWN

- 1. Smoke plus fog
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- 3. Parts of a play
- 4. ___-___-la
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- 22. Pull along
- 24. Dormant state
- 25. *Famous archer
- 26. Dispatch boat
- 27. "___ and whistles"
- 29. Hodgepodge
- 31. Mr. and Mrs. Incredible's son
- 32. Blood of the gods, Greek mythology
- 33. Seven days postmortem
- 34. *Hive-related endearment
- 36. Unfortunately, exclamation
- 38. Rumpelstiltskin machine
- 42. Stallion's cry
- 45. Business combination
- 49. Old Man's turf, according to Hemingway
- 51. Darjeeling server
- 54. Smell, usually pleasant
- 56. Calms
- 57. Ford Transit and such
- 58. Pelvic parts
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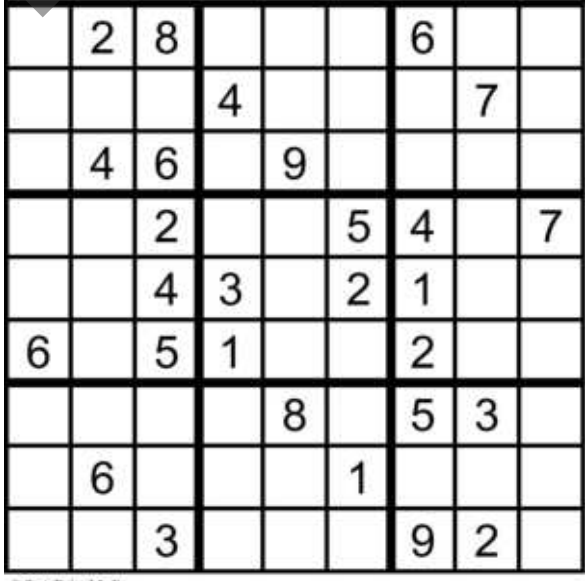
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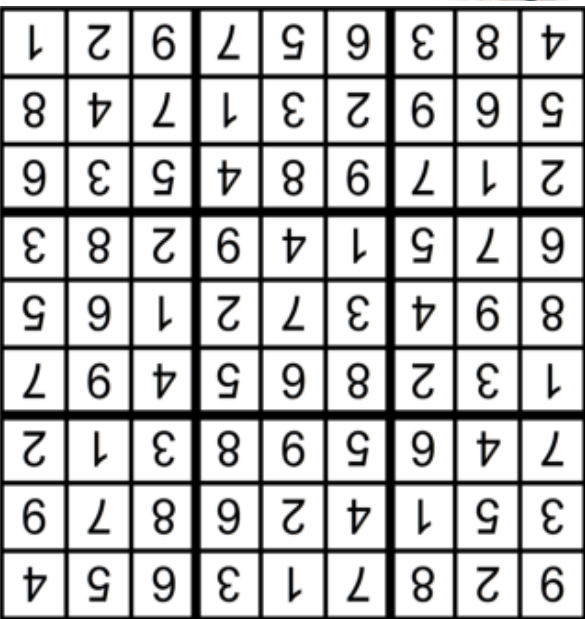


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Leaders: Dr. Shaw named interim superintendent of consolidated school district

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ville and Williston. He has worked in Blackville-Hilda Public Schools his entire 35-year career, but he 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.

Representatives from both districts have been

meeting together regularly to discuss what the new district will look like. This includes budget discussions 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 comment on specifics since the board 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 and I think everybody will be pleased in the end.

Hopefully people will embrace it," said Corder.

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 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 held the second and

fourth Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m., but the 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 came after the federal

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, state-of-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

teachers and school leaders to Barnwell County," 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 their districts.

Backlog: COVID testing turnaround times return to normal

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around times," Murdock said. "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

expand our infrastructure 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."

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tor Louis Eubank said the 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," Eubank said. "We thank all of our vendors for work-

ing diligently to provide 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

to call 1-888-697-9004 or email ACC-Testing-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

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

Free at-home tests also are available from DHEC'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 Tip:

If you are selling your home, be very careful of the smells. A smelly house will turn a buyer away from even the best house. If you know your house is showing, stay away from strong cooking smells like fish or fried foods. Also, keep scented plugins in your home so you are always ready for a last-minute buyer.



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Buyer Tip:

Things you need to be prepared to pay during the home buying process:

- Appraisal Fee
- Earnest Money
- Inspection Cost (home inspection, termite inspection)
- Lender Fees
- Attorney Fees
- Down payment

It is important to take into consideration the upfront cost of buying a home and not just focus on the monthly payment.

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

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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.

Embassy, representatives 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

amazing experience that 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 represent

Swiss Krono at this event and a huge learning experience for our young apprentice, TyZavier," said Mankin.

The apprenticeship partnership between Barnwell School District 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-

tices for high school students 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 Parmelin, Martina 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 Loyd - Department of Education.
- **Swiss Companies in the U.S.:** Martin Ritter - CEO Stadler, Andre Kudelski - CEO Nagra, Todd Mankin - Training Coordinator Swiss Krono.
- **U.S. Companies:** 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.

The Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI) training taught not only teachers, but social workers and other mem-

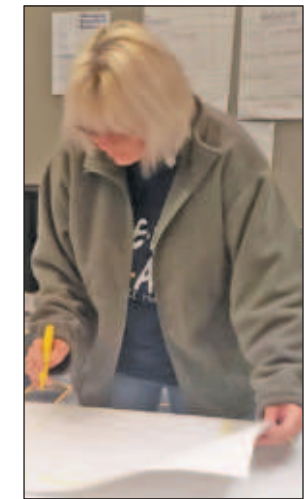


bers of schools and organizations, techniques that can be used to help

either prevent or de-escalate a crisis to prevent or reduce harm to any-



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



one involved. These techniques will be brought to the staff

and faculty members of Williston School District 29 so as to help them

learn how to prevent or reduce moments of crisis.

D29 Staff Spotlight: Audrey Grimbball

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Williston District 29

Audrey Grimbball 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.

Before working in education, Mrs. Grimbball 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 had not chosen the field of education to enter, she



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, beekeeping, golfing, hiking, horseback riding, traveling the world, and working on farm and house projects with her family. Audrey Grimbball is someone who loves to have fun and works hard for both the school and the community.

Elko Baptist feeds WEHS staff

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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 McAlhane, 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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with each other more that we can come together to

help our students learn and keep them safe.

Kid Scoop

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Kid Scoop Together: Numbers Game

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

Jackie Robinson

BREAKING THE COLOR BARRIER

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.

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 _____ of their skin.

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.

In Jackie Robinson's life, he _____ many people who were _____ against blacks. They felt that black people should not have the same _____ as white people.

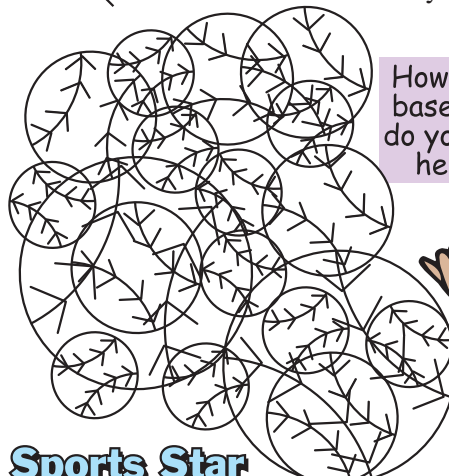
The baseball knocked some words out of this story. Find where each word belongs.



Standards Link: Civics: Know instances in which political conflict in the U.S. has been divisive and reasons for this division [e.g., civil rights struggles].

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.



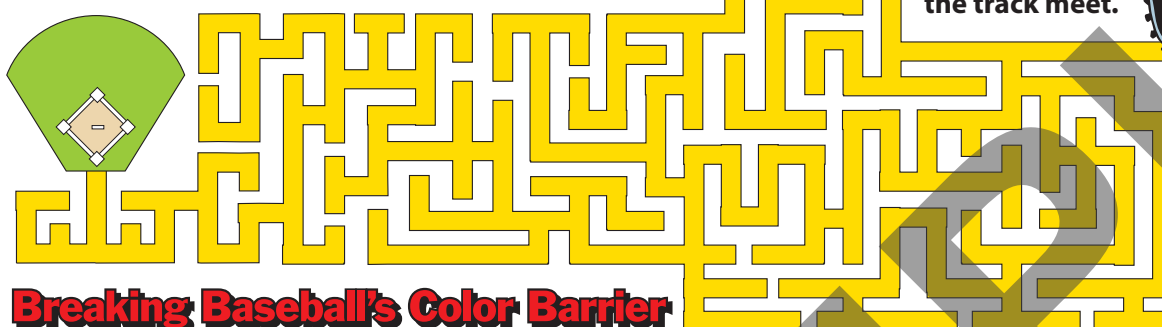
How many baseballs do you see here?

Sports Star

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.

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.

Extra! Extra! 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.

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 .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 4/9 = .444.
- 0 for 2; 3 for 7 = 3 for 9 or 3/9 = .333
- 2 for 3; 1 for 4 = 3 for 7 or 3/7 = .429

Standards Link: Number Sense: Understand the relationship between fractions and percent; calculate problems using division; read decimals and percents; round numbers to the nearest 1,000.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

A Timeline of Ending Segregation

In 1947, Jackie Robinson was ahead of his time when it came to ending segregation in Major League Baseball. Use the code to find out the order in which the following were integrated.

CODE	0 = ▼	5 = ★
	1 = ◆	6 = ✕
	2 = ⋈	7 = ↗
	3 = *	8 = ■
	4 = ♥	9 = ▲

◆ ▲ ♥ ■ U.S. Armed Forces are integrated

◆ ▲ ★ ♥ Segregated schools declared illegal

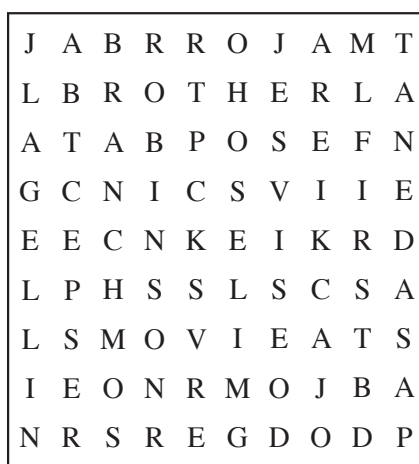
◆ ▲ ★ ▲ The last Major League Baseball team is integrated

Standards Link: History: Students know that a timeline records significant events in chronological order.

Double Double Word Search

- ILLEGAL
- PASADENA
- BROTHER
- RESPECT
- MAJOR
- BRANCH
- FIRST
- DODGERS
- MOVIE
- SKIN
- JACKIE
- MILES
- ROOSEVELT
- POSE
- ROBINSON

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

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



What is a baseball dog?

Write On!

Leadership

What are the qualities of a good leader? Who do you know that is a good leader?



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Pastor's Column: God given wisdom

In the words of the 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, reality has a way of reminding us that isn't the case. During the Thanksgiving gathering, 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 come to mind for us to ask in the face of such uncertainty. God has called us as His people to live wisely in the world and these three questions can help us

to evaluate the circumstances we are in and help us in living with God given wisdom.

1) What is God teaching me?

We all need to learn; we all have areas of 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 for us to learn the lessons He wants us to learn. Before we jump to conclusions about what other people need to know, maybe we should take a few minutes and ask, what is God trying

to teach me in this season 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 another apart over differences of opinion. Winning an argument



Rev. Matt Thomas
Denmark First Baptist Church

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 issue.

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

things. Scripture tells us 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

sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been Granted in what He ordaineth? Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee; Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee. Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him; Let the Amen sound from His people again, Gladly for aye we adore Him.

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.fbdenmark.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 Prayer of Jabez in 1 Chronicles 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 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.
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1. Do you believe in the God of Heaven?

Yes
No
Not Sure

2. Do you believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God?

Yes
No
Not Sure

3. Do you believe all things were created by God?

Yes
No
Not Sure

4. Do you believe the church is good for our community?

Yes
No
Not Sure

5. Do you believe our world would be better if more people attended church?

Yes
No
Not Sure

6. Do you believe in eternal life?

Yes
No
Not Sure

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
Not Sure

10. Do you understand what believers can anticipate in Heaven?

Yes
No
Not Sure

11. Do you believe Heaven is an actual place and not simply a state of mind?

Yes
No
Not Sure

12. Where do Christians go when they die? Is he at home with the Lord?

Yes
No
Not Sure

13. Do you believe we will know one another in Heaven?

Yes
No
Not Sure

14. When a Christian dies he immediately experiences the joy of Heaven?

Yes
No
Not Sure

15. I believe we will have a body in Heaven and never be without a body?

Yes
No
Not Sure

16. You believe Jesus Christ is coming again?

Yes
No
Not Sure

17. Do you believe all

the words of the Bible are true?

Yes
No
Not Sure

18. Do you believe the Ten Commandments should be taught in all of our schools?

Yes
No
Not Sure

19. You believe parents should have input into what is being taught in our schools?

Yes
No
Not Sure

20. I believe good works cannot earn your salvation?

Yes
No
Not Sure

21. Do you believe that anyone who calls on the name of the Lord and ask God's forgiveness for sins and invites Jesus Christ into their heart can be saved.

Yes

No
Not Sure

22. Do you want your life to be a witness for God and you want Him to enlarge your territory, your opportunity to serve Him?

Yes
No
Not Sure

23. Will you pray for our community to be more faithful to God?

Yes
No
Not Sure

24. Do you believe in our day Christians need to pray more and do more for Jesus Christ?

Yes
No
Not Sure

25. If opportunity comes, could you lead someone to Jesus Christ?

Yes
No
Not Sure

26. You know you

have a home in Heaven?

Yes
No
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 you.

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

FROM PAGE 1A

dispatched for a stove fire, but arrived to find 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 depart-

ments responded to 65 Paul Street around 6:30 p.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 \$Tyron803.

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 head-

ed 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

fire happens.

Smoke detectors is another important component 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



Firefighters make entry into the attic of a home on Mirror Drive in Williston after it caught fire Jan. 27.

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

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 Marlana 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.

Contact the shelter at 803-259-1656 or animalshelter@barnwellsc.com.



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 owners 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 duties.

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.

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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.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My name:

Kid Scoop Junior

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A Nose for Ns

Natty Nan can spot an N as fast as can be. How many words that start with N do you see? Circle each one!



My Rhyme Time

Eight fingers, ten toes,
Two eyes, and one nose.
Baby said, when she smelt the rose,
"Oh! What a pity
I've only one nose."

My Letters

N is for Nose

n is for nose



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter N. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the N sound like the word nose?

My Numbers

How many 9s?
nines

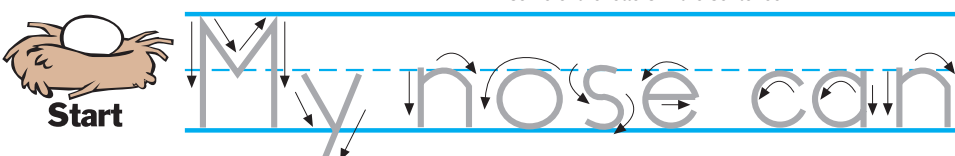
How many nickles?



Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



Sunday
Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with or include the same sound as the letter N in nose.

Monday
Math Play
Point to the number 9 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

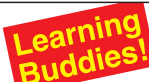
Tuesday
What's that smell?
With your child, look through the newspaper and circle in yellow all the pictures of things you think smell good. Circle in red all of the things you think smell bad.

Wednesday
Tear It Up!
The simplest small motor exercise you can do with your child is tearing the newspaper. Let your child tear out shapes and then glue the torn pieces onto a piece of paper to make a picture. Black construction paper sets off the pictures well.

Thursday
Nine Noses
Find and cut out nine noses from the newspaper. Glue the nine noses onto one sheet of paper. Find and cut out a large number 9 and glue it on the paper also.

Friday
Find the 9s
With your child try and find nine 9s on one page of the newspaper. Connect the nine 9s to make a connect-the-dots picture.

Saturday
Deliver the Newspaper
Have your child practice tossing a folded newspaper to different spots in the house. For example, onto a bed, next to a table, onto the front steps.



Kid Scoop Junior comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.

Step by Step Success 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

Learning Buddy's signature

Date

FEBRUARY

This Week's Featured Events

FAMILY Game Night

Join us for community fun!

1st FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Where: Country Cupboard

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Cost: FREE



February 2022

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

Holidays

Black History Month
2nd - Ground Hog Day
14th - Valentine's Day
21st - President's Day

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Do you have an announcement you would like published?

If so, please email the information to jvickery@the-peoplesentinel.com or fax it to (803) 259-2703.

Activities

Barnwell Library

Feb. 3 & 10
VIRTUAL STORY TIME
 Our weekly story time will be posted on our Facebook page: @librarybarnwell. Appropriate for all ages.

Feb. 8
 Make Your -Own Take Home Kit
 Love Bug Kit- Appropriate for ages K-5.

Feb. 11
 Make Your -Own Take Home Kit
 Valentine Card Kit- Appropriate ages 6 and up.

ADULTS
Feb. 7
 Friends of the Library Annual Meeting
 4:30 in the Community Room

Blackville Library

Hours of Operation
Mon, Tues, Thurs 10am-1pm; 2pm-6pm
 Register for up to four, 45 minute sessions on the public computers.

Williston Library

Hours of Operation
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-1pm; 2pm-6pm
 Register for up to four, 45 minute sessions on the public computers.

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Mondays-Fridays 8:30am - Noon
 Golden Retreat Activity Center (59 Callahan Circle, Blackville)

Daily
 Coffee Club & Current Events
 8:30am-9:30am

Mondays
Health Topic
 9:30-10:00am
Tai Chi
 10:00-10:30am
AARP Topic
 10:30-11:00am

Tuesdays/Thursdays
Exercise with Ernie
 10-11am

Ringo
 11am

Wednesdays
 Phoenix Project
 10-11am

Fridays
 Computer Tech
 9:30-10am
Book Read
 10-11am
Crafts
 11-Noon

Museums

Barnwell Museum
 Tues, Wed, Thurs Noon-4pm
 Self-guided tours are offered
 Register at the office building
 803-259-1916

Blackville Museum
 Open by appointment only until further notice.
 Please call 803-284-3267 to schedule a visit.

BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY

Join us for our Annual Meeting

February 7th at 4:30pm

at the

Barnwell County Public Library

40 Burr Street

Barnwell, SC 29812

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www.abbe-lib.org/friends

SHOP LOCAL

Barnwell County!

This Valentine's Day!

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Meetings

1st Tuesdays
Barnwell Development Association:
 For small business owners & representatives with a passion to SHOP LOCAL. Would love to hear your ideas for promoting small businesses in Barnwell County.
20 Wall St, Barnwell
 8:00am

3rd Wednesdays
The Barnwell Non-Profit Roundtable
 All Non-Profits are invited to attend to get to know various organizations and serve our community. We discuss problems, hopes, what's working and what is not.
The Community Room, Barnwell County Library
 8-9am

Nominations

January 1-March 1
Hall of Fame Applications
 Blackville Public Schools Alumni Association, Inc. (BPSAA) Hall of Fame applications are available. For more information, please email us at bvillepublicalumniasoc@gmail.com

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Feb. 25
8th Annual Barnwell County Animal Shelter Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
 Lunch: 11am-1pm/Dinner: 5pm-7:30pm
 Dine-in, Carry-out, or Delivery
 \$8 per plate - spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and dessert (vegetarian sauce available)
El Bab Shrine Club, 571 Patterson Mill Rd., Barnwell, SC 29812

Fundraisers

Volunteers

Feb. 4
Bamberg County Canoe/Kayak River Trip
Volunteers Appreciation Dinner
 RSVP: Jerry Bell (text or call 803-300-1972 or email lgbell@mindspring.com)
Buck Ridge Plantation, 231 Gun Dog Trail, Neeses, SC
 Doors open at 5pm, meal at 6pm

Faith

Anglican Church of the Holy Apostles
 228 Hagood Ave.
 Holy Eucharist service Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Morning prayer/breakfast service at 8 a.m.
 Vicar Bill Clarkson

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

Baptist
 Crochet Comforters - 10:00 on 4th Saturday

Bells Chapel Pentecostal Holiness
 83 Week Ave. Olar
 Sundays - 10:30am
 Pastor Thomas Caldwell - calth02@yahoo.com
 (803) 335-9121, (803) 671-6369

Boiling Springs Chapel
 5475 Boiling Springs Rd., Barnwell
 Sunday Worship 7 p.m.

Center of Hope Community Fellowship
 Winton Inn Conference Room
 8-9pm on Tuesdays
 7pm on Sundays

Christ Presbyterian Church
 848 Hagood Ave., Barnwell
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Bible Study Wednesday 6 p.m.
 803-259-5633

First Baptist Church of Barnwell
 161 Allen St, Barnwell, SC 29812
 Contemporary Service
 Sundays 8:30am
 Traditional Service
 Sundays 11:00am
 Watch on facebook or listen in the parking lot over 90.5

Friendship Baptist Church Sunday School
 5801 Friendship Rd, Barnwell, SC 29812
 Sundays - Assembly 9:45am, Sunday School at 10am, Worship at 11am
 Discipleship Training
 Sundays - 6pm, Worship at 7pm

Hope Community Church of God.
 785 Main St., Barnwell.
 Sunday School 10:00am
 Sunday Worship 11:00am
 Wednesday Service 7pm

Jordan Missionary Baptist
 200 Skyland Farm Road, Williston
 Sunday School
 2nd - 5th Sundays 9:30am
 Worship
 2nd-5th Sundays 10:30am
 Please wear a mask.

Long Branch Baptist church
 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 at 9 a.m. and services at 10 a.m.
 Bible study is held Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. Please wear a mask.

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

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
 Snelling
 Park & Praise Service
 2nd & 4th Sundays - 10:00am
 Face masks should be worn at all times.

TO BE INCLUDED IN OUR

CHURCH DIRECTORY

contact: barnwell@thepeople-sentinel.com



