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## One person dies in house fire

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A house fire that left one person dead is under investigation in Williston.

The Williston Fire Department was called to respond to a house fire at 1661 Elko Street at 1:12 a.m. after a neighbor called 911 to report smoke coming from the residence.

"We arrived and had heavy fire in the front of the residence and through the roof. Crews made entry into the home to do a fire attack and search," said Williston Fire Chief John Melton.

The search led to the discovery of a victim, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

An autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday in Newberry to positively identify the victim, said Barnwell County Coroner

Denise Gibson.

The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office, State Law Enforcement Division (SLED), and the S.C. Fire Marshal's Office are working together to investigate the fire.

"Nothing suspicious has been noticed at this time. The fire's cause is still undetermined pending the outcome of the investigation," said Melton.

Fire officials believe the fire started in the home's

bedroom.

Firefighters were on scene within seven minutes of the 911 call and had the fire contained in about 15 minutes, said Melton. They were on scene until 7:18 a.m.

Only one person lived in the home, but their identity is not being released until the autopsy confirms the victim's identity.

This is the town's first fatality in 8 years. The last one was

in 2014.

Firefighters do not believe the home had working smoke detectors.

Chief Melton encourages all residents to ensure their homes have working smoke detectors. This includes testing your detectors monthly to make sure the work properly and changing batteries twice a year. It is usually suggested

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Lora and Kurt Odermatt pictured in 2018 on the day Kurt was sworn in as a Williston town councilman.

## Struggles deepen couple's love, faith

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You don't need much if you have love. That's the message behind a Williston couple's love story.

Kurt and Lora Odermatt will celebrate their 27th anniversary of being married and living in Williston later this year. Life hasn't always been easy, but they have gotten through the ups and downs together.

"Twenty-six years later we are still here and still thriving," said Lora.

The Odermatts met in January 1995 in Lora's hometown of Fresno, California while Kurt was serving in the U.S. Navy. After his military service was over, the dating couple moved to Los Angeles in search of work; however, work opportunities didn't quite pan out as they hoped.

After relatives told them that Barnwell's Sara Lee sock plant was hiring, the couple boarded a Greyhound bus. Three days later they arrived

at the bus station in Augusta, Ga. with just \$13 and four bags of belongings. They made their way to Barnwell County where Kurt's mother, Betsy Morris, and grandparents, Ben and Margaret Best, lived.

Just three weeks after arriving in South Carolina, the couple married on August 26, 1995. They had to borrow money to pay for the marriage license because they had not received their first paychecks from their new jobs at Sara Lee.

While they didn't plan to stay in Barnwell County long, "we ended up loving it here. Williston and Barnwell County became our home," said Kurt, a native of New Hampshire.

The couple welcomed a son, Kurt Jr., in 1997. Their daughter, Kyra Lily, was born in 1999 with a rare chromosome disorder and died a few months later.

"That's when we became a real family at Elko Baptist Church. The people there embraced us and helped us through that rough time. It's a huge part of why we are still here," said Lora of the love and

kindness they received from their adopted hometown.

While some marriages don't survive the loss of a child, the Odermatts grew stronger in their love and faith.

"This difficult time in our lives actually glued us together because of our mutual faith in Christ. We know God's got our best interest at heart. Even in something as tragic as that, we know the end game and the end game is good," said Kurt.

The Odermatts know God put them together as soulmates.

"Even if we weren't walking as Christians when we met, God still had a hand in our marriage. We started living in a godly marriage and serving at Elko Baptist. That's a big part of why we are together," said Lora.

Kurt said he lived a very selfish life before meeting Lora. However, God helped him realize that he needed to give up his interests for his marriage to work. He said that's a key component to any successful marriage.

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## Suspect sought in Quick & Easy armed robbery

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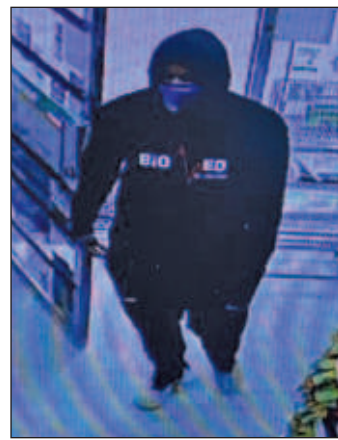
Barnwell police are investigating an armed robbery at a local convenience store.

The Quick & Easy store (10077 Marlboro Avenue, Barnwell) was robbed on Saturday, Feb. 5 around 8:50 a.m.

The store clerk stated that "an unknown race male, dressed in a black hoodie and black pants, had come into the store and showed him a black in color gun in his waistband and asked for the money and a pack of cigars," according to a police report.

The clerk went to the register and placed the drawer in front of the suspect who then took all the cash out (approximately \$300). The clerk also gave the suspect two packs of cigars valued at \$7.

Video surveillance footage



Surveillance cameras captured the masked suspect in the armed robbery of the Quick & Easy store in Barnwell.

shows the suspect exiting the store and going across Marlboro and down Wellington St., heading towards Jay Street, states the report.

The Barnwell County dog tracking team responded to try to track the suspect. Blackville and Williston po-

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## GBMS principal exits for new role

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The principal of Guinyard-Butler Middle School has stepped down to take a new role in the school district.

Jon Burdge, who is in his 16th year with Barnwell District 45, became the district's maintenance supervisor on Jan. 12. Denise James, the school's assistant principal, is currently the acting principal until a permanent principal is found.

"Moving forward, I have great confidence in Mrs. James, Mrs. Crissie Stapleton, and our Barnwell 45 Board of Trustees, that they will take all necessary steps to ensure



Jon Burdge



Denise James

GBMS continues to operate smoothly and without interruption to daily instruction," said Burdge, who is working with James in an advisory role to ensure a smooth transition.

Prior to becoming GBMS principal, Burdge was assistant principal of BHS, principal of BHS, and the district's director of human resources. He has a total of 22 years in

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# Blackville Town Council talks 2022 goals

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**Blackville Town Council congratulates Dennis Brown on his retirement. Pictured from left: Councilman Kelvin Isaac, Councilman Allen Harrison, Dennis Brown, Mayor Michael Beasley, Councilwoman Ann Pernell, Councilwoman Frenchie Smalls, and Councilman Enterick Lee.**

Blackville Town Council is setting goals to move the town forward.

During the Jan. 18 council meeting, the council discussed their goals for 2022 which they had previously set during a workshop a week prior.

Council's top five goals for 2022 are:

1. Downtown Development: Growing the downtown area by attracting new businesses.
2. Signage: Updating old entrance, directional, and street signs while adding others to better inform visitors and residents.
3. Community Center/Library Upgrades: New restrooms and other upgrades are being

planned for the community center, which is a popular event venue that brings in revenue for the town.

4. Community Events: The town wants to create excitement by holding regular events to bring the community together.

5. Website: The town's website needs updating.

"We have committed ourselves to do everything we can to make sure these goals happen," said Mayor Michael Beasley.

To ensure that happens, he said they need accountability and communication. That's why he assigned each council member to oversee one goal. Assignments

are as follows: Kelvin Isaac and Ann Pernell (Downtown Development), Beasley (Signage), Allen Harrison (Community Center), Frenchie Smalls and Enterick Lee (Community Events), and Fred Orr (Website).

Mayor Beasley also assigned each council member to oversee a

town department and provide updates at the regular meetings so council can stay better informed. This includes: Police (Harrison and Lee), Streets (Pernell and Isaac), Recreation (Smalls and Harrison), Fire (Orr), and Water/Sewer (Beasley).

In other news:  
 • Council recognized

maintenance employee Dennis Brown, who recently retired after working for two years with the town. "He is very dedicated. His work ethic proved valuable to our town," said Beasley of Brown, who resides in Denmark.

• The mayor said the town received plans for a possible splash pad. Those plans will need to be reviewed by the music and arts committee.

• Regarding economic development, Beasley said there's a "very good possibility" of an industry coming to the Blackville Industrial Park. Also, ground was recently broken at a site on Hwy. 78 for a new Family Dollar/Dollar Tree combination store.

• Councilwoman Pernell thanked resident Lil Stoltzfus for the addition of flower pots downtown.

## Phoenix Project promotes arts in Blackville

**Lucy Longstory**  
*Contributing Writer*

The Phoenix Project is supporting the community to rise and express their unique and individual artistic talents.

Are you ready to start that podcast? Or that YouTube Channel? Have you always wanted to learn the piano? What about dance? Or jewelry making?

Look no further. The Blackville Phoenix Project has opened the doors to "The Content Creation Lab". Located in the town hall building in downtown Blackville, the laboratory is equipped with the tools and moral support needed to create digital content.

Available by reservation, the lab offers the use of a podcast microphone, cameras, greenscreen, backdrops, photography equipment, and laptop, with more to come!

The Phoenix Project team's intention is to encourage the Blackville community to creatively share their voice using various art mediums. Aside from the digital studio, they are currently providing beginner piano lessons to the elementary school, movement therapy/dance at the Golden Retreat Senior Center, and piano by ear. More classes will be offered in 2022, with some-



**AT LEFT: Mattie Felder has fun on the keyboard. Music by ear classes offered on Wednesdays are open to all.**

**BELOW LEFT: Linda Faust-Keyton talks about her movement therapy classes on the podcast microphone.**

**BELOW RIGHT: Linda Faust-Keyton, Maven Evelyn Coker, and Mattie Felder pose in front of sponsors.**

Photos By: Lucy Longstory / Contributor



thing for everyone.

This initiative began about six years ago as an effort to share and honor the rich history of Blackville. It has since grown into providing arts and educational resources

for community members of all ages.

They are grateful for the support from the South Carolina Arts Commission, the Blackville School District, Town of Blackville, and

the Blackville Music & Arts Festival.

To get involved, reserve the lab, or for more information, you can call (803) 284-0735 or email info@blackvillephoenixproject.org.



### Fire: Autopsy pending for fire victim FROM PAGE 2A

to change the batteries when the time changes.

"On recent calls we have seen the effects of both having detectors and not. Working smoke detectors will alert you and provide you valu-

able time to get out of your house in the event of a fire," Melton said.

If you don't have a detector, get one! If your detector is over 10 years old, Melton said it's time to change it out for a new

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## HOMEMAKER'S COLUMN: HEALTHFUL SNACKS FOR EVERY DAY AND SUPER BOWL SUNDAY



**Christine Patrick**  
Clemson Extension

Are you one of the millions of Americans who made a New Year's resolution to adopt a healthier lifestyle and lose weight? Then you must develop a game plan for snacking on Super Bowl Sunday. This event, which takes place on February 13th, is one of the worst eating days of 2022. A typical party menu includes beer, soft drinks,

sandwiches, pizza, wings, potato chips, nachos & cheese sauce, potato salad, and other fatty foods.

Whether you're hosting a party or preparing food to take to someone else's party, choose snacks that are minimally processed, high in fiber, and low in fat and added sugars. This includes fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins (e.g. white breast meat of poultry without skin, beans, and seafood), and fat-free or low-fat milk and dairy products.

Small plates are a mealtime tradition among many Mediterranean countries, where a heart-healthy eating plan consists primarily of plant-based foods (fruits, vegetables, whole grains, beans, nuts, seeds, herbs, and spices), and olive oil & canola oil replace butter, margarine, and other unhealthy fats.

Here are some advantages to downsizing from a dinner plate to a salad plate at parties and buffets:

- You can eat less and save about half the calories.
- A small plate looks full, so you don't feel cheated.
- It encourages portion control. You take smaller portions and eat only the foods you like.
- You can clean your plate and feel satisfied without over-eating.

Eat slowly and take time to enjoy the taste and textures of foods. Pay attention to how you feel. Instead of mindlessly eating hundreds—even thousands—of calories while watching the football game, use hunger and fullness cues to recognize when you've had enough. Before going back for seconds, wait 20 minutes for your food to "settle." It takes that long for your stomach to tell your brain that you're full.

Although it seems messy and unappetizing, you may want to let empty beverage containers, chicken bones, etc. accumulate on the table to remind you of how much you have consumed. Researchers at Cornell University noted that people might eat and drink much more when there are no visual cues about how much they have consumed. Researchers also observed that people take less food from a smaller bowl.

Here are some snacks that you can make a day ahead of time and store covered in the refrigerator:

### Dips & Fresh Veggie Plates

Choose six or seven fresh vegetables and two low-fat dips. Serve them on a variety of small dishes placed around the room to generate interest and to encourage people to eat more of them.

### Chips & Homemade Salsa

If you are going to serve chips, choose baked, whole-grain, or pita chips. Offer the chips with salsa so that more vegetables will be eaten. You can make a quick homemade salsa by blending no-salt-added canned tomatoes with a little hot pepper sauce. This salsa also is delicious with fresh veggies or warm rolled corn tortillas.

### Baked Tortilla Chips

To save money, make your own baked chips. Cut flour or corn tortillas into quarters. Mist with water or cooking spray and sprinkle with the seasoning of your choice (e.g. paprika, onion powder, or cumin). Bake tortilla wedges in a single layer on a baking pan at 350 °F for about 15 minutes or until crisp. Remove from oven and allow to cool. Enjoy with your favorite salsa or bean dip.

### Boneless Wings

Baked, boneless chicken breast strips are a healthier alternative to chicken wings. Make your own boneless wings by dredging chicken strips in buttermilk (fat-free) and hot sauce to taste. Coat chicken strips in whole-wheat flour, to which a small amount of cornmeal has been added. Bake in the oven instead of frying. Serve with fat-free barbecue sauce.

### Shrimp Cocktail

Chill cooked shrimp and serve with a spicy cocktail sauce. One large shrimp contains about 1 gram of protein and only 5 calories. Proteins take longer to digest, which keeps you satisfied longer.

### Fruit & Cheese Plate

Serve fruit with cube-size amounts of low-fat cheeses instead of the full-fat versions. And, skip the crackers!

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## BBB TIPS Avoiding Fraudulent Tax Preparers



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Tax scams, including fraudulent tax return preparation, cost taxpayers billions of dollars every year and is continuing to grow. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) reports that criminal investigations into fraudulent tax return preparers continue to rise.

Dishonest tax preparers can commit fraud in a number of ways. They can claim inflated personal or business expenses, false deductions, unallowable credits or excessive exemptions on returns prepared for their clients. Fraudulent preparers also may manipulate income figures to obtain fraudulent tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit or some of the new provisions created during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Missing the signs that a preparer could be abusive could cause the taxpayer considerable financial problems. Some of the most common signs include:

- Claiming that they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers.

- Basing their fee on a percentage of the amount of the refund. Fees should be based on the complexity of the return, never on the size of the tax savings or refund.

- Claiming they can get you immediate payment of your return. Keep in mind that this is a loan. Fraudulent tax preparers often pad their pockets by giving cash up front at a high interest rate while presenting it as an instant refund from the federal government.

- Refusing to sign the tax return or provide the taxpayer a copy for his or her records. Always make sure that you have something in hand that shows proof of what transpired, and you should have a receipt for services rendered.

Taxpayers should be very careful when choosing tax preparers. While most preparers provide good service to their clients, a few unscrupulous tax preparers file false and fraudulent tax returns and ultimately defraud their clients. It is important for taxpayers to know that even if someone else prepares their return, they are ultimately responsible for all the information on the tax return.

The Better Business Bureau, along with the IRS, recommends that taxpayers follow these tips when hiring a preparer:

- Get referrals from satisfied clients and check their BBB Business Review.

- Ask the preparer about their training, experience and current knowledge of tax law.

- Find out whether the preparer has ever represented taxpayers in an audit or has ever been denied eligibility to do so.

- Consider whether the individual or firm will be around to answer questions about the preparation of the tax return months or even years after the return has been filed.

New tax laws related to Covid-19 can help create confusion that dishonest preparers will capitalize on, so taxpayers should always review their return before signing, ask questions on entries they do not understand. Also be sure to get a copy of the return for your records. Finally, do not ever sign a blank tax form or one filled out in pencil!

For more trustworthy consumer tips, visit [BBB.org](http://BBB.org).

## My 2022 Legislative Agenda



**Sen. Joe Wilson**  
Representative for SC District 2

I am grateful for the opportunity to have begun the new year by touring the district and talking to the media about my legislative focus areas for 2022.

Joined by city and county officials along the way, our stops included West Columbia, Aiken, North Augusta and Barnwell. In each location, I spoke about the current challenges before us, reviewed some key accomplishments in 2021, and shared highlights of my goals moving forward.

Unfortunately, since Biden took the oath of office on January 20, American families have suffered under a one-party Democrat rule, destroying jobs with inflation at its highest in 40 years. As a result, our country faces unprecedented adversity at home and abroad.

Nonetheless, throughout these challenges, there were several positive and welcomed congressional actions taken in 2021 which represent valuable steps forward. Here are a few highlights of legislation I introduced or supported last year that became law:

- Investment in South Carolina's military installations by funding Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island's Entry Control Facility, Fort Jackson's reception barracks, Joint Base Charleston's Fire and Rescue Station, McIntire Joint National Guard Base's Hazardous Cargo Pad, Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort's Instrument Landing System, and more.

- Authorization of full funding for the missions of the Savannah River Site, including laying the groundwork for the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility and modernization of the nuclear triad. Payment in lieu of taxes was also secured for Barnwell, Aiken and Allendale counties.

- Prevention of the Defense Department from dishonorably discharging a servicemember who refuses the COVID-19 vaccine.

- Continued funding for deployment of the National Guard to the Southern U.S. border.

- Establishment of an independent commission to review the entirety of the Afghanistan War, including the disastrous U.S. withdrawal from that country by the Biden administration, creating a safe haven for terrorists to attack American families, as happened with the Texas synagogue.

- Legislation to strengthen U.S. sanctions on Iran's conventional weapons program regarding the supply, sale, or transfer of unmanned drones threatening Israel and our Arab allies.

- Bill to prevent American workers from being forced to join a union or pay union fees, maintaining Right to Work.

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Now, in reference to my 2022

Agenda, the following is just a sampling of specific issues and legislation I will continue to advocate this year:

- Legislation nullifying President Biden's COVID-19 vaccine mandate on private employers with more than 100 employees.

- Encourage a pilot program to ease strains on the supply chain by allowing a limited number of states to permit the operation of trucks weighing above the federally allowable maximum of 80,000 pounds.

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### Arrest Reports

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

**Eric Lee Brown**, 45, of 47 Ellis Street, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 2 by the Barnwell Police Department (BPD) for Breaking and Entering, Petit Larceny, and Malicious Injury to Property.

Brown was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

**Cherlonda Monique Dorch**, 27, of 128 Wingo Estates, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 4 by the BPD

for Failure to Return License Plate and Registration Upon Loss of Insurance (1st offense), Failure to Stop for Blue Lights, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and Driving Under Suspension. Dorch

was booked and released to the BCDC.

**Kelvin Gelispa Johnson Jr.**, 21 Cottonwood Circle C1, Williston, was arrested Feb. 3 by the BPD for Narcotic Violations. Johnson was booked and

released to the BCDC.

**William Isaac Yocum Jr.**, 32, of 101 Winter Drive, Cottageville, was arrested Feb. 6 by the BPD for Narcotic Violations. Yocum was booked and released to the BCDC.

## Cleanup plan for 25-mile stream corridor at SRS approved

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the successful completion of a comprehensive SRNS cleanup strategy following the decommissioning and closure of both P and R Area. Operations involving P and R Reactor facilities had contributed to the contamination of the Lower Three Runs stream corridor.

"This is the first Record of Decision that we've ever agreed upon with the regulators and the public that outlines the final closure for a large parcel of stream systems," SRNS Director, Environmental Cleanup and Area Closure Projects Chris Bergren said. "We've accomplished much of the cleanup related to this part of the Site over the years, and now we have determined the remaining actions necessary to achieve final cleanup."

SRNS Engineer and Project Technical Lead Jim Kubar explained that much of the remaining work involves ensuring additional fencing and signage are in place to warn site work-

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) has reached an important agreement with South Carolina and federal environmental regulators on the final cleanup of a 25-mile long stream corridor at the Savannah River Site (SRS) radiologically contaminated as a result of operations during the Cold War.

The corridor consists of Par Pond, nine miles of canals adjacent to the pond and a stream named Lower Three Runs. The stream begins near the center of the Site, just above Par Pond and winds its way southward across SRS.

The Record of Decision (ROD) agreement specifies what protective and cleanup actions are required along with assurances of long-term monitoring to ensure the corridor remains within environmentally safe standards. This ROD acknowledges



A Savannah River Nuclear Solutions subcontractor technician takes radiological readings of soil near Lower Three Runs, part of a major project to complete the cleanup of a contaminated 25-mile-long stream corridor at the Savannah River Site.

ers and the public that potential hazards may be present. "Though it is illegal for the public to cross the fencing onto SRS, our first priority is always their safety," said Kubar. "This will be especially true when we work to remove the few areas of elevated

contamination in the canal system, beginning in 2023."

Kubar said that surveying 25 miles of waterways, especially Lower Three Runs, was often challenging and sometimes potentially hazardous within the forest. "We used

aerial detection equipment along with taking on-site readings every 1,000 meters along Lower Three Runs, often involving difficult terrain. Tripping hazards, feral hogs, snakes, spiders and bees could appear at any time. Though the survey is complete and

active controls are now in place, we continue to conduct inspections along the stream corridor," he said.

"Everything – from characterization of potential contamination through final negotiation with our regulators – was important, to successfully achieve, as a team, this Record of Decision. It's a big deal. We want to be sure that the public is confident that we've fully taken care of the Cold War legacy issue," Bergren said.

"The cleanup of surface water and groundwater at SRS is one of our most important missions," Thomas Johnson, Jr., DOE-Savannah River Deputy Site Manager, said. "The list of significant environmental remediation achievements at SRS, over just the last 10 years alone, is long and impressive. It serves as a testament to the effectiveness of our relationship with regulators and our mutual commitment to continuous improvement and safety."

## DHEC applauds White House's free N95 mask program

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ages residents take advantage of this free resource.

DHEC does not play a role in the receipt or distribution of the masks. Pharmacies nationwide were asked if they wanted to serve as a distribution location, and the masks were shipped directly to those who signed up. Residents can view the list of free mask locations here

The White House recently announced its efforts to provide 400 million N95 masks to U.S. citizens to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) supports this initiative and encour-

and here. Note that not all individual locations of chain store pharmacies, such as Kroger or Walmart, signed up to receive masks, so it is important for individuals to call ahead and verify availability.

"This is a fantastic initiative because it gives residents an opportunity to get several of the high quality masks for free," said Dr. Brannon

Traxler, DHEC Public Health Director. "While any type of correctly worn mask will help prevent COVID-19, the N95 mask provides the most protection. We encourage residents to make use of this effort and any others being offered by state and federal officials."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) doubled

down on the effectiveness of N95 masks in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR). The report released Feb. 4 includes the results of a study on how masking greatly reduces the spread of COVID-19. The federal agency says 534 individuals participated in the study. The found that a person is: 56 percent less likely to contract COVID if they consistently wear a cloth mask; 66 percent less likely if they consistently wear a surgical mask; and 83 percent less likely if they consistently wear a N95 mask.

While the results of this study confirmed that N95 masks provide significantly more protection than surgical or cloth masks do, the CDC reiterated that the most important point about wearing a mask was to wear a well-fitting, comfortable one routinely in public indoor settings.

The agency offered several key tips on wearing an N95 mask, including:

- Making sure it forms a seal with your face. Gaps can let air with respira-

tory droplets leak in and out around the edges of the mask.

- Putting the N95 mask on and taking it off correctly.
- Wearing a mask when in indoor public places or in crowded outdoor settings with close contact.

In addition to the masking initiative, other COVID-19 prevention efforts are available to residents. Free at-home tests can be ordered at covidtests.gov, and DHEC has ordered more than 4 million at-home rapid COVID-19 antigen tests that residents can pick up for free where available by searching DHEC's testing locator.

While masking and testing are important measures, vaccination remains the most effective way to prevent COVID-19 and ultimately end the pandemic. Residents ages 5 and up are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated, and all eligible populations should get their booster shot. Find a vaccination site near you on our vaccine locator or by calling our Vaccination Line at 1-866-365-8110.

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Bid documents may be obtained by contacting Angela Grant at (803) 584-4603 or by e-mail at [granta@acs.k12.sc.us](mailto:granta@acs.k12.sc.us). Bid documents can also be found on the district's website at <https://www.acs.k12.sc.us/page/finance>.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Allendale County Council will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Allendale County Courthouse located at 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, S.C. 29810.

This Public Hearing is being held before Council passes the final reading of the Ordinance For Redistricting Allendale County Pursuant To The 2020 Census.



### Advertisement for Bid

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

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

Low Country Health Care System will be accepting proposals and qualification statements at 333 Revolutionary Trail, Fairfax, SC 29827 at 2:00 p.m. on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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## Yarborough retires from Williston Presbyterian

Donna-Maria Conzalina  
Contributing Writer

One could easily describe recently retired Rev. Beth Yarborough, who served for seven years as pastor of Williston Presbyterian Church, as a visionary with the blessing of grace.

Describing how she became a pastor, Yarborough shared that she had a calling for ministry on her heart "for a long, long time." But it wasn't until she was in her forties that circumstances really began to come together and she "decided to make the break." She went to Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, got her master's degree, and started serving churches in Northeast Tennessee, Southwest Virginia and North Carolina.

A native Orangeburg County resident, Yarborough returned to South Carolina 10 years ago to spend a year with her mother who lived alone in a rural country setting after her father passed away. Yarborough came back to help and assess her mother's situation. During that period, she met her husband who's from Orangeburg County. They got married and she's been here ever since.

When asked how her spiritual leadership began at Williston Presbyterian Church, she said, "It just happened. God opens doors. There are not many Presbyterian churches in this region, and I got a call about Williston. I came over and talked to them and decided, 'I could do this for a year.' I signed a one-year contract and seven years later," she said, smiling brightly, "I'm still here!"

Yarborough was raised in the Baptist church and ended up in a Presbyterian church as a young adult. There were a lot more opportunities for women to serve in the Presbyterian church at that time.

"My family was really involved in church growing up. It was a big part of my life. The community, the caring for one another, the music. All of those parts," she said.

Then she attended a Presbyterian church service where the preacher spoke prominently about grace, a topic she hadn't heard much about growing up. She said, "I liked that message of grace."

Divine assistance was leading her.

"I just kind of fell into it. I met some people in the church, got involved and active, and when I started looking at seminaries, that was the direction I sort of felt myself going," said Yarborough.



Beth Yarborough was joined by family and friends on her last Sunday as pastor of Williston Presbyterian in December 2021. Pictured from left: Tom and Diane Yarborough, Brent Parker, Jeremy Yarborough, Bob Cothran, Mark Creech, Nikki Peake, Rev. Donnie Woods, Brooks Stapleton, Rev. Yarborough, Davis Stapleton, Mike Fanning, Jason Stapleton, and Crissie Stapleton.

Along with the guidance and inspiration of grace, clearly Yarborough was a natural born visionary. With a background in economic development focusing on community building, she realized so much of what she'd been taught was to build community from the inside out.

"To establish your town, your community with all the infrastructure you need that gives you a good basis for attracting industry and business. It's the same thing, making sure the church has what is needed to invite people to come in," she said. "One of the first churches I served in was a small church in Jonesborough, Tennessee. It

like we were expecting children to come. It was successful and they actually had to re-do a nursery," she said.

Williston on the other hand was "a great little church; already well grounded. A committed congregation, a good history. I don't know that there is anything new that I did as much as build on what they already had," said Yarborough.

Two construction projects took place while she was pastor, including expanding the sanctuary. Two years later they did some more work on the sanctuary by adding a pastor's study, a Sunday school room, and significantly adding to the pipe

tional letting go that's required when fostering a child, Yarborough readily accepts that according to the Presbytery, once a preacher leaves that particular church it can no longer be their church home. This allows the new pastor to forge their own relationships within the congregation. However, Yarborough continues to participate as invited by the current pastor, Doug Blikie, and said she "really wants that to be a good relationship for the church and him."

Several prayed-over factors led to her retirement in December 2021.

"The pandemic affected everybody but as a pastor it was dif-

retiring because I really needed some time to process my own grief. I just really felt pushed that I needed a little bit of space. It's a common, difficult thing with pastors. To be able to take the time to tend to their own needs and spiritual development," Yarborough said.

A month into retirement now, Yarborough's career plans include coaching and church consulting work with Pinnacle Leadership Associates. She's already written an article for their newsletter on grief management regarding what's been lost over the last two pandemic years. As an independent contractor she'll be coach-

ing and consulting with church leadership.

"I have a good bit of experience working with churches in conflict. Helping churches to sort of rebuild. The church consulting would be a really good fit for the experience I've had. And coaching with church leadership; it's not counseling, it's more sort of helping others find their own way. Being there as a guide and encourager,"

she said. Yarborough especially feels called to the coaching side of her new job because it complements her past training as a spiritual director. In fact, the way she was trained as a spiritual director and the way she's being trained as a coach are very similar, just with different substances.

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"In spiritual direction we refer to three chairs - director, client, and Holy Spirit. Focusing on how to help people find their way, how to listen. A frequent question would be, 'How do you see God speaking to you through this?' Whether it's coaching or spiritual direction, most all clients are spiritual, but not necessarily religious. This type of coaching allows clients to evolve without pushing them in a direction. I guess I would refer to it as being a companion; walking alongside someone as they look inside their own faith journey. How they see themselves progressing in a spiritual direction."

Yarborough is a very busy, dedicated lady. She's currently finishing up with hospice as a chaplain and doing the coaching training two days a week in addition to studying through the end of March. Once she gets settled into her next position, she hopes to work an average of 2 1/2 days a week because, with retirement in mind, she and her husband like to go to the lake and just chill.

"I'm being cautious about over-committing to any one thing," said Yarborough, who continues to live in Williston.

Asked if she had a message to leave with her congregation and the local community, she said: "My benediction at church most Sundays was that wherever you go, be sure you reflect the face of Christ because you may be the only reflection of Christ that others may see. I try to be very aware of how other people see me react and respond. I try to be very intentional about welcoming people into a space. Even if it's just walking down the street; acknowledge if nothing else. Being a reflection of Christ is very important. For the Christians, what I really wanted for our congregation was for them to be reflections of Christ. Certainly, there are many people in our world who are not Christians, but we're all called to be good, good to one another and to love each other. That's the biggest thing; not to be trite, but let's just get along."

And certainly, what a beautiful, hopeful mirror of grace that would be.



Rev. Yarborough has traded in her pastor's robes for casual clothes as she looks forward to more time on the lake now that she is retired. However, she still plans to be a church coach and consultant.



was a delightful town but had very small membership. They kept talking about wanting young families to come. There was no playground and I said, 'Well, if you want young families to come here, you've got to make it look like you're expecting them.' With that, we built a playground and I'm not saying that was a magic wand by any means but, it did open the door for us to look

organ. "Those were two big construction projects, but we incurred no debt. It was paid for by members. I guess the strength of that church is that they pray together very well. They pray for each other and pray for others well. It's an older congregation that's caring and compassionate," she said.

Like the devotion, responsibility, and emo-

difficult not being able to visit in the hospitals, nursing homes, to not have traditional funeral services, etc. In addition to the normal pastoral care there were so many extra issues that came with the pandemic. That was part of it. Then I had a brother who was killed in a car wreck December before last. That was probably the thing that pushed me into going ahead and

ing and consulting with church leadership.



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## Roy Simmons

BARNWELL - Funeral services for Roy Simmons, 67, of Barnwell, were held at 2 o'clock p.m., Friday, February 4, 2022, in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Reverend Charles Morris and Alex Kinard officiating. Burial followed in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery by the airport. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Friday.



Roy passed away on Monday, January 31, 2022.

Born in Barnwell County, he was the son of the late Lewis Simmons and Marie Gleaton Simmons. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and worked as a nurse for 38 years at Barnwell Hospital. Roy loved to "pinch pennies" by shopping at yard sales, flea markets and thrift stores. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Opossum". Spending time and laughing with his family was one of his favorite pastimes. His loved ones will miss him dearly, he was quite the jokester, and family time was always a fun time.

Survivors include his loving wife of 46 years, Marie Sanders Simmons; his daughters-in-love, Ronny (Quentin) Bruner of Bamberg; grandchildren-in-love, Chase (Cloe) Bruner, Wyatt Bruner and McGuire Bruner; special daughter, Gracie Simmons; sister, Marie Ann (Edwin) Phillips of Williston, Willie (Evonia) Jeffcoat and family of Gaffney, Edward Jeffcoat and family of Florida, Ernest Simmons of Lexington; sister-in-law, Linda (Rock) Still of Barnwell; brother-in-law, Gibby Sanders Sr. of Barnwell; nieces, Gale Kinard and family, Jennifer (Tommie) Phillips and children Joshua and James, Kevin (Andrea) Sanders and their children Haiden, Abigail and Natalie; along with numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and cousins whom he loved dearly.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by numerous brothers and sisters.

Folk Funeral Home Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at [www.folkfuneralhome.com](http://www.folkfuneralhome.com).

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## Allie Padgett Gantt

BARNWELL - Funeral services for Allie Nicole Padgett Gantt, 23 of Barnwell, were held at 3 o'clock p.m. Sunday, February 6, 2022, in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Jamie Sheppard officiating; burial followed in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery by the airport. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Sunday. Memorial contributions may be given to Folk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C. 29853.



Allie passed away on Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

Born in Perryton, Texas, she was a daughter of Norman F. and Sandy Padgett and Sylvia Michelle Boyer. Allie was a free spirit who loved to dance and listen to music. She loved her family and enjoyed every moment that she got to spend with them. Allie had a "soft-spot" for animals, especially cats.

In addition to her parents, survivors include her husband, Louis Milstead Gantt; mother and father-in-law, Louis Drayton and Lisa Gantt; her grandparents, Mike and Brenda Boyer, Elizabeth Miles Padgett, Carol Wizorek; great-grandmother, Arnette Miles Schumpert; a special niece, Diane Reba Elizabeth Padgett; sister-in-law, Ashley Moors; aunt, Regina Winstead, uncles, Lloyd Padgett, Joey, John, Larry, and Matt Wizorek; aunts, Laura Padgett, Rolanda Padgett and Tina Bailey, Teresa Phillips, and Aunt Joanne Lawson and Uncle Boot Keel of Tarboro, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Norman Robert Michael Padgett.

Folk Funeral Home Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at [www.folkfuneralhome.com](http://www.folkfuneralhome.com).

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## Charles Perry Zorn

BARNWELL - Charles Perry Zorn, 75, passed away on Friday, February 4, 2022, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.



Charles was born in Kingsport, TN on February 8, 1946. He was a son of the late Stanley and Marie Murray Zorn. He was a retired meat cutter. He loved the outdoors. He was a loving Husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and brother. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 3 p.m. in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel with Rommie Martin officiating. Burial followed in the Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was held on Sunday from 7-9 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home.

Survivors include his loving wife, Linda Sauls Zorn of the home; his children, Charles (Tabitha) Zorn Jr., Christopher Zorn, Stanley Zorn II, Tammy (Tripp) Mathias and Beth (Chuck) Zorn; siblings, Jerry Zorn, Leon (Sallie) Zorn, Tony Zorn, Hank (Patty) Zorn, John Zorn, Iris Still, Vangie Elkins, Lois (Ricky) Rudd and Ann (Steve) Pitsos; grandchildren, Mac Mathias, Job Mathias, Gayle (Austin) Cook, Vicki (Cliff) Creech, Tiffany, Kimberly and Charlie Zorn, C.J. (Christina) Zorn, Lindsey Zorn, Tyler, Stan, and Grace Zorn, Dana Phillips and Toni Phillips; 6 great-grandchildren.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of the arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Phyllis Coggin Chappell

KLINE - Phyllis Coggin Chappell made her transition surrounded by her children at the home of her daughter on January 31, 2022.



She was born in Wadesboro, N.C. on April 9, 1930, to George and Tom Mae Coggin. After growing up in Star, N.C., she attended William Peace University in Raleigh, N.C. Upon graduating she returned to Star to work as a bookkeeper in her father's lumber mill. She married Hoye Patterson (Pat) Chappell on New Year's Eve in 1950. She settled in Kline, S.C., grew peaches, and raised three children. She worked beside her husband in the packinghouse until she was 83. Her health dictated that she step down from full time, but she was still a huge presence there. Her delights in her life were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She spread peace and light each day and was a blessing to all. She loved her church, The Barnwell United Methodist. Her brother, George, and sister-in-law, Carol, held a special place in her heart. She was an avid traveler, having visited most everywhere in Europe, also Central and South America, and the Caribbean, but always declared, "There was no place like home." She loved her home of Barnwell and the many friends she had there. She was a wise woman and gave sage advice on everything, such as broken hearts and dying pets, to "Don't you think you'd feel better with a little lipstick?" She was the quintessential classy southern lady.

She was predeceased by her husband, Pat. She leaves behind a daughter, Lynne; two sons, Bud (Sonia) and Tommy; a brother, George (Carol) Coggin; grandchildren, Patrick (Mallory), Joseph, Esther, and Rush; great-grandchildren, Yazmine, Ensley, and Waylon; and beloved nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Carol Jones, Shirlene Dorch, and Brenda Williams for being phenomenal caregivers. They extend their heartfelt gratitude to the nurses and staff of Edisto Hospice as well.

A graveside service was held on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at the Barnwell United Methodist Cemetery at 2 p.m. Instead of flowers, please send a donation to the Barnwell United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell assisted the family with the arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Helen Still Hutto

BLACKVILLE - Funeral services for Helen Jewel Still Hutto, 92, of Blackville, were held at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, January 28, 2022, in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Dr. Thomas Terry, Reverend Ken Frederick and Wayne Bodiford officiating. Burial followed in the Blackville Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Friday. Masks were required.



Helen passed away on Monday, January 24, 2022.

Born in Barnwell, she was a daughter of the late Wash Still and Bertie Croft Still and was married to the late Leon J. Hutto. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Blackville. Helen worked at Milliken, Blackville Sewing Manufacturing, Palm Beech Company, Dixie-Narco and Shuron. She loved spending time with her family.

Survivors include her daughters, Judy H. Creech of Blackville, Peggy H. (Craig) Gossman of Simpsonville, and Susan H. Payne (Michael Griffin) of Blackville; daughter-in-law, Nancy Hutto of Oakland, TN; grandchildren, Rena Creech (Russell) Hodges, Donald O. (Tami) Hutto Jr., Rebecca Everitt, John R. Maximiek, Jeremy C. (Krystal) Gossman, J. Brandon Payne, Julie M. Gossman; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, Jackie (Betty Jean) Baxley of Barnwell; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Mildred S. Black, Lucille Baxley, and Louise Stedd; brothers, Leroy, George, Jimmy, Ralph, Romey, Clifford Still, and Julian Baxley; a son, Donald O. Hutto Sr., a son-in-law, Jerry Creech; grandson, Jay Creech; and granddaughter-in-law, Lauren Payne.

Folk Funeral Home Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at [www.folkfuneralhome.com](http://www.folkfuneralhome.com).

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## Marie Benton York-Lowe Kirby

BARNWELL - Marie B. York-Lowe Kirby, 95, passed away on February 3, 2022, in Orangeburg.



Born in Thomas County, Georgia on March 18, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Henry Paxton and Elizabeth Busbee Benton. She was predeceased by her first husband, Alvin James York. She was retired CNA with the Barnwell County Hospital and a member of the Gateway Church. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Gateway Church in Barnwell with burial following in the Barnwell County Memory Gardens on Reynolds Road. Visitation was held on Monday, February 7, 2022 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home.

Survivors include her children, Dianne York Taylor (James) and her children, Marty, Jacob, and Stacia Carrol; Connie York Christy (Larry) and her children, Maranda and Matthew Christy and Maurice York and his partner Meg Pilkington and his children, Tiffany, Mitchell and Tate; and step children, Bentz Kirby (May), Katharine Kirby Schofield (Gary).

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of the arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Barbara Tindall 'Barbie June' Sanders

BARNWELL - Barbara Tindall "Barbie June" Sanders, 84, passed away on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, in the Pruitt Health of Barnwell.

Barbie was born in Orangeburg on November 21, 1937. She was a daughter of the late W.C. and Audry Dyches Tindall. She was a member of Mount Lebanon Christian Church and a retired employee of Barnwell Mills. She was a hard-working homemaker and loved to work in her yard.

Graveside services were held on Friday, February 4, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Mount Lebanon Christian Church Cemetery.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of the arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Elizabeth Chitty Dicks

WILLISTON - Graveside service for Mrs. Elizabeth Chitty Dicks, 91, of Highway 39, Williston, were held Friday, January 28, 2022, at 2 p.m. in Saint Peter Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, 7110 Bay Street, Elko, South Carolina. Interment followed therein.



A. A. Dicks Funeral Home of Columbia was in charge of these arrangements.

Elizabeth C. Dicks, affectionately known as "Lil", entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at her home.

Elizabeth was born September 28, 1930, in Barnwell County, South Carolina to the late Reverend Eulie Chitty and Pearl Robinson Chitty. Elizabeth grew up on a farm receiving her early education at Rosemary Elementary School, Williston Junior H. S. and Macedonia High School in Blackville, South Carolina.

At a young age, Elizabeth joined and was a lifelong supportive member of St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church, Elko, South Carolina. She loved her church and once she retired in 1996 to her hometown of Williston, South Carolina; she served the St. Peter Golden Age Ministry as a member and as a Vice President. She enjoyed the group trips, social events, and the kindling of many friendships.

After graduating from high school, Elizabeth matriculated Benedict College of Columbia, South Carolina where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Elementary Education. Her teaching career began in Cassett, South Carolina of Kershaw County.

After marriage to her college sweetheart, the late Mingo W. Dicks Sr., she made Brooklyn, New York home where she as a wife would later become mother of three children, Mingo Jr., Larry Kevin, and Denise. Elizabeth taught New York Adult Education briefly while continuing her education with graduate studies at Bank Street College of Education, and later earned a master's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Adelphi University in New York.

Afterwards, she taught and became the Educational Director of NYC Community Child Development Center Agency. From there, she joined the New York City Public School System and remained until her retirement after 35 years of service. Elizabeth received numerous awards for dedicated continuous service as a member of Benedict College National Alumni, Progressive Benedict Alumni of Greater New York, Salley/Springfield

Benedict Alumni, and the NAACP. She also embraced and enjoyed life as a Kappa Alpha Psi Silhouette member. Professional affiliations included American Federation of Teachers and United Federation of Teachers.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Mingo W. Dicks Sr.; son, Larry K. Dicks; sisters, Willie Mae and Junell; and a brother, Calvin; and her parents, Reverend Eulie and Pearl Robinson Chitty.

She leaves to cherish loving memories: a son, Mingo (Shirley) Dicks Jr. of Williston, South Carolina; a daughter, Denise (Freddie) Coleman of Southington, Connecticut; daughter-in-law, Vicki Dicks of Irmo, South Carolina; grandchildren, Mingo III, Tabitha, and Solomon; two great-grandchildren, Trevianna and Gage; three great-great-grandchildren, Princeton, Preston, and Payton; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A. A. Dicks Funeral Home of Columbia was in charge of arrangements. Please visit [aadicksfuneralhome.com](http://aadicksfuneralhome.com) to sign the online guestbook.

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## George Harry Classen

George Harry Classen, 93, passed away on Thursday, February 3, 2022 in the Regional Medical Center of Orangeburg.

Harry was born in Savannah, Georgia on October 30, 1928, and was a son of the late George Henry and Edith Hay Classen. He was a retired insurance agent with The Kinghorn Insurance Agency of Beaufort. Harry enjoyed spending time with his family, and they will greatly miss him.

Graveside services were held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Boiling Springs Presbyterian Church Cemetery with Rev. Tom Cuny officiating. The family received friends after the funeral at the cemetery.

Survivors include his children, Christian F. Classen of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Faith Classen Cloud and Colleen Marie (Michael) Noonan of Barnwell S.C.; grandchildren, Patrick Cloud, Matthew Cloud II, Joshua Classen, Taylor Classen, Jordan Classen, Caleb Classen, Christopher Classen, Michelle Noonan, Sara Noonan, and Samuel Noonan; 12 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Joy Classen.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of the arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Trina Lee Doughtie Sanders

BARNWELL - Trina Lee Doughtie Sanders, 61, passed away on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at her home.

Trina was born in North Carolina on August 25, 1960, and was a daughter of Barbara Nichols Doughtie and the late Tommy Doughtie. She worked in the cafeteria at Guinyard-Butler Middle School in Barnwell. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She was a loving mother, daughter sister, and aunt, and will be missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church with Rev. Rommie Martin officiating. Burial followed in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery by the airport. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, February 6, 2022, at Mole Funeral Home.

Survivors include her son, Kevin (Andrea) Sanders; daughter, Kali Stevenson; mother, Barbara Doughtie; brothers, George Doughtie, John (Melissa) Doughtie and Ross (Shannon) Doughtie; grandchildren, Haiden, Abigail and Natalie. She was predeceased by her husband, Charlie James Sanders; son, Charlie James Sanders Jr.; and siblings, Dana Jones and T.J. Doughtie.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of the arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Clyde Edward Austin, Sr.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Mr. Clyde Edward Austin Sr., 64, was born on November 3, 1957 in Barnwell. He was the son of late Elizabeth Austin and Willie Lee Lewis Sr. He spent his last days surrounded by his loving and devoted wife and family, peacefully transitioning this life to be with the Lord above on Tuesday morning, January 11, 2022.

Affectionately known as "Big Clyde", he attended the public schools of Barnwell and graduated from Barnwell High School in 1976. Clyde continued his education and graduated at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina with a degree in communication. He was formally employed with Mecklenburg School District until retirement.

Clyde was baptized at an early age at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Barnwell. He loved the Lord, his family, friends, cooking and especially his fraternity "Alpha Phi Omega". He was an avid fan of the Chicago Bears, his favorite football team. All in all, he was a dedicated husband, friend and family man but most of all a hard worker and provider.

Let us pause today to pay tribute and celebrate the home going of "Clyde". He will be missed dearly by all that knew him, but will continue to live in our hearts and memories forever.

Clyde was preceded in death by his parents, Elizabeth Austin and Willie Lee Lewis Sr.; son, Lemar T. Austin; stepson, Terry M. Rainey; and brother, Willie James Austin.

He leaves to cherish his loving memories: his devoted wife of 27 years, Vandora Dixon Austin, of the home; two sons, Clyde Edward Austin Jr. and Levar J. Austin, both of Charlotte, N.C.; step-son, Toney M. Rainey of Charlotte, N.C.; four sisters, Kaye F. Austin of Barnwell, Connie A. Gerald (Dennis) of Columbia, Linda Leaf and Debra Washington, both of Williston; five brothers, Maurice Austin of Columbia, Roger Austin of Barnwell, Ronnie (Chanta) Tobin, Jeffery (Renee) Tobin, and Willie Lee Lewis Jr., all of Williston; six grandchildren and a host nieces, nephews, cousins and many other relatives and dear friends, all of whom will miss him dearly.

Services were held on January 22, 2022, at 12 p.m. at Kings Funeral Home in Charlotte, N.C. Interment followed at Gethsemane Cemetery and Memorial Gardens in Charlotte, N.C.

Local arrangements were entrusted to Guinyard and Son Funeral Home (756 Allen St., Barnwell).

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## Rena Kennedy

CAMDEN - Funeral services for Rena Michelle Kennedy, 57, of Camden, were held at 11 o'clock a.m., Thursday, February 3, 2022, in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston. Burial was at 3 o'clock p.m. in the Holly Hill Cemetery, Holly Hill.

Rena passed away on Sunday, January 30, 2022.

Born in Atlanta, GA, she was a daughter of the late John Elzie Kinard and Ruth Laverne Jenkins Kinard. She graduated with a BSRN from USC and worked as a nurse and was a homemaker. She attended Radiate Church in Columbia. She loved her family dearly and will be missed by all who loved her.

Survivors include her fiancé, Thomas Jeffers "Jeff" Ford Jr. of Camden; her daughter, Taryn Michelle Arion (Markus Eckhard Metz) of Elgin; sons, Mark Kevin Kennedy II (Makayla Landon) of Vermont, Thomas J. "Tommy" Ford III (Brittany Ann Miller) of Lugoff, John Travis Kennedy of Florida; sister, Jackie (Marion) Kennedy of Williston; brother, Johnny Kinard of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren, Cory Allan Caudill, Jonah Isaac Kennedy Arion, Heaven Rose Leigh Arion, Chloe Nicole Collins, Vanessa Rená Lynn Kennedy, Mark Kevin Kennedy III, Nevaeh Mae Kathryn Kennedy, Jadyen Kennedy, Joseph Blain Cook, Lucas Daniel Cook, Darla Ann Miller and Thomas Charles Ford.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Sandra McKenzie and Anita Faith Stevens; and her son-in-law, Jason Edward Arion.

Folk Funeral Home Inc. and Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at [www.folkfuneralhome.com](http://www.folkfuneralhome.com).

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## Soccer teams claim championship



U9 Champions was the Palmetto Styles Salon team (not in order): Coach Brooke Strock, Coach Jenna Roland, Kensley Bolton, Logan Proctor, Aries Elkin, Henry Burdge, Easton Roland, Jacob Halbert, and Addalynn Howard.



U9 Runners-Up was the Enterprise Bank team.



U14 Champions (Causey's Tree Service): Coach Rod Turner, Hudson Harvey, Zoey Smith, Bella Orth, Chase Creech, Neo Culp, Landon Causey, Tristan Harter, Logan White, Madalyn McCormick, Emily Hankins, and Coach Scotty Hankins.



U14 Runners-Up (Sport's): (middle row) David Peachey, Chris Ferneyhough, Braelynn Edwards, Genova Villalobos, Onyx Winns; (front row) Kenneth Wall, Miguel Thomas, Kierston Ferneyhough, Tristan Sanders, Cyleigh Freeman; (back) Coach Jose Navarro and Coach Noah Villalobos.

**Jonathan Vickery**  
*Publisher*  
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The Barnwell Soccer Club wrapped up its 2021 season in November. They had 15 teams overall that played eight

games over a six-week period. "I would like to thank the Barnwell Soccer Club board members and volunteers that stepped up to coach and referee, as well as our sponsors for another successful season. This

would not be possible without each of you," said Jerry Hodge with the club. The U6 teams were Harvey & Kulmala Law Firm, Quality Septic, AgSouth, and Phoenic Specialty. U8 teams were R&R Motors, Sno

Shack, Kinard's Towing, Archroma, and Big Green (Jeremy and Sarah Lehman). U9 teams were Palmetto Styles Salon, Enterprise Bank, and Terminix. U14 teams included Causey's Tree Service, Sport's Convenience Store, and Palmet-

to Truck & Trailer. Following the regular season, the U9 and U14 teams continued on with a two-game tournament that ended with the championship on Nov. 18. This ended with Palmetto Styles Salon's team

taking the championship for the 9U and Causey's Tree Service taking the championship for U14. For updates on Barnwell Soccer Club or to volunteer next season, please like their Facebook page and read The People-Sentinel.



## BHS Majorettes place first at competition

The Barnwell High School Majorettes won first place at their competition in West Columbia on Jan. 29. Coach Riley Ridgeway and Warhorse nation are very proud of the BHS Majorettes and how they have represented BHS. Left to right are: CarolAnne Barnes, Nora Martin, Karrie Bolen, and Gracie Carter.



## Barnwell boys beat Silver Bluff

The Barnwell High School Warhorses shot their way to victory on Feb. 4 over the Bulldogs of Silver Bluff. The Warhorses are currently second in the region.

## USC Aiken student leaders spend day with state lawmakers as part of annual event

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USC Aiken

AIKEN - An organization of student leaders at the University of South Carolina Aiken (USC Aiken) called the Chancellor Ambassadors recently had an opportunity to spend the day with state lawmakers as part of Carolina Day at the Statehouse.

Each January, representatives from each school within the University of South Carolina System come together in Columbia to advocate for university budget requests to the state.

The students, accompanied by Dr. Daniel Heimmermann, chancellor, presented to senators Tom Young and Shane Massey and representatives Bart Blackwell, Bill Clyburn, Bill Hixon, Melissa Oremus, and Bill Taylor and asked for recurring funds to go toward tuition mitigation and cyber and online programs. They asked for capital non-recurring funds to go toward Gregg-Gran-



Chancellor Ambassadors for the 2021-2022 academic year are Sam Boyd, Maya Finley, Andrew Gregory, Aisha Griffin, Anna Hawcroft, Ella James, Karli Overton, Alexis Rohrer, George Sharpe, Wilson Steinmeyer, Kippen Wallace, and Kimberly Zorn.

iteville Library renovations, virtual reality and media lab uplifts, a new HVAC system for the Etheredge Center, and additional deferred maintenance.

Students bolstered

their requests by citing evidence of USC Aiken's positive impact on the local community and state. USC Aiken contributes an estimated \$350.7 million annually to the South Carolina economy,

most of which benefits Aiken and Aiken County. (Estimate from the Darla Moore School of Business, 2021.)

The Chancellor Ambassadors represent USC Aiken in the community

and at university events in an effort to build and foster relationships between students, alumni, and the community. Ambassadors for the 2021-2022 academic year are Sam Boyd, Maya Finley,

Andrew Gregory, Aisha Griffin, Anna Hawcroft, Ella James, Karli Overton, Alexis Rohrer, George Sharpe, Wilson Steinmeyer, Kippen Wallace, and Kimberly Zorn.

"Carolina Day is an annual favorite event for the ambassadors," said Meredith Hawcroft, co-advisor for the student organization and web coordinator for USC Aiken. "I'm incredibly proud of how well these 12 students represent the diverse, talented student body we have at the university. Carolina Day allows our representatives to hear firsthand how the state's support impacts our students. The ambassadors also get the opportunity to explain how our budget requests, if granted, would further enhance the educational opportunities the university provides to students from South Carolina and all over the world. We are all immensely grateful that our busy legislators took the time to speak with our students as part of this wonderful educational experience; we also appreciate their daily support of USC Aiken."

## Williston-Elko Middle School: 1st nine weeks honor roll

**6th Grade Honor Roll:** Wesley Warren, Alisha Merck, Peyton Milhouse, Ty'Meah Parker, Linzie Yelton,

**6th Grade President's List:** Ethan Causey,

Deanna Hutto, Natalie Warren, DaQuon Young, MaKayla Vincent

**7th Grade Honor Roll:** Mattilyn Bell, Kaiden Davis, Grace Dorn, Andrea Holmes, Ikeiah Ty-

ler, Lee'Asja Williams

**8th Grade Honor Roll:** Samelea Baxley, Jakeran

Cuthbertson, Tra'Niya Josey, Hailey O'Neal, Tylan Parker, I'Yana Robinson, Kadin Wright

### Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!



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Follow the maze on the map to find your way to Midtown. Watch out for mud puddles!

### My name:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or pencil.

### My Letters

M is for Map  
m is for map



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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter M makes in the word map?

### My Numbers

How many ?  
blue mugs

How many ?  
yellow mugs

How many ?  
red mugs



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

### My Rhyme Time

I read my map before my nap  
And found my way to bed.  
I sat my cap upon my lap  
And put a pillow behind my head.

### 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.



My map shows



#### Sunday

##### Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter M in map.

#### Monday

##### Math Play

Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and trace the number 3s that are large enough.

#### Tuesday

##### Story Telling

Read a **Lost and Found** classified ad. Ask your child to tell a story about the lost animal. Your child might want to pretend to be the lost animal.

#### Wednesday

##### Go for a Ride

Ask your child, "How many pictures of things to ride on can you find in today's paper?" (Examples: cars, planes, trains, boats, etc.)

#### Thursday

##### Right and Left

Open the newspaper so that you see two pages. Point out which page is on the **right** and which is on the **left**. Ask your child questions that require the answer **left** or **right**.

#### Friday

##### STOP and GO

Show your child how to spell the words **STOP** and **GO**. Look through the newspaper together to find and cut out the letters that spell each word. Trace the letters in the word **STOP** in red. Trace the letters in the word **GO** in green.

#### Saturday

##### Syllable Clap

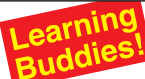
Find and read two-syllable words in the newspaper. Clap your hands as you say each syllable. Have your child clap and repeat the word with you. Next try three-syllable words.

**Learning Buddy Sign Here**

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Learning Buddy's signature

Date



**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.

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# Kid Scoop

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**Kid Scoop Together:**

## Olympic Oath

Each athlete who competes in the Olympics takes an oath. Use the code to complete the missing words and then read the entire oath aloud to your family!

- = EQUALITY
- = BETTER
- = RULES
- = HONOR
- = PROMISE
- = CHEATING

"We \_\_\_\_\_ to take part in these Olympic Games, respecting and abiding by the \_\_\_\_\_ and in the spirit of fair play, inclusion and \_\_\_\_\_. Together we stand in solidarity and commit ourselves to sport without doping, without \_\_\_\_\_, without any form of discrimination. We do this for the \_\_\_\_\_ of our teams, in respect for the Fundamental Principles of Olympism, and to make the world a \_\_\_\_\_ place through sport."

# 2022 Winter Olympics



The Winter Olympic Games are being held in Beijing, China. The emblem of this year's Games combines traditional and modern elements of Chinese culture and winter sports. Inspired by 冬, the Chinese character for

"winter," the emblem shows a skater at the top and a skier at the bottom.

The blue represents dreams, the future and the purity of ice and snow. The red and yellow are the colors of China's national flag.

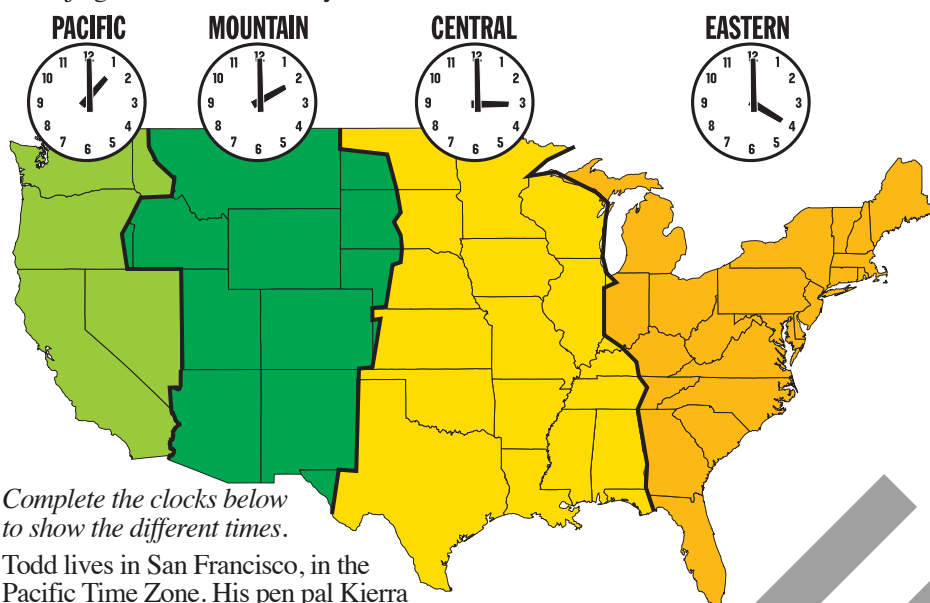


BEIJING 2022



## What time is it in Beijing?

Beijing, China is 16 hours ahead of San Francisco. When it is 3 a.m. on Wednesday in Beijing, it is 11 a.m. Tuesday in San Francisco, Calif.



Complete the clocks below to show the different times.

Todd lives in San Francisco, in the Pacific Time Zone. His pen pal Kierra lives in New York, in the Eastern Time Zone. Their friend Zylah lives in Oklahoma, in the Central Time Zone and her cousin, Tomas lives in Colorado, in the Mountain Time Zone. Complete the clocks below so that they show what time it is in each time zone when it is 6 a.m. in Beijing.



Look at the Time Zone map to see if you are in the same time zone as California. If not, what is the time difference between where you live and California?

Standards Link: Math/Measurement: Tell time to the nearest hour.

## Logo Language

Companies and organizations select logos to represent them. For example, the Red Cross has a large red cross in its logo. Look through today's newspaper and see if you can find a logo that goes with each of the following:

- Uses words and images
- A company aimed at kids
- Gives a positive feeling
- One you don't recognize
- Uses only an image
- Uses an animal image

Standards Link: Use a variety of media to locate information.

OOOPS! Some of the words melted out of this article. Can you figure out where each of the missing words belongs?

- SPORTING
- FUTURE
- YEARS
- ASTRONAUT
- LIGHT
- MEANINGS
- HELPS
- ROBUST

## Meet the Mascots

In Mandarin Chinese (the official dialect of China), "Bing" has several meanings, the most common being ice. "Dwen Dwen" means strong and lively. Olympic mascot Bing Dwen Dwen is a panda who wears a body "shell" made out of ice, which looks like an astronaut suit. This represents new technologies for a future with infinite possibilities. The shell also helps the panda to skate, snowboard and ski alongside the Olympic athletes!

Shuey Rhon Rhon is a Chinese lantern that represents warmth and light. Shuey Rhon Rhon is the mascot of the Winter Paralympic Games in Beijing, an international event where athletes with physical disabilities compete. These Games are held every four years directly following the Winter Olympic Games.



## Pictograms

It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. At the Olympic Games, a picture is worth a thousand words in hundreds of languages. A pictogram, a picture symbol, will be used at the Games to help people all over the world understand what is happening.

Can you read these Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics pictograms? Do the math to match each pictogram to the name of the sport it represents.



- 28
- 24
- 32
- 27
- 30
- 22

- 31 - 9 = BOBSLEIGH
- 32 - 8 = FIGURE SKATING
- 33 - 5 = SPEED SKATING
- 37 - 7 = CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING
- 41 - 9 = ICE HOCKEY
- 35 - 8 = SKI JUMPING

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**Extra! Extra!**

## SYMBOL SEARCH

Look for five symbols in today's newspaper. Show them to a friend to see if they can tell what the symbol represents.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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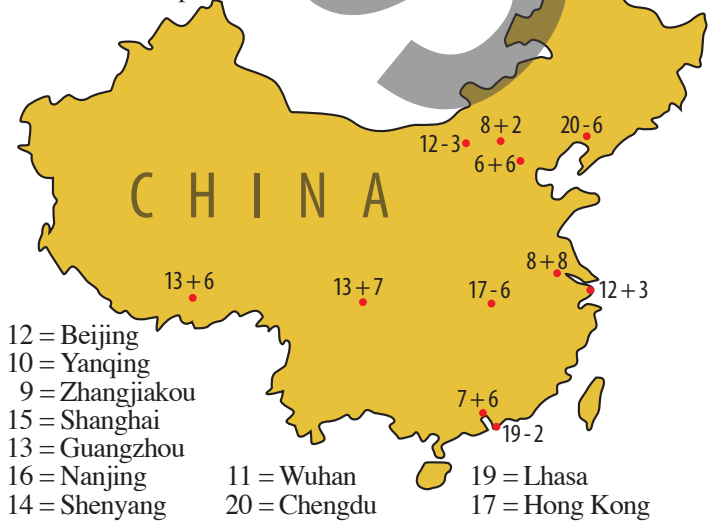
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## Kid Scoop Puzzler

Do the math to locate Beijing and other Chinese cities on the map.



- 12 = Beijing
- 10 = Yanqing
- 9 = Zhangjiakou
- 15 = Shanghai
- 13 = Guangzhou
- 16 = Nanjing
- 11 = Wuhan
- 20 = Chengdu
- 14 = Shenyang
- 19 = Lhasa
- 17 = Hong Kong

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

- PICTOGRAM
- SKATING
- HOCKEY
- MASCOT
- SPORT
- EVENT
- MATH
- CHINA
- PANDA
- GAMES
- HOURS
- TIME
- FLAG
- SKI
- ICE

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

H T R P G M A T H D  
G O S R A S R U O H  
A C N S L N T U M Y  
M S T T F S D V S E  
E A E N C S Q A P K  
S M C V W L K N O C  
B T I V E R Y I R O  
S K A T I N G H T H  
L M A R G O T C I P

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

## FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

### Symbols

Sports teams use names and mascots to communicate strength, their location, etc. Look through today's sports section to select one team and make a list of things you think that team wants to communicate with their name or logo.

Standards Link: Use a variety of media to locate information.

Why shouldn't you tell a joke while ice skating?

ANSWER: Because the ice might crack up.

## Write On!

### VALENTINE'S SURPRISE

Make up a Valentine's Day story about a Valentine's Day surprise. Who was surprised? What was the surprise?

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## Kathy Harris made a difference

Weesie Fickling  
History Correspondent

Since day one it seems that we all recall our parents grabbing *The State* newspaper first thing in the mornings and looking with sweating brows at the obituary listings. As aptly put, "I am just looking to see if my name is here," while they continue to read. Not one word is uttered during these serious moments.

Well, on a much happier note, with equal anticipation, readers of *The Barnwell People-Sentinel* would make a mad dash to their news stands at noon on Wednesdays to retrieve their local paper. We eagerly turned to the "A la Barnwell County" section to read Kathy Harris' much-sought-after article.

You see, not only did the readers enjoy getting secret family recipes, they especially zoomed in on the background info of the homemaker furnishing their tasty dishes. Here personalities were revealed. More likely than not, Kathy added her own flavoring and spices via her writing skills. Each recipe offered for publication was tried out by the lady herself in her own kitchen. Family and friends were more than willing to be "tasters".

Kathy's approach to this column (her baby) was to put the spotlight on these familiar faces seen out and about Barnwell County. Photographs of these chosen cooks accompanied almost every article. What a clever way to introduce folks to one another; to give them something in common to talk about when next they met. The popularity of this spot was well received from all over while subscrip-



**RECIPES TO THE RESCUE -- Kathy Harris displays basket of "goodies" and copy of "Recipes To The Rescue" produced by the Auxillary of the Denmark Rescue Squad. Copies are available for \$5.00. (Photo by Tri-City Studio)**

tion sales soared out of sight. It was well noted that each publication became a collectable. "A la Barnwell County" was considered "a hot item".

Yet, for those of you who are newcomers to the Barnwell area, please join me while old recollections of mine readily acquaint you with my beloved friend, the late Kathy Harris.

For almost as far back as I can remember, there was always a Kathy Harris in Barnwell. Well, she surely played an important part in my life when my favorite pals and I went to movies at The Ritz Theatre in our hometown.

In the late 1940s Mrs. Dobson owned the movie theatres; her daughter Kathy assisted in seeing to it that law and order ruled, especially on Saturdays. Way back when admission price was

9 cents per child until your 12th birthday, then it cost a whole quarter to enter those hallowed doors.

Immediately, mothers learned that a day at The Ritz was certainly the cheapest babysitter in town. Unruly behavior was never tolerated by Mrs. Dobson or her daughter. If need be, the screen became as dark as Egypt when the feature came to a screeching halt. Either Mrs. Dobson or Kathy would march down the aisle and reprimand the moviegoers for rude behavior and their rowdiness. Once peace was restored, the film cranked-up once again.

Perhaps our mutual friendship was birthed at The Ritz when I presented the beautiful redheaded Kathy with a lovely camellia or even a prized piece of my Bazooka bubble gum. Oh,

I was possibly six years old, and the "ticket lady" was a beautiful as any movie star. She was always kind to me, and, when grownups take up time with young children, friendships can easily take root. Ours surely did.

Around my 15th birthday, Charlie Boone invited me to join the adult choir at the Barnwell Methodist Church. When I arrived for my first practice, Kathy greeted me by patting the chair beside her. Her welcoming gesture caused all anxieties to somehow disappear. Our friendship began blooming from that moment forward.

Years passed, and I found myself becoming a substitute teacher in the Barnwell public schools. Having talked it over with my friend, Kathy decided to substi-

tute as well, but insisted that I be called first. She would not cut me out of a job and made this abundantly clear to the school officials. And so it was.

Always a generous soul, Kathy called asking if I could use her son Teebo's hand-me-down clothes for our son Dicky. Year after year, Kathy would put clothes aside until Dicky had grown into Teebo's outfits. And what a sad day it was when son Dicky outgrew Teebo. Mamas, ya'll know that feeling, don't you?

Our substituting days were behind us when Kathy began teaching English at Barnwell Junior High School; I accepted employment at the Barnwell County Department of Social Services. Our paths continued to cross on a professional level when

I learned just to what extent Kathy reached out to those less fortunate. Her generous giving knew no limits. Here again, our friendship became more endearing.

It would be impossible to name each organization that counted on this lady's attendance, her support, and her devoted interest. Hers was most assurdly a life of generous giving of her time, her talents, her monetary gifts and most importantly of herself. Kathy remained loyal to her family, her friends, her church and was equally as steadfast as her unwavering faith.

No one knew the value of friendship more than Kathy did: you had to be a friend in order to have one. She was a constant...always the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Oh, my friend made a difference alright. She made others feel worthy of being loved. Gestures such as having a beautifully-wrapped dress box delivered to a young girl (name unknown) who had nothing to wear to the school prom to patting a chair beside her at my first choir practice, Kathy Harris will live forever in hearts wherever paths have crossed.

With the arrival of 2022, will you emulate our beloved Kathy Harris and make a positive difference in someone else's life? I double-dee dare you.

Both Kathy and Bob Harris encouraged me to write a weekly column for *The Barnwell People-Sentinel* in the 1970s. The Blackville news needed to be written. Besides, it paid \$5 per week, and this was mighty attractive way back then. Somehow this helped get my foot in the door as my interest in writing took off.

## Leaders: GBMS principal leaves for new job with Barnwell District 45

education.

"We are so appreciative of the great work Jon Burdge has done across our district, including what great things he has done at GBMS in the past two years. We know how much Mr. Burdge loves GBMS, its staff, and its students, and we know this was a very difficult decision he made. He is an asset to Barnwell School District 45 in whatever role he serves, and we are so fortunate to call him a Warhorse," said Superintendent Crissie Stapleton.

While Burdge thanks

everyone for the support and encouragement during his tenure as GBMS principal, he said the decision to step down as an administrator was made in the best interest of his family.

"Please know that this decision was difficult and one that I have given much thought and consideration. As you can imagine, the role of principal requires much time, attention, and sacrifice. For many years my family has accepted and understood my various roles as well as the necessary sacrifices

required. I am making this change in hopes that it will allow me more time to spend with family, more time to support my wife currently undergoing chemotherapy, and more time to spend with my brother's children due to his passing. There is no other job that I have had like that of a principal, and I will certainly miss working with the GBMS faculty, staff, and students," said Burdge.

The creation of the new Maintenance Supervisor of Grounds, Athletic Facilities, and Additional

Properties was based on an analysis of lawn care costs in November 2021. The board decided to create the position to complete lawn care services within the district, rather than contracting with other companies as they've done before.

"The maintenance supervisor is responsible for all of the grounds keeping and maintenance of the district office, church property, and athletic fields," according to a job description. "This position operates electrically-powered and gasoline-

powered equipment and machines, as well as other tools, to maintain, care for, and modify landscapes and sports fields throughout Barnwell School District 45. This position performs daily manual labor to complete landscape maintenance tasks."

Additionally, this position will manage safety and security programs for the district while overseeing emergency response procedures.

District 45 posted the maintenance supervisor position after approval

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of the Lawn Care Plan. Burdge applied for the position and was hired.

District 45 will be posting the GBMS principal position in the near future.

## Suspect: Barnwell police actively investigating Quick & Easy robbery

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lice assisted with setting up a perimeter.

The tracking dog started at the point where the suspect was last seen on camera. The dog went to the front door of a residence at 70 Hook Street.

Police spoke with the individual at the house who said "he had no idea why the dogs would come to this house," according to the report. Officers asked if the house was his, but he said the house belongs to his cousin "Quay", but he didn't know his real name.

The homeowner was called and gave police permission to search his home. The individual who said he was a cousin of the homeowner was the only person at home. Police cleared the home and went back to the store.

Chief Lamaz Robinson located clothing that matched that of the suspect inside a trash can on Jay Street. Police went back to the home on Hook Street to further talk to the individual, but he could not be located, stated the report.

A search warrant was

then obtained for the home.

Chief Robinson said they recovered contraband from the home after executing the warrant.

The homeowner told police that the individual they encountered does not live there. This led police to obtain an arrest warrant for 2nd degree burglary related to the individual being at the home, said the chief.

That warrant is not for the Quick & Easy robbery, but Chief Robinson said the two cases could be connected. However,

they are waiting on evidence and further investigation.

The State Law Enforcement Division has been asked to process evidence for DNA.

If anyone recognizes

the individual in the photo or has any information on the armed robbery, please contact the Barnwell Police Department at 803-259-1838 or central dispatch at 803-541-1080.

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## Love: Williston couple overcomes struggles, deepens in love and faith

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"If there is one person in the relationship who wants it about them, it is not going to work. You are two people now and both parties must make sacrifices because you love the other person. You have to understand that you are no longer yourself," said Kurt.

Arguments will arise in any relationship, but the Odermatts remind themselves that "We are on the same team," said Lora. This always helps them come to an agreement and resolve any issue.

Another key to a healthy marriage is to find time for each other, including setting aside time for common interests, said Kurt. The Odermatts have a shared love of music and often spend vacations and free time going to shows and concerts.

The couple is proof that opposites attract. Kurt is a high energy morning person who loves math. Lora is artistic, low key, and loves sleeping in.

"We are opposite in most everything, but we find common ground in our marriage," said Kurt.

Humor is part of the common ground that binds their relationship.

"He's just hilarious. Sometimes we laugh so hard at each other that we have tears coming down our cheeks," said Lora.

Kurt and Lora said there are many other qualities they love about one another.

"I love that he is such a hard worker. When we were trying to buy a house, Kurt worked hundreds of hours of overtime. He never shies away from an opportunity and always gives his best," said Lora.

Kurt said his wife has many qualities, but he admires how she is level-headed and very calmly helps make the right decisions. "Behind every great man is a great woman," said Kurt of the old saying.

"We are each other's best friend," said Lora.

Not only do they love



Lora Odermatt recently painted this portrait of she and her husband Kurt.

each other, but they love their community. That's why they work hard to give back to the town that has given so much to them and their family.

"Serving our community and church is pretty fundamental for us," said Lora of how they were both raised to serve and volunteer.

The couple is active

at church as volunteers for the Awana children's ministry. Kurt also serves his church as chairman of the deacons while serving Williston as a town councilman.

"The more you give, the more blessings are put upon you," said Kurt.

They encourage every citizen of Barnwell County to get involved in the

community by finding a place they can use their talents to serve.

"There's always a place you can serve," said Lora, who previously served on the boards for Circle Theatre of Barnwell and The Animal Advocates of Barnwell County.

The Odermatts have no regrets about ending up in Williston because they have made many lifelong friends who have been there for the good times and bad.

The small-town atmosphere of Williston is also a great place to raise a family, which Lora said is vastly different from her hometown. Their son received an excellent education through the public school system and learn valuable skills through his first jobs at Folk Funeral Home and Meeting on Main. Kurt Jr. is now a registered nurse at the hospital in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

After working at Sara Lee for 10 years, Kurt has spent the past 16 years

at Collum's Lumber in Allendale where he is the plainer supervisor. Lora has spent the past 23 years in the hair salon industry and currently works at Amazing Artizans Salon & Spa in Aiken.

There are many couples who have a lot of wealth, but they aren't happy and end up divorced.

"Money is not going to hold you together. If you can't be happy with a little, you can't be happy with a lot," said Kurt.

The Odermatts have come a long way since their early days when money was tight. Though it would be nice to have lots of money, they don't need it to be happy. They feel blessed with their life together in Williston and look forward to continuing to serve their church and community.

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," said Kurt, quoting Joshua 24:15. This verse is inscribed on the couple's doorpost.

They are rich in love, faith, and community.

# Wright named Interim Assistant Dean of Student Success at USC Salkehatchie

Stephanie Gruber  
USC Salkehatchie

Dr. Brandon J. Wright has been named interim assistant dean of student success for the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie.

Wright, who is passionate about student achievement, joined USC Salkehatchie in 2021 as director of student success and engagement. His new position allows him to expand on his vision of creating student environments that provide multiple opportunities for students to realize their goals of obtaining a college education.

"Dr. Wright's experience, academic work,

personality, and commitment to student success make him the ideal person to fill this new role," Interim Dean John Catalano said. "His experience will help USC Salkehatchie fulfill its academic mission and we are excited about the contributions he will make to our campus community."

Wright's primary responsibility will be to ensure that students receive the assistance they need to remain in school and graduate while having the college experience. He will oversee student support services, including enrollment management, financial aid, student records, educational partnerships, academic

advising and student life.

Wright is eager to begin working with the students, staff and faculty to create the ideal "Salkehatchie Experience" that will foster holistic success from a student's admission to degree completion.

"As a son of the Lowcountry, I am excited and humbled to serve our students and families. Serving in this role is my way of using my gifts, talents and education to say thank you and give back to my community," Wright said. "Having this opportunity to serve at Salkehatchie is nostalgic for me, but it is also a new adventure filled with countless possibilities that will benefit our

entire campus community. My goal is to help create life-long memories for our students as they reflect on their time at Salkehatchie."

Wright believes that a bolstering, rich student experience is one of the most important elements of student success.

"I will work to ensure our students have that experience. Although we are in trying times, these are also exciting times for higher education in crafting innovative and cutting-edge ways of recruiting, retaining, and engaging our students. I have been fortunate to realize that student success is my calling and not merely an occupation. My passion for the suc-



Dr. Brandon J. Wright

cess and wellbeing of my students is what fuels me to continue to learn, grow and advocate on their behalf," he said.

Wright brings years of experience in higher education serving in various roles at the University of South Carolina Beaufort

and Midlands Technical College. While at USC Beaufort, Wright served as assistant director of academic coaching and coordinator of the Sand Shark Scholars program. In those roles, he helped at-risk and first-generation college students succeed while creating initiatives that enhanced the college experience. Wright also assisted in implementing programs to promote diversity, inclusion and student engagement at USCB.

Wright holds a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Mercer University. He earned his master's degree from Columbia College and his bachelor's from Benedict College.

## Free tax preparation available this month

Are you ready to file your taxes? Are you struggling with your rent payment, mortgage

payment or utilities because of COVID?

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Development help during an upcoming Community Benefit Day happening across the area.

At these events you can have your taxes prepared for free and electronically submit by certified VITA counselors and SC Thrive counselors.

SC Stay will be there to assist with applications in order to assist with rent payments, mortgage payments or utility assistance. There will also be trained counselors to assist you if you need to apply for SNAP, TANF, Medicaid and much more. Also,

you will learn about resources throughout your county, such as First Steps, Axis I Center, Clemson Extension, Dominion Energy, Save the Children, Family Solutions, FoodShare, TriCounty Commission on Alcohol and Drug and Palmetto Care Connections to name a few.

Events will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will be February 11 at the Blackville Community Center, Febru-

ary 12 at Williston Town Hall, February 17 at Allendale Brandt Building, February 18 at the Barnwell Armory, February 19 at the Bamberg Civic Center and February 25 at the Hampton Rec Center.

Walks-in are welcome, but if you would like to make an appointment, contact Kelsey Cheek at 803-259-4600 with Southeastern Housing and Community Development.

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**ADOPTABLE PET OF THE WEEK**

### 'Boo Bear' is very loving

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

Boo Bear is a six-month-old male hound mix with black and brown colors. He is submissive, laid back, and very loving. He knows the command sit, loves to play fetch, and loves people.

"Please consider giving Boo Bear a forever home," 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.

# FEBRUARY

## This Week's Featured Events

### Circle Theatre of Barnwell

**showtime at first baptist**  
by Ron Osborne



#### Evening Shows

February 25 & 26  
March 4 & 5  
at 7:00 PM

Directed by Michael Pisacreta

#### Matinees

February 27  
March 6  
at 3:00 PM

Produced by Beth Miller

Purchase tickets online for \$12 at [barnwellct.weebly.com](http://barnwellct.weebly.com)  
Tickets are \$15 at the Door.  
Season Ticket Holders call (803) 259-7046 ext. 7700



## February 2022

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#### Holidays

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

## SHARE YOUR NEWS!

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## Activities

### Barnwell Library

**Feb. 10, 17, 24**  
VIRTUAL STORY TIME.  
Our weekly story time will be posted on our Facebook page: @librarybarnwell. Appropriate for all ages.

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

**Feb. 16**  
Grab and GO- Famous African American color pages and word search.  
Appropriate for ages 6 and up.

**ADULTS**  
**Feb. 22**  
POTLUCK BOOK CLUB 4pm

### 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**  
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## BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

**Mondays-Fridays 8:30am - Noon**  
Golden Retreat Activity Center (59 Calhoun 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

#### Bingo

11am

#### Wednesdays

Phoenix Project  
10-11am

#### Fridays

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

## Events

### 1st Friday

**Family Game Night**  
Everyone is welcome for a community game night.  
**Country Cnboard**  
6:30-8:00pm

## 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](mailto:bvillepublicalumniasoc@gmail.com)

## 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.

## 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](mailto: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.  
803-259-5653

**First Baptist Church of Barnwell**  
161 Allen St., Barnwell, SC 29812  
Contemporary Service Sundays 9:00am  
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/SB-CBarnwell](http://www.facebook.com/SB-CBarnwell)

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

**Victory Baptist Church**  
3361 Hwy 70  
Barnwell, SC 29812  
Sunday Worship at 11:00 am  
Interim Preacher Terry Woodside

## Meetings

**Feb. 22**  
**Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center Board of Directors will meet virtually**  
For more information call 803-508-7809  
5:30pm

**Feb. 24**  
**Town of Blackville Annual Planning Commission meeting**  
**Town Hall located at 5983 Lartigne Street, Blackville.**  
4:00 pm

**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



# COMMUNITY BENEFITS FAIR 2022

10:30 AM - 7:00 PM

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- FEB 12** WILLISTON TOWN HALL  
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- FEB 17** ALLENDALE BRANDT BUILDING  
338 BARNWELL HWY. ALLENDALE, SC 29813
- FEB 18** SC NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY  
10203 MARLBORO AVE. BARNWELL, SC 29812
- FEB 19** BAMBERG CIVIC CENTER  
2477 MAIN HWY. BAMBERG, SC 29003
- FEB 25** HAMPTON COUNTY RECREATION BUILDING  
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## Fundraisers

**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**

**Mar. 4 & 5**  
**Inside Yard Sale**  
Victory Baptist Church  
**3361 Hwy 70**  
**Barnwell, SC 29812**  
9am-3pm

## Education

**Barnwell Primary School Registration**  
Now accepting registration for new students for 3 year old Montessori, 4 year old CERDEP, and 5 year old Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. All kindergarten students must be 5 years of age on or before September 1. Registration packets can be picked up in the main

office located at **9286 Marlboro Avenue, Barnwell.**  
The packet contains a list of required documents that will need to be turned in along with the completed registration packet.

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Estate: Maxine Z. Brinkley  
Date of Death: November 2, 2020  
Case Number: 2020 ES 06 00147  
Personal Representative: Janet B. Nash  
Address: 828 Highway 64, Olar, S.C. 29843  
Attorney: J. Martin Harvey  
Address: P.O. Box 705, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
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Date of Death: November 23, 2021  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00005  
Personal Representative: Courtney Croft  
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Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00008  
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Estate: Peggy Long Lott  
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Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00016  
Personal Representative: Charles B. Lott  
Address: 646 Jackson Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
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Estate: Charlotte Perkins Kirkland  
Date of Death: December 16, 2021  
Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00001  
Personal Representative: John C. Kirkland  
Address: P.O. Box 3942, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
February 2, 9, 16, 2022  
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Estate: Charlo Jones  
Date of Death: December 15, 2021  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00019  
Personal Representative: Mary R. Jones  
Address: P.O. Box 381, Blackville, S.C. 29817  
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  13. No way!
  14. Malignant burning
  15. ... over
  16. Radiant light
  17. Ran easily
  18. \*The King of Staten Island\* star Pete
  20. Coyin, all. sp.
  21. Mork from Ork, c.g.
  22. Common furniture wood
  23. \*Der Ring des Nibelungen\* composer
  26. Petroleum product (2 words)
  30. Shakespearean fuss
  31. Loan shark
  34. Village People hit
  35. City in Franco
  37. Street in Paris
  38. Show in progress (2 words)
  39. Tiny purse
  40. Was almost out of gas, c.g. (2 words)
  42. \*First II in IIRII
  43. Type of bag
  45. Unguarded
  47. Brick and mortar carrier
  48. Rosizo a dress, c.g.
  50. \*For \_\_\_\_ the Bell lolls\*
  52. \*Netflix royal drama (2 words)
  55. Bridal veil fabric
  56. One who hoes
  57. Not far
  59. Orderly arrangement
  60. Drunkard, slangily
  61. Stare
  62. Country club pegs
  63. Drivers' licenses, e.g.
  64. \*2019 movie 'Queen & ...'

- DOWN**
1. Not Moose or Shiner
  - Fitting reward
  - Iris holder
  - Forest spirit
  - Gingerbread sculpture
  - Kitchen garb
  - \*'Billie \_\_\_\_ King
  - \*'Queens neighbor
  - ESPN trophy
  - Donals
  - December 31st, e.g.
  - Lowest points
  - Plural of alga
  - Intestinal obstruction
  - Opposite of their
  - \*'Prince Charles' domain
  - Temples' innermost sanctuaries
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28. More unfriendly  
29. \*Late 'Live' King of CNN  
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33. Seek a seat  
36. \*The last "king" of Russia  
38. Proprietor

40. \*The \_\_\_\_ Queen, regal chess character in \*Through the Looking Glass\*  
41. Public disapproval  
44. Cozy and comfortable  
46. Two of these do not make a right  
48. Near the wind  
49. Potato soup partner, pl.

50. \*'She \_\_\_\_ a Yellow Ribbon'  
51. Add to payroll  
52. Native of Ithailand  
53. Lash mark  
54. Member of National Socialist German Workers' Party  
55. Giant pot  
58. \*Shiny Happy People\* band