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Public transportation in jeopardy

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Residents who rely on Local Motion to get to work, appointments, and other destinations could soon be stranded.

Local Motion, which is Barnwell County's public transportation provider, is in jeopardy of closing due to financial constraints.

"Generations Unlimited is struggling financially due to increased prices and decreased revenues related to the pandemic. We are discussing cutting programs like mass transit. This would impact not only passengers, but also businesses because we take a lot of people to work," said Lisa Firmender, executive director of Generations Unlimited (GU), which operates Local Motion. The Barnwell native has led the

It will impact a lot of Barnwell County residents who use our services to go to work, shopping, and medical appointments."

-Lisa Firmender, Generations Unlimited
on the impact of cuts to public transportation



agency for nearly 12 years.

Cuts in services could come

soon depending on the action of GU's board, which meets

this Thursday, Feb. 17. GU has scheduled a public hearing for Saturday, Feb. 19 at 1 p.m. at the Gail Reyes Senior Center in Barnwell on the proposed discontinuation of the 5311 Program, which provides assistance for transportation options and services.

Local Motion receives 50 percent of its operational funding from the S.C. Department of

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The cast of "Showtime at First Baptist" includes Renee Owens, Melissa Easterling, Caroline Randall, Brittney Taylor, Mandy Smith, and Donna Creech (seated).

Play brings comedy to Circle Theatre

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Circle Theatre's new play includes hymns and humor.

"Showtime at First Baptist" is the second in a series of plays by the same author, Ron Osborne. Circle Theatre produced the first play, "First Baptist of Ivy Gap", in 2016. Director Michael Pisacreta enjoyed the storytelling and how the audience connected to the characters of the first play, so he knew he had to bring the second play to the Barnwell stage.

"My hope is that audiences will not only laugh at some of the ridiculous and hilarious moments and circumstances taking place on stage, but also connect with the heart of the story as well," said Pisacreta.

"Showtime at First Baptist" takes place after First Baptist of Ivy Gap's 100th anniversary picnic. The picnic was a success, aside from a bolt of lightning that struck the church's steeple and ignited a fire that destroyed the sanctuary.

"In the wake of the disaster, key women of the church - led by Edith, the pastor's take-

charge wife - gather in what's left (the fellowship hall) to commiserate and try to put things back together. To raise spirits and funds for rebuilding, the women plan an evening of entertainment designed to showcase the congregation's talent. Could it be that some of Edith's gang plan a song and dance number that may shock the congregation? If so, how will they circumvent the authority of the all-male conservative board of deacons, not to mention, one of their own?" according to a synopsis of the play from www.concordtheatricals.com.

"This is a story of how a small group of determined women come together and get through adversity with humor and grace," said Pisacreta.

Six local women have been rehearsing and working hard since January to bring these diverse, southern characters to life, including Donna Creech as Edith, the pastor's wife and matriarch of the church. Renee Owens portrays Vera, the wife of the chairman of the deacon board and one of Edith's closest friends. Caroline Randall portrays Mae Ellen, the church's organist. Mandy Smith is portraying Olene, a woman return-

showtime at first baptist
by Ron Osborne



IF YOU GO

What: "Showtime at First Baptist" play
When: Feb. 25 & 26, March 4 & 5 at 7 p.m.; Feb. 27 & March 6 at 3 p.m.
Where: Circle Theatre (325 Academy St., Barnwell)
Tickets: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door

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Arrests made in convenience store robberies

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The Barnwell Police Department has arrested two individuals in connection to two separate incidents at local convenience stores.

Gabrieon K. McMillan, 18, of Martin, was arrested and charged with Armed Robbery and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. The charges stem from the robbery of the Quick & Easy store on Marlboro Avenue in Barnwell on February 5 around 8:50 a.m.

"McMillan is alleged to have entered the store and presented a gun to the clerk. During the robbery he took cash (approximately \$300) and tobacco products," stated a post on the BPD's Facebook page.

He also has been charged with Burglary 2nd Degree (non-violent) for another incident that occurred on the same day.

That charge is related to McMillan being inside a home on Hook Street where he did not live or belong. The Barnwell County dog tracking team led police to the home where they found McMillan inside. He said the house belonged to his cousin, although he could not provide a full name.



McMillan

Brown

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.

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

In an unrelated case, police arrested Eric Lee Brown, 45, of Allendale, for Burglary 2nd Degree (Violent).

The charge stems from the burglary of the Bi-Rite store on January 16 in the early morning hours.

"Brown is alleged to have thrown a brick through the window and entered the store without permission. Once inside he took the register and U.S. currency," according to the BPD.

Other charges may be brought against Brown.

Chief Robinson thanks the community for all the help they provided in both cases.

Fire victim identified

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The victim of a Williston house fire has been identified.

Osceola Pryer, 75, of 1661 Elko St., Williston, died of smoke inhalation after his house caught fire on Feb. 6, said Barnwell County Coroner Denise Gibson.

"We arrived and had heavy

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

The search led to the discovery of a victim, who was identified after an autopsy on Feb. 9.

Following an investigation, the S.C. Fire Marshal's Office ruled the most probable cause of the fire as smoking related, according to their website.

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Kimberli Scott-Still seeks to help Allendale

Linda Murphy Myrick
Allendale Co. Correspondent

After years of living in another state, Kimberli Scott-Still came back to Allendale. She took her place as part of the fourth generation in the family business, Collum's Lumber Products, and became involved in leadership roles in Allendale County.

After graduation from Barnwell High School in 1999 and USC Columbia, Scott moved to Tampa, Florida where she worked several years for HomeWorks, a custom builder, as project manager and designer.

Why did this successful and attractive woman leave sunny Florida and return to Allendale?

"Ultimately, how many people would have that opportunity? I felt if I didn't try it, I would have regrets. There, of course, is always a sense of family responsibility. I chose to be part of the company I owned versus a non-active shareholder. However, it was an extremely difficult decision to leave Tampa and return to the rural area of S.C. I am continuing a legacy of producing superior products from reusable resources that are American made," she said.

Collum's Lumber employs hundreds of men and women in the tri-county area, offering high-paying jobs.

"This is what my family has accomplished generation after generation. I wanted to be part of that history," Scott-Still related.

Before returning to Allendale, Scott-Still earned a B.S. in Finance



Kimberli Scott-Still (left) talks with employees of her family's business, Collum's Lumber, in Allendale, including (from left to right) Tommie Hutto Jr. (3 years employed), Gustavo Perez (11 years employed), Khafji Young (4 years employed), Bubba Benton (20 years employed), and Gregg Hutto (30 years employed).

and a minor in Accounting from the University of Tampa. It's a degree that would help her in the manufacturing business.

Scott became the Human Relations Manager at Collum's in 2012.

Maintenance workers, production line crews, rolling stock operators, loggers, and truckers are tough jobs performed by tough men and women. Some have questionable pasts, sometimes even requiring the employee to wear an ankle monitor.

How does she deal with hiring and firing these men?

"I believe if you give respect, you get respect. I feel there is a sense of honesty between myself and the people I employ. If our judicial system says you're a free person - then as far as I'm concerned you should be able to apply for a job like anyone else. I'll give you

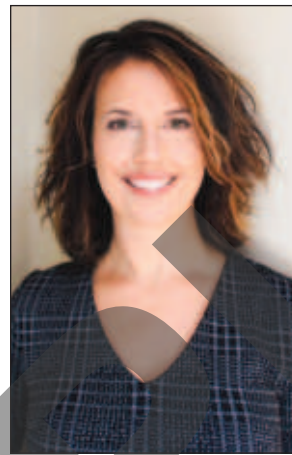
"It's about creating opportunity, creating experiences, opening the door for resources - so that the circle of drugs and absentee role models isn't the only outlet and exposure people have. I believe, given the opportunity to 'Be More', we'll see a new generation 'Do More.'"

**-Kimberli Scott-Still,
Collum's Lumber**

an opportunity, it is up to you what you do with it. Nine times out of ten those are the people that stick and get it right. They have learned from previous mistakes and want to make a different life for themselves, given the chance," she said.

Collum's Lumber also employs countless local people with no former problematic background, all of which are hardworking and staunch individuals.

"The majority of our



of the advisory committee for the U.S. 2020 STEM Collation grant, plays a role in orchestration Original Six Foundation's Practice Makes Perfect Homework Center, and volunteers for DIG's STEM program. She has even gone into classrooms to educate and elevate students in Allendale County.

"Being an industry that hires locals, I encounter too many hires that dropped out of school at an early age, as adults cannot read, or possess fundamental skills, may have been in/out of jail and plenty who have spent their fair time in prison. All of these stories have a common denominator - no mentor or role model, absentee parents, no exposure to anything different;

they don't know the opportunities available much less how to achieve them," Scott-Still said.

How do we break the cycle, so that the story line changes?

"I was fortunate to grow up with numerous role models and, even as an adult, I still add to my list of mentors," she said.

One of her mentors is Allendale County Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore.

"Her actions inspire others to learn more, dream more, and become and do more. Testing scores, graduation rates, success stories are a true truth teller. Her level of impact has not only made a difference in an individual's life, but also in developing a better future for our community," said Scott-Still.

Though she isn't looking to make excuses for anyone, Scott-Still said it's hard to expect different results given the climate and culture that many locals grow up in.

"Children are products of their environment and until we change the mindset, the culture and ultimately the environment - the cycle with continue," said Scott-Still.

Why does she do what she does?

"It's about creating opportunity, creating experiences, opening the door for resources - so that the circle of drugs and absentee role models isn't the only outlet and exposure people have. I believe, given the opportunity to 'Be More', we'll see a new generation 'Do More,'" she said.

It's a tough job, but Kimberli Scott-Still is a tough woman.



Adam's Nursery spreads love to nursing home for Valentine's Day

Adam's Nursery wanted to do something to give back to the community on Valentine's Day. That's why Wyatt and Weston Altman, children of the nursery's owners, went to the PruittHealth Nursing Home in Barnwell on Feb. 14 to distribute flowers to the ladies there. "They loved being able to deliver and talk to the residents," said Jennifer Altman of her sons.



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Letter to the Editor

Re: DOE Plutonium Settlement

To the citizens of Barnwell County:

As we should all know, the DOE Plutonium Settlement is being discussed and debated in the South Carolina House and Senate. I, as well as you, should be concerned about the division of this money.

From the time SRS was established, the plutonium has been stored in Barnwell County, and most of the land seized was from Barnwell County. The responsibility of storing and maintaining a deposit area for this dangerous and highly contaminated material was placed on our county.

From my perspective, Barnwell County should get the lion's share of these funds. As an elected official of Barnwell County, I understand every representative of their congressional district, house district, senate district, county council district, and each city will and should fight for as much as they can get out of the settlement.

Let us look at it this way: There are 46 counties in our state. Since the establishment of SRS (the name has been changed), not one of the other 45 counties has offered to take any of the plutonium and store it in its county. No, not one.

For a factual point, when Chem Nuclear wanted a place to store hazardous waste in South Carolina, every other county said no, but when it came to the dividing of the funds, every other county wanted and got a share of those funds.

We are at a point of reflection: Is there such a thing as fairness? Barnwell County should persist in fighting for what is just. I say to you, my fellow citizens of Barnwell County, not only should we persist, but we must also insist that Barnwell County receive its just portion of these funds.

I will be in Columbia on the 23rd of this month (February), and I will lobby as hard as one person can. As one famous person was said to have stated, Let's go to the Capitol and let our concerns be heard.

I call on all the mayors, school board, every council person of the city and county, and every organization or group in Barnwell County to join me on this mission. By all means, we need our religious leaders to join us as well, because nothing can be achieved without God Almighty.

Harold L. Buckmon, Chairman
Barnwell County Council

Wasteless Wonderland: DIG wins 3rd at Future City

Donna-Maria Conzalina
Contributing Writer

Imagine if everyone lived in a "Wasteless Wonderland." All trash would be recycled, buildings would be made of recycled plastic, and an "UltraViolet Explorer" would be directly responsible for everyone to have high-speed internet.

It's not such a far-fetched idea if groups of students like those at the Dreams, Imagination and Gift (DIG) Development After School Program in Williston keep working as dedicated and hard as they have this past year.

William Shipes, an instructor for the Williston DIG program, along with Charlette Epps, site coordinator, helped guide the team of eight students to not only compete, but place third in the Regional Future City event on January 22.

Each team of students was judged by panels of volunteers from STEM and design fields on deliverables that included a 1,500-word essay, a scale model with a \$100 budget, and a seven-minute video presentation highlighting the team's creativity, ingenuity and communication skills. Use of recycled materials for the model was encouraged.

Rodney Holmes, Hailley O'Neal, Rajiyah James, Dantrell Cuthbertson, Teaonia Thomas, Jordan Dash, Ali Jenkins and Kanye Ford won the "Leadership Award" and the "Best Circular Energy Generation and Storage in Waste Free Future City" Award. They won third



The Williston DIG team shows off their Future City display that earned them a third place award.



Rodney Holmes was the project engineer for DIG.



Charlette Epps and William Shipes oversaw the team.

place overall.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) and the Ruth Patrick Science Education Center at the University of South Carolina Aiken held the regional competition for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students virtually.

"I am hopeful the students recognize competitions like Future City can lead to a highly beneficial experience that can last a lifetime," said Buford Beavers, an SRNS engineering department manager. "Our country's success will be determined by students like those who have been participating in this amazing, multi-month project."

Teams were asked to

design a futuristic city using the three principles of a circular economy: designing out waste and pollution, keeping products and materials in use, and regenerating natural systems.

"Every year I'm impressed with the hours of work that typically goes into each city," said Taylor Rice, who works with the SRNS education outreach division and coordinates the regional competition. "I admire their dedication and resolve to work as a team under the helpful guidance of a teacher and mentor."

Indeed, this is quite an accomplishment of which all involved students deserve to be proud. There were 27

initial entries but only 19 completed the project and out of those 19, Williston's after school DIG program placed third across the state.

"This is the first year they placed," Shipes said. "We've had some honorable and special mentions in the past, but this is the first time we actually placed in the top three."

"The students had to present virtually this year because of the coronavirus. Usually they present over at USC-Aiken. We had to come here and present the day that it snowed. They had to be here at 8 a.m. and stay till 1 p.m. They presented 15 different times to 15 different judges on Zoom,"

Shipes continued. "They had their main presentation which ran 30 to 45 minutes then they had to do 13 or 14 other presentations from 7 to 10 minutes long. So they had to log on to one judge, present, take a five-minute break, log on to another one present, etc. They went through a lot that day. They came in and spent their whole Saturday doing that."

They went home at 1 p.m. and the presentation of the awards was on YouTube at 4:30. "So they were all able to watch YouTube from their phones. They were all really excited. We got text messages and FaceTimed to let them know they won. The next

week when the students returned, they gathered together, watched the presentation and talked about how good they did as a whole group. In addition, they watched some of the other schools' presentations so they could see where they want to improve next time," Shipes said.

Rodney Holmes, the team's 10-year-old project engineer, spoke with the confidence of an adult as he described the model city. "Our topic was to make a trash-free city; what it would look like in 100 years, so we designed this," he said pointing at their futuristic city model.

Rodney said he's inspired and already has ideas for next year. When asked if he'd like to give us any clues, he smiled like he's holding a good hand of cards and said, "I don't think so."

Eighth grader Hailley O'Neal "basically led the whole project," Shipes said.

"Before this started, I asked the group to sit down and draw out their ideas of the city. We talked it over as a group and I helped them create their ideas in the best ways that would work," O'Neal said.

As the leader of the group, she believes "students can accomplish anything that they put their minds to as long as you keep your faith and always believe in yourself. DIG is a wonderful program. I've been in it since first grade and ever since then I've had straight A's."

Charlette Epps, site coordinator, oversaw

See FUTURE CITY, 9A

Barnwell County Government 2021 Recap Accomplishments and Initiatives

- Aquatics Center at the YMCA** - Funding from the SC Legislature and local fund-raising are assisting the Barnwell County Family YMCA in financing the construction of a \$1 million-plus Aquatics Center. Target for completion is summer 2022.
- Courthouse Renovation** - The Barnwell County Courthouse underwent a major renovation financed by \$3.5 million from the county's Capital Project Sales Tax.
- Landfill Operations** - Approximately 8,049 tons of construction demolition and related debris was disposed of at the county Landfill; approximately 15,273 tons of municipal solid waste and related trash was routed through the Landfill's Transfer Station to Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority; and approximately 260 tons of mixed metals were recycled at the Landfill.
- Topographical Survey of Landfill** - The county completed a topographical survey of the Landfill that provides a more accurate estimate of the Landfill's life expectancy and provides SCDHEC a comparison between present day and five years ago.
- Road Construction and Maintenance** - Public Works continued to maintain 297 dirt roads totaling 141.7 miles and to maintain 68 paved roads totaling 28.8 miles. Nine dirt roads are in design for paving beginning Spring 2022.
- Treasurer's Office / Collections** - The Treasurer's Office implemented collection of past due taxes for boats, motors, mobile homes and business property through a collection agency bringing in \$178,200. The office also procured \$12,700 from the South Carolina State Treasurer's Office Unclaimed Property Division that was due the county.
- Spotlight on Recreational Assets** - The SC National Heritage Corridor is developing a program to spotlight the county's recreational assets to illustrate the beauty and uniqueness of the county.
- Rebranding the County** - The SC National Heritage Corridor, mentioned above, is underway with re-branding the county to promote a readily identifiable image to citizens and visitors and to existing and future business and industry.
- Upgrades to County Council Chambers** - Upgrades are underway in County Council chambers to improve audio and video capabilities.
- Redesign of County Website** - The county's website is being redesigned to enable the county to communicate better with its citizens and to promote transparency.
- Streamlining County Vehicle Fleet** - The county is working with Enterprise Fleet Management to streamline acquisition, maintenance and disposal of the county's vehicle fleet.
- Firefighting** - Elko and Williston Volunteer Fire Departments each acquired a new fire truck tanker. Additionally, volunteer fire departments each received approximately \$30,000 in FEMA funds to buy personal protective equipment, and, in one case, to help finance the purchase of a used brush truck.
- Firefighting Communications** - The county replaced an outdated critical fire-fighting communications repeater on the Atlantic Broadband tower on Highway 37.
- Proposed Installation of Sewer Line** - The county applied for a \$2.5 million Rural Initiatives grant to install a sewer line from the South Carolina Advanced Technology Park to the City of Barnwell. The \$2.5 million would be combined with other grant funding, plus other revenue, to complete the \$10,285,000 project.
- Outdoor Drive-in Theater** - The county worked with a developer to enable him to implement plans to build an outdoor drive-in theater scheduled to be located on property off U.S. 278/Ellenton Street.
- Redistricting of County Council Districts** - County Council worked with the county Registration and Elections Office and the S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to conduct redistricting of the county's seven council districts. Redistricting occurs every 10 years.
- Property Reassessment** - The Assessor's Office completed the countywide reassessment of property values, a requirement every five years.
- Comprehensive Plan** - The county completed preparation of its Comprehensive Plan, a master plan prepared every 10 years to help guide future actions of the county.
- "Story Walks" Installed** - The Barnwell County Public Library partnered with "Eat Smart Move More Barnwell County" and "Save the Children" to install permanent Story Walks in Barnwell's Fuller Park, Blackville Courthouse Square, and the Williston's Rail-Trail.
- Animal Shelter** - The Shelter participated in the "Petco Program for Pets" at the Aiken Petco store in which 22 cats were adopted, more than any prior year for citizen adoptions. The Shelter launched a "Foster to Adopt Program" allowing animals to spend time in homes to ensure a good fit for the family, achieving a 99.9% success rate.
- Auditor's Office** - The Auditor's Office acquired new software for watercraft billing due to new boat registration laws.
- Buildings and Grounds / Custodial** - The department, among its many responsibilities, was in the forefront of responding to covid by installing Lexan clear barriers at customer counters and at employee desks and spraying, fogging, decontaminating to keep the public and county employees as safe as possible.
- Building Inspection Program** - The county transitioned to SAFEbuilt as the county's building inspection department following the retirement of veteran inspector Michael Grubbs.
- Emergency Management** - Emergency Management helped facilitate the installation of a siren to warn the public in the 10-mile emergency planning zone for the Plant Vogtle nuclear power plant in nearby Burke County, GA; provided traffic control for covid vaccination sites and coordinated decontaminations of county offices; and maintained a supply of personal protective equipment in response to covid.
- Emergency Medical Services** - The county and Medshore Ambulance Service signed an agreement for Medshore to provide EMS services to the county.
- Probate Court** - Probate opened 262 Estates of Decedents in 2021 versus 183 in 2020.



BARNWELL COUNTY FAMILY Y POOL ADDITION
WESTERN FACING PERSPECTIVE RENDERING
NOVEMBER 2021

Capital Project Sales Tax

- Transfer Station / Landfill
- Courthouse Repairs
- Purchase / Repair SCA Building
- Water / Sewer System Improvements*
- Scale House / Landfill*

*Planning underway

HOMEMAKER'S COLUMN: HAVE A HEART HEALTHY MONTH



Christine Patrick

Clemson Extension

During February, we observe American Heart Month. Do your heart a favor by exercising regularly and eating healthy foods, including plenty of deep red and bright pink fruits and vegetables every day. The "red" color group of fruits and vegetables is rich in many health-promoting and disease-

fighting phytochemicals, such as lycopene and anthocyanins. These antioxidants promote a healthy heart, memory, and urinary tract, as well as lower your risk for certain cancers (e.g. prostate cancer).

Deep red and bright pink fruits and vegetables include tomatoes and tomato products (e.g. tomato juice, spaghetti sauce, and pizza sauce); red bell peppers; red onions; beets; red cabbage; radishes; red kidney beans; apples; red and pink grapefruit; red grapes; strawberries; cherries; watermelon; raspberries; cranberries; red pears and pomegranates.

Here are some ideas for serving nutritious meals and snacks that include deep and bright pink foods in February and throughout the year:

- Top your oatmeal with a heart shape made of dried cranberries or dried cherries.
- Enjoy a pink or red grapefruit half. Sprinkle it lightly with brown sugar if you prefer.
- Make heart-shaped muffins by filling the muffin cups 1/2 to 3/4 full of batter and inserting a small ball of tin foil between the muffin pan and liner. Bake as usual.
- Make a raspberry smoothie in the blender by combining 3/4 to 1 cup vanilla-flavored yogurt and frozen raspberries, adding a few tablespoons at a time. After blended to desired consistency, you may add 1 or more teaspoons of sugar or no-calorie sweetener.
- Toss a salad that includes some red bell pepper, red onion, radishes, and cherry or grape tomatoes. If you prefer coleslaw, add chopped red onion, red pepper, and apples to red cabbage.
- Nibble on red grapes, a juicy red apple, or a red pear.
- Make Rosy Cinnamon Applesauce by combining the following: 1 24-ounce jar of unsweetened applesauce; 1 tablespoon cinnamon "red-hot" candies and 1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon. Heat the mixture in a saucepan over medium heat for 3 minutes or until the candies are melted. Serve warm or cover and refrigerate to serve chilled. Makes 5 1/2-cup servings.
- Serve a pink treat, such as frozen strawberry yogurt or vanilla pudding to which a few drops of red food coloring have been added.

Less than one in four South Carolinians eat at least five or more servings of fruits and vegetables daily. Strive to eat 2 cups of vegetables and 2 1/2 cups of fruit daily. Choose many different ones in a variety of colors, because no single vegetable or fruit has all the nutrients you need for good health. To further reduce your chances of heart disease, eat a variety of whole grains, lean meats, poultry, fish, legumes, and fat-free and low-fat dairy foods. Stay physically active and maintain healthy body weight as well as normal levels of blood cholesterol, triglycerides, and blood pressure.

For related information visit the Home and Garden Information Center webpage at <http://hgic.clemson.edu>, refer to HGIC 4016, Focus on Fruits; HGIC 4017, Vary Your Veggies; HGIC 4064, Antioxidants and HGIC 4090, When It Comes to Chocolate, Choose Dark.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Generations Unlimited operates Local Motion which is the public transit system for Barnwell County. Local Motion provides shared rides to get people to work, work related training, life-saving medical appointments, essential shopping and to meal sites such as the senior centers and the soup kitchen. We provide a vital service for Barnwell County. Our passengers include older residents, people with disabilities, veterans, students, and employees.

We have a significant economic impact in Barnwell County. Rural public transportation is an important component in supporting our local economy by connecting residents with local businesses and job opportunities. There is a shortage of employees and many businesses are having problems hiring. The lack of transportation is one more barrier for many businesses looking for employees. Public transportation helps businesses access an employee pool that would otherwise not be available.

Although many older Americans drive safely, as people age, particularly past 75 years, their driving ability tends to decline. By choice or necessity, many older Americans adjust their routines and rely on alternative transportation options. Generations Unlimited provides free transportation for seniors 60 and older to medical appointments, essential shopping and to our senior centers. Surveys indicate that most

older Americans want to age in place. To make this possible, rural communities need appropriate mobility options for seniors.

Generations Unlimited is currently struggling financially due to increased food costs, increased gas prices, increased repair costs for vehicles, and the need to increase salaries to attract workers. In addition, we continue to have expenditures related to the pandemic including daily sanitation of vehicles, PPE and sanitizers. Because reimbursement rates for our services have not kept pace with the cost increases, we are faced with the prospect of reducing services. This will have a significant impact on our community economically when people can't get to work or to stores to shop. It will limit access to medical appointments, community services and meal programs.

Public transportation is an increasingly critical service for Barnwell County and is worth the investment and ongoing support for employees, seniors, people with disabilities, veterans and anyone who either lacks transportation or chooses not to drive.

Generations Unlimited is a sub-agency of County government and we receive a \$30,000 annual allocation from the County. This annual support has not been increased in over a decade which is indicative of how little County Council values supports for seniors and our public transit system.

Barnwell County was allocated 2 million dollars that

they received in May of this year in American Rescue Plan funding and is anticipating an additional 2 million dollars. This money was intended to help agencies like Generations Unlimited in the aftermath of the pandemic as the name of the funding implies. Generations Unlimited has been requesting one-time funding in an amount which represents 7% of the ARP funding the County has and will receive. We have been requesting this funding since May of this year when we projected a shortfall. County Council should provide the ARP funding in the total amount requested immediately to ensure that services are not cut.

What is County Council doing with the money intended to help agencies and why are they not providing it to ensure that seniors and people who rely on public transportation continue to receive services?

Please call your County Council representative and ask them to support Generations Unlimited with the much-needed funding to prevent cuts to services. If you are not sure who your County Council representative is or need contact information, you can reach out to me at (803) 541-1249.

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The president must start taking inflation seriously



Richard Eckstrom

SC State Comptroller

Having left inflation unchecked for so long, the challenge now for the White House and the Federal Reserve Board is keeping soaring prices from overwhelming family budgets without triggering a recession. It's a delicate balance. Are they up to the challenge?

So far, the president's actions don't inspire much confidence.

The White House spent much of last year downplaying the threat of inflation – even as most of us could see the price hikes in our grocery receipts and at the gas pump. When prices rose too sharply to be ignored, the White House spun it as "transitory," or temporary, inflation brought on by pandemic-related crimps in supply chains. But that ignores the role that printing trillions of dollars in the name of "pandemic relief" played in creating a surge in consumer demand, thus feeding inflation. (Increasing the amount of money circulating

in an economy relative to the amount of goods and services available for purchase is a recipe for inflation – and not the temporary kind.)

The numbers are in, and consumer prices rose a whopping 7 percent in 2021 – a four-decade high. Americans are shelling out more and more for food, gas and bills. The "transitory" argument has shown itself to be false, and the White House has belatedly abandoned such talk.

Either the president badly misread the inflation threat, or he wasn't being level with the public. I suspect it was the latter; after all, he had spending plans to push... and the prospect of sustained inflation potentially threw a monkey wrench into those plans. Either way, the White House's credibility on inflation matters has taken a big hit, and it's a self-inflicted wound.

The president's most recent spin is that corporate greed is to blame for ballooning consumer costs. But that's not a serious assertion. Businesses didn't become greedy last year and decide all at once to gouge their customers. Demand soared following a federal spending binge combined with Americans spending the money they'd saved by staying home in the early

months of the pandemic. So baffling is this latest White House argument that the Washington Post – one of the news outlets most inclined to support the president – panned his "bizarre message on inflation."

Often called "the cruelest tax" because of the numerous ways it impacts people's daily lives, inflation affects virtually everyone. It diminishes the purchasing power of families and businesses. Its sting is worst for those of lesser means and for seniors on fixed incomes, who tend to spend a greater proportion of their money on essentials like food and energy, which are most affected by inflation. Because inflation slashes the purchasing power of savings accounts, those at or near retirement may find their golden years less secure.

This is a time for serious leadership. The White House – as well as the Federal Reserve Board and Congress -- must be laser-focused on rolling back inflation. They must move with deliberation and resolve. And shooting a little straighter with the public can't hurt, either.

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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.

Tony Joseph Demillo, 48, of 449 Sturgeon Road, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 1 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office

(BCSO) for Failure to Stop for Police and Driving Under Suspension. Demillo was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

John Kristopher Johnson, 33, of 11448 Ellenton Street, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 1 by the BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Johnson was

booked and released to the BCDC.

Danielle Nicole Lewis, 39, of 1951 Lake Drive, Williston, was arrested Feb. 7 by the BCSO for Fraudulent Check. Lewis was booked and released to the BCDC.

Joshua Seth Moody, 25, of 229 Pinehaven Street, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 4 by the BCSO

for Cruelty to Children. Moody was booked and released to the BCDC.

Pamela Ray, 40, of 546 Blease Creek Road, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 4 by the BCSO for Assault & Battery and Resisting Arrest. Ray was booked and released to the BCDC.

Nickolas Simmons, 30, of 9400 Highway 39,

Williston, was arrested Feb. 7 by the BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Simmons was booked and released to the BCDC.

Robert Ian Sistrunk, 33, of 756 Windsor Road, Windsor, was arrested Feb. 9 by the BCSO for Unlawful Transportation/Possession of Nonferrous Metals and Tools/Posses-

sion Making Implements Capable of Being used in Crime. Sistrunk was booked and released to the BCDC.

Larmarion Lamont Williams Jr., 23, of 3361 Govan Highway, Olar, was arrested Feb. 2 by the BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Williams was booked and released to the BCDC.

Transportation: Deep cuts could be made to Local Motion mass transit services

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Transportation (SCDOT). The SCDOT requires Local Motion and other 5311 Program providers to come up with the remainder of revenue from local sources.

Barnwell County allocates \$30,000 annually to GU, which is just a fraction of what's needed for the 50 percent local match. That's why GU has relied on proceeds from the Medicaid program, which pays GU for taking Medicaid recipients to appointments. Unfortunately, COVID has halted much of that revenue.

"Because of COVID a lot of primary care physicians

went to telemedicine to see patients. Trips are down and haven't bounced back," said Firmender.

While GU is hopeful that Medicaid trips will bounce back to normal levels, there's no telling when that will happen. In the meantime, GU is experiencing serious cashflow issues.

"Once the program is shut down, SCDOT will come and pick up the buses and give them out to other agencies. It will take years to get this back. It will impact a lot of Barnwell County residents who use our services to go to work, shopping, and

medical appointments," Firmender said.

To help offset the loss of Medicaid funding, GU has been requesting help from the county since May 2021 when it first projected the financial shortfall. GU asked Barnwell County Council for \$280,000 in funding from American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding received from the federal government. These funds are meant to help those impacted by the pandemic.

Barnwell County has received \$2 million of its approximate \$4 million in ARP funds, although Bennett said there's no guarantee they will receive the balance. The county is accepting applications through March 15 from local agencies and organizations for a portion of these funds.

"The Rescue Plan is designed to assist in the recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic," states an ad on page A5 of this newspaper.

Barnwell County Council allocated a total of \$50,000 from ARP funds that was

split in two payments—one in late 2021 and one in January. Firmender said this money helps, but is only 17.85 percent of what her agency requested to keep operating.

"The County Council has not provided the funding that we need to continue to operate public transportation and senior services," said Firmender.

During a Barnwell County Finance Committee meeting on Feb. 14, the committee voted to recommend to county council that they not give GU additional funding until the agency provides a detailed finance plan to the county.

A similar request for a detailed financial plan was made by the county in December 2021, but no such plan has been provided, according to the county.

"South Carolina Department of Transportation and Barnwell County Council are requesting a detailed financial plan from Generations Unlimited as to how it is going to resolve its financial difficulties in order to maintain its services going forward. County Council's

position is it is not going to continue to allocate funds to Generations Unlimited without a detailed financial plan," said Barnwell County Administrator Tim Bennett.

What triggered the recent attention from the county and SCDOT was GU receiving and spending, according to SCDOT, \$1,362,593 in Federal Transit Administration CARES Act funds in 14 months from April 2020 to June 2021. These were in addition to regular annual funding apportionments received by GU, plus the \$50,000 in ARP funds the county already provided in recent months.

"Additionally, another \$75,000 is available by the county contingent upon receiving the requested detailed financial plan," Bennett said.

Firmender presented the council with a sustainability plan, but not the detailed financial plan they seek. She said at the Feb. 8 county council meeting that she and her board will be working on one following strategic planning in March.

GU has made many cuts, including not filling some open positions, and is working to find grants and negotiate better rates with the state, but Firmender said "drastic decisions" will have to be made soon without the full local match of \$280,000. This includes cutting services.

"Please contact your Barnwell County Council representatives to express how vital public transportation, meals on wheels, senior center and homemaker programs are to you as members and businesses of Barnwell County," Firmender said. "The loss of services will have a huge impact on people in our county."

She said GU provides an

average of 189 trips every day. This includes many people who have no other means of transportation to get to work or necessary medical appointments.

Cuts will also result in a loss of jobs. GU employs approximately 50 people, most of whom work for the transportation side, including the drivers.

While some on the council questioned why fares could not be raised, Firmender said that would not help since any increase would be backed out of the SCDOT reimbursement. She said this was tried before she came to the agency, which led to fewer customers and less trips because some people could not afford the increase.

"Public transportation is an increasingly critical service for Barnwell County and is worth the investment and ongoing support for employees, seniors, people with disabilities, veterans and anyone who either lacks transportation or chooses not to drive," said Firmender.

Though the county is not giving additional funding at this time, the council is fully aware of GU's importance as a Council on Aging whose mission is to meet the needs of the county's senior population.

"County Council will always keep this in mind in making decisions. But County Council also has to keep in mind that spending taxpayer dollars without a solid financial plan doesn't solve anything, prolongs the problem, and is fiscally irresponsible," said Bennett.

While cuts to the transportation services could be step one, Firmender said all programs will eventually be impacted if the agency does not receive the necessary local funding.

BARNWELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

FUNDING AVAILABLE

Barnwell County Government announces applications are available for organizations to apply for funds from the American Rescue Plan. The Rescue Plan is designed to assist in the recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Deadline to apply is March 15, 2022. Award of funds is scheduled to be announced no later than April 15, 2022.

To apply, email eferguson@barnwellsc.com for an application. Place ARPA Application in the subject line. Or, call (803) 541-1000 to request an application. Return the application to eferguson@barnwellsc.com or to Elaine Ferguson, Clerk to Council, Barnwell County, 57 Wall St., Rm 126, Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

For more information, phone (803) 541-1000

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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled at the Barnwell County Planning Commission meeting at 6:30 p.m. on March 1, 2022, in County Council Chambers (54 Irving Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812) regarding:


The Barnwell PV1 Solar Energy Facility is a 60 megawatt (AC) solar photovoltaic facility along with energy storage capacity for 20 MW sited in Barnwell County using approximately 380+ acres of land situated west of State Road S-6-54 (Moore Road) and north of State Road S-6-20 (Patterson Mill Road) near their intersection. The land proposed for this development is a fraction of a 1,008-acre tract owned by the Oropeza Family Limited Partnership. The Barnwell County tax parcel ID is 025-00-00-002. Construction of the Project is estimated to begin at the start mid-2022 and is anticipated to require approximately 9-11 months to complete, with Project commissioning anticipated by the end of 2023. It is expected the Project will be operational for at least the duration of 35 years, after which it may be decommissioned if no arrangement for further use is determined.

PUBLIC HEARING

This is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend a public hearing on the **proposed discontinuation of 5311 (Public Transportation) Program in Barnwell County** due to lack of local funding. This hearing will be held at the Gail Reyes Senior Center on Saturday, February 19, 2022 from 1-2 p.m. The Gail Reyes Center is located at 11403 Ellenton Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

The 5311 Program is the rural transportation program for Barnwell County and is operated by Generations Unlimited (dba Local Motion). The rural transportation program provides assistance for transportation options and services for the communities operating in Barnwell County. These services are currently provided using 14 passenger cutaways, vans and mini-vans.

Any questions or comments can be directed to:
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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. Bid documents can also be found on the district's website at <https://www.acs.k12.sc.us/page/finance>.

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BIRTH



Magnolia Jane Birt was born on December 20, 2021.

Magnolia Jane Birt

Mr. and Mrs. Pierson Clay Birt of Allendale are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Magnolia Jane Birt.

She was born at 5:18 a.m. on December 20, 2021 at University Hospital in Augusta, Ga. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 and a half inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Birt of Barnwell.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oswald III of Allendale.

Albertha Walker celebrates 88th birthday

Albertha Walker celebrated her 88th birthday on Feb. 1, 2022.

She is a foster grandparent with Save the Children at Kelly Edwards Elementary School in Williston. Her co-workers surprised her with a luncheon party at the school.

Albertha's hobbies are cooking and working in the yard.

Ms. Walker is a member of Park Baptist Church. Her favorite scripture reading is the book of "Psalms" and her favorite song is "Look Where He Brought Me From".

Albertha is asking for 100 years; however, if granted more, she will be grateful.



OBITUARY

Paul Edward Stark

BARNWELL - Paul Edward Stark, age 92, of Barnwell, South Carolina passed away on January 23, 2022 at Sumner Regional Medical Center (COVID ward) in Gallatin, Tennessee. He had been visiting his son when he fell ill.

Paul was born on January 29, 1929, in Nashville, Tennessee to Thomas Austin Stark and Beulah Kemp Stark.

He loved to travel and joined the U.S. Navy, completing boot camp in January 1947, just shy of his 18th birthday. He proudly served on 4 ships: the USS Mississippi, the USS Salem, the USS John Thoma-son (DD-760), and the the USS Semmes (DDG-18), retiring after 20 years of service in Charleston, South Carolina. He and his wife settled in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. and they chartered Amvets Post #52. He was very active with Amvets nationally and enjoyed the conventions. By 1974 he had established his electrical contracting business, East Palmetto Electric. He semi-retired to Barnwell, S.C. in 1993. Over the years he seldom missed any of his navy reunions. He enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends. At home, he was a consummate host and loved a full house. He was known to enjoy a martini or two, his "were the best" followed by a T-bone steak. He was a good friend and helpful to a fault.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 39 years, Vivian B. Stark; one brother, Carl T. Stark, and 1 stepson, Timothy J. Franks. He leaves behind 2 children and 3 stepchildren: Paul E. Stark Jr., Gregory N. Stark, Linda C. Bonaldi, JC Bonaldi, and Edward A. Bonaldi. He also leaves behind 2 sisters and 2 brothers: Mollie S. Lyle (John), Jettie S. Cook, Harold R. Stark and William E. Stark, as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He will be laid to rest next to his wife in Trinity Baptist Church Cemetery in Barnwell, South Carolina, on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at 2 p.m.

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ANNIVERSARY



Willie G. and Preston Fields celebrated their 50th anniversary on Feb. 12, 2022.

Mr. & Mrs. Fields celebrate 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Fields of Barnwell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, February 12, 2022.

Mrs. Fields is a floral designer and high school teacher and a lifelong resident of Barnwell. Mr. Fields is co-owner and operator, along with his son Marcus, of Stay Focus Driving Academy.

The Fieldses are the proud parents of two sons, Joseph N. Geter, JD, and Marcus C. Fields, EdS, and one daughter, Dr. Kelley R. Fields, PhD. Their two grandsons are Joseph (Jay) N. Geter Jr. and Myles J. Geter.

No extravagant celebrations were held. The couple spent the evening enjoying a delicious gourmet meal prepared by their daughter and watching the Winter Olympics on a large screen television gifted by their children.

OBITUARY

Troy Neece

OLAR - Funeral services for Troy William Neece, 83, of Olar, will be held at 11 o'clock a.m., Saturday, February 19, 2022 at Georges Creek Baptist Church with Randall Neece, Glen Hurd, and the Reverends Ted Still and Dale Hutto officiating; burial will follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, February 18 at Folk Funeral Home, Williston. Memorial contributions may be given to The Memorial and Honor Program, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Troy passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022.

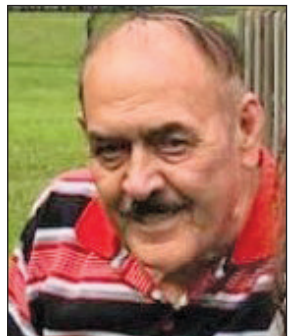
Born in Dickenson County, VA, he was a son of the late Marquis D. Neece and Florence McMillan Neece and was married to the late Alma Faye Ryan Neece. He attended Georges Creek Baptist Church and retired as a truck driver from Westinghouse SRS after working many years. Through the years he served off and on as a police officer for the town of Olar. Troy loved tinkering and working with his hands, he was a jack-of-all trades. He especially enjoyed cooking for his family and friends, he was an exceptional storyteller and kept everyone entertained for hours at the time. He also loved the time he spent in the mountains with friends and family and was just a simple man who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life.

Survivors include his children, Marilyn (Richard) Smith of Olar, Charlotte (Layton) Morris of Williston, Jonathan (Rachael) Neece of Olar, Allen Neece, Randall (Rebecca) Neece, and Deb Rose, all of Kingsport, TN, Tommy Fletcher (Kim) of Knoxville, TN, Richard Fletcher of Columbus, OH, and Patricia (William) Cook of Powhatan, VA; sisters, Pauline Mullins of Clintwood, VA, Linda Jackson of Clinchco, VA, and Marie (Glen) Hurd of Blackwater, VA; brothers, Ronald (JoAnne) Neece of Dante, VA, Donald (Teresa) Neece of Powhatan, VA, and Jimmie (Judy) Neece of Sandstone, VA; numerous nieces and nephews; he was blessed with many grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, Alma Faye Neece, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Elizabeth Neece; a son, Doug Neece; a sister, Jeannette Kinney; and a brother, Hewey Neece.

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

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Rheta Woodard



BARNWELL - Rheta Black Woodard, 84, of Barnwell, entered heaven's glory on Sunday, February 6, 2022. Rheta was blessed to be cared for in her home by her family and an amazing care team. Her faithful companion, Pixie, snuggled at her momma's feet until the very end.

Rheta was born on May 25, 1937, to Judson and Emma Black. Rheta was a lifelong resident of Barnwell. As a child, she loved spending time on St. Simon's Island while her father worked as a hard hat diver for Brunswick Harbor during World War II. She graduated from Barnwell High School in 1955 where she was a proud Warhorse athlete as a basketball player and cheerleader. She

married David Woodard Sr. on January 1, 1956. They were married for 47 years until David's death in 2003.

Rheta was a lifelong member of Barnwell First Baptist Church where she displayed a servant's heart in many different capacities. She also enjoyed the Barnwell Garden Club, Young at Heart group, serving in the community soup kitchen and aerobics with the Presbyterian Church ladies followed by breakfast at Hardee's.

Rheta's family, who continues to live out her legacy of unending hope, are David Woodard Jr. and wife Marie Colton, Audrey Shealy and husband Warren, RuthAnne Ridgeway and husband Keith, and Elizabeth Langley. Rheta was a proud grandmother to Judson Woodard and wife Meghan, Geoffrey Shealy and wife Brooke, LauraAnne Bell and husband Thomas, Georgia Woodard, Emma Ridgeway and Alexis Ridgeway. Rheta had the joy of bragging about her seven great-grandchildren, Carter and Darby Woodard, Garrett Knight and August Shealy, EllaRose and LaylaKate Bell and Elliot Rae Ridgeway.

Rheta is preceded in death by her husband, David Woodard Sr.; her parents, Judson and Emma Black; and her brothers, Henry Black with wife Grace and Howell Black with wife Betsy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Barnwell First Baptist Church

<https://onrealm.org/FBCBarnwell/-/form/give/FBCBarnwell> or Barnwell County Public Library, 40 Burr Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

A celebration of life is planned on February 19, 2022, at 2 in the afternoon under the oak trees at Rheta's home. Join the family at 2886 Reynolds Road, Blackville, S.C. 29817. This will be followed by refreshments and a time of visitation with family and friends. The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Lynn Stanley and each member of the care team provided by DayBreak Adult Care Services as well as Regency Hospice. These caregivers extended their hearts on a daily basis to care for Rheta with dignity and love. The family is forever grateful to every person who showed up day after day because Rheta's mood in her last days was "like a box of chocolates. ... you never knew what you were going to get!"

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

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Jimmie R. Morris



KLINE - Jimmie R. Morris, 86, passed away Sunday, February 6, 2022 in Aiken.

Jimmie was born on November 17, 1935, he was the son of the late Roy and Bertie Hadwin Morris. Jimmie was born in Kline and lived there his entire life. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener and loved to share his vegetables with family and friends. He loved woodworking and tinkering with anything that had a motor. He was a member of Kline Baptist Church for most of his life and he loved his church and the people in the community. He was always willing and able to help people in need.

After his retirement from the S.C. Highway Department, Jimmie and Ann traveled all over the country many times. They lived a simple country lifestyle and enjoyed seeing nature in the rural areas of the U.S.

The family would like to thank the caregivers, Esther Pierpont, for her help during the past year. They would also like to thank the staff at Shadow Oaks Assisted Living for their care and kindness.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, February 10, at 2 p.m. in the Kline Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Locke officiating. Burial followed in the Kline Cemetery. Visitation was held at 1 p.m. in the church prior to the funeral. Pallbearers were Roger Arnold, Terry Carpenter, Bud Chappell, Les Major, Charles Rahn, and Johnny Rahn. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Barnwell County Animal Shelter, 55 Diamond Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

Jimmie is survived by his loving wife, Ann Jeanette Morris; daughter, Jan (Pete) Carpenter of Aiken; grandson, Terry (Tina) Carpenter; great-grandchild, Trinity Carpenter; sister, Mell Furman of Beaufort; sister-in-law, Mary Rahn of Islandton, special "son", Billy (Mary Ann) Laurey of Boiling Springs; and his constant companions, PeeWee and granddog Toby. He was predeceased by brothers, Jack and Jennings Morris; and sisters, Margie Brown and Marion Farr.

Mole Funeral Home assisted the family. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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Mark Corbett

WILLISTON - Mr. Mark Anthony Corbett entered into eternal rest on February 9, 2022.

Services in loving memory of Mr. Mark Corbett will be conducted on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, Inc. & Cremation Service with Evangelist Mattie R. Antoine officiating. Visitation will be on Saturday, February 19, 2022, from 12 to 1:45 p.m. at Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, Inc. & Cremation Service.

Family and friends may call Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, Inc. & Cremation Service (13188 Main Street, Williston) at (803) 266-7808. Visit www.simmonsfuneralhomeofwilliston.com.

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Jesse Jerkins Sr.



LEXINGTON - Funeral services for Pastor Jesse LeVon "Jerk" Jerkins Sr., 71, of Lexington, were held at 2 o'clock p.m., Saturday, February 12, 2022, in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Reverends John G. Jerkins, Mike Garner and Billy Garner officiating; burial followed in the Barnwell County

Memorial Cemetery by the airport. The family received friends from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home on Saturday. Memorial contributions may be given to The Memorial and Honor Program, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Pastor Jesse Jerkins Sr. passed away on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

Born in Loxley, AL, he was a son of the late John Thomas Jerkins and Bertha Lucille Johnson Jerkins. He graduated from Walterboro High School in 1968 and achieved the honor of being number one All-American Athlete during his junior year of high school. In 1978, he graduated from the Tabernacle Baptist College in Greenville. He was a member of the Bible Believers Fellowship and was a pastor for 44 years.

Survivors include his wife, Alice "Kate" Jones Jerkins of the home; his children, Jesse L. (April) Jerkins Jr. of Meridian, MS, Tina J. (Rod) Smith of Monks Corner, John G. (Susan) Jerkins of Williston, and Paul A. (Kim) Jerkins of Gilbert; grandchildren, Jesse (Sloan) Jerkins III, Thomas James (Rebecca) Jerkins, Christopher Tristan (Cassidy) Jerkins, Brittany N. Herrington, Hannah H. Craven, Robbie R. Davis, Chandler (Jené) Davis, Leon Davis, Cissy Davis (Angel Canales), Allyson Katie (David) Altman, John G. (Kayla) Jerkins Jr., Joshua "T-Bone" (Abby) Jerkins, Sarah-Grace Jerkins, Brodie Calhoun Jerkins and Hampton-Reese Jerkins; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty (Dan) Cobb of Lavonia, GA, Linda Johnson of Bay Minette, AL; his brother, Robert (Shirley) Jerkins of Houston, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Bertha Lucille Gibson; and brothers, John Herman Jerkins and Edward Jerkins.

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

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Osceola Harry Pryer



WILLISTON - Mr. Osceola Harry Pryer, affectionately called "RC", entered into eternal rest on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at his residence.

Service in loving memory of Mr. Osceola Pryer was conducted on Friday, February 11, 2022, at 12 p.m. at Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, Inc. & Cremation Service, with Elder Donald Danner officiating.

He was born August 2, 1946 in Barnwell County, South Carolina. He was the son of the late Fred Pryer Sr. and Inez Albright Pryer.

During his youth, Osceola was baptized and joined the St. Peter Missionary Baptist Church. He was a retired employee of Williston School District 29.

Osceola will be remembered for his love of family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

On Sunday, February 6 2022, Osceola entered into eternal rest.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne Pryer; 2 sons, Osceola Pryer of Williston, South Carolina and Brian Pryer of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; 4 daughters, Keisha and Christie Pryer, both of Williston, South Carolina, Regina Doe (Demetrius) of Aiken, South Carolina, and Thelma Johnson of Elko, South Carolina; 4 sisters, Shirley Bryant of New Jersey, Annie Mae Johnson of North Carolina, Vera McQueen of North Carolina, and Brenda Pryer of Elko, South Carolina; 2 brothers, L. C. Pryer (Barbara) of Williston, South and Fred Pryer Jr. (Thelma) of Williston, South Carolina; 1 aunt, Margret Albright; 11 grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may call Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, Inc. & Cremation Service (13188 Main Street, Williston) at (803) 266-7808.

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Margie Still Ayer



Mrs. Margie Still Ayer, 92, widow of Mr. Francis W. Ayer, passed away on Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

Mrs. Margie was born in Barnwell County on March 22, 1929 and was a daughter of the late Luttie and Viola Hutto Still. She was a homemaker and a member of Kearsie United Methodist Church. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and will be missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services was held on Friday, February 11, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Kearsie United Methodist Church with Pastor Patricia Dangerfield officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Visitation was held at the church one hour before the services. Pallbearers were Brannon Ayer, Jamie Ayer, Hunter Jolly, Shawn Jolly, William Ayer, Mason Mobley.

Mrs. Margie is survived by her sons: Donnie (Judy) Ayer of Olar, Terrie (Susie) Ayer of Ehrhardt, Frank (Kimberly) Ayer of Woodford; daughter: Libby (Stan) Mobley of Ehrhardt; grandchildren: Brenna Hancock of Olar, Brannon Ayer of Olar, Jamie (Sara) Ayer of Ehrhardt, Mary (Shawn) Jolly of Ehrhardt, Melissa Amberley of Barnwell, Brad Ayer of Barnwell, William (Jamlynn) Ayer of Smoaks, Christine Ayer of Raeford, N.C., Aaron Masters of Garner, N.C., Sarah (Jacob) Strickland of Lebanon, TN, Katelyn Ayer of Woodford, Peggy Jean Ellis of Ehrhardt, Mason Mobley of Ehrhardt; great-grandchildren: Ariana Arnautovic, Jocelyn Hancock, Gauge Ayer, Hunter and Aaliyah Jolly, Abigail and Asher Ayer, Michael (Courtney) Black, Jonathan and Chase Bodiford, Kayley and Isabelle Ayer; great-great-grandchildren: Arden Black. She was predeceased by her brothers, Merrell "Little Goat" Still, Cornell "Big Goat" Still, and Lidy Still; and her sister, Merdrue Still Jennings

Mole Funeral Home assisted the family. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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Wayne Thurmond Grubbs



Wayne Thurmond Grubbs, 71, passed away on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at his home.

Wayne was born in Augusta, Georgia on May 23, 1950, and was a son of the late M.J. and Vernice Still Grubbs. He was a retired employee of The Savannah River Site and a veteran of Vietnam where he received several medals. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his loving wife, Kathy Williams Grubbs; his sons, Chris Grubbs, Travis (Jennifer) Grubbs and Josh Grubbs; grandchildren, Jesse, Jacob, Aubrey, and Reed Grubbs; his brother, Ricky (Teresa) Grubbs. He was predeceased by his brother, Ronnie Grubbs.

Graveside services were held on Monday, February 14, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Mount Lebanon Christian Church Cemetery with military services. Rev. Bert Baynham. Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m. Sunday, February 13, 2022, at Mole Funeral Home.

Mole Funeral Home assisted the family. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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FEBRUARY

This Week's Featured Events



Schedule

EGG HUNT 11:30AM
AGES 2-12
FIRE STATION/POLICE STATION

ART CONTEST

DROP OFF AT 9:30AM AT THE EVENT TENT
10X12 OR LARGER
CATEGORIES: PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPHY, SKETCH

BLUE RIBBON CONTEST

REGISTER AT BARNWELLSUNDIAL.COM/FESTIVAL-EVENTS
DROP OFF BY 9:30AM AT THE EVENT TENT
CATEGORIES: CAKES, PIES, COOKIES, PASTRIES, JAM, JELLIES, BBQ SAUCE, PICKLES

CAR, TRUCK, & BIKE SHOW

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT 1:30PM
REGISTRATION \$25
BARNWELLSUNDIAL.COM | SUNDIALCARSHOW@GMAIL.COM

Sundial Festival!
On the Circle, Downtown Barnwell

MARCH 12
9AM TIL 3PM
FREE TO THE PUBLIC

February 2022

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27	28					

Holidays

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

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

Do you have an announcement you would like published?

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

Events

Feb. 25 & 26
Mar. 4 & 5
Showtime at First Baptist by Ron Osborne
Circle Theatre of Barnwell
Tickets: \$12 at barnwellct.weebly.com
Tickets: \$15 at the door
Season Ticket Holders: 803.259.7046 ext. 7700
7PM
Feb. 27 & Mar. 6
Matinees
3PM
1st Friday
Family Game Night
Everyone is welcome for a community game night.
Country Cupboard
6:30-8:00pm

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
Mar. 11
Sandlapper SPUDS Lunch
11:30AM - 1PM
Holy Apostles Church
Take-Out only
Cost is \$10 and includes loaded baked potato, salad and dessert.
This year's lunch benefits Circle Theatre of Barnwell. Tickets available at The People-Sentinel (218 Main St., Barnwell) or from Sandlapper members.

Activities

Barnwell Library

Feb. 17 & 24
VIRTUAL STORY TIME
Our weekly story time will be posted on our Facebook page: @librarybarnwell. Appropriate for all ages.
Feb. 16
Grab and GO - Famous African Ameri-

can 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
Register for up to four, 45 minute sessions on the public computers.

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

Museums

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

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

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 bvillepublicalumntassoc@gmail.com

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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

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.

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

Meetings

Feb. 17
Public Hearing: Ordinance Redistricting
Allendale County Council
Allendale County Courthouse,
J.W. Wall, Jr. Council Chambers,
292 Barnwell Hwy, Allendale, SC 29810.
Regular County Council Meeting Immediately Following Public Hearing.

Mask Required, Limited Seating
6PM
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 Lartigue 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

FEB 17

ALLENDALE BRANDT BUILDING
338 BARNWELL HWY, ALLENDALE, SC 29810

FEB 19

BAMBERG CIVIC CENTER
2477 MAIN HWY, BAMBERG, SC 29003

FEB 18

FEB 25

HAMPTON COUNTY RECREATION BUILDING
361 E. PINE ST, VARNVILLE, SC 29344

WALK IN OR SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT
CALL (803)259-4600

* EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FREE!

Are you ready to file your taxes? Are you struggling with your rent payment, mortgage payment or utilities because of COVID?

If so, there are Community Benefit Days happening where you can have your taxes prepared for free and electronically submitted 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 the county, such as First Steps, AXIS 1, Clemson Extension, Dominion Energy, Save the Children, Family Solutions, Food Share, Tri County Commission on Alcohol and Drug and Palmetto Care Connections to name a few. Walk-ins are welcome, but you can make an appointment by contacting Kelsey Cheek at 803-259-4600 with Southeastern Housing and Community Development.

Faith

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

Barnwell United Methodist Church
236 Main Street
803-259-3331
Sunday Services & activities:
9:15 Coffee Fellowship in Crenshaw Hall
10:00 Adult Sunday School in Crenshaw Hall
10:15 Youth Sunday School
11:00 Traditional worship service and Children's Sunday School
Monthly activities:
United Methodist Women - date announced each month
Barnwell Soup Kitchen - 10:45 every 3rd Monday at First Baptist
Crochet Comforters - 10:00 on 4th Saturday

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

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

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

Christ Presbyterian Church
848 Hagood Ave., Barnwell
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Bible Study Wednesday 6 p.m.
803-259-5653

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

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

Future City: Williston team of students places third at regional Future City competition

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Future City for the last three years, yet with working two jobs she said she "needed some extra help and tagged William this year so they could work on it together. He did an excellent job."

Future City is a great way for children to know the futuristic parts of the world and what's going to take place, probably even when we are all gone.

"Because of the new technology we can see that they are going to be using that, even more than what we use today. So, it's helping them to think outside the box and get their minds flowing. They may be future architects and engineers. They even learned about blueprinting, solar energy, generators, wind turbines, hydro energy, and how

they can take everyday things they use and turn it into renewable energy. That was one of the key points they learned. It turned a lightbulb on!" Epps said, snapping her fingers.

Epps believes this group of students excelled because they collaborated so well together. "Sometimes they had to brainstorm over original plans and reconfigure designs to make it fit," she said. "You could see when they talked about Future City they'd light up because they knew what they were talking about and when showtime came, they showed up!"

Epps also mentioned the contributions of one student who wasn't available on the day of this interview. "Rajiyah James is very talented and added so much cre-

ativity to the project. She made the benches, created the theater, and has great vision for design."

Future City starts in October and they present in January.

"What we typically do, especially with the STEM activities during the rest of the year is, if we're thinking that they want to do wind turbines, we'll start doing little activities throughout the year where they're looking at wind turbines," said Shipes. "Looking at how they work, how they spin, can you make one out of paper straws? Can you do this, can you do that? Okay, now that they've done good at that, we'll step it up. We get the little motors that actually spin, and they actually build one that will work when you hook it to a



Hailey O'Neal helped lead the DIG team in their Future City project.

battery." Supplies for this youth inspiring program, such as batteries and motors, often come from donations which are always appreciated. "SRNS is one of our biggest donation contributors," Shipes said.

"Williston's DIG program runs through a grant with the state along with donations. This past fall because of the coronavirus no funding was available so DIG ran completely on donations from businesses and individuals

who cared enough to donate."

For anyone interested in donating or learning more about the DIG program, contact Shelby Broomfield, program director, at swilliams@digdp.org or visit www.digdp.org.

Pastor's Column: Taste & see that God is good

These last few years have been hard ones for just about everyone, myself included.

It seems like we have all experienced major trials in our lives. During this pandemic, we have experienced the loss of jobs and the loss of loved ones. We have had long stretches where we could not do the things that we have always done or see the people we have always seen. We have had political turmoil and had fierce debates over masks, vaccines, and injustice, and in this charged up atmosphere where everyone has strong opinions these debates have put more strain on already strained relationships. We have experienced the disappointment that comes when the new year or the new news cycle brings hope of change only to have setbacks that thrust us back several steps and cause us to question whether this is going to end. This

and much more.

In seasons like this it is easy to lose hope, or to lose faith because the circumstances around us seem so bleak. Yet scripture is resoundingly clear that even in the darkest of days, God is still sovereign, still in control, still working all things together for His glory and the good of those who love Him, and still good.

Maybe you find yourself in a place where your faith has stumbled, you have been out of church and been out of God's Word and your faith is hanging on by a thread. Maybe you are reading this and you have never believed in God, never darkened the door of a church, and never even thought about Jesus or this Gospel that people mention. Either way you look at that sentence and you're just not sure about that. I mean, just look around how can we know? If everything seems so bad

around us, how can we think that God is good?

So, what do we do if we are in a place where we are questioning the goodness of God? What do we do if we are overwhelmed by the circumstances around us?

When I get asked this question and when I ask this question of myself, my answer is always the same, "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!" (Psalm 34:8)

Here is the glorious truth about God: He is good. His Gospel and His Word are good. He satisfies like nothing else. He is the well that never runs dry and never fails to satisfy. This remains true even in our trying days. He is infinitely holy, unimaginably good, immeasurably kind, full of grace and mercy, quick to forgive and able to atone because of the atoning work of Jesus Christ. That is who He is, and we have access to Him! We



Rev. Brandon Howard
Hagood Ave. Baptist Church

can know Him through His Word! This is why the Psalmist tells us to taste and see! His goodness will speak for itself.

The way to know God is good, is to taste the Gospel. To taste His Word. Wake up and choose to read. On Sunday, wake up and choose to go to church. Seek Him and you will find Him (Matthew 7:7).

What I have found is that once you taste the Word, once you have read for a time, you will find that you hunger for it. No matter how long you have been away or if you have never even read at all, the Word never loses its goodness or truth. You will see it is good and you will see it to be true. And once you taste and see He is good, believe it and take refuge in Him. Trust in Jesus, lean on Him, go to His Word, be in His church, pray, and rest in

Him. He is where true rest is found.

We have the hope of redemption in Christ, the hope of life. He is the anchor within the veil, the true and present help in our time of need.

He truly does sit enthroned over all, ruling and reigning. Taste and see!

He will not hide from you. Taste and see! He is everything He claims to be. Taste and see!

His salvation is real, true, and free. Taste and see!

He really has a great love that you can enter into by faith: a love that persists and never fails. Taste and see that He is good!

Take refuge in Him, he will not turn you away.

I'll close this article with an illustration.

My son Colton has always been cautious trying new foods. When he was a toddler, we would offer him food off our plates and, if it wasn't chicken or bread, he would shake his head and say, "No!" One day we offered him a chocolate chip cookie and he shook his head and said, "No!" I tried for a few

minutes to convince him by telling him how good

cookies were, but he still shook his head and said, "No!" Well, I know how good chocolate chip cookies are and I knew he would love it. So, I put some on my finger and put it in his mouth. He screamed and shook his head but then, when he tasted it, he stopped crying and started asking for more! Not only that, he started to wake up in the morning and ask for cookies because he tasted and saw that it was good stuff!

Friends, a chocolate chip cookie is good, but God and His Word are infinitely better. Taste and see that it is good. Let the truth of the Word change you. Let it comfort and guide you. Wake up in the morning and go to Him. Take refuge in Him and find a church that presses you deeper into Him and His Word, one that will encourage you and walk alongside you as you seek to know God more and more.

Taste and see, friends. He is good.

Brandon Howard is the youth pastor at Hagood Avenue Baptist Church in Barnwell.

CommUNITY Day

Sunday, February 27

9th Annual African-American Heritage Parade @ 3:30 PM
* Main Street Parade Route *

Immediately Followed by:

- Student Showcase (Hallways of WEMS)
- Vendor Market (HS/MS Cafeteria)
- Food Court (Warren St. – next to WEMS)

Parade Entries, Food and Market Vendors:
send application requests to nbrady@williston.k12.sc.us
or call 803-266-8075

Inclement Weather Date: March 6

GARDEN GURUS

FREE! Youth Workshops

- 3/19 All About Growing
- 4/9 Soil Scientists
- 5/14 Compost Crew
- 6/11 Pollinator Pals
- 7/16 Garden Chefs
- 8/13 Greenhouse Growing
- 9/10 Art in the Garden
- 10/15 Fall Flavors

Hands-on learning that connects kids to food and nature and teaches the values of health eating and sustainability. Workshops include in-garden STEM learning, arts integration and outdoor physical activity.

Growing Healthier & Happier Together

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
REGISTER ON [@VEGGIECUPBOARD](https://www.facebook.com/veggiecupboard)
OR AT: bit.ly/veggiecupboard
CONTACT US: VEGGIECUPBOARD@GMAIL.COM

WEMS Jr. Beta Club members attend S.C. convention

Contributed
Williston District 29

Williston-Elko Middle School Jr. Beta Club scholars, sponsors, and chaperones traveled to Myrtle Beach January 12-14 to attend the Junior Beta Club Convention. In total, 29 scholars attended the trip along with sponsor, Dr. Betsy Portune and co-sponsors, Ms. Andrea Yon and Mr. Ross Nettles.

The convention trip was full of learning and laughter. Scholars attend-

ed daily sessions at the convention center where they watched wonderful talents and were able to vote in the election of state Beta Club officers.

Scholars also visited several beach attractions during their free time, such as Ripley's Odditorium. They spent time exploring the various memorabilia and oddities of the museum and even enjoyed games at the arcade at the end of their time.

The trip was incredibly successful and the scholars received compliments



Members of the Williston-Elko Middle School Jr. Beta Club attended the state convention in Myrtle Beach.

for their impeccable behavior. It was most enjoyable because we are #BetaTogether.

WEHS students dissect sheep eyes in anatomy class



WEHS students dissect sheep eyes in Frank Asare's anatomy class.

Contributed
Williston District 29

There are great things happening in Mr. Frank Asare's anatomy class at Williston-Elko High

School! Recently, his students dissected and examined sheep's eyes which help them to learn how to think critically about what they are seeing. When a student is able

to dissect a small object, it allows for them to think critically as well as to learn how to be more careful with the object.

Mr. Asare does his best to ensure that stu-

dents are able to have access to various types of labs so that they have different experiences. Thus, in each of his labs, there is always something new and different happening.



W-E student volunteers as junior firefighter

Connor Johnson is a 9th grade student at Williston-Elko High School who spends a great deal of his spare time as a volunteer junior firefighter in Barnwell County.

He became interested in this field because he says he grew up around it. His sister, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, and close friends of the family are all firefighters.

You would think Connor wants to jump right in the field when he graduates, right? Absolutely not! He wants to commit to the military first and then become a firefighter at a Nuclear Power Plant.

Besides that, he enjoys playing football and baseball for WEHS.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

My name: _____

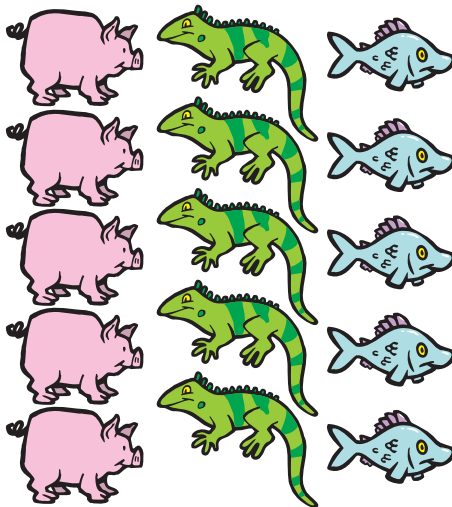
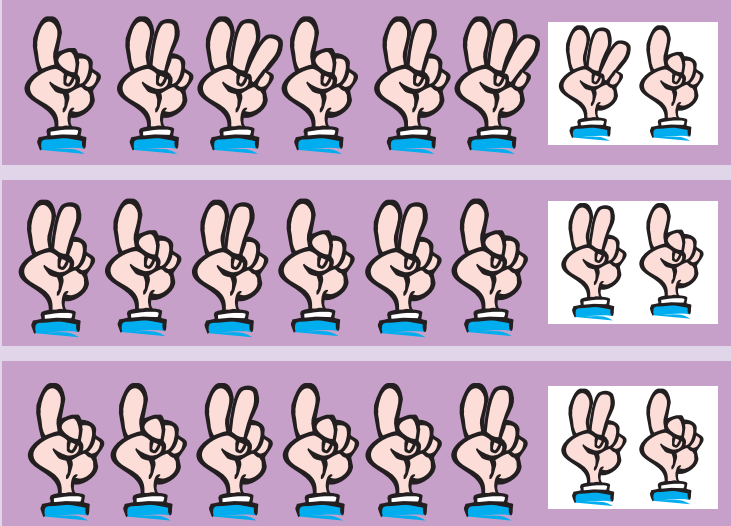
Kid Scoop Junior

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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.

Finger Patterns

Circle the hand that would come next in the pattern in each row below. Then hold up that many fingers.



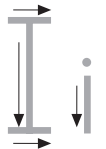
My Rhyme Time

Intery, mintery, cutery, corn,
Apple seed and briar thorn;
Wire, briar, limber lock,
Five iguanas on a dock.

My Letters

I is for Iguana

i is for iguana



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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the short I sound as in words like **big**, **think** and **fit**.

My Numbers

How many iguanas?

How many pigs?

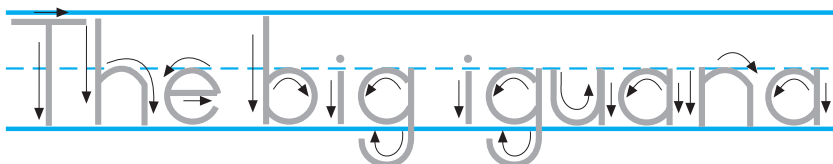
How many fish?



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

My Sentence

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



Sunday

Letter Identification

With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that have the short I sound at the beginning or in the middle of words like **iguana** or **dig**.

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Monday

Math Play

Point to the number **5** in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Big I and Little i

On one page of the newspaper, search for an uppercase letter **I** and a lowercase letter **i**. Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more uppercase and lowercase **I** pairs?

Wednesday

Imitate

Look at pictures in the sports section of the newspaper. Take turns with your child imitating what the people in the pictures are doing. (NOTE: point out that **imitate** starts with the short **I** sound.)

Thursday

Imagine

Look at a picture in today's newspaper. Ask your child to imagine what happened next. Talk about the ideas that come up. (NOTE: when you give your child the instruction to imagine, point out that **imagine** starts with the short **I** sound.)

Friday

Inch By Inch

Show your child an inch on a ruler. Measure newspaper photos to see how many inches wide and tall they are. After measuring a few, have your child predict the height or width before measuring. (**Inch** starts with the short **I** sound.)

Saturday

Invent

Invent a new creature or appliance using parts of pictures of animals, machines and things found in today's newspaper. (NOTE: point out to your child that the word **invent** starts with the short **I** sound.)

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.

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

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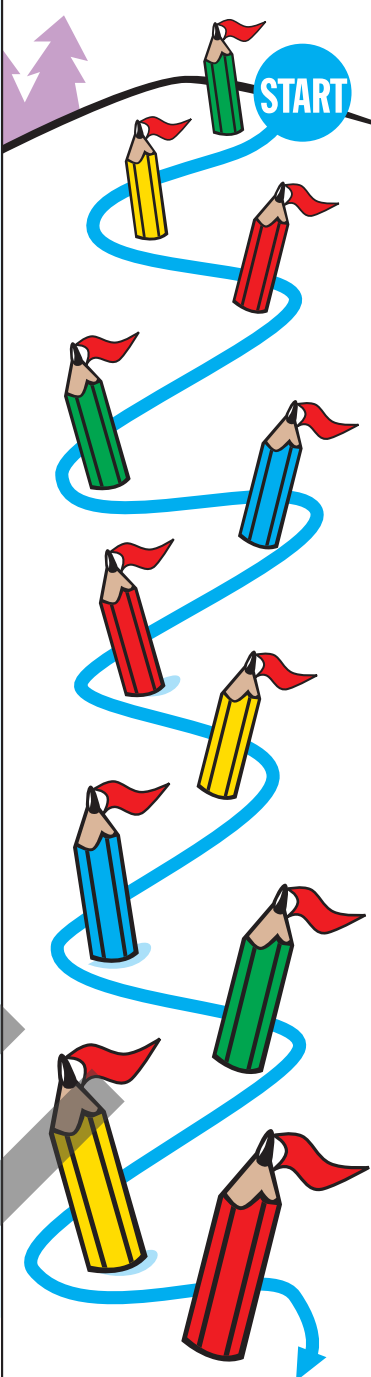


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Kid Scoop Together:

Slalom Racers

Place a pencil on START. Close your eyes. Trace the curving path down the slalom run. Score 1 point for each slalom flag cleared. Now have a friend try. Who scored highest?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoo-doku™

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SKIER in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

			E	S
R			S	K
	K			I
		R		E
E				R

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: LUGE
The noun **luge** means a racing sled where riders lie on their backs with feet pointing forward.
There are **luge** competitions in the Winter Olympics.
Try to use the word **luge** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

BEIJING 2022 The Science of the Olympics

GOLD MEDAL DICTIONARY

Fall Line: _____

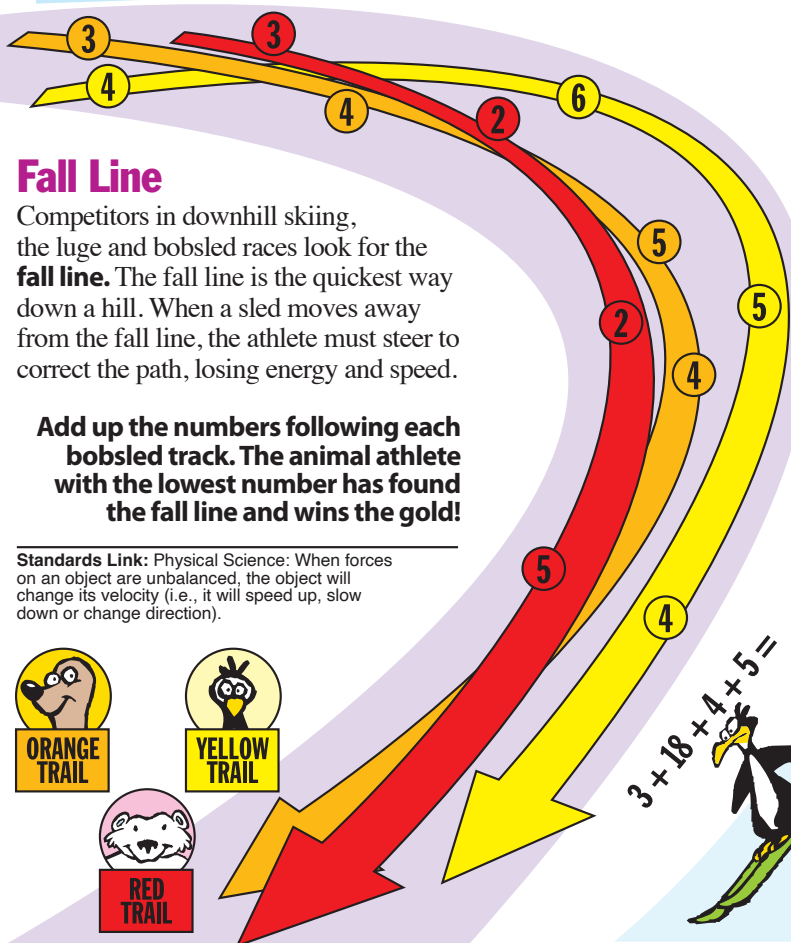
Friction: _____

Drag: _____

The people who compete in the Winter Olympics are more than great athletes. They are also masters of science. Gold Medal athletes know about the science of a **fall line**, **drag** and **friction**.

Find the definition of each of these words on the page. Write the definition in the Gold Medal Dictionary.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Use a dictionary or context clues to find the meaning of words.

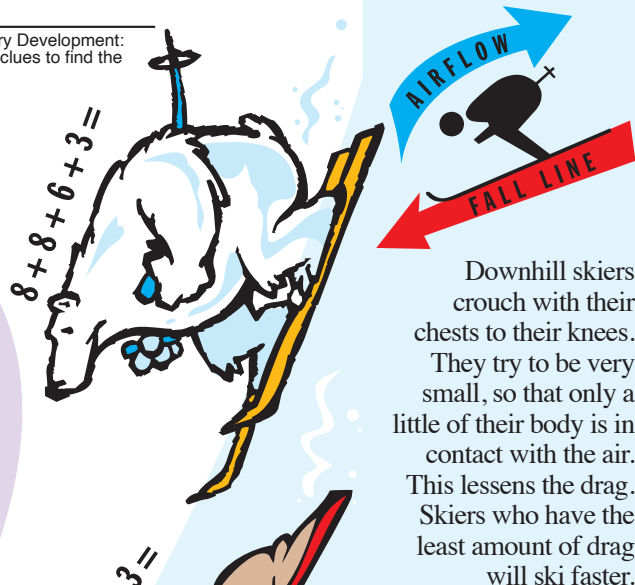
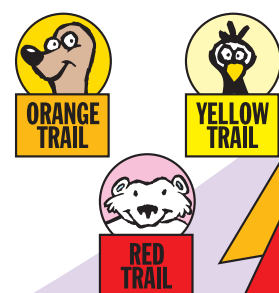


Fall Line

Competitors in downhill skiing, the luge and bobsled races look for the **fall line**. The fall line is the quickest way down a hill. When a sled moves away from the fall line, the athlete must steer to correct the path, losing energy and speed.

Add up the numbers following each bobsled track. The animal athlete with the lowest number has found the fall line and wins the gold!

Standards Link: Physical Science: When forces on an object are unbalanced, the object will change its velocity (i.e., it will speed up, slow down or change direction).



Cutting Down on Drag

While we don't always feel air, we are always moving against it. The faster we move, the more we can feel the air rushing past us. Air is actually slowing down our motion. This is called **drag**.

Downhill skiers crouch to their knees. They try to be very small, so that only a little of their body is in contact with the air. This lessens the drag. Skiers who have the least amount of drag will ski faster.

Drag Racers

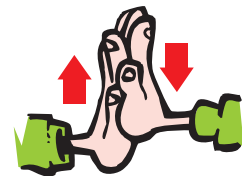
Look at the three skiers. They are all skiing down the fall line. The one with the least drag will win. Circle the skier you think will win.

To find out each skier's time, add up the numbers above each skier. The skier with the fastest time wins the gold!

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 30.

What is Friction?

Friction is the rubbing of one object or surface against another.



Place your two palms together with your palms only lightly touching each other. Slide your palms back and forth against each other. There is only a little friction and your hands move easily.

Push your palms tightly together and try to move them back and forth. It will be harder to move your palms because there is a lot of friction and that slows the motion.

Now put soap and water on your hands. This will reduce the friction and your hands should move together faster. Athletes wax skis, boards and runners to lower friction and help them go faster.

Standards Link: Science: Identify forces that can act on an object, including friction.

SNOWBOARD CHALLENGE

The athlete who did the best job waxing their board will win this race. (The lowest number is the fastest time.)

11	10	12
6	2	3
+ 5	+ 1	+ 5

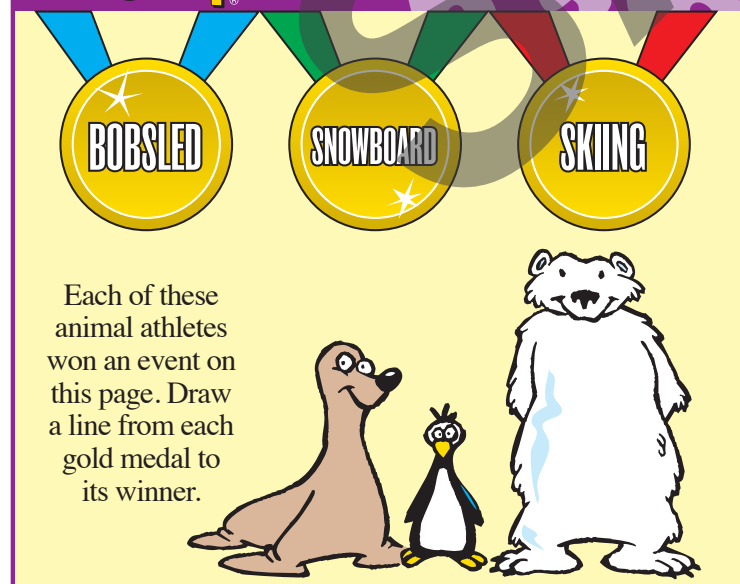


Extra! Extra! Faster, Higher, Stronger

Look through the newspaper to find pictures and words that represent the above words. Make a Spirit of the Olympics poster with your findings.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Understand and apply media techniques and processes.

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Each of these animal athletes won an event on this page. Draw a line from each gold medal to its winner.

Standards Link: Life Science: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- SCIENCE
- MEDAL
- ATHLETES
- OLYMPICS
- BOBSLED
- SKIER
- SPIRIT
- FRICTION
- DRAG
- FALL
- LINE
- GOLD
- LUGE
- KNEES
- RACERS

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

G	O	F	O	D	T	L	B	U	C
G	K	T	A	I	G	O	L	D	O
A	A	L	R	L	B	L	E	C	S
R	E	I	K	S	L	O	N	C	M
D	P	O	L	Y	M	P	I	C	S
S	R	E	C	A	R	E	L	P	E
E	D	S	E	E	N	K	D	T	G
N	O	I	T	C	I	R	F	A	U
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

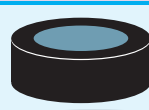
FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Science Behind the Scenes

The communities that host the Olympic games must respect the environment. Look through the newspaper for ways people protect the environment. Can you find any ideas for protecting the environment during the games?

Standards Link: Earth Science: Know ways in which humans can change ecosystems.

What does an athlete need most to be a great hockey player?



ANSWER: Good ice sight.

Write On! National Hero

Who is your favorite national hero? What is it about this person that you admire most? What character traits does this person have?

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Timeline Challenge

Put the events in Rosa Parks' life where they belong on the timeline by drawing a line from each event to the year in which it occurred. Use the information on this page to help you.

ROSA PARKS

Mother of the Civil Rights Movement



Rosa Parks once said, "I believe we are here on the planet Earth to live, grow up and do what we can to make this world a better place for all people to enjoy freedom."

Kid Scoop introduces you to Rosa Parks, considered by many to be one of the most important citizens of the 20th century.

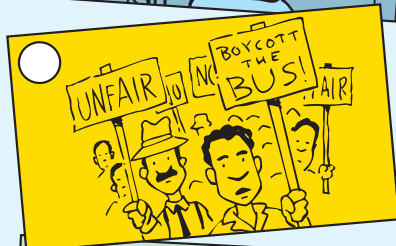
COURAGE A Movement is Born

In 1955, Rosa Parks was riding home on a bus after a long day of work. She was very tired. She got on the bus and sat in an empty seat.

In those days, Rosa's hometown of Montgomery, Ala. had a law: if there weren't enough seats on the bus for white people, black people were required to surrender their seats to them. When the bus filled, the white people expected Rosa to get up from her seat.

Rosa didn't think it was fair that she had to give up her seat because she was African-American, and she didn't want to be treated unfairly any longer. She said, "No." Rosa Parks was arrested and jailed for not giving up her seat.

When the black people in Montgomery heard what had happened, they decided as a group to **boycott**, or stop riding all local buses, until the law was changed.



Read this article, then number the pictures in order.

Standards Link: History: Explain how demands of African-Americans helped produce a stimulant for civil rights.

INTEGRITY Meet Rosa

Rosa McCauley Parks grew up in a time when it was legal to discriminate against black people in the United States. In 1924, she went to a store to buy a soda. The clerk at the store told her, "We don't serve sodas to colored people." While Rosa knew the clerk's refusal was legal, she also knew it was wrong.

"Differences of race, nationality or religion should not be used to deny any human being citizenship rights or privileges."

— Rosa Parks

Rosa was born in 1913. How old was she when she was denied the right to buy a soda? To find out, add up the numbers on the bottles of soda.



Today, because of laws Rosa Parks helped to change, it is illegal to refuse to serve a customer based upon skin color.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the importance of individual action and character.

Differences and Similarities

Kevin and Kyle are best friends. Put a check next to each thing they have in common.

Kevin's Favorites:

- Football
- Soccer
- Sports section
- Harry Potter
- Camping
- Pizza
- Math
- Dogs
- Hip Hop
- Oranges



Kyle's Favorites:

- Baseball
- Soccer
- Sports section
- Star Wars
- Camping
- Pizza
- History
- Cats
- Hip Hop
- Bananas

PERSEVERANCE The Struggle for Change

During the Montgomery _____ Boycott, Rosa Parks and her family received threats. She was fired from her job as a seamstress. Even so, she never stopped working for racial _____.

For 382 days, the black people of Montgomery _____ ride the bus, and the bus company lost a lot of money. Finally, the law was changed.

Standards Link: History: Examine the roles of civil rights advocates.

In December of 1956, the Supreme Court decided that bus segregation _____ the constitution. People of all races banded together to work for equal treatment for all people in a _____ called the Civil Rights Movement. This led to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which gives all Americans, whatever their race, nationality or religion, equal _____ under the law.

Draw a line from each word below to where it belongs in this story.

- VIOLATED
- RIGHTS
- BUS
- EQUALITY
- DIDN'T
- MOVEMENT

Extra! Extra! Character Search

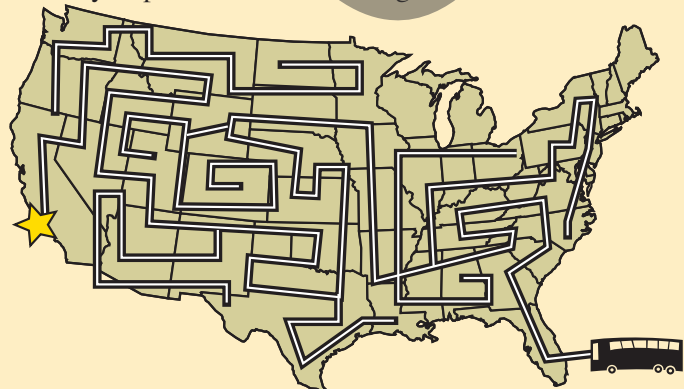
For each of the following character traits, find a person in the newspaper who shows that trait.

- Courage
- Perseverance
- Commitment
- Integrity

Standards Link: Character Education: Identify character traits in the actions of others.

Commitment: Teaching Young People

In 1987, ten years after the death of her husband, Rosa founded the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development. One of its programs takes young people of different ethnicities on tours of North American places historically important to the Civil Rights Movement.



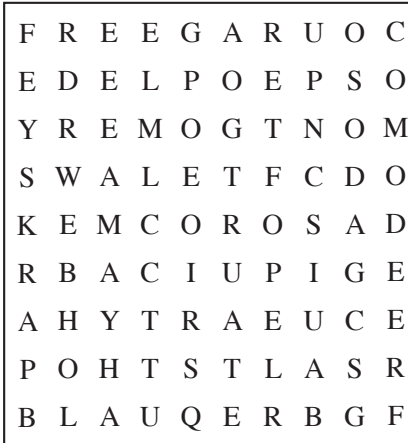
Help the bus get from Florida to California.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

MONTGOMERY ROSA PARKS FREEDOM SUPREME BOYCOTT RACIAL COURAGE RACE SEATS LAWS EQUAL SODA PEOPLE COURT

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Play "Find the Question"

1. Find and read an article in which a reporter interviews someone.
2. What questions did the reporter ask the person being interviewed? Can you think of new questions to ask this person?

Standards Link: Language Arts / Reading Comprehension: Identify who, what, when, where and why of a newspaper article.

Quotes About Rosa Parks ...

"There are very few people who can say their actions and conduct changed the face of the nation. Rosa Parks is one of those individuals."

— Rep. John Conyers

"Her show of defiance was an act of personal courage that moved millions."

— Former President George W. Bush

"She was an inspiration to me and to all who work for the day when we will be one America."

— Former President Clinton

"Rosa Parks has shown the awesome power of right over might in history's long journey for peace and freedom."

— Rev. Jesse Jackson

Write On!

Constitution in Action

The United States Constitution protects many important rights. Write about a Constitutional right that is important to you.

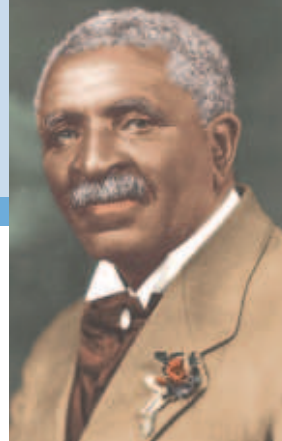
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BLACK HISTORY FACT

In 1942, Henry Ford invited agricultural chemist George Washington Carver to the Ford Motor Company in Michigan. Carver worked with Ford for many years and helped develop synthetic rubber out of goldenrod (a plant weed). The invention was important at the time due to shortages caused by the war. In addition, Carver is known for several other inventions, including postage stamp glue, special plastics, a gasoline alternative, and over 100 other important advances. (Source: www.history.com)



Corder's Book Corner: The memory of books

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

Occasionally, I like to go to my school's library during my planning period. As I walk in, I am reminded of the days when I worked as a librarian assistant in high school. The quiet of the room that seemed to hum with the energy of the books that sat on the shelves. The lovely aroma of the clean carpet and the air tinged with the scent of ink. All of those things reflected as I walk into the library at the school where I teach. And so I remember. I remember going between the shelves and looking for a new book to read. I remember tak-

ing in the art of the book covers. I remember the solace I found in the library. And just as I remember my hours spent in the library, I also remember the books I read. Certain books carry memories. They trigger and evoke images in you of when you first picked them up in the bookstore, or when you read them in your favorite coffee shop. Books are vessels of remembrance for those who read them. "To Kill a Mockingbird" gives me images of light and warmth. I read it twice, and both times the world was bright.



David B. Corder loves getting lost in a good book.

The first time I read the book was over summer vacation at the end of high school. I'd spend hours on the porch reading about Scout's perspective of the world. In college, I listened to the audiobook for a class, and I'd walk around campus, buds in my ears, the world green with spring around me. "The Giver" reminds me of middle school. I remember the dim lighting of my eighth-grade classroom, my teacher playing the audiobook and transporting me to a pale, colorless world where the character encountered vibrant mem-

ories of snow and life. And of course, children's books carry many memories for me. Amusement with "Captain Underpants", wonder and enchantment with "Harry Potter", shock and anxiety with "Goosebumps". Memory upon memory, wonder upon wonder. Each book gave me something different. And because books are such powerful vessels of memory, my love for them only increases. Some people have photographs, some have mementos. I have books. And truly, they are very remarkable treasures.

Play: Circle Theatre brings laughs

FROM PAGE 1A

ing to Ivy Gap after a less than spotless past. Melissa Easterling is portraying Lucille, the mayor's wife and assistant deputy police chief of Ivy Gap. Brittney Taylor portrays Annie, Lucille's daughter-in-law and a transplant from the north. "The six ladies that star in our production have worked extremely hard to provide a night of entertainment. It is a heartwarming play about everyday women and their everyday trials," said Easterling, a local teacher. Her character, Lucille Spears, is a person who is passionate about her church and family. Likewise, Easterling is passionate about the theatre because "it is a place where you can enjoy a night of laughter, tears and maybe a little mystery." Smith is the newcomer

in the group, but she's always wanted to audition for a play since moving to Barnwell in 1999. "I'm an only child and have always been the center of attention. I love the spotlight. I'm always a little animated (my students call it 'cringy'). I've never had time to dedicate to practices and performances. It just happened to fit my schedule right now between sport seasons for my boys. It helped that one of my closet friends encouraged me to audition with her," said Smith, also a teacher. The experience has gained Smith many laughs and new friends. She said Pisacreta along with producer Beth Miller made this new experience more comfortable for her. "People should come see this show because we are a great group of

women who have worked hard to prepare. But not only that, the play shows how a strong group of women can come together to overcome adversity," Smith said. Join the cast during one of their six performances: Feb. 25, Feb. 26, March 4 and March 5 at 7 p.m. Sunday matinees will be Feb. 27 and March 6 at 3 p.m. Advance tickets are \$12 and may be purchased online at barnwellct.weebly.com or from a local ticket outlet, including The People-Sentinel, Palmetto Building Supply, or Barnwell Chiropractic during their regular business hours. Tickets will be \$15 at the door. Season ticket holders can call (803) 259-7046, ext. 7700, to leave a message with their reservation information.

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'Donnie' is a gentle giant

Donnie the Doberman is this week's Adoptable Pet of the Week from the Barnwell County Animal Shelter. He was found as a stray in Snelling. He has been very mild mannered, laid back, and has gotten along with dogs and cats while at the shelter. "He likes attention from people. He may need to be fed separately from other animals. Donnie is a gentle giant weighing in around 75 to 80 pounds. He has a cropped tail and is about 4 years old. He is in good health and heartworm negative," said Marlena Ray, shelter manager. Consider adding him to your family. 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.



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Estate: Charlotte Perkins Kirkland Date of Death: December 16, 2021 Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00001 Personal Representative: John E. Kirkland Address: P.O. Box 3942, Allendale, S.C. 29810 February 2, 9, 16, 2022 2022-23 3tp 02-16-22

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Estate: Maxine 7 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 February 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-26 3tc 02-23-22

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Estate: Peggy Long Lott Date of Death: December 9, 2021 Case Number 2022 FS 06 00016 Personal Representative: Charles B. Lott Address: 646 Jackson Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 February 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-27 3tp 02-23-22

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Estate: Charlie 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 February 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-28 3tp 02-23-22

Notice of Sale

C/A No: 2021 CP 06 00287 BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Barnwell County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Fifth Third Bank, National Association vs. Michael J. Niegowski, Midland Funding LLC; Barclays Bank Delaware; Branch Banking and Trust Company I the undersigned as Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on March 7, 2022 at 11:00AM, at the County Court House, Barnwell County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

Legal Description and Property Address: ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being located in the City of Barnwell, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as I of 12, Corley Heights Subdivision upon a plat prepared for Patsy Vaigneur by WJ Webb, PLS dated March 21, 2006 and recorded March 4, 2006 in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 39, page 4 A, records of Barnwell County, South Carolina. According to said plat, which is incorporated herein by reference thereto, said tract is described as follows, to wit: Northwest by lands now or formerly of Hoffman and Cochran, et al, 84.53 feet; northeast by lands now or formerly of KAM (Lot 10), 140.05 feet; southeast by 40' right of way of Corley Heights Richardson Road, 85.05 feet, and southwest by lands now or formerly of All (Lot 14), 140.16 feet, all measurements being more or less.

THIS BEING the same property conveyed unto Michael J. Niegowski and Allison T. Niegowski, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, by virtue of a Deed from Patsy Z. Vaigneur dated August 30, 2007 and recorded September 19, 2007 in Volume 808 at Page 41 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina

HEREAFTER, Michael J. Niegowski and Allison T. Niegowski, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, conveyed subject property unto Michael J. Niegowski dated September 12, 2014 and recorded October 2, 2014 in Volume 1074 at Page 88 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina

TERMS OF SALE: For cash interest at the current rate of Four and 8/5% (4.625%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Barnwell County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former

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purchaser. As a personal or deficiency judgment is demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. Section 15-38-720 (1976). If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. James Martin Harvey, Jr. Special Referee for Barnwell County Barnwell, South Carolina

2022 Hutchens Law Firm LLP P.O. Box 8237 Columbia, SC 29202 803-726-2700 2022-30 3tc 03-02-22

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. vs. Mary Louise Halbritter a/k/a Mary L. Halbritter, Stephanie P. Adams, South Carolina Department of Revenue; Barclays Bank Delaware; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC assignee of GE Capital Retail Bank/Care Credit, C/A No. 2019CP0600132, the following property will be sold on March 7, 2022, at 11:00 AM at the Barnwell County Courthouse to the highest bidder:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND CONTAINING 0.732 ACRE, WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE IN DIAMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF BARNWELL, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 3 ON PLAT PREPARED FOR BROWNING BUILDERS BY W.J. WEBB, PLS DATED MARCH 1, 2007 AND RECORDED MARCH 9, 2007 IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 51, AT PAGE 3-R, BARNWELL COUNTY RECORDS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO. THE SAID LOT IS GENERALLY BOUNDED AND MEASURES AS FOLLOWS ON THE NORTH BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CEDAR RUN ROAD, MEASURING A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 277.49 FEET, MORE OR LESS, ON THE SOUTH BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF PATRICIA CAPEN, MEASURING 154.51 FEET, MORE OR LESS; AND, ON THE WEST BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF PATRICIA CAPEN, MEASURING 103.84 FEET, MORE OR LESS.

Derivation: Book 844 at Page 1 160 Cedar Run Rd, Barnwell, SC 29812-8316 055-00-00-051 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, BARNWELL COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES

TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Barnwell County Clerk of Court at C/A #2019CP0600132

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date. John J. Hearn Attorney for Plaintiff J. Martin Harvey, Jr. P.O. Box 100200 Special Referee for Columbia, SC 29202 3200 Barnwell County (803) 744 4444 013263-1141 Website: www.rogerstawnson.com (see link to Resources/Foreclosure Sales) 2022-31 3tc 03-02-22

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2021-CP-03-00021 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture v. Personal Representatives, if any, whose names are unknown, of the Estates of Alfred Washington and Edith Washington. Any Heirs at Law or devisees of Alfred Washington and Edith Washington, deceased, their heirs, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, also any persons who may be in the military service

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of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Allendale County, will sell on March 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, 297 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, South Carolina to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being on the Western side of the Southern extension of Beaufort Avenue in the Town of Fairfax, County of Allendale, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as lot number twelve (12) in Block A on a plat made by Joe P. Wiley, Reg. C.F. I S dated the 23rd day of March, 1970 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court Allendale County in Plat Book 10 at Page 25; said lot being rectangular in shape and having the following measurements and boundaries to wit: On the North by Easement extension on 17th Street, as shown on said plat, whereon it measures one hundred twenty (120') feet, on the East by the Southern Extension of Beaufort Avenue, whereon it measures one hundred (100') feet; On the South by lot number eleven (11) as shown on said plat, whereon it measures one hundred twenty (120') feet, On the West by lot number two (2) and portion of lot number one (1) and lot number (3) in Block 96 as shown on said plat, whereon it measures one hundred (100') feet

This being the same property conveyed to Alfred Washington and Edith Washington by deed of United States of America dated December 08, 1988 and recorded January 06, 1989 in Book 83 at Page 410 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County, South Carolina. LMS#: 124 02 01 016 Property Address: 1522 Beaufort Street, Fairfax, South Carolina 29827 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, ALLENDALE COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Allendale County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to cost and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity for Allendale County may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). For complete terms of sale, attention is drawn to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Order for Sale on file with the Clerk of Court for Allendale County.

A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 9.50% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be readvertised and sold at some convenient sales day hereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed. [MASTER IN EQUITY ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW] HARRELL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A. s/ Taylor A. Peace Taylor A. Peace #100206 135 Columbia Avenue Post Office Box 1000 Chapin, South Carolina 29036 (803) 345 3353 ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 2022-32 3tc 03-02-22

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2021CP0600259 Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE Plaintiff, -vs- The Estate of Sean A. Richards; Jean I. DeSouza, Personal Representative and Heir at Law of Sean A. Richards, deceased; All Unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein, being a class designated as Jane Doe; also any Unknown persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe, and Any Unknown minors, persons under a Disability or persons incarcerated, being a class designated as Richard Roe, Defendant(s)

BY VIRTUE of a judgment heretofore granted in the case of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. vs.

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The Estate of Sean A. Richards; Jean I. DeSouza, Personal Representative and Heir-at-Law of Sean A. Richards, deceased, All Unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein, being a class designated as Jane Doe; also any Unknown persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and Any Unknown minors, persons under a Disability or persons incarcerated, being a class designated as Richard Roe, I, James M. Harvey, Jr. Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on March 7, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at the Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land with improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being near the Town of Blackville, in the County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, and being shown and designated on a plat prepared for Shaqueta A. Chatman by Arthur E. White, Jr., Esq., RLS, dated February 12, 2009, revised March 6, 2009, and according to said plat containing 2.00 acres, and having the following metes and bounds, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron pin located on the ditch bank of 20' access road approximately 1,050 feet Northwest of Sunshine Road and proceeding along the as yet unnamed privately maintained road N 61°58'23" W for a distance of 128.00 feet to an iron pin; thence, N 59°00'58" W for a distance of 140.00 feet to an iron pin; thence, with the land, now or formerly, of Johnson, N 34°08'55" E for a distance of 327.33 feet to an iron pin; thence, turning S 59°00'58" E for a distance of 140.00 feet to an iron pin; thence, S 59°00'58" E for a distance of 128.00 feet to an iron pin; thence, turning and running with the land of Johnson S 34°14'39" W for a distance of 320.75 feet to the point of BEGINNING. All distances being a little more or less.

ALSO INCLUDED an easement for ingress and egress to Sunshine Road, the 20' access road as shown on that certain plat dated February 12, 2009 and recorded in Book 2E at Page 736. This being the identical property conveyed to Sean A. Richards by deed of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. dated June 30, 2015 and recorded July 14, 2015 in Book 1100 at Page 233 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina. LMS #: 137 00 00 070 SUBJECT TO BARNWELL COUNTY TAXES

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with the other terms or the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the former highest bidder).

Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. NOTICE: ANYONE THAT ATTENDS WILL BE EXPECTED TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.50% per annum. B. Lindsay Crawford, III (SC Bar# 8510) Theodore von Keller (SC Bar# 5718) B. Lindsay Crawford, IV (SC Bar# 101707) Email: court@crowfordvk.com P.O. Box 4216, Columbia, SC 29240 803-790-2626 Attorneys for Plaintiff 2022-33 3tc 03-02-22

SUMMONS

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF LEXINGTON IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE ELEVEN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Docket No. 2021-DR-3201339 Robert Lee and Linda Lee Starling, Plaintiffs, vs. Tiffany Brady, Defendant. Lisa Salbato, Third Party Defendant IN RE: Julian A. Brady, a minor child. TO TIFFANY BRADY, DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED AND LISA SALBATO, THIRD PARTY

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DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the COMPLAINT in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said COMPLAINT on the subscriber at 791 Greenlawn Drive, Suite 4, Columbia, South Carolina, 29209 2641 or Post Office Box 90880, Columbia, South Carolina, 29290 1860 within thirty (30) days from the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service, and in case of the failure to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Written request for a final hearing in this case must be delivered by a party of his/her attorney to the Clerk of Court's office within 305 days of this filing date. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the dismissal of the case by the court.

McDougall, Self, Currence & McLeod, LLP Alyssa H. Richardson 791 Greenlawn Drive, Suite 4 Post Office Box 90860 Columbia, SC 29290 Telephone: (803) 776-3130 Facsimile: (803) 776 7748 ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS July 14, 2021 2022-34 3tc 03-02-22

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Estate: Elizabeth White Tanner Date of Death: January 25, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00024 Personal Representative: Mary Ann Walkup Address: 165 Oak Grove Road, Williston, S.C. 29853 February 16, 23; March 2, 2022 2022-35 3tp 03-02-22

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Estate: Grace Louise Keech Date of Death: November 3, 2021 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00014 Personal Representative: Lisa M. Keech Address: P.O. Box 1402, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 February 16, 23; March 2, 2022 2022-36 3tp 03-02-22

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Lakewood Loan Servicing, LLC vs. William Heath Bishop, C/A No. 2019CP0600418. The following property will be sold on March 7, 2022 at 11:00am at the Barnwell County Courthouse to the highest bidder. ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND WITH ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF ELKO, ELKO SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF BARNWELL STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND BEING SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY RICHIARDI, ALL, PLS DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 1998 AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 23, 1998 IN PLAT CABINET A, SLIDE 248 AT PAGE 10-A IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR BARNWELL COUNTY AND ACCORDING TO SAID PLAT WHICH IS MADE A PART AND PARCEL HEREOF BEING BOUNDED AND MEASURING AS FOLLOWS: NORTH BEAS BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ROAD S-6-37 AND MEASURING THEREON 290.37 FEET; EAST BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF HORACE J. CROUCH JR ET AL, BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF HENRY WILLIAMS AND BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF THOMAS L. BLACK ET AL AND MEASURING A TOTAL OF 732.40 FEET; SOUTH BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF HORACE J. CROUCH JR ET AL, AND MEASURING THEREON 375.30 FEET;

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AND WEST BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ROAD S-6-50 AND MEASURING THEREON 599.30 FEET. ALL MEASUREMENTS BEING MORE OR LESS. THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO WILLIAM HEATH BISHOP BY DEED DATED JANUARY 11, 2017 AND RECORDED JANUARY 17, 2017 IN BOOK 1155 AT PAGE 94 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR BARNWELL COUNTY. TMS No. 0860703072 Property Address 4456 Bay St Williston SC 29803 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.625%. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Barnwell County Clerk of Court at C/A 2019CP0600418. Notice: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date. William S. Koehler Attorney for Plaintiff 1201 Main Street, Suite 1450 Columbia, SC 29201 Phone: (803) 828 0880 Fax: (803) 828 0881 scfc@alaw.net James M. Harvey, Jr. Special Referee for Barnwell County A-47418/1 02/16/2022, 02/23/2022, 03/02/2022 2022-37 3tc 03-02-22

NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Mid America Mortgage, Inc. vs. Irumaine Frederick, Individually and as Personal Representative for the Estate of Roosevelt Frederick, Jr., Barbara Knowles, Bettye Bing, Edward Palmore, Felicia Lark, John R. Price, Lena Price, Linda Lewis, Phillip Price, Reggie Frederick, Ronoz Frederick, Teressa Price, Any Heirs At Law or Devisees of Leroy Price, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe. The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, C/A No. 2019CP0600341. The following property will be sold on March 7, 2022, at 11:00 AM at the Barnwell County Courthouse to the highest bidder. ALL OF THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BARNWELL, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON A PLAT OF PART OF SECTION OF BARNWELL HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, PREPARED BY COLUMBIA ENGINEERING COMPANY, DATED MARCH 18, 1952, AND RECORDED ON APRIL 3, 1951, IN PLAT BOOK G, PAGE 22 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR BARNWELL COUNTY, KNOWN AS LOT 37, BLOCK F, REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT IS HEREBY CRAVED FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KAREY SMITH FREDERICK N/K/A KAREY S. PRICE AND LEROY PRICE BY DEED DATED APRIL 5, 2008, AND RECORDED APRIL 9, 2008, IN BOOK 836 AT PAGE 1 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR BARNWELL COUNTY. SUBSEQUENTLY KAREY S. PRICE DIED, LEAVING HER INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY TO LEROY PRICE AND ROOSEVELT FREDERICK, JR. AS SHOWN BY DEED OF DISTRIBUTION DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2016, AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 21, 2016, IN BOOK 1150 AT PAGE 69. SUBSEQUENTLY LEROY PRICE AND ROOSEVELT FREDERICK, JR. DIED, LEAVING THEIR PROPERTY TO THEIR HEIRS AND DEVISEES. TMS No. 0720608006 Property Address: 11 Azalea St Barnwell SC 29812 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the

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bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.750%. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Barnwell County Clerk of Court at CIA 2019CP0600341. The sale shall also be subject to the right of redemption by the Defendant United States of America, pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. Section 2410(c) for a period of 1 year from the date of sale of the subject property, unless waived. Notice: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining and independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date. William S. Koehler Attorney for Plaintiff 1201 Main Street, Suite 1450 Columbia, SC 29201 Phone: (803) 828-0880 Fax: (803) 828-0881 sc.ck@alaw.net James M. Harvey, Jr. Master in Equity for Barnwell County A-47418/2 02/16/2022, 02/23/2022, 03/02/2022 2022-38 3tc 03-02-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371FS with the Probate Court of Barnwell County, the address of which is Barnwell County Courthouse Probate Court Room 108, Barnwell, SC 29812, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.) or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371FS) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Willie James Hayes Jr. Date of Death: November 29, 2021 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00010 Personal Representative: Tasha Hayes Address: 308 Persimmon Lane, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 February 16, 23; March 2, 2022 2022-39 3tp 03-02-22



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Healthy Living

Beat Burnout With These Playful Tips

(StatePoint) For many, the additional isolation and never-ending uncertainty of the past couple years has led to mental fatigue and burnout. Experts say that no matter your age, turning to play instead of social media can help you feel more like yourself again. "While it's tempting to constantly reach for our devices to check social media during times of stress and loneliness, or even just when there's down time, it's a habit that a number of studies unfortunately link to anxiety and depression," says Anna Yudina, senior director of marketing initiatives at The Toy Association, which spearheads The Genius of Play. "Research shows that play, on the other hand, reduces stress, boosts life satisfaction and empowers adults and kids alike to be creative thinkers." To combat burnout and mental fatigue, The Genius of Play is offering the following tips for reducing screen time and embracing playful hobbies instead:

- **Make time for play:** The habit-forming properties of social media are well documented. However, you can commit to less screen time and more play time. In the case of families, parents can lead the way by example. Consider instituting policies that

help strike a healthy balance. For example, make the dinner table a device-free zone, schedule device-free game nights and set time limits. Still struggling to set healthy limits for yourself or your children? Apps, such as Moment and Social Cover, are designed to help.

- **Bundle up:** Don't let cold weather discourage you from going outdoors. Fresh air is good for the mind, body and soul, and once you get moving, you'll warm up in no time. From nature hikes, skiing and other outdoor adventures to backyard activities and obstacle courses, there are many ways for people of all ages to be playful outside. For kids, you can also try classic games like Kick the Can, and Capture the Flag. Social distancing? Try Shadow Tag. Played the same way as a traditional game of tag, players tag each other with their shadows instead of their hands.
- **Play indoors:** Feeling cooped up? Promote screen-free play time at home with classic board games and card games, STEAM projects, and with toys that build real-world skills and challenge participants to solve problems imaginatively. For example, construction toys offer something for everyone, whether they prefer following directions or building



freely. There's no right or wrong way to do it.

- **Make art:** From painting a still life to completing a project that's a bit sillier, making art builds fine motor skills and problem-solving skills, enhances communication and self-expression, and promotes self-esteem and the motivation to succeed. Need some inspiration? Marshmallow Sculptures is a perfect project for kids ages 5 and up. Let your little Michelangelo connect toothpicks

and marshmallows, revealing a one-of-a-kind work of art. Best of all, you can keep each sculpture, disassemble and start again, or even eat it!

- **Quiet time is vital for recharging one's batteries.** Build in time for your family to read, color, assemble puzzles, practice yoga or participate in other stress-relieving activities.

For more tips, advice and the latest research from leaders in child development, education and play, visit thegeniusofplay.org. Through play, you can not only beat the blues and develop important skills, you can also help your family form healthy digital habits -- a win-win for everyone.

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STATEPOINT CROSSWORD THEME: U.S. PRESIDENTS

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- Short for specification
 - Knave
 - *Like President Eisenhower's head
 - *One fourth of a Presidential term
 - Take-out handout
 - The Beast's problem in "Beauty and the Beast"
 - *Pres. Eisenhower established this space agency
 - Thought
 - Body of water
 - *#22 and #24
 - First-rate, slangily
 - Terminate, as in mission
 - Lingerie staple
 - Public speaker
 - Ivory tickler
 - *"Fresh Prince of ____ - Air"
 - Most likely to win
 - Pot contribution
 - By surprise
 - Indian restaurant staple
 - Lacking justification
 - Office communique
 - Greece and Bulgaria peninsula
 - Overnight stop
 - Indifferently
 - Sturdily built
 - English course abbreviation
 - "____" it easy"
 - Oliver Twist, e.g.
 - *University of Virginia founder
 - African prairie
 - *Second most-popular Presidential birth state, after Virginia
 - Arm bone
 - Poem at a funeral
 - German title
 - Arnold Lobel's "Mouse
- DOWN**
- Update a FitBit
 - Sound of bells
 - "At _____, soldier."
 - Modern tie forerunner
 - Aromatic lumber
 - Beside, archaic
 - Two of the same
 - *The only President who was a bachelor
 - ____ 51, Nevada
 - Law school entry requirement, acr.
 - Bear's room
 - Edith Piaf's hit
 - Meat of coconut
 - Digital tome
 - Trash container, e.g.
 - *One of three Presidents to win a Grammy
 - James Dean's famous role
 - Remember this battle
 - *First to serve coast to coast
 - Indo-Aryan, as in languages
 - Did not smell good
 - Like yellow polka dot bikini
 - June 6, 1944
 - Salt in cocina
 - *a.k.a. Silent Cal
 - Loosen ropes
 - Deli acronym
 - ____ help
 - Hawaii's number
 - Mob offensive
 - High-pitched laugh sound, in print
 - Like Bananas Foster
 - *All's well that ends

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53. Type of gin
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