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\$25,000 refuels public transportation

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Barnwell County's public transportation system was briefly halted, but is now back up and running after a last-minute financial boost from the county.

Barnwell County Council approved an allocation of \$25,000 by consensus on Sat-

urday, Feb. 19 to prevent a break in service of the 5311 Local Motion program, which many people depend on to get to work, medical appointments, shopping, and other destinations. This followed a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 17 where the administrative board of Generations Unlimited (GU), which is over Local Motion, unanimously voted to end the transportation program due to a lack of local



funding.
"Barnwell County will cut a \$25,000 check from its General Fund Tuesday as an allocation to Generations Unlimited. A purpose of the \$25,000 is to prevent a break in service of

the 5311 Local Motion program," said Barnwell County Administrator Tim Bennett in a Feb. 19 email to Lisa Firmender, executive director of GU.

Firmender said she and

her staff worked Sunday and Monday to get staff and schedules in place so public transportation could begin on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

"Because we had already released staff and changed scheduling, we are requesting patience of passengers. Beginning tomorrow (Feb. 22), we will do our best to accommodate public transit

of GU. See TRANSPORTATION, 5A



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The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office presented their third place award from the Out of the Darkness suicide prevention walk to the Polly Best Center in December 2021. Pictured from left: Darren Towne, Rev. Jeremy Creech, Robbie Gunnells, Chief Carlisle Filyaw, Lacinda McCormack (Program Director for the Polly Best Center), 1st Sgt. Eric Kirkland, Sheriff Steve Griffith, Tim Britt, Bianca Otterbein (Clinical Director for Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center), Marlo Akins Kirkland, and Tamara Smith (Executive Director of ABMHC).

Sheriff's office focuses on suicide prevention

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The Barnwell County Sheriff's Office is lending a helping hand to those struggling with mental health.

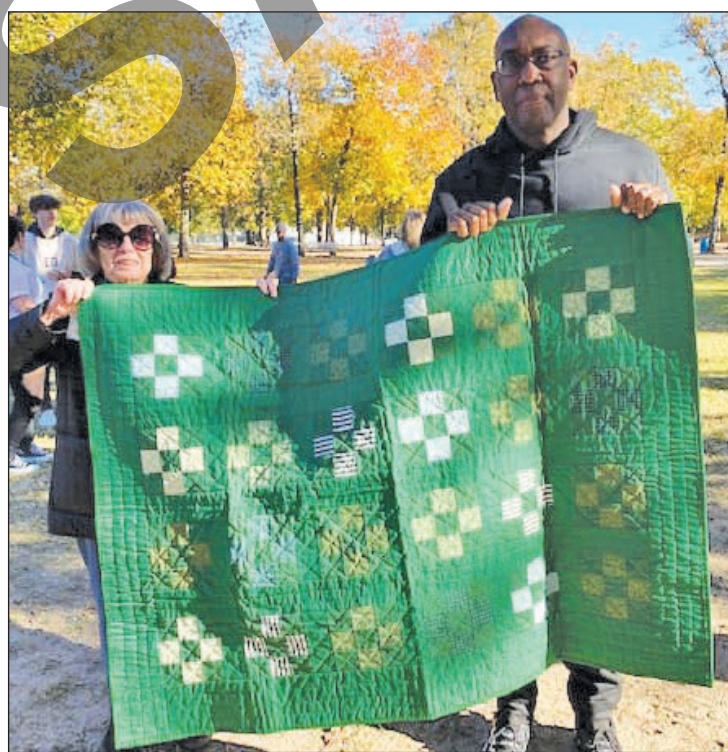
On Nov. 7, 2021, the BCSO and community members participated in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Out of the Darkness Walk in Aiken. The BCSO's team, LESSP (Law Enforcement Supports Suicide Prevention), won third place after raising more than \$1,100. These funds along with those raised by other teams will support training and research needed to combat suicide.

"By bringing it out into the public eye more, we might be able to help someone and prevent something," said Barnwell County Sheriff Steve Griffith.

The BCSO thanks the citizens, organizations, and businesses who contributed to their team.

"This award belongs to each of you and signifies how much our community cares about issues such as suicide. We thank each of you for your generosity towards this event and wanted you to celebrate in what we did together," said 1st Sgt. Eric Kirkland, community relations deputy.

The team's prize was a hand-



Eric Kirkland (right) with the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office holds the quilt his team received for placing third in the Out of the Darkness walk.

crafted quilt made by a senior citizen who has been affected by suicide. However, they did not keep their prize.

Instead, the BCSO framed the quilt and donated it to the Polly Best Center, which is Barnwell County's mental health center.

"We are honored to accept the quilt. It represents your commitment to making sure people have access to mental health,

as well as being champions to prevent suicide," said Tamara Smith, executive director of Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health, which oversees the Polly Best Center.

The award was donated in memory of Polly Best.

"She was a remarkable woman here in this town. After a

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Spaghetti dinner to raise funds for animal shelter

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A spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the Barnwell County Animal Shelter Foundation is this Friday, Feb. 25 at El BAB Shrine Club (571 Patterson Mill Road, Barnwell).

Dinner and raffle tickets are available for purchase either in advance or at the door.

The fundraiser will help the Foundation in its mission of providing low-cost spay-neuter for pets and assisting the shelter with medical care, medicines, and food.

Tickets are \$8 each and plates include: spaghetti & meatballs (vegetarian option available), salad, garlic bread, dessert. Dine-in includes a drink. Delivery to local businesses is available during lunch hours from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dine-in or pickup only during dinner hours from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Get your tickets from any

BCAS Foundation member (Denise Love, Doris Chavis Rosier, Lori Smith, Ryan Tvelia, Virginia Nettles, Laura Buice, Henry McAlister) or from the following businesses: Dogwood Animal Hospital, Hair Design Studio & Spa, Plum Pretty, Palmetto Styles Salon & Day Spa, Little Red Barn / Elizabeth Ringus, Property Shoppe Real Estate, Evelyn Eubanks Gardner or Denise Bolen Elkins.

Several raffles will be available. All raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Raffle items are: 1) Pellet Grill sponsored by The Wilson Law Group (grill was won by BillyandDebbie Dozier at our fundraiser in August - Billy generously donated the grill back to the foundation for another fundraiser); 2) beautiful handmade wreath, 3) original acrylic painting of a scene in Italy, and 4) a Taste of Barnwell County (gift cards from restaurants).

"This would not be possi-

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BLACKVILLE HAPPENINGS Residents invited to meeting, help shape town's future

Donna-Maria Conzalina
Contributing Writer

Meeting together. Making good things happen. Caring for each other and the communities we live in. What is your vision of a perfect hometown?

The members of the Blackville Downtown Development Association (BDDA) are having an **ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING** at the Blackville Community Center on Monday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m. The community is invited and encouraged to attend.

"Anyone that wants to help

the town grow and work with existing committees, please come to these meetings that are held monthly. We try to keep them down to an hour and a half or so. Come learn about all the projects that are happening around town," said Vice Chair/Treasurer Lil Stoltzfus.

Kicking off springtime events this year is the 14th Annual **TASTE OF BLACKVILLE FESTIVAL** on Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Brought to the community by the BDDA, they invite

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320 boxes of food distributed in Allendale

Laura J. McKenzie
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Families in Allendale got a chance to enjoy fresh fruit and vegetables through the cooperation of local and state organizations.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, volunteers with Emma's House and Petals & Stars handed out 320 boxes of food.

The food was purchased from Food Share in Bamberg with a grant awarded to Allendale Enterprise (Emma's House) from the Central Carolina Community Foundation.

Petals & Stars coordinated with Emma's House to provide messages of hope from area children to local families along with the food.

This is the third food distribution in the last six months sponsored by Emma's House and Central Carolina Community Foundation. Last fall the group purchased 1,100 boxes of food which were distributed through the Allendale County Schools. In December, 100 gift certificates to a local grocery store were provided to needy families.



ABOVE: Volunteers unload boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables for distribution to Allendale County families with children. The food was purchased through a grant from the Central Carolina Community Foundation.



ABOVE: 320 boxes of fresh vegetables and fruit were purchased from Food Share in Bamberg County and distributed to families in Allendale County.

"We are working hard so Allendale's children won't go hungry," said Lottie Lewis, executive director of Emma's House. "We are truly grateful to the Central Carolina Community Foundation for making this possible."

Lewis is also grateful to Petals & Stars to not only distribute the food

but provide messages of hope to area homes.



Lottie Lewis (right) of Emma's House and Shirl Cave (left) of Petals & Stars collaborated to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to local families.

Photos by: Laura J. McKenzie / Contributor



Blackville: Residents encouraged to get plugged in, help community thrive

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you to come support your town and celebrate. There will be many activities and entertainment for all ages provided by First Steps, The Phoenix Project, and Blackville First Baptist Church, just to name a few.

Vendors will be there offering a variety of their wares, from delicious food, jewelry, and clothing to housewares, and other surprises. Health checks are included. Vendor booth space is still available for only \$30. Applications are available at the Blackville Town Hall and Library through March 21.

"Come taste a little bit of the flavor of Blackville and enjoy a delightful and relaxing day in this great little town with a big heart," said Gwendolyn

Littlejohn, BDDA chair.

Also, if you would like to recognize a special person who has contributed to Blackville in some way or someone in your family, MEMORIAL BRICK applications will also be available for \$75. Bricks will be displayed at the monument near the Blackville Town Clock.

Community minded Mayor, Michael L. Beasley, added, "Blackville is a place that is creating opportunity. Our council is working really hard to promote our great town. We currently have a new business taking shape on Hwy. 78; a new Family

Dollar and Dollar Tree retail store that is currently under construction. We also have a strong possibility of an industry locating in Blackville to create job opportunities for our community. We encourage our community citizens to be involved in helping our community become great by being a community of action. A community of action is a community working together in unity to create a place where visitors want to become permanent citizens. So, join our team to work together for a better community. Thank you!"

For more information

about what's happening in Blackville stop by local businesses, the library, and town hall to pick up the latest copy of Vivian Alston's Blackville Bulletin Community Newsletter. If there's an upcoming interest or event you'd like to share, please feel free to contact her at VTALSTON@BELLSOUTH.NET or call BDDA Chair, Gwendolyn Littlejohn at 803-300-1308.

The officers and members of the BDDA are Gwendolyn Littlejohn (chair), Lil Stoltzfus (vice chair/treasurer), Harriett McKnight (secretary), Malissa Pressley (chaplain), Viv-

ian Alston, Teresa Hughes, Kelvin Isaac, Cheryl Long, Norma Rockwell, and Ethel Washington.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good

deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see The Day approaching. — Hebrews 24:2

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- Salkehatchie summer service
- Community Soup Kitchen
- Gateway Food Bank
- Teacher school supplies

We hope you join us in our effort to spread the love of Jesus Christ to everyone we can!

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Spaghetti:

Animal shelter fundraiser set for Feb. 25


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ble without the generous support of our locally-owned restaurants! These businesses have graciously donated almost \$200 in gift cards/certificates for their restaurants. One lucky winner will receive all these delicious donations as a package," said Denise Love.

Taste of Barnwell consists of donations from the following: Hilda Fryebaby's - Hilda, Chrome Dome & Nutt's - Barnwell, The Sandwich Shop - Williston, Natta's Sweet Treats - Barnwell, Miller's Bread-Basket - Blackville, Meeting On Main - Williston, and Russell's Pizza - Blackville & Williston.

Other locally-owned restaurants that would like to participate can send Denise Love a message on Facebook or text her at 803-300-5077.

If you would like to purchase tickets or donate via PayPal: www.paypal.me/bcasonations. Include a note stating how many dinners you are purchasing or if you are simply donating to the spaghetti dinner fundraiser. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets via PayPal, include an email address so we can send the ticket numbers.






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February 2022 Barnwell County Fishing Report

William Shipes
Fishing Correspondent

Edisto River

February fishing conditions haven't improved much from January. The bite is still tough for most anglers. The river is still high, and the water is cold and flowing fast.

You can expect the bite to be sporadic and tough for the rest of February but should improve in March. You will still find that most species of fish will be found in the deeper still eddies of the river. You will need to be willing to present baits as slowly as possible to them to entice a bite. Something I've found lately is throwing a Texas-rigged worm but adding a small spinner blade to the tail of the worm. It can be fished slowly but still has the spin and flash that river fish love.

Savannah River

Fishing on the Savannah River still appears slow but should begin heating up fast next month. You may be able to find fish in transition towards the end of this

month as they move up towards deep creek mouths to feed. They are feeding up heavy for the ensuing spawn but can still prove difficult to catch most times.

I still encourage using a flat-sided shad colored crankbait and jerkbaits. These lures will mimic the baitfish that the bass are feeding on. If you do get a bite from a fish don't be afraid to stick around that area as this is the time of year that the fish tend to group up in certain areas. If you find a fish, its almost guaranteed that there are more fish in its general proximity. Sometimes they will bite on the next cast while other times you have to slow down and finesse them with a different tactic like a shakeyhead worm. You can't go wrong with a green-pumpkin trick-worm on a shakeyhead anytime of year.

Lake Edgar Brown

Lake Edgar Brown is still producing quality bites this month for those anglers brave enough to endure the



Barnwell Country resident Tres Rimes caught these saltwater fish on a recent trip off the South Carolina coast. He caught them fishing 90 feet deep on squid.

crazy weather and cold. Lures from January are continuing to be successful as the bait continue to target schools of shad around the lake.

As the month nears its end fish will begin transitioning to shallower

areas of the lake to begin setting up for the spawn. Lake Brown's upper section is known for its shallowness and mix of tree stumps and brush. If the jerkbait and Alabama rig bite slows in the deeper water don't be afraid to venture to the shallower areas of the lake and try a square bill crankbait or even a rattletail around the stumps.

Red is a very popular colored rattletail in the late winter and early spring, and it can prove

to be very effective in getting bites from giants in Lake Brown.

Featured Bait

This month's featured bait is the rattletail. There are now many different types of rattletails or lipless crankbaits available on the market.

It seems that every brand now has its own version, but I am still particularly partial to the original Bill Lewis Rattletail. Its design and array of rattles provides great castability and plenty of fish catching noise as it is worked through the water column.

While a seemingly simple bait, this bait can be notoriously hard to work. Most people just cast it out and reel it back in, and while you can get bit on it that way, if you employ some different techniques you can usually improve your success. The location you are fishing the lure can help determine the best way to work it back to the boat.

If I am fishing it in a grassy area I usually like to work it back to the boat in pumps. Meaning I start with the rod horizontal and pointed at the lure after the cast then pump the rod up vertically to cause the lure to jump to its next location. Then I let it rest in the grass for

a second, when it falls then I pump the rod up again. Doing this will not only generate a reaction strike from bass, it will generally help clear any residual grass from the lures treble hooks on each pump.

The other style location I'll fish with it will be around stumps and rocks. If I'm fishing in a location like this I'll slow reel the lure to the boat, grinding it against the bottom until I hit a rock or stump. When I feel the lure coming up to or hitting an obstruction I'll be sure to give the line a slight pop to pop the lure over or around the obstruction. This pop will generally cause a reaction strike from any bass sitting in the vicinity of the obstruction. The only time I generally cast the rattletail out and burn it back to the boat with a straight retrieve is when I see fish schooling and chasing shad. In this instance your rattletail will look like an enticing fleeing shad.

I typically stick with two color patterns depending on what I'm trying to mimic or what the fish appear to be eating. I usually fish either a red crawfish or a shad colored pattern.

Good luck trying it out this spring!

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ADOPTABLE PET OF THE WEEK

‘Sasha’ is sweet & loving

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

She is a sweet and loving long-haired black lab mix, approximately 8 months old. She knows how to sit, stay, and shake.

"She has lots of energy and would be perfect for a family who has children who love the outdoors," 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.

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HOMEMAKER'S COLUMN: FOOD SAFETY DURING A POWER OUTAGE



Christine Patrick

Clemson Extension

Storms and heavy winds can arise and create perfect conditions for power outages. Losing power is a hassle and one of the things we need to immediately consider is the safety of stored food.

One of the fundamentals of food safety is temperature. For many perishable foods,

freezing and refrigeration prolong the length of time that they will retain acceptable quality and safety. We rely on our refrigerators and freezers for safe storage and when power is lost, we are reminded of how much we depend on them.

When power outages occur it is best to have a food safety plan in place. Being proactive can help you reduce waste and give you confidence when deciding whether foods are safe to eat. An appliance thermometer in your refrigerator and freezer is a great way to be sure that foods remain at safe temperatures. Keep it in the refrigerator and freezer at all times to verify that food is being stored at safe temperatures (34°F to 40 °F for the refrigerator; 0 °F or below for the freezer). Fill freezer bags with ice packs or purchase freezer-pack inserts. Have coolers available and easily accessible; Styrofoam ones work great. Have a calibrated food thermometer for checking the temperature of your potentially hazardous food. Before an emergency occurs, find out where to buy blocks of ice or dry ice and turn refrigerators and freezers to the coldest settings.

When the power goes out, unplug the freezer, refrigerator, and other appliances to protect them from power surges when the power returns. Make sure everyone in your household knows not to open the refrigerator or freezer doors. Keeping the doors closed will keep the food cold for a longer time. Wrap the refrigerator or freezer in blankets to create extra insulation. Make sure blankets don't touch the compressor. If power possibly will be off for more than 2 to 4 hours, re-pack refrigerated items into coolers with plenty of ice.

Depending on the size of the freezer, how full it is, and how well insulated it is, items in it potentially can stay frozen for 2 to 4 days. A full freezer (operating at 0 °F) will keep foods frozen for about 48 hours if the doors are closed. A half-full freezer can only be expected to keep food frozen for a maximum of 24 hours. For extended power outages use blocks of dry ice in the freezer. A fifty-pound block of dry ice will keep the contents of a full 18 cubic foot freezer frozen for 2 days. Remember to wear gloves or use tongs when handling dry ice. Wrap the ice in brown paper for longer storage, and separate it with a piece of cardboard from direct food contact. If the freezer is partially empty, fill it with crumpled newspaper to cut down on air currents, which cause the dry ice to dissipate.

When power returns, check the internal temperature of all perishable foods with a calibrated food thermometer. Discard any perishable food that has been above 40 °F for 2 hours or more and any food with an unusual odor, color, or texture. Refrigerated food should be safe as long as the power is out no more than four to six hours. If the power will be off for more than six hours, transfer refrigerated perishable foods to an insulated cooler filled with ice or frozen gel packs. Keep a thermometer in the cooler to be sure the food stays at 40°F or below.

Some foods may look and smell fine. However, if they have been at room temperature longer than two hours, bacteria that cause foodborne illness can begin to multiply very rapidly. Some bacteria produce toxins that are not destroyed by cooking and can cause illness.

For more detailed information on food safety during a power outage visit Clemson Home and Garden Information website at <http://hgic.clemson.edu> and search for HGIC 3760, Food Safety in Power Outages and HGIC 3780, Food Safety in Freezer Failure, HGIC 3800 Food Safety in Hurricanes & Floods, HGIC 3820 Food Safety After a Tornado, and HGIC 3840 Food Safety after a Fire

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Natural Affections Winter's Thaw



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Columnist

"...February we notice the beginning of thaw.

With each day that passes our hearts warm a bit more.

Woolen coats, gloves and hats, now part of a winter past.

February you'll be taking Northern winds with you alas..."

And here we are, already waking up to February days. The second month of this new year, akin to the second verse from the 1993 referenced poem above that I composed and introduced you to last month, "A Year of Hope". For those of you following this column, you'll notice each month for the remainder of this year I'll continue to focus on that inspiration.

So, yes February, a month that reminds us, our hearts naturally seek the warmth of companionship. Like winter's thaw revealing what lies beneath the frozen surface; we'll find some folks blessed with lasting, loving relationships like a perennial garden, never faint to flourish. What a treasure to have such a mate by your side. Someone you can count on, someone who's love and faithfulness only grows stronger as the years go by. Me? Well, comparatively I was planted amongst a garden of annuals in love's field of dreams. Marriages and infatuations that seed, root up, blossom for a season then before you know it, become a colorful memory. Canine companionship on the other hand proved to be, as its reputation implies, the most faithful, one on one relationship this gal's heart has known.

Last February for example I bid farewell to the Shepherd mix who'd been by my side for more than a decade. Protecting and entertaining me as the two of us remote gypsies traveled through life, searching for where we belonged. He was my beautiful sidekick. Blaze. A guardian sent to me by The Lord. But in the end, a brain tumor changed his protective demeanor to an unpredictable threat. And so, with the most broken of broken hearts, I gave him back to Heaven where he once again belonged. 'It's you, me and Jesus' I used to tell him. And I trust it's so, True Love never leaves or forsakes us. If you can relate, you likewise may understand when my heart declared, letting another take his place wasn't going to happen.

But, God had different plans for my life. As previously mentioned, February was a year and half since Blaze and I were together. During that time I relocated across the state. By the Grace of God I purchased an old farmhouse that my daughter appropriately named The Gypsy Ranch because I finally found a place to settle down. As I walked along the property last February with a dear friend, I told her, I suddenly had a strong sense The Lord was going to bring me a new pet. She agreeably said, "If He wants to, He will." Not five minutes later a muddy, skinny, flea covered, forgotten hound dog with ears swollen from infection stood in the road in front of my house. I called out, 'be careful, buddy.' With that, he ran swiftly to greet me and never left my side from that moment on. I called him, Mo's Art, and that's another story for another time, but the vet told me he was about a year and half old. Meaning, God gave him life the same time He called Blaze back to Heaven. People said he'd been wandering the streets within a 20 mile

radius for over a month before-hand. Online pictures showed he even escaped from a shelter to find The Gypsy Ranch. When he saw me, it was as if he said, "There you are!" So, of course I took him in, cared for him, and fell in love again. He had serious health issues however and his life with me only lasted a couple of months. But during that time, he knew he was worthy of being loved along with the best of them. And yes, again, my heart broke to let go, but, I'd do it again just for him to feel loved.

That brings us to this February as I wandered the flea market with a friend. Someone offered me a 6 week old puppy. I hesitated. Her breed and trademark behaviors made her a bigger responsibility than I felt comfortable raising. But my friend and the intoxication of puppy breath weakened my defenses and reluctantly I brought her home.

I kept getting a Holy Spirit nudge to call another friend about rehoming the puppy though. Dreamer, the Spotted Bear dog as I called her, was precious. She had a serious case of worms so I took her to the vet which inclined me to get even more attached. Still, at just six weeks she was already able to outrun me. Realistically I knew my budget wouldn't allow for the additional fencing she'd require. Alas, I acted on the promptings and called this particular friend. She was excited. Told me a friend of hers with 25 country acres was looking for such a puppy!

Well, that's how recent February's thawed and warmed my heart and you won't hear a complaint from me. Love's not always what we think it will be, but it's always beautiful in it's own way. I hope you're likewise finding the warmth of love in your days, dear reader. Blessings, In Joy.



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Operation Big Bookbag underway to help students

Dianne Davis-Bailey
Eta Gamma Sigma

Eta Gamma Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated continues to serve the Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, and Barnwell counties by sponsoring a Virtual Operation BigBookBag project.

Operation BigBookBag is a program dedicated to collecting and donating school supplies to programs that are involved in the educational process of our youth. The project chairpersons, Angelica Allen-Gadson and Shaunette Parker, fashioned an innovative technique to ensure that school supplies

are collected and distributed to students.

Prior to the pandemic, members of the chapter would set up tables at Walmart, Roses, and Family Dollar retail stores to collect supplies and monetary donations to purchase school supplies. Members of the Eta Gamma Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated would appreciate your continued support as the chapter collects supplies for three groups that are educating the youth within the chapter's service areas.

To donate supplies, individuals are asked to purchase an item or items from each group's Amazon lists. This item or items will be mailed

directly to the groups' representatives. If the link does not work: (1) proceed to Amazon's website, (2) click 'Find Registry', (3) search for 'Operation BigBookBag - Eta Gamma Sigma' and there you will find the groups' list of supplies. Also, feel free to visit the chapter's Facebook page. Again, members of the chapter ask that members of the community purchase an item or items that will be sent directly to the organizations.

The three organizations are listed below:

Denmark-Olar Middle School ELA Department -

Link: www.amazon.com/registries/custom/1IH534TODGF3Y/guest-view

Schofield Middle School

Science Department

Link: www.amazon.com/registries/custom/1AO9XK8VEVKUQ/guest-view

Dreams Imagination Gifts (DIG) Scholar Enrichment Academy

Link: www.amazon.com/registries/custom/39BALUW519CB/guest-view

About the sorority - Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated was organized on November 12, 1922, in Indianapolis, Indiana, by seven young educators: Mary Lou Allison Gardner Little, Dorothy Hanley Whiteside, Vivian White Marbury, Nannie Mae Gahn Johnson, Hattie Mae Annette Dulin Redford, Bessie Mae Downey Rhoades Martin, and Cubena McClure. From these seven young educators, Sigma Gamma Rho has

become an international service organization comprised of women from every profession. Sigma Gamma Rho offers its members opportunities to develop their unique talents through leadership training and involvement in sorority activities. Sorority activities provide an atmosphere where friendships and professional contacts are developed which often lead to bonds that last a lifetime. Soaring To Greater Heights of Attainment Around the World, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated, is a leading national service organization that has met the challenges of the day and continues to grow through Sisterhood, Scholarship, and Service. This year the sorority celebrates its Centennial (1922-2022), one hundred years of providing community service.

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.

Travis Crawford, 32, of 417 Quail Road W., Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 13 by the Barnwell Police Department (BPD) for Trespassing. Crawford was booked and released to the Barnwell County De-

tention Center (BCDC). **Gabrieon Ken'Doja McMillan**, 18, of 129 Sweet Pea Lane, Martin, was arrested Feb. 11 by the BPD for Burglary, Armed Robbery and Possession of a Weapon During a Crime. McMil-

lan was booked and released to the BCDC.

Stacy R. Tingman, 55, of 5253 Augusta Hwy., Smoaks, was arrested Feb. 10 by the BPD for Drugs and Open Container of Alcohol. Tingman was booked and

released to the BCDC.

Phillip Aaron Yocum, 25, of 101 Winter Drive, Cottageville, was arrested Feb. 6 by the BPD for two counts of Shoplifting. Yocum was booked and released to the BCDC.

William Isaac Yocum Jr., 32, of 101 Winter Drive, Cottageville, was arrested Feb. 6 by the BPD for Distribution of Drugs and two counts of Shoplifting. Yocum was booked and released to the BCDC.

Mental Health: Sheriff's office raises money and awareness for suicide prevention

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crisis, she unfortunately took her own life," said Kirkland. "I hope we will continue our stringent effort to do everything we can to promote suicide prevention."

Former Barnwell resident Tim Britt was a friend and co-worker of Polly Best.

"She had a real love and compassion for her community and the children she worked with," said Britt.

Best was always "bubbling with enthusiasm" and straightforward about how she felt. However, on the day she died, Best did not seem her normal self.

"You never know what's on a person's heart. You never know what's going on," said Britt.

While he remains somewhat haunted by her death and wonders if there was something he could have done to help her, Britt said

it has helped him.

"It's made me always try to be more aware of the needs and feelings of others around me," said Britt. "Mental health is important."

Britt also said it's important to take the proper attitude toward mental health, including not looking at it as a weakness or curse.

"We need to be compassionate and caring. That's what she was about," he

said.

Providing the necessary mental health services is also a vital component. That's why the Polly Best Center is so important, said Britt.

Deputy Carlisle Filyaw with the BCSO said law enforcement officers see the hurt caused by suicide, particularly among the loved ones left behind. He said everyone has struggles in life and that it's okay to seek help.

Sheriff Griffith said his agency is committed to working with the Polly Best Center and other partners to provide help to those in need. This includes regular meetings on the topic of mental health and holding a suicide prevention walk in Barnwell County one day.

"We all have hearts and a passion to help those struggling. It takes many to help," said Jeremy

Creech, associate pastor of Barnwell First Baptist Church, which has partnered with the BCSO for mental health events. "I pray we continue to offer hope to those and through that show them faith. We need to show our community Jesus."

Anyone in need of mental health services can reach out to the Polly Best Center (916 Reynolds Road, Barnwell) at (803) 259-7170.

Transportation: Local Motion remains open after last-minute funding from county

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requests. All requests must be made by noon for the following day per our scheduling policy. The earliest any requests can be accommodated, if made after noon, will be two days after the request," stated a post on Local Motion's Facebook page after the funding was allocated.

The issue comes down to funding - or a lack thereof - as GU has been struggling financially due to increased prices (on fuel and other items) and decreased revenues related to the pandemic.

"I can assure you that neither I, nor my board, want any break in service and only have the best interest of the citizens of Barnwell County in mind," said Firmender.

Local Motion receives 50 percent of its operational funding from the S.C. Department of Transportation (SC-

DOT), which 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, 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 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.

Firmender said she's been in contact with the

county about the financial situation since the middle of last year when the financial shortfall was first projected. GU asked Barnwell County Council for \$280,000 in funding from American Rescue Plan funding the county already received from the federal government. The county received \$2 million, which is meant to help those impacted by the pandemic.

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 - which is 17.85 percent of what GU requested.

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.

"As a result of County

Council refusing to take a vote to provide the additional requested necessary funds at the regular council meeting in February, we did not have the cash flow to continue this service," said Firmender.

The county said a similar request for a detailed finance plan was made in December 2021.

"That is not true. (The county) requested a sustainability plan, which I provided and which I explained we would be expanding on and formalizing during strategic planning. The first I heard about a Detailed Financial Plan was this week after the Finance Committee meeting," said Firmender in her director's report at the Feb. 17 GU board meeting.

In last week's article on the issue, Bennett said one trigger of the recent attention from council and SCDOT was GU receiving and spending \$1,362,593 from a SCDOT grant last year. However, Firmender said there was "nothing inappropriate" done with those funds.

"The implication appears to be that SCDOT

was involved in some kind of review because of a concern with how we spent that money. SCDOT was not reviewing that and their involvement was at our request. SCDOT has known exactly how we spent the money because they had to approve it. In addition, Tim Bennett said that County Council has to keep in mind that spending taxpayer dollars without a solid financial plan doesn't solve anything. That is certainly misleading since the American Rescue Plan has nothing to do with Barnwell citizens' taxpayer dollars and is intended to help agencies in our circumstance. My question is, Are they requiring this same level of scrutiny from all applicants?" said Firmender.

GU plans to apply for the balance of the American Rescue Plan money they originally sought now that the county has advertised those funds. The county is accepting applications from local organizations and agencies that have suffered financially during the

pandemic.

Prior to the latest \$25,000 allocation, Firmender said the county reached out to GU's financial consultant, Neal Crider from McGregor & Co., about the amount needed to sustain operations at Local Motion. He said it's roughly \$25,000 per month.

The county also asked her on Feb. 15 to provide a detailed financial plan by Friday, Feb. 18, but she and Crider said that this was "impossible."

"My concern is that they are portraying this as a management issue when it is not. They have all the financial information to show that the \$1.3 million was expended just as it was intended and that was explained to them in great detail at a finance meeting in December," said Firmender.

She believes the council has a plan in mind to replace the GU board and contract the operations of the agency to an outside service.

"Because of the hospital closure, Barnwell citizens have to go to other counties for medical care. I hope they aren't also planning to contract our services out to another county or agency in another county. That will just take one more resource away and Barnwell County will suffer," Firmender said.

Barnwell County Council has scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 5 p.m., which was after press time, to discuss personnel matters related to GU.

The People-Sentinel reached out to Administrator Bennett for comment on the recent allocation and the overall situation. He confirmed GU would be discussed at the Feb. 22 meeting, but did not comment further.

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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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Allendale County Council will hold a public meeting on March 8, 2022 at its office at The James Brand Bldg. at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to give an opportunity to become acquainted with a proposed Rural Development project consisting generally of renovation of old Art Center located at 539 W. Main Street in Allendale for use as a museum. Citizens will the opportunity to comment on such items as economic and environmental impacts, service area and alternatives to the project.

BIRTH



Cally Lynn Cannon was born on January 23, 2022.

Cally Lynn Cannon

Cal & Crystal Cannon of Barnwell County are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Cally Lynn Cannon. She was born at 2:30 a.m. on January 23, 2022 at Lexington Medical Center. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. She has two brothers, Christopher and Colyn Morris, and one sister, Cailyn Morris. Paternal grandparents are Frank & Jenny Cannon of Brunson. Maternal grandparents are Kenneth & Lynn Dodson of Barnwell. Paternal great-grandparents are Frank & Louise Cannon of James Island, Jimmy Phillips of Hampton, and Ellen Freeman of North. Maternal great-grandparents are Leroy & Carolyn Dodson of Wagener; Eldon & Mildred Williams of Hilda.

WHCK crowns 2022 Valentine prince, princess

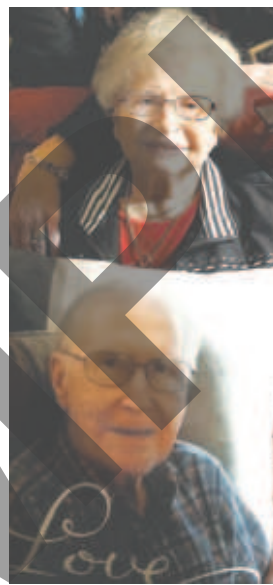


Congratulations to Winfield Heights Christian Kindergarten's 2022 Valentine Princess Miley Morris and Prince Kash Jones.



Pickens Williams Sr. honored for service to City of Barnwell

The City of Barnwell honored former city councilman Pickens Williams Sr. with a framed photo during the December 2021 council meeting for more than 25 years of service on the council. Pictured from left: Mayor Marcus Rivera, Councilwoman Alicia Davis, Administrator Lynn McEwen, Pickens Williams Sr., Councilman Ryan Bragg, Councilman Jimbo Moody, Councilwoman Peggy Kinlaw, and former Councilman Billy Dozier.



YOU'RE INVITED Rita Rhodus to celebrate 90th birthday

Bill and Rita Rhodus, and their family, was a staple presence in Williston for over 50 years, as many of you remember. Though they moved away 9 years ago, Rita still has many friends that she misses dearly and would like to see again.

To make that possible, the family plans to have a 90th birthday drop-in on March 12, 2022, from 2 until 4 p.m. at Williston First Baptist Church (CAB Building). She would love for you to drop by for a visit and enjoy some cake and punch with her.

Rita requests no gifts, please. The time you spend with her is the most precious gift you can give.

Please mark your calendar for this special day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

Kid Scoop Junior

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Please Pass the Ketchup

Draw a line to connect each of the matching blobs of ketchup.

My Rhyme Time

I like ketchup on tater tots.
That is something I like a lot!
Ketchup on ice cream sounds just awful,
So does ketchup on a waffle!

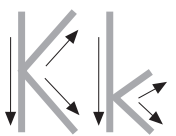
My name:

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

My Letters

K is for Ketchup

k is for ketchup



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

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

My Numbers

How many ketchup bottles?

How many keys?



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.



Ketchup is _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter K in ketchup.	Math Play Point to the number 3 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Big K and Little k On one page of the newspaper, search for an uppercase K and a lowercase letter k. Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more uppercase and lowercase K-k pairs?	Lost and Found Read a Lost and Found advertisement about a lost animal. Ask your child to pretend to be that animal and tell how it feels to be lost. Next, ask your child to pretend to be the person who lost the animal and tell how he feels.	Action! Look at pictures of people in the sports pages. Talk about what action the person in the picture is doing, such as running, kicking, throwing, etc. Name the action and then have your child act it out.	Spell Mom's Name Show your child how to spell his/her mother's, grandmother's or special adult friend's name. Then find the letters that spell that name in the newspaper. Draw a line to connect the letters from beginning to end, saying the letters out loud.	My Mom Likes Have your child look through the newspaper to find pictures of things he/she thinks his/her mother, grandmother or special adult friend likes. Cut these pictures out and glue them on a piece of paper to make an "I Love You!" card.



Kid Scoop Junior comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill. **Step by Step Success** 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.

Learning Buddy Sign Here
 I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

 Learning Buddy's signature Date

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Tony Roberts



BARNWELL - Funeral services for Anthony "Tony" Wayne Roberts, 62, of Barnwell, were held at 2 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with burial in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery by the airport. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday, February 21, 2022, at Folk Funeral Home, Williston.

Tony passed away on Thursday, February 17, 2022. Born in Foard County, Texas, he was a son of the late Glenn Wayne Roberts and Laura Mae Owens Roberts. Tony loved spending time with his family, playing horseshoes, listening to music, and often enjoyed having a "cold one". He enjoyed watching

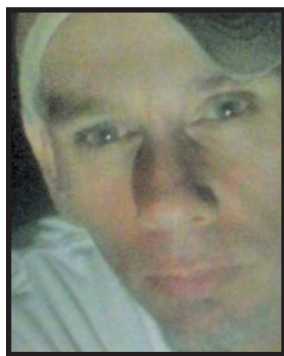
football with the boys and spent every weekend cooking out and hanging out with his family and friends.

Survivors include his son and two daughters; his sisters, Glenda Fail and Teresa Carter, both of Barnwell, and Pamela Horner of Aiken; a brother, Bubba Young of Texas; nieces, Stacy Wood, Crystal Bonner, and Summer Owens; and numerous great nieces and nephews along with a number of grandchildren.

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

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Bobby Franklin Morris Jr.



Bobby Franklin Morris Jr., 47, passed away on February 9, 2022, at the Bamberg-Barnwell Emergency Medical Center.

Frank was born in Barnwell County on June 8, 1974, and was a son of the late Bobby Franklin Morris Sr. and Mary Creech Gunter. He was a self-employed construction worker. Bobby was a huge Dale Earnhardt Jr. fan and loved the Carolina Gamecocks. His biggest love was his children.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 11 a.m. in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Farrell Ray officiating.

Bobby is survived by his son, Justin Morris of Williston; daughter, Layla Raine Morris of Orangeburg; sister, Donna Marie Allen of Anderson, Sherry Sweat of Barnwell, and Michelle Gantt of Batesburg; niece, Kelly Smith; and brother-in-law, Wayne Smith and William Gantt; along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by niece, Morgan Sweat; and nephew, Willie Still.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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Dover Charles



WILLISTON - Dover Charles, 89, of Williston, formerly of Ft. Pierce, FL, passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022. A visitation was held from 2 to 4 o'clock p.m., Saturday, February 19, 2022, at Folk Funeral Home, Williston.

Born in Pike County, KY, he was a son of the late Mylez "Bud" Charles and Mary Elizabeth Charles. In July 1957, he began his career as a heavy equipment operator and retired from Wayne Bennett Construction Company, Fort Pierce, FL. He was a member of #675 Operating Engineers Union and was a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Korean War.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary (Bobby) Wright of Williston, Miles (Dannielle) Charles of

Glendale, AR; grandchildren, Justin "Bubba" (Monica) Maxwell, Aaron (Shelby) Wright, Christian Wright, and Elizabeth Wright; great-grandchildren, Jimmy, Bree, Gabbie, Christopher, Zackery, Amelia, Kaylee-Grace and Alena; sister, Pauline Mitchum of Charleston; a brother, Elster Charles of North Augusta; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, John Charles; sisters, Evaline Guindon and Magdalene Plouff; and his twin brother, Grover Charles.

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

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James Thomas Hightower



BARNWELL - James Thomas Hightower, 82, passed away on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at his residence surrounded by his loving family.

Tommy was born in Bamberg County on September 12, 1940, and was a son of the late James Kenneth and Jackie Still Hightower. He was a retired employee of Hightower Construction Co. When he was able, he attended Calvary Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held on Monday, February 21, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Ralph Myers officiating. Burial followed in the Ghents Branch Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends one hour before the services in the chapel.

Survivors include his daughters, Shon Marie Myers, Cindy Lynn Lawrence, and Jacquelin Myrtle Marolla; sisters, Sherianne H. Bell and Linda Elizabeth (Lloyd) Driver; six grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a sister, Sylvia Hightower.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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Linda F. Morris



WILLISTON - Linda Frazier Morris, 72, of Williston, passed away on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at her home. Friends may visit and sign the register at Folk Funeral Home, Williston. A family service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be given to the Williston Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C. 29853.

Born in Tallassee, Alabama, Linda was the daughter of the late Jack Frazier and Josephine McClellan Frazier, and was married to the late Larry Morris. She was a member of the Williston Church of Christ and retired as a case worker for the Barnwell County Department of Social Services.

Linda was known for her love of auctions and bargain hunting, playing canasta with her girls' card club, and dinners out with friends. She loved to travel, add to her many collections, and spend time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Adadra and Ronnie Neville; her grandchildren, Kaitlyn Williams, Jessamine Williams, Chase Morris, Zachary Neville, and Tucker Neville; great-grandchildren, Alice Lin Neville and Reagan Stephens; dear cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents, Jack and Jo Frazier, and her husband, Larry Morris, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Tristan Morris Beish; son, Lukas Morris; brother, Randy Frazier; and grandson, Evan Williams.

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

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Margaret Lois Grubbs Shealy



AIKEN - Margaret Lois Grubbs Shealy passed away Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

She was born at Fort Benning, Georgia on October 29, 1944. She was the daughter of Colonel Elmer W. Grubbs and Margaret Fountain. At the age of two, Margaret crossed the Atlantic on a Naval vessel with her family to join her father in war torn Germany. Growing up as the daughter of an army officer, Margaret not only lived in various places around the United States but all over the world (Maryland, Georgia, Virginia, Ohio, the Panama Canal Zone, Illinois, South Carolina, and Canada). Even though Margaret lived in many places; her family always had strong roots in South Carolina. Her family has

lived in Barnwell County since 1760.

Margaret attended the University of South Carolina where she met her future husband and biology partner, Harry E. Shealy Jr. In 1972 she earned a BA degree in English with minors in Philosophy and Spanish. She also worked towards a master's degree at Augusta State University in the late 1990s where she was given a teaching assistantship.

During her teaching career that spanned 40 years, Margaret was a beloved educator who taught thousands of students and shaped many lives. Her subjects included earth and life science, English grammar and composition, literature, Spanish, and history. Of special interest are the years she spent teaching the Irish Travelers of Murphy Village making many friends in this unique culture. She also worked as alumni director, fundraiser, and librarian in private education. She has been a member of Saint Thaddeus Episcopal Church for over forty years where she served on the Saint Thaddeus Home and Garden Tour, Care Team, Altar Flowers Committee, Wedding Committee, Tea Under the Trees Committee, and as a Sunday School teacher. Saint Thaddeus has always been a great source of close friendships and family support for both Margaret and Harry throughout the years.

Margaret was an active member of the Aiken community for many years having been a member of the American Association of University Women, the Cancer Society, Sand River Women's Club, Aiken County Museum board secretary, Aiken Historic Society secretary, Aiken Land Conservancy Executive Board, Henry Middleton Chapter of the DAR as conservation and U.S. Constitution chairman, Garden Club of Aiken (a member of the Garden club of America) as events chairman, secretary, historian, vice-president, president, and conservation chairman. One of her favorite organizations was The Student Club of Aiken where she held every office, and which inspired her with intellectual stimulation.

Margaret lived her life with true passion for family, learning, laughing, entertaining, and building and nurturing her many friendships. Her life mantra has always been, "Stay on the target!"

Her beautiful spirit will live on with all who were fortunate enough to have known her.

Margaret is survived by her husband of 56 years, Harry E. Shealy Jr.; her two children (Margaret Elizabeth Shealy and John Calvert Shealy); along with two grandchildren (Jack and James Garrick).

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Garden Club of Aiken (217 Whistling Straits Lane, Aiken, S.C. 29803) for a native plant garden.

Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022, at George Funeral Home. The funeral service was held on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Saint Thaddeus Episcopal Church followed by a reception after dinner at the parish hall. Pallbearers were Sam Hunley, Ira "Bud" Coward, Roy McLain, Martin Buckley, Jim Wolfe, and Wedig Grote.

The Historic George Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 211 Park Ave., SW, Aiken, S.C. 29801 (803.649.6234), has charge of arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy for the family may be left by visiting www.georgefuneralhomes.com.

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Marshall Trotter



WILLISTON - A graveside funeral service for Earl Marshall Trotter, 76, of Williston, was held at 3 o'clock p.m., Sunday, February 20, 2022, at the Barnwell Memory Gardens on Reynolds Rd. with military honors accorded; the Reverend Jamie Wooten officiated. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the cemetery on Sunday. All veterans were invited to attend the service in memory of Marshall. Memorial contributions may be sent to Winfield Heights Baptist Church, Roof Fund, 315 Chester St., Williston, S.C. 29853.

He passed away at home on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Born in Charleston, WV, he was a son of Betty Ann Wooldridge Trotter and the late Earl Lyle Trotter. He was a member of Winfield Heights Baptist Church, was a retired U.S. Air Force veteran, retired from the Las Vegas Valley Water District, and was an avid golfer.

In addition to his mother, Betty Trotter of Williston, survivors include his wife, Catherine "Cathy" Jimmerson Trotter of the home; his sister, Linda (Dennis) Kinard of Aiken; and nephews, Frank Bryan and Chris (Brenda) Boyer.

In addition to his father, Earl Trotter, he was preceded in death by his brother, Harry Glen Trotter.

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

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Has your county council distri

The General Election will be conduc

The U.S. Census reveals how the county's population has changed over the past decade. As a result of these changes, the Barnwell County Council district lines were redrawn in order to equalize their population and satisfy the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause.





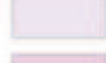


Due to redistricting changes that occurred earlier this year, it is possible that your districts may have changed. Only the even-numbered County Council districts 02-04-06

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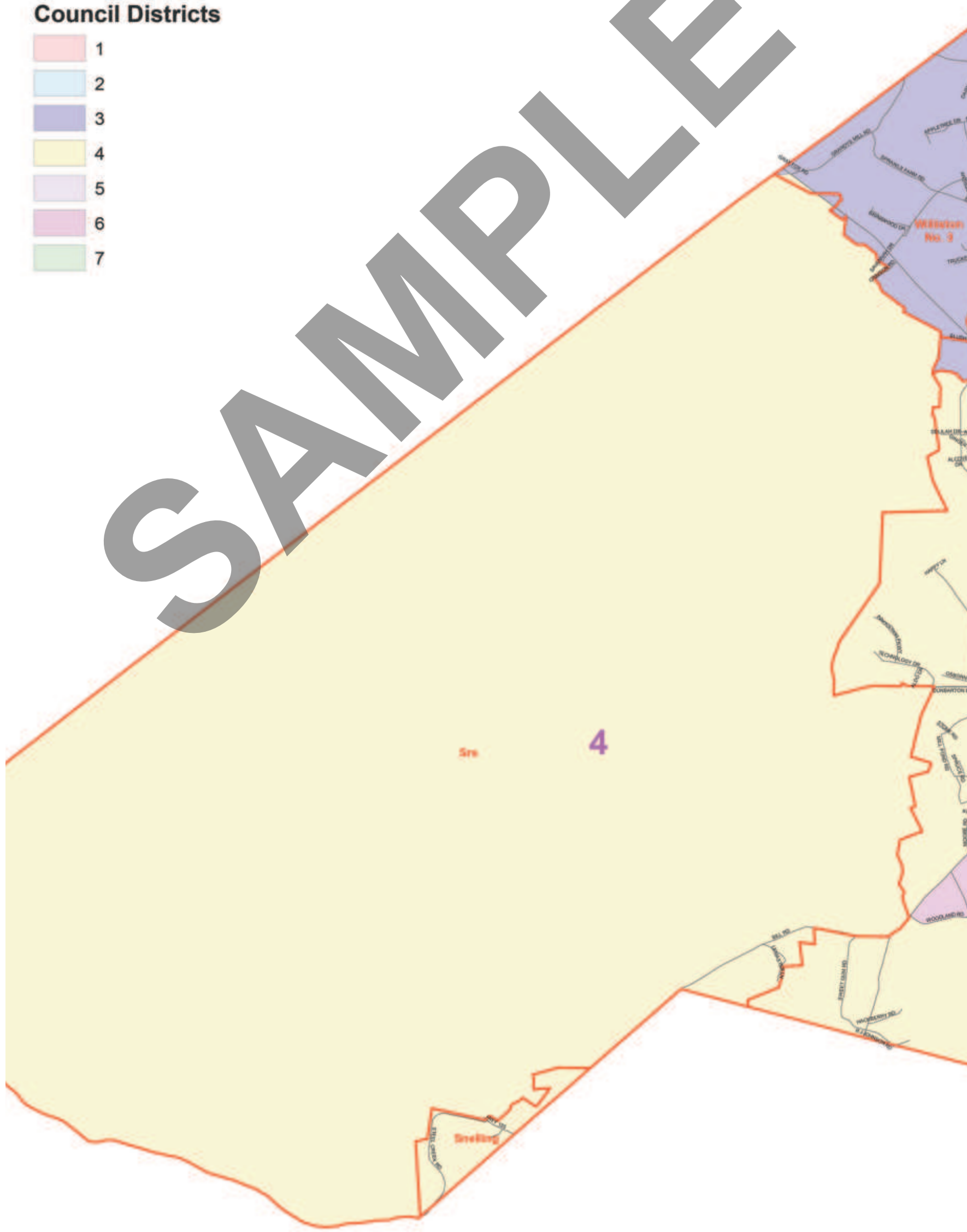
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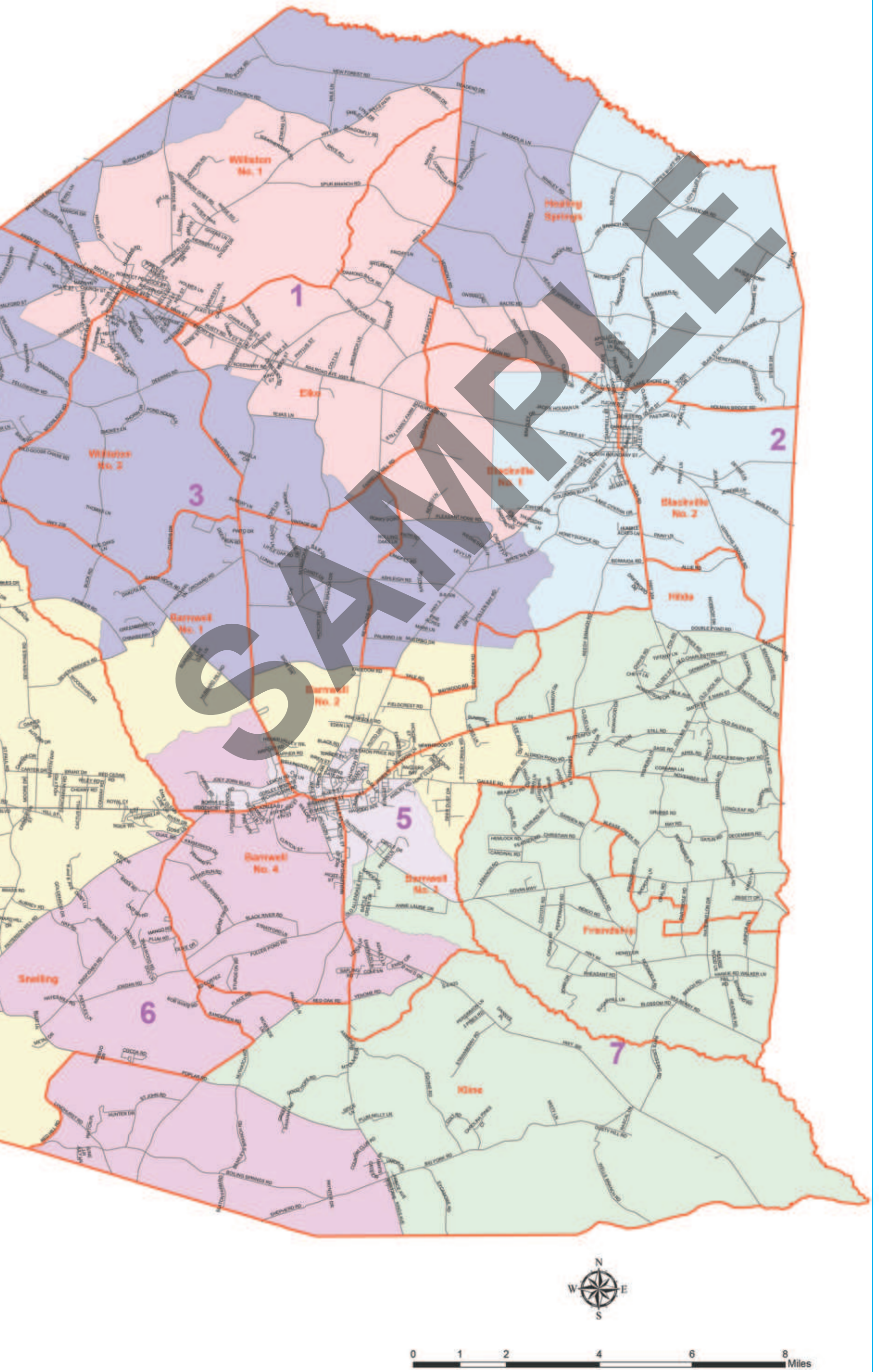
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ected on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

will be on the 2022 General Election ballot. The odd-numbered County Council districts 01-03-05-07 will not be on the ballot until 2024.

The Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office is in the process of updating and completing all streets that were affected by the redistricting changes. Please visit www.sevotes.gov to check these districts before voting, or you may contact the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Election Office at (803) 541-1060 for more information.

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Celebrating

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



Joe Thomas Sr. releases book with words of wisdom

Contributed
The People-Sentinel

Joe Thomas Sr. is a history-making, 55-year-old football player that set records as a Division One college running back.

His new book, "Words of Wisdom, A Common Sense Guide for Changing Lives One Child at a Time", demonstrates Mr. Thomas' commitment to assisting our youth through nurturing short stories that provide real-world experiences and how to deal with them in an appropriate manner while helping adults in their personal lives. This is not just a story for children, it is a story for adults. Mr. Thomas

believes that "God gave me his to share with you".

Mr. Thomas has a sincere concern for the cultivation of our youth. He has made a compilation of life lessons to help mentor and rear productive young adults who contribute to the development of healthy communities. If you have not read Joe Thomas Sr.'s book, get your copy. It is going to be a bestseller that will aid youth and schools across the country.

Mr. Thomas grew up in a small rural southern town during desegregation. He has faced adversity due to ethnicity, economic concerns, health challenges and

educational adversity. From a young age, he went through issues that were so difficult until he could not openly share his struggles with his family. He was forced to become a champion for himself and for those who could not stand up for themselves.

As a young boy, he was smaller in stature yet very strong. He took his physical strength seriously. He has been in more than one athletic industry as an adult. He focused on developing his body into a professional athlete in the wrestling area. He never gave up on making a good life for himself and his family. "God will put you

where he wants you to be even if no one thinks you deserve the position," is genuinely what Mr. Thomas used to drive him to success.

Mr. Thomas wants to impart his life experiences into the lives of others through literature. This book acts as effective literature for modern day child development. It covers issues such as nutrition, safety, character, respect, and manners. It can be used in multiple settings: classrooms, youth centers, summer camps, Sunday schools, and for individual readers.

The book is available for sale on Amazon.



Joe Thomas Sr. of Blackville recently published his book, "Words of Wisdom, A Common Sense Guide for Changing Lives One Child at a Time".

Blackville native partners with multi-platinum producer for song

Jonathan Vickery
Publisher

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A Blackville native recently worked with a multi-platinum music producer.

Abraius Neko Thompson dropped his new single, "Be Humble", on Sunday, Feb. 13 under his stage name, Neko Grinday. The song was produced by Moe-Z M.D., who has worked with numerous musicians over the years, including Tupac, Snoop Dog, and more.

"Growing up in the 803 influenced me very much. I've seen a lot of adversity and been through struggles, but I overcome that. Music is one of the tools that kept me focused," said Thompson, a member of Blackville-Hilda High's Class of 1999.

"Be Humble" shares Thompson's story through music.

"When you feel like the world is on your shoulder,



Abraius Thompson, originally from Blackville, released his new single, "Be Humble", on Feb. 13. It was created in collaboration with multi-platinum music producer Moe-Z.

...the only thing you can do is be humble," said Thompson of the single's message.

Thompson comes from a musical family who grew up influenced by many genres of music, in-

cluding gospel, southern soul, blue, and country. His sister, Meme Yahsal, is a singer while his brother, Terrance "T da Wizard" Thompson, is a music producer.

"I'm big on family and I love my community," he said.

His musical journey began by playing in the Carolina Cavaliers marching band at Blackville-Hilda High School, but he said he later began "creating my own sound" through studio engineering in places like Augusta, Ga. and Charlotte, N.C. He also has been a professional drummer and is CEO of Zone 8 Music Group.

"It's a blessing to say I made it from indie to mainstream music," said Thompson.

He's created music throughout his journey, but he is proud of his recent collaboration with Moe-Z. Networking led to the November 2021 meeting with Moe-Z in Gary, Indiana, which is Michael Jackson's hometown, where they filmed a music video.

"It was very fast paced. This was my first recording with a platinum pro-

ducer with his weight and caliber," Thompson said of Moe-Z.

"Be Humble" dropped on iTunes, Spotify, YouTube, and other streaming outlets on Super Bowl Sunday. This date was intentionally selected due to artists Dr. Dre, Snoop Dog, Mary J. Blige, Eminem, and Kendrick Lamar performing at the half-time show. They all have worked with Moe-Z.

As he continues his musical career, Thompson said, "I'm going to stay determined." He hopes to tour later this year while continuing to grow his record label and network.

He encourages other aspiring artists to "stay disciplined, focused, and fight through adversity."

Thompson can be reached at (803) 989-8365.



Barnwell County Museum honors local African-Americans

In observance of Black History Month, the Barnwell County Museum (617 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell) has several displays in remembrance and honor of local African-Americans.

In the military room, one of the showcases displays the service of Sgt. George Buggs, a Barnwell native who gave his life in service for his country, along with a display on four local brothers who entered separate branches of the service.

Throughout, the museum has displayed other local African-Americans who have served their country. Another display highlights the first three police officers at the Barnwell Police Department while one more is about the ironwork of Willie White Williams.

The museum is open from 12 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays.



Above: This photo shows the first three African-American police officers in Barnwell.

Below: One of the displays set up for Black History Month at the museum.



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"PRAISING OUR ROOTS"

African American Art Exhibit

Saturday: Feb. 26, 2022 – 11am-5pm
Sunday: Feb. 27, 2022 – 1pm-6pm
@ the Phoenix Project Content Creation Lab
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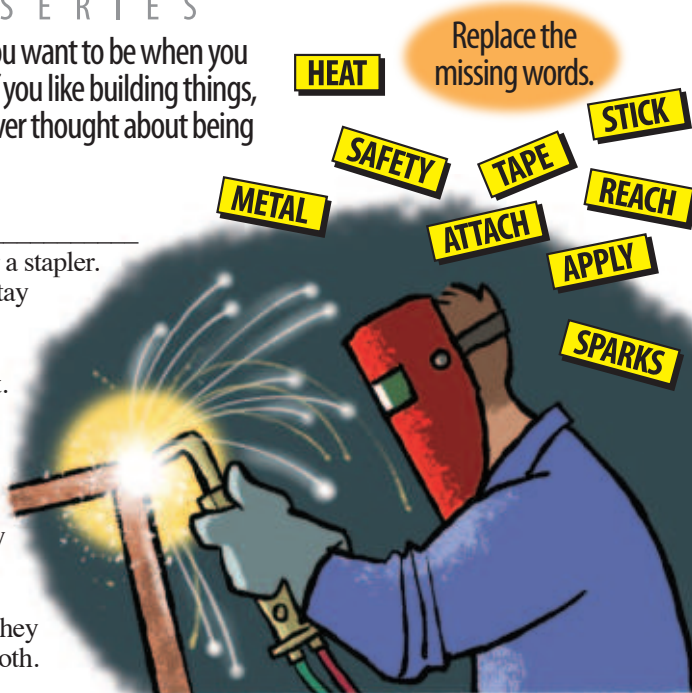
WELDING

What do you want to be when you grow up? If you like building things, have you ever thought about being a welder?

A welder "welds" pieces of metal together. When you want to _____ two pieces of paper together you could use glue, _____ or a stapler. But how do you get two pieces of metal to _____ and stay together? It takes some intense heat!

Welders work with _____ and flames or very hot equipment. It takes a lot of heat to melt _____. A **blowtorch** is aimed at metal to _____ high heat to melt metal. Sometimes, when watching a welder work you will see him or her surrounded by a shower of _____. Those sparks are little pieces of melted metal! They can burn clothing and skin, so _____ is very important in welding.

To be safe, welders wear special jackets, gloves and work shoes. They wear a helmet with a safety visor or safety glasses — sometimes both. They also make sure to have a fire extinguisher within _____.



Replace the missing words.

Choose a story in this newspaper. Cut out the headline or write the headline in the box below.

WHY did the editor of this newspaper choose to send a reporter to find out more about this event?

WHY did this event happen?

What other questions would YOU ask people involved in this event?

Welding Around Home

Wendy wants to be a welder someday like her Uncle Wesley. She drew pictures of some of the things she thinks required welding in order to be built. Cross out the things that were not welded together. Have a family member check your work.



How can I become a welder?

Welders learn their trade by working in an apprenticeship training program. Circle every other letter to discover what an **apprentice** is.

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

S O M

Being a Welder is a Good Job!

Replace the missing vowels to find out the many ways being a welder is a good career.

- Welders h _ l p p _ _ ple by making th _ ngs m _ de with m _ t _ l be str _ ng and s _ fe.
- The p _ y is v _ r y g _ _ d.
- The w _ rk w _ ld _ rs do touches m _ st ev _ ryb _ dy's lives.
- There is a sh _ rtage of w _ ld _ rs so th _ re are m _ ny j _ b _ penings.

Hot Hotter Hottest!

Look through the newspaper for pictures or words that go with each of the words **hot**, **hotter**, and **hottest**. Paste these onto a blank sheet of paper and label each one. Repeat this activity for more adjectives such as cold, small, short, tall, funny, and other adjectives that can be used to compare nouns.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Understand and identify antonyms.

Standards Link: Reading/Writing: Draw evidence from informational text.

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For more information about our literacy non-profit, visit kidscoopnews.org

Kid Scoop Puzzler

TOOL BOX TRIVIA: BLOWTORCH

A blowtorch produces a very, very hot flame to make heat that allows a welder to mold and cut metal. It's a dangerous tool and takes training and special safety equipment to use safely.

Blowtorch is a compound word—a word created by combining two smaller words. Draw lines to weld pairs of words to create compound words.

BLUE SNOW CUP BALL
WALL BUTTER TEA HERO BIRD
SUPER MILK PAPER

Double Double Word Search

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

BLOWTORCH
SHORTAGE
INTENSE
TRAINING
WELDER
SPARKS
SAFETY
HELMET
GLOVES
VISOR
METAL
HEAT
BURN
MELT
TOOL

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: SURROUND

The verb **surround** means to enclose on all sides.

The players **surrounded** Devon in celebration when he scored a goal.

Try to use the word **surround** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Welders in the News

Look through the newspaper for images that show things a welder might have made. Find 10 images and then group them into categories based on similarities. Come up with a name for each category.

Standards Link: Write descriptively comparing past and present.

What kind of music do welders like best?

ANSWER: Heavy metal!

Write On!

The Magic Key

One day, while walking down the street, I found a key. Every time I tried to open a lock it ...

Finish this story.

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FEBRUARY

This Week's Featured Events

PRAISING OUR ROOTS
A BLACK HISTORY EXHIBIT FEATURING THE WORKS OF LOCAL ARTISTS AND ARTISANS.
FEB. 26 11AM-5PM
FEB. 27 1PM-6PM
CONTENT CREATION LAB, 5983 LARTIGUE ST. IN BLACKVILLE.
THE EXHIBIT IS SPONSORED BY PEPEROCOUTLET, THE BLACKVILLE AND THE SOUTH OF GEORGIA ART COMMISSION. THE PUBLIC IS cordially invited to attend. COVID PROTOCOL WILL BE OBSERVED.

FEATURED ARTISTS:
TERRANCE WASHINGTON | ARTIST
JALIN JOHNSON
MRS. ZAKIA NIX | MASTER SARGENT
MR. ROBERT JOHNSON | MR. JOHN JOHNSON |
MRS. CATHERINE DAVENPORT-MACK.
THE EXHIBIT WILL ALSO FEATURE AFRICAN AND EGYPTIAN ART AND ARTIFACTS FROM THE PRIVATE COLLECTION OF MRS. LINDA FAUST KEYTON OF DENMARK SC.

February 2022

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Holidays

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

SHARE YOUR NEWS!

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.

Activities

Barnwell Library

CHILDREN

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

Mar. 3, 17, & 31

STORY TIME - At the Library
Children's Room Barnwell Library
Masks are strongly encouraged for this event for ages 3+.
11am

Mar. 10 & 24

Virtual Story Time
These select dates will be virtual only. They will be posted to our Facebook page @librarybarnwell. Story time is appropriate for all ages.

Make Your Own

Mar. 1
Truffula Tree @ 4-5pm

Mar. 15
Leprechaun Trap @ 4-5pm
These two kits will be available as an in house activity in the children's

room. Kits are appropriate for ages 3+. Masks are strongly encouraged for this event for ages 3+.

Make Your Own- Take Home Kit

Mar. 7
Lorax Mustache

Mar. 21

Flower Bookmark
These two kits will be for take home only. Kits are appropriate for ages 3+.

Mar. 30

Grab and GO-
Stop by and grab a fun Spring Activity Packet. Packets are appropriate for ages 3+ and their families.

ADULTS

Mar. 29
POTLUCK BOOK CLUB
We will be meeting in the Community Room to discuss our selected book. (Book has not been selected at this time)
4pm

Fundraisers

Feb. 25

8th Annual Barnwell County Animal Shelter Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser
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.

Events

Feb. 25 & 26

Mar. 4 & 5
Show Us 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

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.

Nominations

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

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.

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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

Daily 10:30-11:00am
Coffee Club & Current Events
8:30am-9:30am

Mondays

Health Topic 9:30-10:00am

Tai Chi

10:00-10:30am

AARP Topic

Tuesdays/Thursdays

Exercise with Ernie

10-11am

Bingo

11am

Wednesdays

Phoenix Project

10-11am

Education

Barnwell Primary School Registration

Now accepting registration for new students for 3 year old Montessori, 4 year old CERDEP, and 5 year old Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. All kindergarten students

must be 5 years of age on or before September 1. Registration packets can be picked up in the main office located at

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.
218 Main St. Barnwell, SC 8-9am

Sports

Feb. 23-25
Williston youth baseball sign-ups:
Williston Town Hall. Ages 5-12. Fee is \$35.4 to 6 p.m.

Meetings

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

Feb. 24
Allendale Barnwell Counties Disabilities and Special Needs Board

will have their Board of Directors meeting via telephone conference on Thursday, 12:00pm.

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

COMMUNITY BENEFITS FAIR

2022

10:30 AM - 7:00 PM

HAMPTON COUNTY RECREATION BUILDING
301 E. PINE ST. BARNWELL, SC 29844

FEB 25

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.



BOOMER BRIEFING

Are pet trusts a good option?

Q. Are pet trusts allowed in S.C.? If so, what can you tell me about them.



Linda Knapp
Attorney at Law
(Located in Barnwell)

A. With all the purring, tail-wagging-welcomes, companionship, play, love, protection and related health benefits pets provide to their owners is it any surprise we want to ensure Mittens and Fido are cared for after one's admission to a nursing home or an owner's death. Some studies have shown up to 50% of Americans now provide, in some way, for a pet in their will.

In 2016 Minnesota became the 50th state to allow pet trusts. Just over a decade ago only four states allowed them. There are several kinds of pet trusts, but if you are leaving money you need to be aware that in South Carolina you can't leave money and assets directly to the pet.

In December 2011, 94-year-old Italian heiress Maria Assunta, who had no living relatives, left her entire estate (valued at over \$13 million) to "Tomasso", a 4-year-old black cat she found wandering in the streets of Rome. Assunta named her nurse Stefania as trustee for Tomasso in her will, and the cat reportedly became the third richest animal on the planet - behind a chimp and a German shepherd. In 2007 real estate tycoon Leona Helmsley left \$12 million of her multi-billion dollar estate to her pet, a dog named Trouble, and expressly excluded her grandchildren in her will. Woman's Day magazine once reported that Oprah Winfrey will leave \$30 million for the benefit of her pets, which at the time included five dogs.

As a result of these and similar stories, some have come to consider pet trusts as planning tools for the ultra rich or eccentric, but many rational people of modest means love animals and consider their pets part of the family.

An open or prearranged adoption by a family member or friend with a modest stipend in a will to the new caregiver is an inexpensive alternative to an actual pet trust.

Pet trusts are fairly traditional in structure, with a designated human or corporate trustee and possibly a trust protec-

tor that ensures the animal actually receives the intended benefits. The trust may be testamentary which means they can be created in a will or inter vivos while the settlor, the one who creates and contributes property or funding to the trust, is still alive. The latter may be part of or an amendment to an existing revocable or living trust. Under S.C. law the pet must be clearly identified and be alive or in gestation at the time the trust is created, but an additional animal may be added to a trust if done so prior to the settlor's death. A pet trust terminates on the death of the animal or last surviving animal. Before meeting with your lawyer you should determine your pet's standard of living - exercise and nutritional needs, veterinary checkups schedule and shots, etc. and estimate the cash and/or assets needed to cover these expenses for a typical life span of your pet. You may also want to decide how the body of your pet will be handled at the time of passing - cremation, burial, a pet cemetery, etc. You should choose a beneficiary to receive any remaining funds that are not used up by the pet trust.

You may also want to consider making a generous contribution to a local animal welfare project in your will. In 2011 Daniel J. Garr, an urban planner and Professor at San Jose State University left \$50,000 to Project Purr, an all-volunteer feral cat advocacy organization, to fund the neutering of cats. There are wonderful South Carolina non-profit organizations that provide animal rescue, medical care, no kill shelters, feeding, spay and neutering, adoption, pet care education and other services to domestic animals. These programs often rely exclusively on donations and volunteers. Some organizations operate second-hand shops where your gently used household goods and clothing can help abandoned or abused pets. Household items, furniture, art work, jewelry, other personal property, monies, and stocks can be left expressly to an animal charity in a will or trust.

CORDER'S BOOK CORNER

The wonder of 'The Lord of the Rings'

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

Last week was my birthday, and to celebrate, I decided to host a Lord of the Rings marathon. I got out the chairs, invited my nerd friends, and put out a spread of junk food that every hobbit in the Shire would have been proud of. And for nine hours, my friends and I entered the cinematic version of J.R.R. Tolkien's world, experiencing its adventure, its majesty, and its magic.

Nothing else has quite had the impact on my life that The Lord of the Rings has had. From seeing the films when I was thirteen years old to reading the books in high school and throughout college, Tolkien's imagination has left a large impact on me that other fantasy books have not.

Compared to other fantasy literature, whether it be Harry Potter, The Forgotten Realms, or Eragon, there is something profoundly wholesome and good about The Lord of the Rings. It possesses a purity that I have not come across in any other piece of modern literature. Not to say that other works are not good and wholesome, but Tolkien's work is in a league of its own. Tolkien is like a shaft of light piercing a dark canopy of clouds. His work is filled with strife, but there is a profound hope in the books and films that I have seldom found elsewhere.

And I love sharing this hope. In my classroom,



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

I let students check out my books to read. One of them checked out The Hobbit and returned wanting more of Bilbo and the magic Ring. So, I showed her The Fellowship of the Ring. And now she's hooked. Almost every day when I walk into the cafeteria, I'll see her poring over the copy she checked out, the same copy that my parents gave to me for Christmas nearly ten years ago, with yellowed pages and highlighted passages. She begs for independent reading time in class so that she can spend more time in Middle-Earth, and every day I check on how far she has made it in the book. We discuss the events, the chapters, the story. It is an awesome joy.

After watching the movies this past week with my friends, and

discussing the lore of the story, I have decided to reread the books. Stephen King once said life is too short to reread books. I partly agree with him, but The Lord of the Rings is an exception. It is a story that demands to be experienced again and again because so many of the truths of the goodness of life and God are recorded within its pages. If you have never read Tolkien's masterpiece, I encourage you to give it a go (do skip the opening pages on hobbits and go straight to chapter one; the prologue is quite dense). I can guarantee you that you will never come across another book like it, and the change it may have on you can very well be invaluable.

Want to contact David? Send him an email at dbcorderwriter@gmail.com.

Circle Theatre of Barnwell

showtime at first baptist
by Ron Osborne

Evening Shows
February 25 & 26
March 4 & 5
at 7:00 PM
Directed by Michael Pisacreta

Matinees
February 27
March 6
at 3:00 PM
Produced by Beth Miller

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

2022 Lenten Services

The Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition would like to invite you to join us in our annual community Lenten Services.

The Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition, along with local churches, has hosted the community Lenten services for more than 30 years. This annual event is hosted by local downtown churches each Wednesday from Ash Wednesday through Palm Friday. Each service will build up to the crucifixion of Christ. The host church will provide a light lunch for community members to fellowship together, beginning at 12:00pm, followed by the Lenten service at 12:30pm in which community members will worship together. Below you will find the schedule for the community Lenten services, location, and service description. Please be in prayer for these services, those who attend, the ministers, and the community.

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09 MAR	BARNWELL UNITED METHODIST 236 MAIN ST. / DR. HERMAN WALLACE JESUS HEALS THE OFFICIAL'S SON 12:00 PM
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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

Regional Beautification Marketing Coordinator

The Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance seeks an enthusiastic and motivated individual to oversee a grassroots community improvement program to promote litter prevention, beautification, education, waste reduction and recycling in a three-county region. The ideal candidate will be one with strong initiative, excellent communication skills and the ability to coordinate with multiple county and city leaders, businesses, and citizens to encourage participation in community workdays and the reduction of residential and commercial litter. The selected candidate will work to ensure a successful program to implement volunteer projects, programs, and events.

Essential Duties:

- Manage the day-to-day operations of the litter reduction effort
- Help the member counties to establish their County-level Keep SC Beautiful affiliate program
- Recruit and train the board of directors for continued operation of organization in the targeted counties
- Develop relationships with government agencies, school districts, businesses, civic organizations, and media to encourage participation in the program
- Work in coordination with Palmetto Pride, SCDOT, Sheriff's Departments, and county, town and community employees and leaders
- Develop media advisories, press releases, procedures, policies, programs, and written materials
- Assist in designing and conducting training for volunteer projects and programs
- Maintain computer records and database of volunteers, programs, and events
- Represent the organization at meetings, forums, and workshops

Additional Job Functions & Requirements:

- Perform general administrative work as required; including typing and preparing reports and correspondence; conduct and attend meetings
- Operate a variety of office equipment with knowledge of various software programs including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and others
- Valid driver's license and good driving record

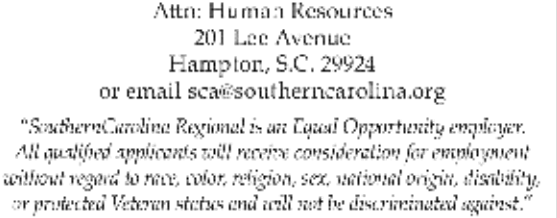
Education Requirements:

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent training in Business or Communications ideal

Resumes will be received until the position is filled. Please submit cover letter and resume to the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance office by mail:

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The ideal candidate will be one with strong initiative, excellent communication skills and the ability to communicate well with corporate executives, consultants, and managers and is skilled in business networking settings.

The selected candidate will work within a team environment to ensure successful recruitment of new industries and the retention of existing industries in the region.

Essential Duties

- Ability to work at a high level of independence.
- Work directly with the organization's team members to attract new industries to the region.
- Assist existing industries with expansions and other economic development needs.
- Prepare and maintain demographic, geographical, and economic data about the region.
- Receive and respond to requests for information, inquiries, complaints, and concerns for economic development purposes.
- Identify and maintain comprehensive inventory of available and potentially available buildings and sites for economic development purposes.
- Attend and participates in conferences, trade shows, marketing missions, prospect visits, etc. to promote the region.

Additional Job Functions & Requirements

- Perform general administrative work as required; including typing and preparing reports and correspondence; conduct and attend meetings.
- Operate a variety of office equipment with knowledge of various software programs including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and others.


Education Requirements

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent training and education in business, finance, economics, marketing, public administration, or a related field.

Resumes will be received until the position is filled. Please submit cover letter and resume to the Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance office by mail:


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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.

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Date of Death: November 29, 2021
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00010
Personal Representative: Iasha Hayes
Address: 308 Persimmon Lane, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
February 16, 23; March 2, 2022
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COMMUNITY

Raising Awareness of Parkinson's Non-Motor Symptoms Via Storytelling



(StatePoint) With the help of an Airstream trailer traveling the country, people with Parkinson's disease will soon have a unique opportunity to record and share their experiences and personal stories as part of a program

called "Yours, Truly." Nonmotor symptoms associated with Parkinson's disease, as a whole, can be more troublesome than motor symptoms, in terms of quality of life. The stigma around these symptoms may

also create challenges. As a recent survey shows, caregivers to those living with Parkinson's disease psychosis are hesitant to discuss Parkinson's non-motor symptoms involving psychosis with physicians in the

presence of patients so as not to embarrass them. "Patients and caregivers are reluctant to talk about non-motor symptoms out of concern for their loved ones," said Leilan Pearl, senior vice president of communications at the Parkinson's Foundation. "Having a place to hear and share the unique experiences of others living with Parkinson's will increase awareness of symptoms and may help others get the care they need." Parkinson's disease affects about 1 million people in the United States, which may present with both motor and non-motor symptoms. Around half of the people living with Parkinson's disease may develop hallucinations or delusions over the course of their disease, but the majority of people don't proactively tell their physicians about these symptoms. That's why I believe it's so important to share experiences across languages and cultures," said Dr. Cus Alva, assistant professor at

University of California, Riverside Medical School, Department of Neuroscience. The storytelling campaign is in collaboration with StoryCorps, a non-profit organization whose mission is to "preserve and share humanity's stories in order to build connections between people and create a more just and compassionate world." Sponsored by Acadia Pharmaceuticals Inc., "Yours, Truly" invites people with Parkinson's disease and their care partners to record interviews about their lives and preserve their story in StoryCorps' national archive. Signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease can vary, with people experiencing both motor symptoms (such as slowness of movement, resting tremors, limb stiffness and trouble with balance) and non-motor symptoms (such as constipation, impaired bladder control, anxiety and depression, loss of mental sharpness/clarity, hallucinations and delusions). When

people living with Parkinson's disease experience hallucinations and/or delusions related to their condition, it is known as Parkinson's disease psychosis. A hallucination is a perception like experience that occurs without an external stimulus and is seen, heard, felt, tasted or smelled. A delusion is a false, fixed belief despite evidence to the contrary. To share or view a story, access educational resources in English or Spanish, or to find out where you can visit the StoryCorps airstream, visit www.YoursTrulyPDP.com. Already, several Parkinson's families have shared their stories and added their voices to StoryCorps' national archive.

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 - Bashful or Happy
 - "1984" author George
 - "Best selling pop artist Bing
 - Writer Monk Kidd
 - Genghis or Kubla
 - Cranberry habitat
 - Not nice
 - Saddle holders
 - "Boris Karloff's movie 'The _____' pl.
 - Actress Barrymore
 - Asian goat antelope
 - Supernatural life force
 - Scythos
 - South African antelope
 - Cook from above
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 - Not odd
 - Italy in Italian
 - What snob puts on
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 - Sound of a dropped tomato
 - Beer acronym
 - Doctrine, U.S. foreign policy
 - "How Green Was My
 - Another word for nutria
 - Ciao in the U.S.
 - Trip guide
 - Surveyor's maps
 - Afflict
 - Will alternative
 - Additionally
 - Nucleic acid
 - Term of endearment
 - Old towel, e.g.
 - Rollerskater's protector (2 words)
 - "Disney's 1942 orphan
 - Abstractionism using optical illusion
 - Kind of salami
 - Crafts' companion
 - Network of nerves
 - Treasure collection
 - Dreamer?
 - "Popular music style
 - Ship canvas
 - "1939 1945
 - Parallel grooves
 - Acid turns it red
 - "Bingo!"
 - Daryl Hannah's 1984 movie
 - Open up
 - In spite of the fact, arch.
 - Church sound
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 - Plotting
 - Velum, pl.
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