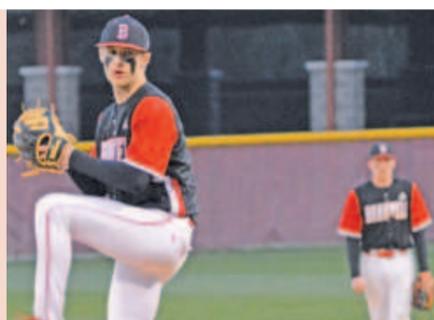




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Local heroes made Kaydence Chavis (center) feel like a superhero herself on Jan. 9 by presenting her the Captain America shield. This came just one day before Chavis underwent surgery to remove a tumor. Pictured left to right: Officer Ortiz (Barnwell Police Dept.), Trooper Logan Link (S.C. Highway Patrol), Chavis, Barnwell firefighter Blake Towne, Shawn Howze (Barnwell Police Dept.), Barnwell Police Chief Lamaz Robinson, and Lt. Boots (Barnwell Police Dept.).

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## Barnwell girl fights tumor like a champ

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"I was completely terrified when I found out the news about the tumor and having to have surgery. I was scared I would be paralyzed and never be able to walk or play softball ever again," said 11-year-old Kaydence Chavis about the life-changing ordeal she was recently forced to face.

Up until the first week of December 2021, young Chavis was the picture of health, active as any other child on the field playing with her teammates for the new Barnwell Venom softball team.

"She never complained of any back pain or anything other than the stomach pain that started off with nausea and vomiting about the second week of December. That's when we went to her primary care doctor at Barnwell Family Medicine, Dr. Jennifer Rahn," Chavis' mother, Brittany LaCroix, explained. "She scheduled us immediately with the doctors that needed to be seen. So, if it wasn't for her there's no telling where we'd be right now."

Following the initial exam, Dr. Rahn sent Chavis to Allendale County Hospital for an ultrasound where they discovered a mass in her pelvic area. "The doctor explained to me it was



Children hold a sign stating "Praying 4 You!" during a parade held in honor of Kaydence Chavis on Jan. 9.

a pretty good-sized tumor that looked like it was attached to her right ovary. Our next step was to go to the gynecologist and an oncologist," LaCroix said.

Chavis' first surgery on December 28, 2021, revealed the tumor was not attached to her ovaries, but instead was distinctly further back. "The pediatric surgeon, Dr. Marian Symmes Johnson, MD, told us they closed her up because they

couldn't do anything for her that day. A few hours later he wanted to do an MRI on her to get a better look at it," LaCroix continued. "When we got the MRI results, we also met with a neurosurgeon because the MRI results showed it was sitting in her pelvic cavity and it was attached to several nerves that were attached to her spinal

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A team of supporters, including her teammates and Barnwell City Council members, gathered at the home of Kaydence Chavis on Jan. 9, the day before she had surgery to remove a tumor.

## Generations Unlimited board dissolved, director fired

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"You're fired, but we appreciate your service!"

That was the message Barnwell County Council sent to the board and executive director of Generations Unlimited through a unanimous vote during a special-called council meeting on Feb. 22.

"The governance of the board is transferred to Barnwell County Council," said Councilman Freddie Houston as he made a motion to dissolve the board. "We believe it's in the best interest of Barnwell County to assume governance."

The now-former GU board members are Janet Creighton, Pat Rodgers, Ed Felton, Tom Byrne, Dianne Weeks, Vorise Peoples, John Haskell, and Gwendolyn Littlejohn.

Regarding the firing of Lisa Firmender as executive director, Houston said in a separate motion that council believes a new direction is needed in order to "reconcile differences" between council and Firmender.

"The county is grateful for your dedication and service to this agency, but the Barnwell County Council believes because of irreconcilable differences, it is in the best interest of the county to take the governance of this agency in a different direction," said Barnwell County Administrator Tim Bennett in a letter to



Firmender informing her of her immediate termination.

The People-Sentinel received copies of letters that were sent to the former board members and Firmender.

The "differences" cited by Houston revolve around the finances of GU, particularly related to the operation of its Local Motion public transportation program.

Local Motion has been struggling financially since last year due to increased costs and reduced revenues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes a tremendous drop in Medicaid reimbursements since many healthcare providers switched to telehealth visits, equaling a reduction in rides to appointments.

GU has historically counted on Medicaid funds to be their 50 percent local match to the funds they receive from the S.C. Department of Transportation.

The financial shortfall

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## Snead hired to spearhead Palmetto Innovation Center

Contributed  
Southern Palmetto Chamber

The Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce has expanded its team as they prepare to launch a business innovation center.

Bob Snead was recently hired as the new Program Coordinator to spearhead the development of the Palmetto Innovation Center at 218 Main Street in Barnwell.

"I'm so ecstatic to be able to support entrepreneurs and business owners in Barnwell and Allendale with resources and opportunities to grow their businesses," said Snead, a native of Charleston. "While technology and creativity will be at the core



Bob Snead

of much of what we do at the Innovation Center, as a serial entrepreneur myself, I look

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# Bamberg park to show signs of blooming

Laura J. McKenzie  
Contributing Writer



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**Plans for the Bamberg Downtown Park and Amphitheater are on display at the project site off Main Highway. Work has begun on the project which is expected to bloom over the coming months.**

A few early signs of springtime are beginning to show in Bamberg and local officials are forecasting that the downtown park project is expected to bloom in the coming months.

"The project is going forward," said Bamberg County Administrator Joey Preston recently. "Over the winter we saw delays due to Covid and shipping issues but that is changing."

The park under construction off U.S. Hwy. 601 in downtown Bamberg is set to include a stage, lighting, walking paths and parking area.

After several shipping delays "the stage has now arrived in Bamberg," said Preston. He said project engineers, the local building inspector and electricians have been meeting on the site to plan the next steps.

"We hope to have the general contractor work done by mid-May," said Preston. "Landscaping will be installed after that and road work will then follow. It's a layered process."

The C-Fund committee has approved funds to be used for road work leading to the park. "Those funds can't be

used for a parking lot but it can be for streets," said Preston.

He said he is hoping the park will be ready by early summer.

The park is the first phase of an overall downtown revitalization project that is a partnership between the City of Bamberg and the County of Bamberg. It has taken several years of planning

but now the project is expected to bloom this spring.

Just as a plant sends out tendrils, construction will also feature a new walking trail that connects the downtown park with the Veterans Park, future development of the Ness Complex, and other locations nearby.

The area had been the site of several buildings

which were destroyed by a fire in March 2019. The two governmental agencies coordinated to remove the remains of the buildings. The county then obtained ownership of the lots and the project moved forward.

The first phase of work is being funded with the help of a grant of almost \$50,000 from the state Parks,

Recreation and Tourism Department's Park and Recreation Development (PARD) Fund. Preston said the county and city have worked with the local state delegation (Rep. Justin Bamberg and Sen. Brad Hutto) and Bamberg Public Works to get to this point.

Another phase of the revitalization plan includes the creation of

a welcome center and tourism building in one of the downtown buildings.

Enhanced parking, renewal of the local theater, a museum and a market area are all part of the larger vision for downtown.

Preston said the county has acquired the former "Grand Central Station" on Heritage Highway which will be converted into a commercial kitchen and market. He said he is working with another community which has already installed a similar project. "We are taking advantage of their experience to hopefully avoid any roadblocks they encountered," said Preston.

Also part of the project are enhancements to the Ness Recreation Complex. The total vision of the project includes upgrades of the basketball courts, several baseball/softball fields with seating and concession area, multi-use sport fields and walking trails.

The Ness Complex is currently located along Rhoad Park Street. Work has yet to begin on that phase of the revitalization project.

For additional information, please contact the Bamberg County Public Information Office at [info@bamberg-county.sc.gov](mailto:info@bamberg-county.sc.gov).

## 'Harriet Tubman' visits Blackville senior center



Betty Thompson, dressed as Harriet Tubman, came to the Golden Retreat Activity Center in Blackville to help celebrate Black History Month in February.

ADOPTABLE PET OF THE WEEK

### 'Queenie' needs forever home




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

Queenie is a female small breed black and tan German Shepherd mix under 2 years of age.

"She is very sweet, loving, and playful. She is ready for her forever home. Queenie comes from a family environment with children and other dogs," said Marlena Ray, shelter manager.

Consider adding her to your family.

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

Mail donations to 57 Wall St., Barnwell, S.C. 29812.  
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# Shelby Broomfield selected for inaugural cohort of statewide afterschool leadership initiative

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velopment Program (DIG) and a STEM Community Outreach Associate for SC Coalition for Mathematics and Science (SCCMS). In her current roles with DIG & SCCMS, she works to provide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) opportunities for rural growth and development. She works to build relationships between school districts, business industry leaders, local colleges and universities, community leaders, and non-profit organizations to partner in the progression of STEM education in rural South Carolina. Shelby understands the importance of students, families, and communities gaining exposure to STEM and the career opportunities that the field has to offer. Through her position with DIG, she also manages after school programs for Wiliston School District 29, Barnwell School District 45, Allendale County School District and an annual summer camp for the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA).



Shelby Broomfield

She understands the importance of after school programs and summer camps and how such programs can increase academic enrichment for students. She has a passion for rural communities and a special place in her heart for her hometown of Barnwell. "I am excited to represent my community and to have the oppor-

tunity to network with after school, summer camp, and community leaders in our cohort," said Broomfield. "Out of school enrichment is an important aspect of a child's development and I look forward to growing and learning new information in this space to better serve the youth in our community." Selected participants

represent nearly a third of the state's school districts, a variety of organizations, and a mix of rural, suburban, and urban areas. Taking place over the course of 10 months, SCALE offers a curriculum that touches on topics such as school-community partnership development, program sustainability, and youth mental health and is led by national and local afterschool and summer learning leaders. In addition to convening on Furman's campus for a weeklong intensive and participating in monthly webinars, members of the cohort will take a field trip to a nationally-acclaimed summer learning program and work on a capstone project related to afterschool or summer learning.

High-quality afterschool and summer learning programs have been shown to improve student achievement, life skills, and mental health, all while helping working families keep kids safe. For more than a decade, the Riley Institute has conducted work in the afterschool field at

the national level. "Inspired by the impact we've made through our national afterschool policy fellowship, we're eager to help strengthen and expand access to phenomenal programs that are already in place across the state," said Amy Keely, SCALE director. "In doing so, the Riley Institute is advancing its goals of creating greater opportunity for students and their families in South Carolina."

To learn more about SCALE, visit [furman.edu/scale](http://furman.edu/scale) or contact Keely at [amy.keely@furman.edu](mailto:amy.keely@furman.edu).

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## Innovation: Bob Snead ready to lead and launch new business innovation center

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forward to developing programs that support all aspects of businesses while making a significant contribution to the economic ecosystem that helps the region thrive." He is a Cum Laude graduate of the College of Charleston and founder of Redux Contemporary Art Center. He remained founding direc-

tor of the organization until 2005, when he left to pursue graduate studies at Yale University. After receiving his Master of Fine Art in 2007, he spent the next two years developing community-based art projects across North America. From 2010 to 2020, he lived and worked in New Orleans, building the cre-

ator-driven programs of Antenna as executive director alongside helping grow his wife Dawn's bakery cafe, Shake Sugary. Bob, Dawn, and their daughter Isabelle moved back to South Carolina in 2020 to be closer to extended family while restoring an 1880's historic home on Main Street

in Barnwell. The home restoration project was started by his mother, the late Gara Snead.

In addition to Bob's work in supporting local businesses with the Chamber, he has a rigorous art practice which you can see featured on the PBS series Art Assignment. "We feel fortunate to

have Bob join the Chamber team at this pivotal point in our development," said Terri Smith, executive director of Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber. "His relocation to Barnwell in 2020 with extensive knowledge in organizational development, entrepreneurship, and creative uses of technol-

ogy certainly felt like a 'God Wink' and I'm looking forward to his help in growing our efforts to support local businesses."

The grand opening of the Palmetto Innovation Center will take place later this spring.

Contact Snead at [bob@palmettoinnovation.center](mailto:bob@palmettoinnovation.center).

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## HOMEMAKER'S COLUMN: SLOW COOKER FOOD SAFETY



Christine Patrick

Clemson Extension

A hot savory meal is good at the end of a workday. It is a good time to make use of your slow cooker for a quick meal after work. There are countless recipes for perfect slow-cooked meals, but safety should be the top priority. So before you get started, take a minute to review food safety practices specific to slow cookers and crockpots.

Many consumers prefer the convenience of a slow cooker for preparing soups, stews, and other favorites. These countertop appliances cook foods slowly at a low temperature, so vitamins and minerals are retained, less expensive cuts of meat are tenderized, and meats shrink less. Best of all, the slow cooker can do all this while you're away from home.

Is a slow cooker safe? Yes, the slow cooker cooks foods slowly at a low temperature - generally between 170 and 280 °F. The direct, intense heat, combined with the bacteria-killing steam created inside the tightly covered container, makes the slow cooker a safe alternative to the risky process of cooking foods for extended periods at a very low temperature in a conventional oven.

To qualify as a safe slow cooker, the appliance must be able to cook slowly enough for unattended cooking, yet fast enough to keep food above the danger zone (above 40 to 140 °F). To determine if a slow cooker will heat to a safe temperature:

- Fill the cooker with 2 quarts of water.
- Heat on low for eight hours or desired cooking time.
- Check the water temperature with an accurate thermometer (quickly because the temperature drops 10 to 15° when the lid is removed).

• The temperature of the water should be 185 °F. Temperatures above this would indicate that a product cooked for eight hours without stirring would be overdone. Temperatures below this may indicate the cooker does not heat food high enough or fast enough to avoid potential food safety problems.

Begin with a clean cooker, clean utensils, and a clean work area. Wash hands before and during food preparation. Keep perishable foods refrigerated until preparation time. If you cut up meat and vegetables in advance, store them separately in the refrigerator. The slow cooker may take several hours to reach a safe, bacteria-killing temperature. Constant refrigeration assures that bacteria, which multiply rapidly at room temperature, will not get a "head start" during the first few hours of cooking.

- Thaw and cut up ingredients:
- Always defrost meat or poultry before putting it into a slow cooker.
- Choose to make foods with high moisture content such as chili, soup, stew, or spaghetti sauce.

• Cut food into chunks or small pieces to ensure thorough cooking. Do not use the slow cooker for large pieces like a roast or whole chicken because the food will cook so slowly it could remain in the bacterial danger zone too long.

Use the right amount of food:

- Fill cooker no less than half full and no more than two-thirds full.
- Vegetables cook slower than meat and poultry in a slow cooker so if using them, put vegetables in first, at the bottom, and around the sides of the cooker
- Then add meat and cover the food with a liquid such as broth, water, or barbecue sauce.

• Keep the lid in place, removing only to stir the food or check for doneness.

Most cookers have two or more settings. Foods take different times to cook depending upon the setting used. Certainly, foods will cook faster on high than on low. However, for all-day cooking or less-tender cuts, you may want to use the low setting.

If possible, turn the cooker on the highest setting for the first hour of cooking time and then to low or the setting called for in your recipe. However, it is safe to cook foods on low the entire time, if you are leaving for work, for example, and preparation time is limited. While food is cooking and once it is done, food will stay safe as long as the cooker is operating.

For more information on slow cooker safety, see HGIC 3585, Slow Cooker Food Safety on Clemson University's Home and Garden Information Center website at <http://hgic.clemson.edu>.

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## MIND MATTERS: Great Expectations



Dr. Greg Smith

Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health

I have been thinking a lot about expectations lately. We are still in the throes of a pandemic, like it or not, and our expectations about everything from service at a restaurant to healthcare to how many hours of sleep we get per night have been drastically altered. Three things made me take a closer look at this topic this week, and I would like to share them with you.

First, my friend Mike Sevilla MD is a primary care physician in Ohio, and he has had an online presence for longer than any other doctor I know personally. He started writing and sharing as Dr. Anonymous many years ago. Now, he writes actively on blogs, shares essays and photos on Instagram, interviews people on podcasts, and provides commentary on a variety of subjects on his local television stations. I respect his worldview, his vast experience and his social media savvy very much. A few days ago, he wrote an essay that addressed the public expectations after the spectacularly negative luck of Mikaela Shiffrin, the talented and often praised American downhill skier and 2022 Olympian. Ms. Shiffrin had just had the heartbreak of failing to finish not just one run in one race, but her first runs in her first two races, thought to be her strongest and possibly ones she would take the gold in. He addressed the fact that in an athlete of her caliber, mental health issues can often go hand in glove with physical issues, course conditions, equipment failure and a host of other issues to lead to very unexpected results, as happened in this case. He hearkened back to Simone Biles and her own mental health struggles not too many months ago. He has also, in the not too distant past, shared some of his own struggles as a doctor during the pandemic, and how his own mental health stresses have impacted him personally, as well as his ability to provide the quality care that he aspires to as an excellent family physician. Can mental health issues and struggles lead to physical miscues? Can they affect focus, motivation, drive, desire and the ability to succeed at even the highest levels? This gifted young athlete was expected to excel, to win, even to dominate, and her failure to do so in those first two races lead to a paralyzing response that lead to her sitting off to the side of the course by the safety fences for more than twenty minutes, only able to numbly hang her head.

Secondly, I received a letter from the family member of a patient at the Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center this past week. In this letter, addressed to me personally, the writer expressed frustration, incredulity, and even anger that their loved one had not received the assessment and care that they expected them to get, and that they had not been included in the process the way they expected and desired to be. The writer even quoted something from the end of my last column on the 200 year anniversary of the South Carolina Department of Mental Health, where I stated that at the ABMHIC "We offer assessments; crisis intervention; individual, group and family treatment; medication treatment; peer support services; psychosocial rehabilitation; care coordination; supervised employment; and school mental health services." "Really?", the writer asked. Yes, really. Our Center has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, like a lot of other health care providers and institutions. I offer no excuses, but I do state plainly that we have lost numerous clinicians, nurses and administrative staff to voluntary separation, sudden death and the death of loved ones from COVID-19, sometimes the loss of multiple members of one family, and multiple episodes of quarantine and isolation due to positive testing and illness. In this way, we are no different from any other business or institution that tries to carry on and provide excellent services in spite of illness, absence, debilitation, loss, grief, and heartache. Institutional expectations, like expectations of heretofore invincible athletes, have taken a hit during this unprecedented time. Once again, I do not offer excuses. I only state plainly the fact that we are trying our level best to continue to be the premier provider of mental health services in Aiken and Barnwell counties, despite the blows that the ongoing pandemic has dealt us.

Lastly, I had to ask myself in the wake of those and other revelations this past week, what do I expect of myself? What are my expectations of me in this time of ongoing pandemic stress? Do I expect peak performance at all costs? Do I expect perfection in every patient encounter, every interview, every diagnosis, and every treatment decision? Do I expect absolutely no mistakes? Do I expect, no, do I demand the exact same consistent, perfect output of myself, my team, my coworkers and my employer even when we are dealing with the stresses I outlined above on a daily basis? Do I expect all of this and more just as financial, institutional, physical, and mental supports are decreasing and ever harder to access and utilize? And if, dear readers, I expect this of myself, is it fair to expect it of all of you as well?

I think that we all need to take a step back, take a deep breath and consider how far we have come under some of the most dire circumstances I have ever experienced in my life, personal and professional. As corollaries to the three circumstances I described above, I would ask that you consider three broadly corresponding questions this week.

One, do we need to change our definition of true success? Is it always gold or nothing, or is there room for some other way to look at performance?

Two, can we adjust our expectations of our institutions and educate each other about the stresses on both sides of that relationship? Adversarial approaches have their place, but they do not seem to be the best bridge builders in times of great stress.

Finally, would you please think with me this week about your expectations of yourself as we try desperately to move on and reestablish some kind of normalcy in our post pandemic lives? How has what you expect and demand of yourself changed since January 2020? What will it look like in January 2023?

As always, thank you very much for reading. My fervent hope that we will all get through this together still remains.

## Letter to the Editor

*"Miss Blackville"*

Dear Editor,

I was very sad to read the obituary of Aric Black Guess but was glad to read of her many accomplishments and honors and learned much I never knew. Of all credits noted, I only one noticed omitted was that she was a direct descendant of Alexander Black for whom the town of Blackville was named. I always thought of her as "Miss Blackville" as she had an unmatched and devoted love for the town and was proud to be a descendant of the man for whom it was named. Although I had not spoken to her in years, I was grieved to learn Blackville has lost one of her most outstanding citizens.

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# DHEC gradually closing its COVID-19 testing sites

Beginning March 1, the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) began scaling back the number of agency-managed vendor COVID-19 testing sites across the state. This is based on declining demand for in-person testing and increasing demand and supply of COVID-19 at-home rapid antigen tests.

Testing site reduction also signifies the state and nation's transition out of a pandemic, and into an endemic, as public health

officials provide guidance on how to live normal, safe lives with an ongoing presence of COVID-19.

DHEC's March schedule includes changes to testing sites and data reporting.

Here is the schedule:

- **March 1-14:** Gradual closure of DHEC-managed vendor testing sites in all counties with five or more non-DHEC PCR test providers such as primary care providers, pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, hospitals, mobile providers, etc.

- **March 15:** Change the frequency and type of data reporting to once per week rather than every weekday to best track where the virus' impact is most severe.
- **March 14-April 1:** Gradual closure of DHEC-managed vendor testing sites in all counties with 2-4 non-DHEC PCR test providers.
- **April 1:** Begin closure of DHEC-operated PCR sites except in counties where DHEC is the only PCR-test provider or only other such provider. In those areas, DHEC also will

provide mobile rapid antigen testing services.

Vendor sites in the following counties will close in time periods indicated. DHEC's testing locator will be updated in real time to reflect when a specific site is no longer open. Free rapid at-home antigen tests are available at most DHEC public health departments. The testing locator also reflects which health departments have tests in stock.

Beginning March 1-14, a total of 97 vendor sites in 20 counties will close: Aiken

(3), Anderson (4), Beaufort (4), Berkeley (4), Charleston (9), Colleton (1), Darlington (2), Dorchester (1), Florence (4), Georgetown (3), Greenville (8), Horry (6), Kershaw (3), Lancaster (6), Lexington (10), Orangeburg (3), Pickens (4), Richland (9), Spartanburg (6), and York (7).

From March 14-April 1, 30 vendor sites in the following 13 counties will close: Bamberg (3), Barnwell (3), Chesterfield (2), Clarendon (2), Dillon (2), Greenwood (3), Laurens (2), Marion (2), Marlboro

(2), Newberry (2), Oconee (2), Sumter (3), and Williamsburg (2).

A COVID-19 vaccination remains the best way to prevent virus spread and severe cases that result in hospitalization and death. DHEC continues recommending vaccinations for ages 5 and up and booster shots for those who are eligible. Find a vaccination site near you on the vaccine locator, <https://vaxlocator.dhec.sc.gov>, or by calling the Care Line at 1-855-472-3432.

# Rabid raccoon confirmed in Barnwell County

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) confirmed a raccoon found near Galilee Road and Wisteria Lane in Barnwell tested positive for rabies.

No people are known to have been exposed. One dog was exposed.

"Rabies is usually trans-

mitted through a bite or scratch which allows saliva from an infected animal to be introduced into the body of a person or another animal. Infected saliva or neural tissue contact with open wounds or areas such as the eyes, nose, or mouth could also potentially transmit rabies," said Terri Mc-

Collister, Rabies Program Team Leader. "To reduce the risk of contracting rabies, always give wild and stray animals their space. If you see an animal in need, avoid touching it and contact someone trained in handling animals, such as your local animal control officer, wildlife control op-

erator, or a wildlife rehabilitator. Please report all animal bites, scratches, and exposures to potentially rabid animals to DHEC."

If you believe that you, someone you know, or your pets have come in contact with this raccoon or another animal that potentially has rabies, call DH-

EC's Environmental Affairs Aiken office at (803) 642-1637 during normal business hours or after hours and on holidays at (888) 847-0902 (Select Option 2).

It is important to keep pets up to date on their rabies vaccination, as this is one of the easiest and most effective ways to protect

against the disease. The Barnwell County raccoon is the first animal in the county to test positive for rabies in 2022. Since 2002, South Carolina has averaged approximately 148 positive cases a year. Of the 101 confirmed rabies cases in South Carolina in 2021, none were from Barnwell County.

## 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.

**Timothy John Battis**, 36, of 81 Haven Hill Circle, Hilda, was arrested Feb. 14 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Assault & Battery and Petit Larceny. Battis was booked and released to the Barnwell County De-

tention Center (BCDC). **David Anthony Bodiford**, 50, of 194 Long Cane Road, Williston, was arrested Feb. 18 by the BCSO for Use of License Plate Other Than for Vehicle Which Issued. Bodiford

was booked and released to the BCDC. **Bruce Bolen**, 59, of 484 Old Allendale Highway, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 25 by the BCSO for Unlawful Communication. Bolen was booked

and released on bond. **Carla Ann Bursey**, 50, of 101 Clemson Road, Saluda, was arrested Feb. 27 by the BCSO for Domestic Violence. Bursey was booked and released to the BCDC.

**Andrew Craig Ray**, 33, of 80 Old Salem Road, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 17 by the BCSO for Heroin Possession. Ray was booked and released to the BCDC.



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### Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Assistance

The Lower Savannah Workforce Development Area (LSWDA) announces the availability of Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) funds. The purpose of IWT funds is to assist employers in training currently employed workers to keep businesses & workers competitive. Employers located in the **Counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun & Orangeburg** are eligible.

If interested in receiving IWT funds, download the IWT Application & review the IWT Guidelines on the "SERVICES/Business Services/Incumbent Worker Training" page of Lower Savannah's website [www.LowerSavannahWDA.org](http://www.LowerSavannahWDA.org). Businesses have to be registered in SC Works Online Services (SCWOS) to receive funding (<https://jobs.scworks.org/vosnet/>). Submit the signed IWT application to Mr. André Anderson, Workforce Development Administrator, Lower Savannah Council of Governments, **IWT PROGRAM**, P.O. Box 850, Aiken, S.C. 29802 or email [abanderson@lscog.org](mailto:abanderson@lscog.org) no later than **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2022**.

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### Notice

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 North Complex at Palmetto Ave., North, SC  
 Allendale Complex at Bluff Road, Allendale, SC  
 Blackville Complex at Hampton Ave., Blackville, SC  
 Branchville Villa complex at Branchville Lane, Branchville, SC  
 Denmark Gardens Complex at Minnow Avenue, Denmark, SC  
 Fairfax Boundary Complex at Boundary Street, Fairfax, SC  
 Williston West Main Complex at West Main Street, Williston, SC  
 Barnwell Arms Complex at Thomas Street, Barnwell, SC  
 Bamberg Villa Complex at Race Street, Bamberg, SC  
 Hampton Gardens Complex at W. Holly Street, Hampton, SC

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**Herbert Wincell Davis Jr.**, 50, of 2753 Red Oak Road, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 25 by the BCSO for Sex Offender Registry Violation, Failure to Register as Sex Offender. Davis was booked and released to the BCDC.

**Jesse Charles Levie Johnson**, 28, of 149 Moseley Road, Williston, was arrested Feb. 16 by the BCSO for Burglary and Grand Larceny. Johnson was booked and released to the BCDC.

**Kimberly Jane Jones**, 28, of 713 Zorn Drive, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 18 by the BCSO for Criminal Distribution of Meth. Jones was booked and released to the BCDC.

**Frank Arlando Moore Jr.**, 42, of 5899 Highway 278, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 14 by the BCSO for Assault & Battery. Moore was booked and released to the BCDC.

**Frank Owens II**, 39, of 621 Chavis Rd., Blackville, was arrested Feb. 25 by the BCSO for two counts of Failure to Pay Child Support. Owens was booked and released to BCDC.

**Antron Gregory Roberts**, 30, of 12002 Highway 64, Lot 60, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 17 by the BCSO for Failure to Pay Fines. Roberts was booked and released to BCDC.

**Rockie Lee Roberts**, 42, of 101 Freedom Road, Blackville, was arrested Feb. 18 by the BCSO for Distribution of Meth. Roberts was booked and released to BCDC.

**Payne Tylor Trotti**, 26, of 73 Live Oaks Lane, Williston, was arrested Feb. 23 by the BCSO for Use of Vehicle without Permission with Intent to Deprive. He was also arrested Feb. 24 by the BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Trotti was booked and released to BCDC.

**Rapheal Laryan Tucker**, 32, of 101 Clemson Road, Saluda, was arrested Feb. 27 by the BCSO for Domestic Violence. Tucker was booked and released to the BCDC.

**Jerome Montrel Valentine**, 38, of 21 Darnell Dr., New Ellenton, was arrested Feb. 24 by the BCSO for Failure to Pay Court Fines. Valentine was booked and released to BCDC.

## Public Notice of Candidate Filing Allendale County

Any candidate seeking a political party's nomination for any office in the 2022 General Election must file with the appropriate county board of voter registration and elections or the South Carolina Election Commission during the upcoming filing period.

Filing opens noon, March 16, 2022, and closes noon, March 30, 2022.

Offices	Filing Location
Governor Secretary of State State Treasurer Attorney General Comptroller General State Superintendent of Education Commissioner of Agriculture U.S. Senate U.S. House of Representatives (All Districts) Solicitor (Circuits 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15)	State Election Commission (SEC) 1122 Lady Street, Suite 500 Columbia, SC 29201
State House of Representatives (All Districts)	State Election Commission (SEC) or County Board of Voter Registration and Elections in candidate's county of residence.
Auditor Clerk of Court Coroner County Council (Dist 2, 3 and 5) County Treasurer Probate Judge School Board (Dist. 2 and 4) Sheriff Soil and Water Commission (2 seats)	Allendale County Board of Voter Registration and Elections 158 McNair Street Allendale SC 29810 803-584-4178

**SEC Filing hours:**  
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**County Board of Voter Registration and Elections Filing hours:**  
 Opening Day: March 16, 2022, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
 Other Business Days: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
 Closing Day: March 30, 2022, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Filing Form:** The Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge (SICPP) form required for filing is available in the "Candidate Information" section of [scVOTES.gov](http://scVOTES.gov) and at the county elections office.

**Filing Fee:** Filing fees are paid at the time of filing by candidates seeking the nomination of a party nominating by primary. The list of filing fees is available at [scVOTES.gov](http://scVOTES.gov) and at the county elections office. Filing fee checks must be made payable to the appropriate state political party. Candidates seeking the nomination of a party nominating by convention do not pay a filing fee.

**State Ethics Filings:** Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at [ethics.sc.gov](http://ethics.sc.gov). Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.

## Public Notice of Candidate Filing BARNWELL County

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Filing opens noon, March 16, 2022, and closes noon, March 30, 2022.

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State House of Representatives (All Districts)	State Election Commission (SEC) or County Board of Voter Registration and Elections in candidate's county of residence.
County Council (Districts 2, 4, 6) Probate Judge Auditor Treasurer	BARNWELL County Board of Voter Registration and Elections 367 Fuldner Road Barnwell, SC 29812 803-541-1060

**SEC Filing hours:**  
Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**County Board of Voter Registration and Elections Filing hours:**  
 Weekdays: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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## BIRTH

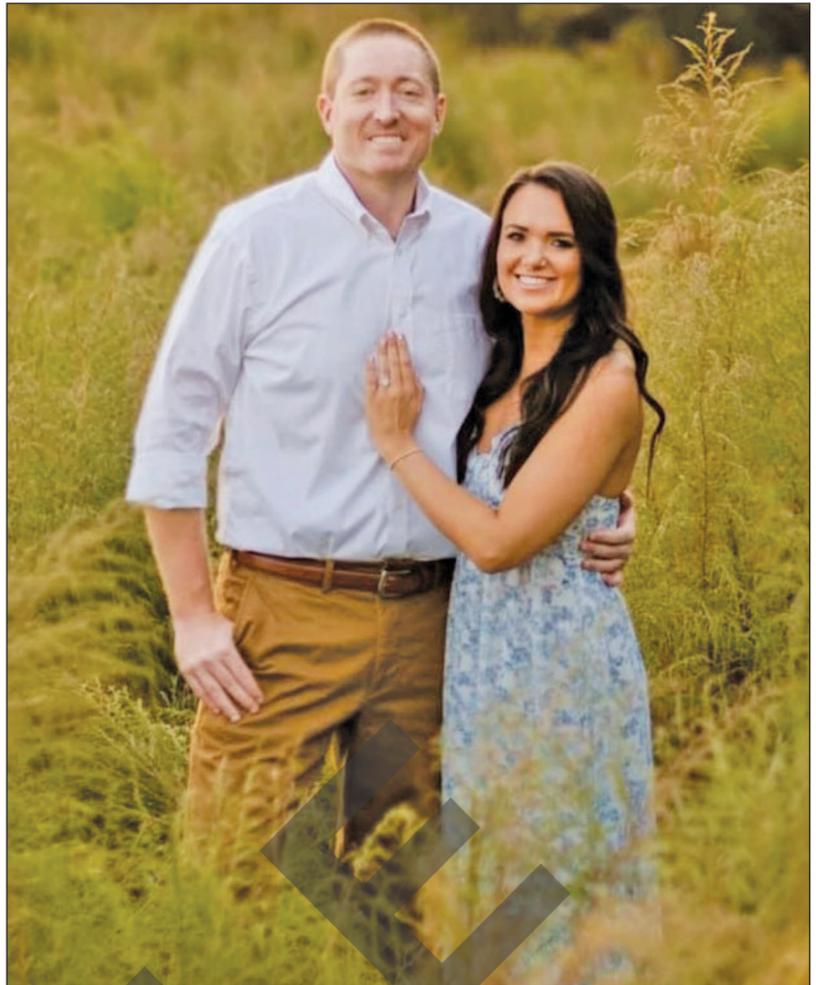


James Grayson Grubbs was born on February 2, 2022.

### James 'Grayson' Grubbs

Sam and Ashley Grubbs of Williston are proud to announce the birth of their son, James 'Grayson' Grubbs. He was born at Lexington Medical Center on February 2, 2022 at 4:26 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Michael Grubbs of Barnwell and Jennifer and Joey King of Williston. Maternal grandparents are Fleming and Jane McMaster of Barnwell.

## ENGAGEMENT



Hardee Gore Sanders and Katrina Lynn Wise will be married on June 4, 2022.

### Wise, Sanders

Mr. and Mrs. David Wise of Chapin proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Katrina Lynn, to Hardee Gore Sanders, son of Judge and Mrs. Walter Hazel Sanders, Jr., of Barnwell.

Katrina graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Elementary Education and also has post graduate degrees in Early Childhood Education and Literacy from Clemson University. She is employed as the Director of Riverland Hills Day School in Irmo.

Hardee graduated from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Business Administration, double majoring in Marketing and Management. While at USC, he was a member of the football team. He is employed as a Senior Claims Adjuster for Geico in Columbia.

The wedding is planned for June 4, 2022, at Millstone at Adams Pond in Columbia.

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**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.

02 MAR	HOLY APOSTLES CHURCH 9357 PATTERSON ST. / DR. BART T. KELLEY JESUS TURNS WATER IN TO WINE   12:00 PM
09 MAR	BARNWELL UNITED METHODIST 236 MAIN ST. / DR. HERMAN WALLACE JESUS HEALS THE OFFICIAL'S SON   12:00 PM
16 MAR	BARNWELL FIRST BAPTIST CHAPEL 161 ALLEN ST. / DR. BILL CLARKSON JESUS MAKES THE LAME WALK   12:00 PM
23 MAR	HAGOOD AVENUE BAPTIST 1144 HAGOOD AVE./ PASTOR ED TRAXLER JESUS WALKS ON WATER   12:00 PM

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## Arie B. Guess



BLACKVILLE - Funeral services for Arie Virginia Black Guess, 93, of Blackville, were held at 3 o'clock p.m., Sunday, February 27, 2022, in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with Dr. Thomas Terry and Pastor Jackie Hyché officiating. Burial was in the Blackville Cemetery. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Sunday. Memorial contributions may be given to the Blackville United Methodist Church, 50 Springs Ct., Blackville, S.C. 29817, Arie B. Guess Scholarship in c/o Tri-County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 160, Barnwell, S.C. 29812, or Columbia College, Advancement Office, 1301 Columbia College, Dr., Columbia, S.C. 29203. The family would like to give

a special thank you to her loyal caregivers and friends Wesley Hartzog, Priscilla Sanders, Sarah Harley, Sheryl Fischer for the love and care that they have shown to Mrs. Arie.

She passed away on Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

Arie Virginia Black was born November 17, 1928, in Bamberg County, to hard-working parents, Lloyd Herman and Fautia Still Black. She, three brothers and one sister grew up on the farm where the whole family picked cucumbers, cut asparagus, and picked cotton together. At night, they had family devotions and always attended Sunday School and worship when the church was open.

Arie attended three years at Hilda Elementary School and eight years at Denmark where she was the valedictorian of her class in 1945. She admired her teachers so much that she decided to go to Columbia College and become a science teacher. She graduated in 1949 and was honored with the "Most Womanly" Award.

Arie married William Samuel Guess Jr. (better known as "Buck") on July 7, 1949, at the same location where they still lived. Buck served in the Army Air Force during WWII. He flew 30 missions over France and Germany, received the Air Medal four times and the Distinguished Flying Cross. After the war, he returned to his home in Blackville to farm and Arie taught in the Blackville Public Schools for 35 years. Buck worked on his farm machinery, and he has restored four Model T and six Model A Fords, in spite of rheumatoid arthritis for which he injected a shot of Enbrel once a week.

While Arie worked as a teacher and as guidance counselor, she was Beta Club Sponsor for 35 years. She served as S.C. State Sponsor 1947-76. She was President of Barnwell County Education Association, President and Treasurer of Blackville Education Association, and President of Barnwell-Blackville Columbia College Club. (B2 C2).

She was honored with the Outstanding Community Service Award by the American Legion, Outstanding Educator Award by the Jaycees, Distinguished Teacher Citizen of Barnwell County by the Education Association and Woman of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. In 1994, she was selected Outstanding Older American for Barnwell County and later of the Lower Savannah Region.

Arie became a member of Phi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1971 and served as President from 1980 to 82 and became a member of Beta Delta Chapter in 1990.

She was an active member of the Blackville United Methodist Church, had served as lay leader, a delegate to annual conferences and as District Treasurer of Orangeburg District UMW, and frequently taught the Adult Sunday School Class.

She served on the Special Events Committee of the Alumnae Council of Columbia College and as Memorial Chairman of Blackville American Legion Auxiliary. She also served as President for many years.

To her surprise, at graduation exercises of 1984, the "Arie Black Guess Scholarship" was set up in Arie's honor. Each year since her retirement, a scholarship has been presented to an outstanding senior in character, leadership, and scholarship at Blackville-Hilda High School.

Probably her most notable honor was the Carolinian of the Year Award given at a ceremony at the state capitol. The Arie B. Guess Highway (between Blackville and Hilda) was officially named in her honor on June 8, 2007.

Survivors include her nieces, Wanda Harelson of Blackville, Katie McCormick of Blackville, Twila Kingsmore of Taylors, Melanie Wessinger of Simpsonville, Kim Taylor of Greenville, Julie Powell of Orangeburg, Martha Ann Stuckey of Mount Pleasant, Cindy Tomlinson of Florence; her nephews, Robert Guess of Edgefield, Andy Black of Barnwell, Steven Gramling of Moncks Corner, George Davis of Baneberry, TN, and Lonnie Caughman of Bastover; her sisters-in-law, Janice Black, Martha Caughman, and Tonya Guess.

In addition to her parents and her husband, Buck Guess, she was preceded in death by her brothers, Herman Black, Pat Black and Ben Thomas Black; her sister, Sarah B. Guess; and numerous in-laws and nephews.

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

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## Horace E. Croft Jr.

BARNWELL - Horace E. Croft Jr., 76, passed away peacefully on February 24, 2022 surrounded by family at Aiken Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 27, 2022, at 4 p.m. at Dyches Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Epperson. The family received friends after the service.

He was the son of the late Horace E. Croft and Amelia Croft.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing, and spending time with his grandson. He was a member of Mount Olivet Baptist Church and Woodmen Life #29. He worked previously at Piggly Wiggly, Bolen Builders Supply, Shuron Textron, and retired from Barnwell School District 45. He was a loving husband, father

and grandfather, uncle, brother-in-law and will be missed by many.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Brenda C. Croft; daughter, Sharon C. Still; grandson, Gene Still; three brothers, Kenny (Shannon) Croft of Williston, Jackie (Gayle) Croft of Barnwell and Wayne (Deborah) Croft of Barnwell; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Pall bearers were Eric Croft, Jonathan Croft, Scott Chesser, Mitchell Collins, William C. Buzz Epperson and Caleb Epperson.

The family has entrusted Dyches Funeral and Crematory with arrangements. The People-Sentinel 3/02/22

## Johnnie Ruth Jackson Morrow



BLACKVILLE - Mrs. Johnnie Ruth Jackson Morrow, 73, beloved wife of Mike Morrow, passed away on Friday, February 25, 2022, at her home.

Mrs. Johnnie Ruth was born in Orangeburg on February 6, 1949, and was a daughter of the late John and Sadie Baltzgar Jackson. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. She helped her husband in the catering and grocery business. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Graveside services were held on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 3 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Romie Martin officiating. The family received friends on Sunday, Feb. 27 from 5-7 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Oneal Miles, Gibby Sanders, Jerry Still, Jerod Still, Mike Blevins and Rodney Morris.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Rand "Mike" Morrow of the home; her son, Patrick Michael (Crystal) Morrow of Denver, N.C.; daughter, Sherry Ruth Vaught of Irmo; sister, Joan (Edward) Ulmer of Orangeburg; and grandchildren, Nicholas Vaught, McKinsey and Matthew Morrow.

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

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## Maye Virginia Walton

Maye Virginia Walton, 61, passed away on Friday, February 18, 2022, in the Coastal Carolina Hospital.

Jenny was born in Walterboro on January 3, 1961, and was a daughter of the late Willie Thomas and Maye Bush Walton.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 11 a.m. in The Spoken Word Church (42 Keans Rd., Lobeo, SC 29931) with Pastor Ron Hunter officiating. The family received visitors from 10 a.m. until the hour of services. Burial followed in the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery at the airport on Hwy. 278, Barnwell, at 3 p.m.

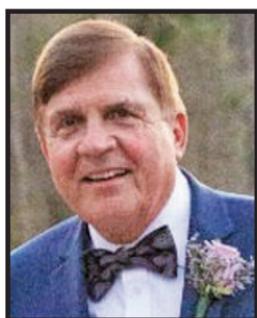
Survivors include her brother, William B. (Megan) Walton of Millsap, Texas and sister-in-law, Mary Walton of Beaufort. She was predeceased by a brother, James Q. Walton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Research Foundation of Jasper Co., BDSN, P.O. Box 747, Ridgeland, S.C. 29936. Jenny was affiliated with this foundation and resided at Adams St. CTA for over 25 years.

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

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## Anthony (Tony) Leo Williams



OLAR - Anthony (Tony) Leo Williams, 70, took his last earthly breath on February 19, 2022 in Columbia.

He was born on April 7, 1951 in Louisville, Kentucky to the late Ms. Elizabeth Sullivan Williams and Mr. Leo G. Williams. He was married to Dianne K. Williams on August 15, 1970. Tony worked for the City of Barnwell, Hiers Electric, Davis Electric, Allied General, Southern Nuclear, and Neeley Appliance. He retired from Southern Nuclear in 2017, after 33 years. He was a member of Olar First Baptist Church and has been the minister of music at Olar First Baptist Church for 36 years. He was also a Deacon at Olar First Baptist Church. He was in the Army National Guards from 1971 to 1977. He was in the

Jaycees and Lions Club for many years. He enjoyed singing with his family, fishing, going to the lake and helping coach basketball and softball. He was an avid Gamecock fan! He was also the Scout Master for the Olar Boy Scout Troop and over the RA's for Olar First Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, son and a faithful servant to the Lord.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at 4 p.m. in the Olar First Baptist Church with Rev. Dale Hutto officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Visitation was held on Tuesday evening at Mole Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Olar First Baptist Church or the Columbia Ronald McDonald House.

Tony is survived by his loving wife of almost 52 years, Dianne K. Williams of the home; 3 children: Dawn (Tracy) Waller of Olar; Shaun (Candace) Williams of Olar; Victoria (Alex) Causey of Olar; grandchildren: Brittany (Richie) Wilson, Nicholas Waller, Andrew Waller, Mattie Waller, Shaun Williams Jr., Wilson Williams, Cade Williams, Landon Causey, Liam Causey, and Reed Causey; sisters/brothers: Daniel Williams, Elizabeth Price, Patricia Bryant, and Angela Brewer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Leo C. Williams and Richard J. Williams, and a granddaughter, Addison V. Causey.

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

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## Shirley Anne Lott



CLEMSON - Funeral services for Shirley Anne Baxley Lott, 86, of Clemson, formerly of Blackville, will be held at 2 o'clock p.m., Thursday, March 3, 2022, at the Blackville First Baptist Church with Dr. Thomas Terry and Reverend Ken Frederick officiating; burial will follow in the Blackville Cemetery. Honored to serve as pallbearers are Ben Lott, Joey Lott, Mark Lott, Wayne Lott, Blake Pitts, Tim Riddle, Herman Still, and Jay Tuttle. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Blackville Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 365, Blackville, S.C. 29817.

Anne passed away on Monday, February 28, 2022.

Born in Blackville, she was a daughter of the late Bryan Stonewall Baxley and Derrie Bates Baxley and was the widow of Harold R. Lott Sr. She was a graduate of Blackville High School and was a homemaker. Anne was a member of the Blackville First Baptist Church, the Blackville Garden Club, and the American Legion Auxiliary. When her boys were young, she served as a Cub Scout Den Mother. Anne enjoyed playing bridge and was a huge lifetime Clemson Tiger fan.

Survivors include her sons, Harold Richard (Kapra) Lott Jr. of Central and Timothy Baxley Lott of Clemson; sister, Mary Olive Baxley (Billy) Mew of Seneca; grandchildren, Harold R. "Chad" (Grace) Lott III, Kristina "Kristy" L. (Kevin) Stanley, Alexander "Alex" Patton Lott (fiancé Megan Coffey); great-grandchildren, Liv, Claire, Baron, Millie and Maddie; along with a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Harold Lott, she was preceded in death by a son, Wesley Bryan Lott.

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

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## WEMS holds Black History Trivia Bowl

Williston-Elko Middle School held a Black History Month Trivia Bowl on Feb. 23. Classroom winners from each grade level worked as teams to answer questions about the contributions of famous African-Americans.



Schoolwide competitors with Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw (left to right): Wesley Warren, Natalie Warren, DaQuon Young, Andrew Kneece, Dr. Shaw, Alyah Holmes, Samelea Baxley, Hailey O'Neal, Joshua Epps, Jemeris Mayes



Trivia Bowl Champions - the sixth grade team of Natalie Warren, Wesley Warren, and DaQuon Young.

## Lunch & Learn serves career knowledge at WEMS

Contributed  
Williston District 29

On November 30, 2021, Mrs. Jessica Dukes, the career specialist at WEMS, invited speakers to come and impart wisdom to our scholars during the month of November for a "Career Lunch and Learn at WEMS". Nationally, the month of November is recognized as Career Development Month.

Four speakers were able to attend and share some wonderful nuggets of success to our scholars about what they are currently doing career wise. The speakers that were part of this amazing day were Mr. Steven Curbeam (entrepreneur of several businesses), Mr. William



Williston native William Toney (background) talks to students at Williston-Elko Middle School about being an entrepreneur and town councilman.

Toney (entrepreneur and funeral home operator, Williston Town Council), Mrs. Annie Tyler (SRP Credit Union in Barnwell and Williston Town Council), and Mrs. Angela Cotton (SRP

Credit Union in Barnwell). Both Mr. Toney and Mrs. Tyler are natives of Williston, so this was intentional because we wanted the scholars to see that great people can come from Williston.

The speakers rotated locations and spoke with each grade level during lunch in the cafeteria and in the canteen. WEMS is grateful to each speaker that participated in this wonderful occasion.



ABOVE: Students listen to speakers at the Lunch and Learn.

Special thanks to Mrs. Patricia Ryans, Mrs. Elaine Downing, Mrs. Linda Mack, Ms. Lisa Howard, and our administration Dr. Austrai Bradley and Mrs. Patricia Ulmer.



Angela Cotton, branch manager of SRP Federal Credit Union's Barnwell branch, was a guest speaker.

### Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

# Kid Scoop Junior

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### My name:

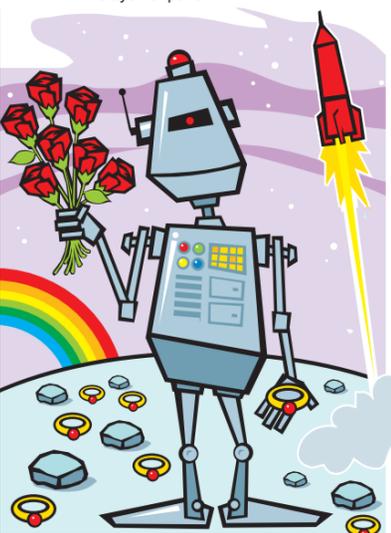
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**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or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

### The Road Home

Help each train find its way back to its room at the roundhouse.



### My Rhyme Time

A rose is red; a violet is blue.  
Sugar is sweet and so are you!

### My Letters

R is for Road  
r is for road



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

How many pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound that the letter r makes in the word road?

### My Numbers

How many [candy] ?

How many [rose] ?

How many [ring] ?



**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.



The road goes to



### Sunday

**Letter Identification**  
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start or end with the same sound as the letter R in rose.

### Monday

**Math Play**  
Point to the number 7 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

### Tuesday

**Is It Round?**  
Look through the newspaper for things that are different shapes. Show your child something that is round. Point to other shapes in the newspaper and ask, "Is this shape round?"

### Wednesday

**Black & White and RED All Over**  
Give your child a red crayon and a page of the newspaper. Ask your child to put a red dot on all of the letters and numbers he/she can read. Seeing the page turn red is a real confidence builder!

### Thursday

**The Great Number Race**  
Using two crayons and a page of the newspaper, challenge your child to a Number Race. See who can find the most numbers on the page in a set amount of time.

### Friday

**Away We Go!**  
Fold a piece of blank paper in half to create a chart called **Away We Go**. Write **Things We Travel In** on one half, and **Places We Can Go** on the other. Look through the newspaper with your child for words and pictures to paste on each half.

### Saturday

**Same and Different**  
Find and cut out two pictures of transportation. (Examples include a bus, train, car, plane, boat, etc.) With your child, talk about three ways the two kinds of transportation are the same and three ways they are different.

**Learning Buddy Sign Here**  
I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ activities with my Learning Buddy.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Learning Buddy's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the article below and circle the seven errors you find. Then rewrite the article correctly on the lines below the article.

### Molecule Notes

Everything is made of little building blocks called molecules. They are too small to see with the naked eye, but they give all things their special characteristics. Molecules make hard things hard, soap slippery and rubber bands stretchy. Their size, shape and ability to attract other molecules determine these characteristics. People are made of molecules, too! Everything from our bones to our skin and hair are all various types of molecules.

## SOME THINGS JUST DON'T GET ALONG!



Have you ever seen the sheen of oil on a puddle of water? When water lands on oil in the street, the oil floats to the surface. It just won't mix with the water.

Try this oil and water experiment. Can you get the two to stick together?



## SCIENTIST'S NOTEBOOK

Perform this experiment and record your observations here!

**QUESTION:** Will oil and water mix?

**HYPOTHESIS:** What will happen when I try to mix oil and water?

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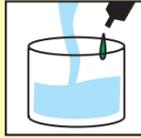
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**TOOLS FOR EXPERIMENT:**

- Small clear jar or bottle with screw top
- Water
- Food coloring
- 2 tablespoons of cooking oil
- Measuring spoon

**METHOD:**



Fill the jar about half way with water. Add a couple of drops of food coloring.



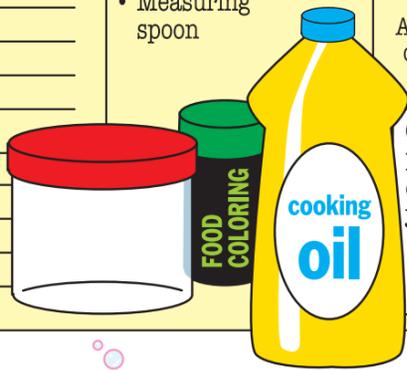
Add the 2 tablespoons of oil to the colored water.



Screw the lid on tight and shake the jar as hard as you can.



Set the jar down and see if the water and oil mixed together.



**OBSERVATION / CONCLUSION:**

Draw or describe what you see.

### Why won't the water and oil mix?

Water usually \_\_\_\_\_ well with other liquids to \_\_\_\_\_ solutions. But, as this experiment shows, oil and water do not mix. Water molecules are strongly \_\_\_\_\_ to each other. So are oil molecules. Because each is more attracted to its own \_\_\_\_\_, they just don't mix together. They separate, and the oil \_\_\_\_\_ above the water because it has a lower density.

Replace the missing words.

**ATTRACTED MIXES FORM FLOATS MOLECULES**

### SOAP MIXES THINGS UP!

If you add a few drops of dishwashing liquid to your jar of water and oil, what happens?

Cut out these sentences and put them in the correct order for an explanation.

\_\_\_\_\_ or two of dishwashing liquid. Both oil and water are \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ There is one way to get oil and water to mix. Add a drop \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ molecules to hook up, which is why adding dishwashing \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ attracted to dishwashing liquid. It helps the oil and water \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ plates and into the water!

\_\_\_\_\_ liquid to water helps remove oil and grime off the \_\_\_\_\_

Standards Links: Physical Science: Understand things can be done to materials to change some of their properties.

**OBSERVATION / CONCLUSION:**

Draw or describe what you see.

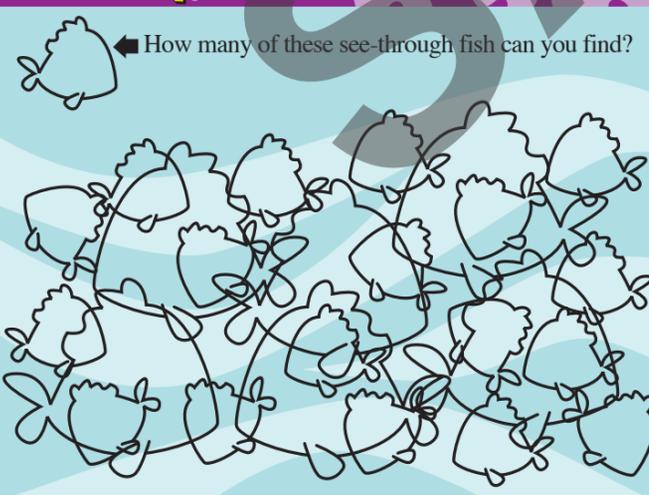
### Extra! Extra! Molecule Dot-to-Dot

On one page of the newspaper, find and circle the letters that spell **molecule**. Connect the letters in order, and then create a design that you color.

Repeat with other science words: **matter investigation scientific hypothesis**

Standards Links: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

### Kid Scoop Puzzler



How many of these see-through fish can you find?

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

### Double Double Word Search

- EXPERIMENT
- SOLUTIONS
- SCIENTIST
- MOLECULE
- SURFACE
- DENSITY
- FLOATS
- LIQUID
- SHEEN
- WATER
- STICK
- TRACK
- FOOD
- OIL
- MIX

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

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

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

Standards Links: Writing: Use strategies to edit written work.

### Kid Scoop-doku™

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

F	T		
L		O	
O	A	L	
A			
T			F

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Cause & Effect

1. Find a headline that shows a cause and effect.
2. Find a headline that describes an effect, and then read the article to determine the cause.

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Understand cause and effect.



### How did the scientist invent bug spray?

ANSWER: From scratch.

### Write On!

#### Solutions

Tell about a world problem that you would like to see solved. How might you solve this problem.



Do you want to see your character featured in our animated series? Draw your character for a chance to win!

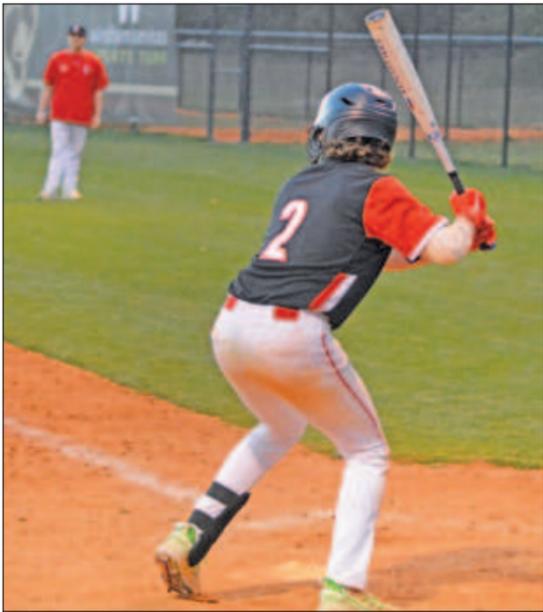
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Deadline is April 2nd





Warhorse Hayden Pierce at the plate.



Russell Branch is ready to put one in play.



Photos by: Mindy Sandifer

Barnwell's Jerry Sanders looks for his pitch.

## Barnwell baseball opens season in tournament

Jeff Miller  
Sports Writer

The Barnwell Varsity baseball team opened the 2022 season this past weekend in the Windham Sports Turf Invitational Tournament.

The horses dropped the Friday night opener to Newberry High School, but bounced back with a solid 6-2 victory over Northside Christian Academy Saturday. The tournament will continue Wednesday, March 2 as the Warhorses travel to Swansea. First pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Barnwell will play

again the following Saturday to close out the tournament.

"I am really excited to get the season started. We have a great group of kids who have a lot of character. This team is led by six seniors who are great role models on and off the field," said Coach Will Gee.

The Warhorse offense was led by Clay Pender, Nathan Moody, Jerry Sanders, and Hoyt Bailey. On the mound for the Horses, freshman Cameron Austin struck out an impressive 10 batters in Saturday's win, and relief pitcher Jerry Sanders struck out all three batters he faced to seal the victory for Barnwell.

Coach Gee knows that a lot of

work lies ahead to get this team to the level he wants, but seems optimistic that they are heading in the right direction.

"We are pretty athletic this year, and return most starters from last year's Region Championship team. Our pitching should keep us in most ballgames. We obviously have a lot of work to do, defensively and at the plate, to get where we want to go. These kids realize what it is going to take after coming up short in the playoffs last year," said Coach Gee.

Good luck to Coach Gee and the Barnwell Warhorse baseball team!



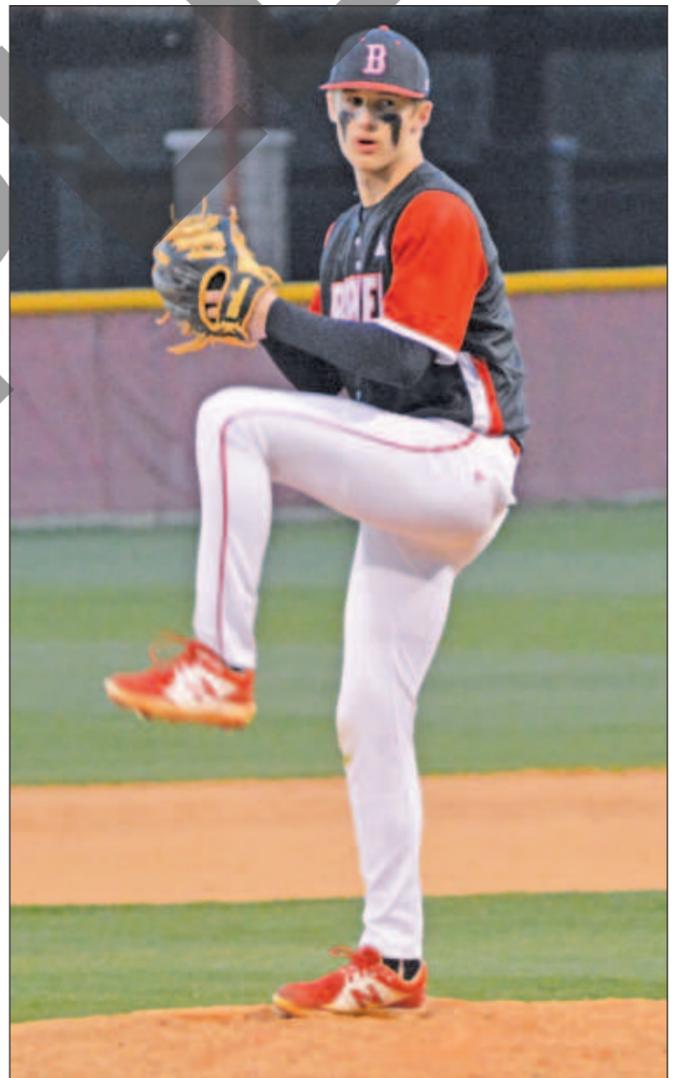
The Barnwell Warhorses gather just before the start of the first game of the 2022 season.



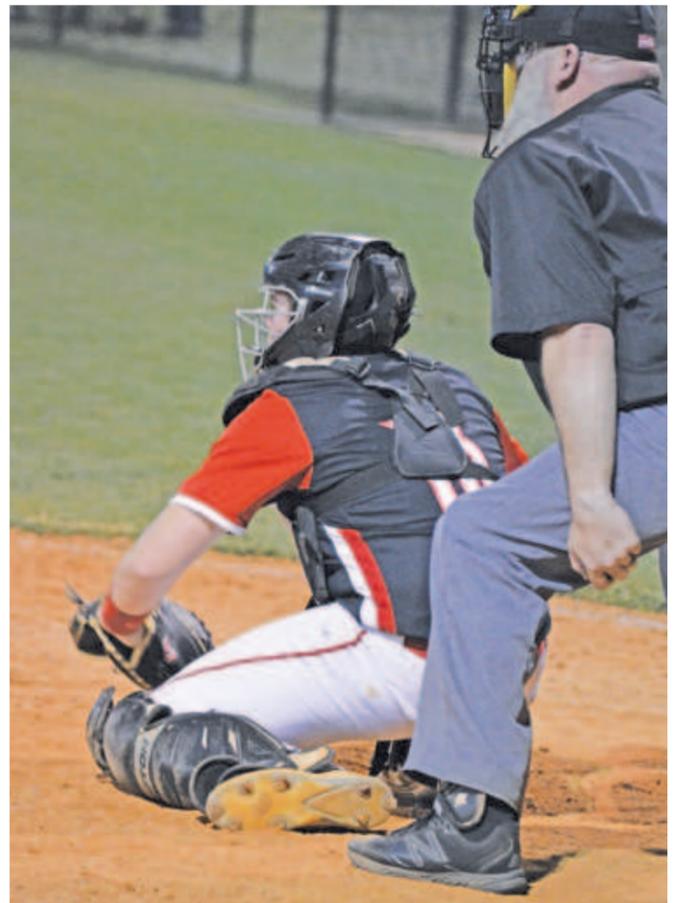
Horses hurler Hoyt Bailey brings the heat.



Warhorse reliever Jerry Sanders struck out the side to secure the 6-2 win for Barnwell.



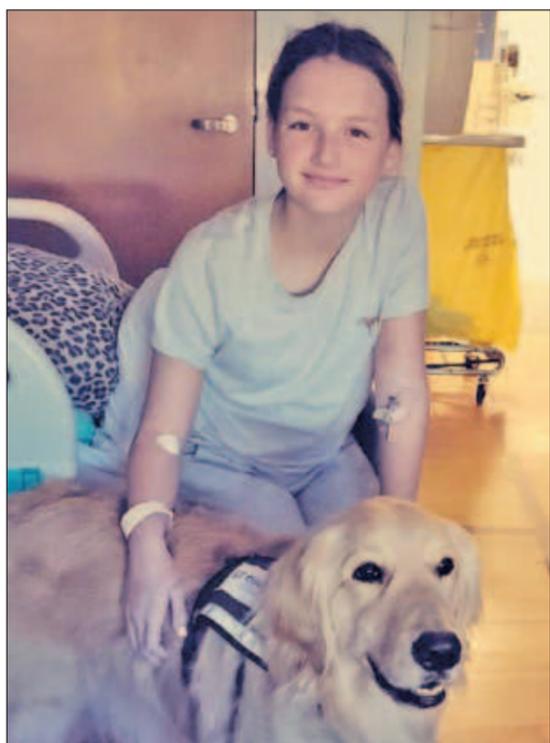
Freshman Warhorse pitcher Cam Austin struck out 10 in Barnwell's 6-2 win over Northside Christian Academy.



Barnwell senior catcher Weston Sandifer receives the pitch.

# Superhero: Kaydence Chavis overcomes tumor like a champ

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Therapy dog Kasey brightened Kaydence's day every morning she stopped by for a visit at the hospital.

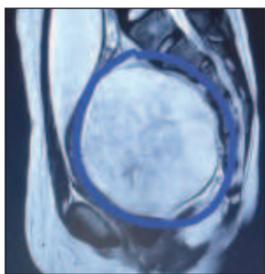


Kaydence Chavis (center) with grandmother Liza LaCroix and mother Brittany LaCroix on the morning of her surgery.



This undated photo shows Kaydence Chavis before her diagnosis.

cord. The neurosurgeon told us the worst-case scenario was that she could possibly lose her bowel and bladder nerve, which would set her back with other medical things she would have to do in the future. That tore us apart. That was not news that we wanted to receive."



This scan shows the tumor.

Pediatric surgeon Dr. Walter L. Pipkin, MD, and neurosurgeon Dr. Todd Maugans, MD, sat and talked with each other for days discussing the situation. Maugans informed LaCroix "this was a very rare tumor named a Ganglioneuroma. There have only been 50 cases in the world and Kaydence was the first pediatric case ever." The pre-teen, despite her fears and uncertainties, thought that was "the coolest thing in the world," her mom said.

same day as her surgery. So, he asked us to tune into Facebook Live and wanted to know if he and the council members could stop by our house on Sunday before her surgery and give Kaydence a little gift. I said, 'Of course! She would love that.' She was all excited about meeting the mayor of Barnwell."

The extensive surgery was set for January 10 of this year at Children's Hospital of Georgia. "Her spirits were down, she was nervous. She was scared to go through surgery all over again and possibly losing nerves. She was terrified that she was going to be paralyzed at the time and her biggest fear was that she would never be able to play softball again," LaCroix said.

Mayor Rivera planned a surprise parade for Kaydence. He worked with Huggins to help gather a big crowd of friends and family.

In the midst of this overwhelming situation, behind the frightening shadows of darkness, LaCroix and her daughter were unaware just how brightly their loving God's light was preparing to shine.

"That was a surprise to me. So together, we got this whole group of people to meet at the Barnwell Police Department and they turned on their lights and sirens. It was the best thing ever! Kaydence saw all her teammates and so many that care about her and have impacted her life. They circled around and parked in front of our house. It brought her tears of joy," said LaCroix.

LaCroix's boss, Tori Huggins of The Creation Station, a Christian-based Child Development Center ministry of First Baptist Church of Barnwell, found it in her heart to set up a fundraiser for medical expenses. "I assume the mayor, Marcus Rivera, saw it on Facebook and he contacted me and told me he was praying for Kaydence," LaCroix continued. "He asked if Kaydence could attend the council meeting, but it was scheduled for the

community came together for her at a time when she really needed them. It boosted her spirits completely. She was ready for Monday's surgery because she knew that she had all those people plus more praying for her and she knew God was looking down on her and He had His hands on those surgeons," said LaCroix.

Following the parade, on his Facebook page, Mayor Rivera thanked everyone involved and rightly described Barnwell as "a community that becomes family, especially in one's time of need."

Kaydence's immediate family sincerely appreciated the town's support and prayers. Her younger brother, Parker, confided, "I was scared for my sister, really worried. I called my mom as soon as I got out of school to check on Kaydence, and every day after to check on her until I got to see her again."



Barnwell Venom players show signs of support for teammate Kaydence Chavis.

Liza LaCroix, Kaydence's "Mimi", and her husband Ed - or "GG as Kaydence calls him - were "devastated when Brittany called us in tears with the results from the ultrasound, but we were ready to be there for both of our girls every step of

the way! Multiple trips to Augusta each week for different tests and doctor's appointments were scary, but we made the best of them. Seeing the Barnwell community come together with a parade and to pray over Kaydence was truly amazing and beautiful. We could never thank everyone enough for all their love, support and prayers," Liza said.

As she looks back on those emotional days, "words cannot express the hurt and pain I had inside my heart for Kaydence during this entire experience, but I knew I had to be strong and keep a smile on my face for my daughter," said LaCroix. "Nothing hurts worse as a mother than to see your child in pain and full of worry. The sleepless nights added up and the worry got stronger with each doctor's appointment, especially when we were told the worst-case scenarios of this surgery. But I knew God was in control and had all of this in His hands."

United prayers and faith were the powerline for staying positive because Kaydence's surgery was very risky and ran a lot longer than expected. For

10 hours, a total of 26 medical personnel were in her operating room, including four surgeons, residents, and nurses.

After the extensive surgery the neurosurgeon came out and told LaCroix the blessing was that he did not have to sacrifice any nerves. Kaydence might have some numbness during the healing process because her nerves would be really irritated from him thoroughly scraping the tumor off, but it was either that or sacrifice the nerves.

"They had to remove her tailbone because it was completely smashed into the tumor," LaCroix said. "The pediatric surgeon said he had no idea how she'd been even functioning. He said that the tumor that was inside her body was the same size as an inflated basketball. He said, 'It was huge. I have no idea how she was functioning or how she was walking. She is literally a walking miracle.'"

Kaydence's bladder was completely smushed. The surgeon had no idea how she was even using the bathroom.

"The most incredible thing was after a 10-hour surgery she was up and

walking on her own, 14 hours after surgery! The doctors said they have no idea how that was even possible. They were expecting her to sit in bed for at least two days," said LaCroix.

Regarding post-surgery, "Kaydence will remain homebound until her 8-week recovery time is over because she's at high risk, susceptible of catching anything. But she's signed up to play softball again and couldn't be more excited to get back on the ball field. She's actually been practicing a little bit here and there and she's trying to regain her strength," LaCroix said.

Kaydence has a follow-up MRI on April 14.

"Both surgeons feel confident the entire tumor was removed," LaCroix said. "If they did get the entire tumor, then she will go back in six months to make sure nothing else is growing, then periodically into the future. But they do feel confident that they got it all and after a week of waiting, we did get the biopsy results back and it was 100 percent benign. That was a blessing!"

LaCroix especially thanks her mother who kept her strong, but she also wants to thank everyone "for your love and support throughout this journey. It's not over yet. We still have a long recovery road ahead of us, but we can definitely see the light at the end of the tunnel," LaCroix said.

As for Barnwell's own little, precious superhero, Kaydence, she gratefully wants everyone to know, "I am so thankful for all the prayers that went to Jesus during my surgery time, and because of that, the doctors healed me with no troubles and now I'll be back on the softball field in no time!" Philippians 4:13 says, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' God gave me strength and I fought through my surgery like a CHAMP!"

## Need a loving family?

Come join ours at

**Barnwell United Methodist Church!**

Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Traditional Church Service at 11 a.m.

Some of what we support in our church and community:

- Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes
- Carolina Honduras Health Foundation (medical, dental, education)
- 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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## Black Balloon Day

A national and international day to bring awareness to overdose deaths.

### Join Axis I Center Recovery Coaches for Fellowship and Refreshments

Friday, March 4 11am-1:30pm  
Seven Pines Baptist Church Parking Lot

Recovery Coaches will be available to answer questions, talk or aid in services.

Axis I Center Program Information

Fentanyl Testing Strips Distribution

NARCAN Distribution

## Fired: County council terminates Generations Unlimited board, director

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caused GU to seek other funding sources in order to prevent a cut in services, which many people rely on to get them to work, medical appointments, and other destinations.

Barnwell County Council granted \$50,000 to GU from the county's American Rescue Plan funding in recent months. How-

ever, they refused further funding at the February 15 council meeting because they said they wanted a "detailed financial plan" from GU.

Firmender provided council with a sustainability plan to help the agency in December 2021 and said a detailed financial plan was planned but

would take time to create.

Another point of contention that the county cited for not giving additional funding at this time dealt with \$1.3 million in COVID grants GU received from SCDOT last year. Some county officials question how those funds were spent and why the agency is in

its financial situation after receiving that large grant.

However, Firmender said "nothing inappropriate" was done with those funds. SCDOT had to approve every purchase beforehand and received regular financial updates. SCDOT also reviewed the finances related to the grant at GU's request

and found no material findings, Firmender said previously.

Without the additional local funding, the GU board met on Feb. 17 and unanimously voted to end the 5311 Local Motion rural transportation program. Two days later on Saturday, Feb. 19, Barnwell County Administrator

Tim Bennett informed Firmender that the council had agreed by consensus to give GU another \$25,000 in order to keep services going.

Services resumed on Feb. 22 in response to the \$25,000 allocation. Firmender said this is enough to sustain operations for another month.

### COUNTY'S RESPONSE

## 'More efficient' future sought for GU

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Barnwell County Council members declined comment on their decision to fire Generation Unlimited's (GU) board and director.

*The People-Sentinel* reached out to all seven councilmen with a list of questions following their unanimous vote on Feb. 22 to dissolve the GU board and fire Lisa Firmender as executive director. The councilmen referred all comments to Barnwell County Administrator Tim Bennett.

"I am not at liberty to discuss any issues with Generations Unlimited," said Councilman Don Harper via email.

Councilman Freddie Houston responded by saying, "Good questions. Please talk to Mr. Bennett for or about council's concerns."

Councilman Daniel Alexander said he had nothing to add since Bennett responded.

As of press time, *The People-Sentinel* had not heard from David Kenner, Jerry Creech, Ben Kinlaw, and Harold Buckmon.

When asked what led to council's decisions to dissolve the board and fire Firmender, Bennett referred to the last paragraph of the termination letter he sent to Firmender after council's vote.

"The county is grateful for your dedication and service to this agency, but the Barnwell County Council believes because of irreconcilable differences, it is in the best interest of the county to take the governance of this agency in a different direction," said Bennett in the letter.

Regarding why council believes this is the best move for the county and GU, Bennett said, "County Council's intent is to take a wide-ranging look at the operations of Generations Unlimited to see what can be run more efficiently."

Details of the plan to get GU back on track financially are still "a work in progress," said Bennett. However, he said county council is "committed" to keeping GU's services intact.

Hillery Hutto, a long-time employee of GU, has been named interim executive director of the agency. She will run the day-to-day operations and report to Bennett who reports to county council.

"I met with Generations Unlimited staff this morning (Saturday, Feb. 26). The purpose of the meeting was to announce Hillery Hutto as the interim executive director, discuss the events that have occurred over the past week, reassure the staff that County Council is fully supportive of Generations Unlimited's mission, and respond to questions and concerns," Bennett said.

All programs currently remain in place, including the S.C. Department of Transportation's 5311 mass transit Local Motion program, said Bennett. This is a program many Barnwell County residents rely on for transportation to work, healthcare appointments, shopping, and other destinations. The S.C. Department of Health and Human Services programs also continue, such as providing assistance to and from most Medicaid-covered services.

"The Lower Savannah Council of Governments will continue administering the Title III-B Older Americans Act that provides a wide range of functions, by contract, including home-delivered meals to seniors, congregate meals to seniors, senior center activities, homemaker services, and senior transportation services," said Bennett.

When asked if the county has found any wrongdoing done by the board or Firmender, Bennett said, "A forensic audit by a forensic accountant is underway to provide a baseline of information going forward."

It's unclear how long Barnwell County Council's governance over GU will remain in place.

### FORMER BOARD'S RESPONSE

## Former GU board members express opinions on being ousted

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Some former leaders of Generations Unlimited are speaking out after they were ousted last week.

*The People-Sentinel* reached out to the eight former GU board members after they were relieved of their duties by Barnwell County Council. Some declined comment while others did not respond to messages.

"I don't understand why county council feels we mismanaged things. It was no fault of our executive director or the board that we've been unable to come up with the local match funds," said former GU Board Chairwoman Patricia Rodgers, who had served on the board more than 20 years.

She was referring to the 50 percent local match GU needed to secure to match the funds provided by the S.C. Department of Transportation. Normally, GU uses reimbursement revenue they receive from the Medicaid program for trips to medical appointments; however, those funds drastically decreased after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 led to many virtual healthcare visits.

The pandemic also caused many people to either lose their jobs or work from home, further reducing the rides GU once provided. This also caused an impact on revenue.

"With the advance of COVID-19, use of our transportation system decreased significantly thus lowering our income. COVID-19 Relief Funds were utilized until exhausted and a disinfecting service for profit was initialized but did not take off as hoped," said former board

member Ed Felton, who served two terms.

Those relief funds were in the form of \$1.3 million from SCDOT, which Rodgers said helped the agency "deal with the adverse effects of COVID." However, those funds ran out at the end of the last fiscal year.

"Our accountant advised us it would be a difficult year," said Rodgers of the 2022 financial forecast they received around May 2021.

Knowing they needed more than the \$30,000 Barnwell County provides annually to GU, the board and Lisa Firmender, who was GU's director until she and the board were let go on Feb. 22, approached the county last year. They requested \$280,000 from the county's \$2 million in American Rescue Plan funding. However, the county only provided \$50,000 in recent months.

"We felt we were not getting the assistance from county council they could have provided. They were more critical than helpful," said Rodgers.

Without enough local funding, the GU board met on Feb. 17 where they voted to end the 5311 Local Motion transportation program.

"It was strictly financial," said former board member Tom Byrne, who served four to five years. "Basically, GU's total expenses were greater than total revenue, so unless more revenue could be obtained (and quickly) something had to change."

Felton said he voted to end public transportation "for the sake of saving the agency and hemorrhaging money."

"A lot (of the financial problem) stems from the drop in revenue and increased expenses over the last couple of years due to COVID. The current finan-

cial situation was untenable without new revenue. It may have improved in a few months with increased revenue from other programs, specifically Medicare financed transportation, but that would be later this year. We were also trying to get a part of the COVID relief money that would have to come through the county council. I believe many other counties are having similar financial issues," said Byrne.

Former board member John Haskell, who served three years, said the financial situation was "very serious." However, he said the board and Firmender were working to do the best they could under the circumstances.

"Lisa Firmender was working on many things like grant writing, working with state agencies, and cutting costs. Her efforts were presented to the board at our meetings and is a matter of public record. We laid drivers off and some staff to cut costs," said Haskell.

He further defended Firmender's leadership by stating she is one of the best grant writers he's ever met. "She helped a lot of people secure funds. I have never known her to do anything underhanded or dishonest," Haskell said.

"Lisa's tried to do everything she could to save the 5311 program. She completely devoted herself to the seniors of Barnwell County and improving their situation. She's been done a great injustice," said Rodgers.

Haskell said he believes the situation could have been handled very differently by county council, especially since he, the other board members, and Firmender did nothing wrong. He thinks council and the

county administrator will realize this in the end.

"I think this was totally uncalled for. I think that county council should have interviewed the board members before they took action," he said. "Will this be an ongoing trend for county council to look at other agencies. If so, who's next?"

Felton said council should have extended the financial assistance to GU through April/May to give them time to enact a valid financial plan.

GU provides many services in the community, including two senior centers, delivered meals to homebound seniors, and transportation to get people to work, grocery shopping, medical appointments, school (mainly adult education), and more. For the sake of those who rely on those services, the former board members hope the financial situation improves at GU.

"The board has always had the best interest of the citizens we serve in our hearts and minds at all times. It is our hope that services will definitely continue without us," said Felton.

With the change in administration, Byrne hopes funding sources will improve so GU "will be able to fulfill its basic mission to the people of Barnwell County."

Former board member Janet Creighton, who served over 20 years, issued a brief statement. "It has been a pleasure to serve on this board. My hopes are always that the services for our seniors will always be of top importance to our county and community."

Gwendolyn Littlejohn, who also served over 20 years, declined to comment while Vorise Peeples and Dianne Weeks did not reply to questions by press time.

### FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSE

## Lisa Firmender disappointed by firing as GU's executive director

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The now-fired director of Generations Unlimited said she and her team worked hard to keep the agency going amid financial hardships.

Lisa Firmender served as GU's executive director for nearly 12 years until she was fired on Feb. 22 by Barnwell County Council. The council also dissolved the eight-member GU board and took over governance of the agency themselves.

"The citizens of Barnwell County deserve the same level of competence that the board and I have exhibited for the past 11 years. The GU board was competent, knowledgeable about our programs and services, and concerned about the people we served. Four of the board members served on the board for at least 20 years. I do think it is sad that the board was treated with such disregard after their exemplary service," said Firmender.

County council's actions

were prompted by GU's financial situation.

Bank statements showed GU had \$102,504.34 as of January 31, but reconciled book balance for cash was \$39,908.88.

"This is a very low cash balance for an agency the size of Generations Unlimited and will produce cash flow issues in the weeks to come," said Neal Crider, GU's financial consultant from McGregor & Co.

The root cause stems from higher operating costs for fuel and other materials along with decreased revenue, particularly from the Medicaid funded trips GU provided to medical appointments. Many of these ceased during the pandemic as virtual visits became the norm.

Generations is required to provide a 50 percent match to operations, meaning it has to spend 100 percent of its own funds and wait 30 to 45 days for reimbursement of only 50 percent. This means Generations has to have a lot of cash on hand to operate during those waiting periods. Unfortunately, cash has dwindled down

due to volumes that have never fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels. This means Generations Unlimited is having to pay driver salaries and operate buses with fewer passengers on board who generate revenue. Prior to the pandemic, the agency volumes were at a level to just break-even," according to a financial summary and analysis that Crider provided during the Feb. 17 board meeting.

GU secured \$1.3 million in CARES funds in 2020, which allowed operations to continue through the low volume months. "When CARES ran out, the volumes have remained at levels that produce losses month after month which just can't continue," Crider said.

"Prior to the pandemic, revenue miles driven were around 94,483/month. After the pandemic and at June 30, 2020, monthly miles were at about 43,069/month. That is a 51,414 drop in monthly miles, over half. By the end of FY21, monthly miles moved to about 60,649 which was the highest for that year. Since July 2021 monthly miles have trend-

ed back down to 42,811. For the agency to operate best is at about 100,000 total miles with 1/3 of that being Medicaid. The agency is currently operating at 42,811 total miles which doesn't produce enough dollars to cover overhead. Therefore significant cuts have to be made now or the agency will go bankrupt," according to Crider's January report.

That's why Firmender said she and the board did everything they could to secure the funding needed to sustain operations, including writing grants which Firmender said will be announced starting in April. "One of those grants was a discretionary grant to the Federal Transit Authority for the \$280,000 that we need for this year," Firmender said.

She also attempted to negotiate higher rates for senior programs funded through the Lower Savannah Council of Governments and gave a detailed justification when it was time to negotiate new contracts, "but they refused and

See FIRMENDER, 13A

# Hillery Hutto named interim director of Generations Unlimited

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**Hillery Hutto**

The interim executive director of Generations Unlimited is no stranger to the agency.

Hillery Hutto was appointed interim executive director last week, taking the place of Lisa Firmender.

"We look forward to working with Hillery in her new role at Generations Unlimited. From day one in this transition, she has demonstrated a passion for service to seniors and a dedication to ensure continuity in Generation Unlimited's daily operations to provide those services," said Barnwell County Administrator Tim Bennett.

Hutto has worn many hats during her 12 years with GU, including human resources, client assessments, aging services, federal and state billing/reporting, fitness center management, procurement, and benefits administration.

"We have a great team here at Generations Unlimited. Our staff are

multi-talented, dedicated, creative thinkers. I look forward to working with Barnwell County and continuing to provide our most vulnerable citizens with the services they need," said Hutto.

She looks forward to helping the county during this transition in leadership.

"Once we lay that new foundation, our focus will be to get our Medicaid trips restored to the pre-pandemic volume. Medicaid revenue is applied as a match to our 5311 Mass Transit program. I am thankful that we didn't have to interrupt essential services

to the community. Some of our passengers just can't find another ride. We are in survival mode and the end goal of serving our most vulnerable citizens is what keeps us moving forward as a team through these changes," she said.

Working with seniors has always been a passion for Hutto, who started working with seniors in the nursing home setting after high school as a certified nursing assistant and later in administration.

"It was in this setting where my passion for seniors developed," Hutto said.

She grew up traveling the world as her father served in the military, including stops in Germany and Italy. Barnwell became her home after her father moved the family here for work at the Savannah River Site.

She has two children, including a son who is a biologist with a pharmaceutical company and a daughter who attends Jefferson Davis Academy. Her free time is spent watching her daughter pitch a softball.

## CORDER'S BOOK CORNER

### What's not to love about elves?

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

Per my article from last week, I have been rereading "The Lord of the Rings". A story filled with swords, magic, and my favorite fantasy ingredient of all time: elves.

Mind you, these are not Santa Claus's elves. I'm not talking about diminutive little men who go around making toys or Keebler elves that live under the roots of trees baking cookies. No, the elves I love are quite different. The elves I love stem from the roots of Norse and Celtic mythology and permeate fantasy literature and RPG games. They are tall and beautiful. Magical and fierce. They possess a love of nature and knowledge, as well as skill with blade and sorcery. The elves that I love to read and write about are forces to be reckoned with.

Though many authors have included fay folk in their works of fiction, none have done it as effectively as Tolkien. He built a whole world around elves. He gave to the elves of Middle-Earth a culture, a history, a language. He split them into different groups, gave them lineages and dynasties. He also gave them



**David B. Corder loves stories with elves.**

life through story upon story; no one has ever written about elves like Tolkien has. Thereby, he has also inspired me to write about the fae.

Since I first started writing, I have tried my hand several times at crafting elves into my stories. I have not been deterred from them being done to death. After all, vampires and wizards have been exhausted ten times over, but people still write about them. One of my book projects (I have several) is chock full of elves. My world has light elves, with fair skin and light hair, dark elves with charcoal gray skin and white hair, and wild elves who have horns and antlers. They are

magical and ethereal, and very different from the rest of the peoples that populate my world.

So, why do I love elves? Well, why does someone love vampires? Or dragons? The answer is because they exude beauty, and for me, they represent a high standard of existence. Elves are gods and goddesses that walk among humans in legends; bright reflections of what we could be. They represent everything that is good in this world—nature, art, music, beauty, magic.

What's not to love about them?

Want to contact David? Send him an email at [dbcorderwriter@gmail.com](mailto:dbcorderwriter@gmail.com).

## Firmender: Former GU director speaks out

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actually emailed me to say that if I didn't sign the contract, they would reduce our rates," said Firmender.

Firmender said she also contacted other agencies and entities for funding, including the director of the Department of Aging to set up a meeting with one agency in an attempt to get some of the \$23 million in ARP funding they received. She also secured new meals contracts as an alternative source of revenue and cut expenses by not filling three vacant positions.

"Our agency has never been fully funded, so we were always looking for ways to increase revenue and decreased cost," she said.

Firmender had been in contact with county council since the financial situation was first projected last year. They were given details of these efforts.

"GU forecasted our financial situation as early as May of last fiscal year due to increased costs, stagnant reimbursements and allocations that had not been increased in decades, decreased revenues due to decreased ridership and cuts from programs like United Way. We began working on multiple fronts at the state and local level to find alternate sources of funding, negotiate new contracts, write grants and to try and access American Rescue Plan funding both at the county and state level," said Firmender. "I believe those efforts will start to show results as early as April and things will turn around for the agency, but we could not hang on that long without county assistance."

That's why she sought financial assistance from county council in the form of \$280,000 in ARP funding. While they provided GU with \$50,000 in recent months, council denied further funds at the February meeting until GU could provide

a detailed financial plan. Firmender had provided a sustainability plan, but said a detailed financial plan would take more time.

Without this additional funding, Firmender made the recommendation to shut down the 5311 mass transportation program (known as Local Motion). The GU board unanimously voted in agreement.

Two days later (Feb. 19), county council approved by consensus another \$25,000 to GU. On Feb. 22, the council held a special meeting where they voted to dissolve the GU board, take over governance of the agency, and then fire Firmender.

"I hope council will be able to keep the same level of service and certainly wish them the best," said Firmender.

GU provides vital services to the seniors of Barnwell County to help them "stay as healthy as possible so they can age in place by providing nutritious meals, socialization, health education, exercise and recreational opportunities," said Firmender.

They also take people who either do not have a vehicle, can't drive, or choose not to drive, to work, job-related training, shopping, educational sites, medical appointments, to GU's senior centers, to the YMCA, or wherever they need to go.

"We have a huge economic and health impact. GU does so much more for people than we are reimbursed for. If a senior doesn't have food in their home, we take them food. If they can't pay their electricity bill or need a heater or a fan or any number of other issues, we help them find the resources they need. I can't emphasize how important the services are," said Firmender.

Though she is no longer in charge, Firmender is glad the wheels continue to move at GU so clients receive necessary services.

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: MARCH MADNESS

### ACROSS

1. In ill humor
5. Like a ship?
8. Repeating word on South Pacific map
12. Man-eating fairy tail giant
13. Newspaper piece
14. Pertaining to the ear
15. Family group
16. Not the life of the party
17. Andean animal
18. \*Like Sunday, the day of announcements
20. Bodily disorders
21. 19th century Robber baron Jay \_\_\_\_\_
22. Architect's software, acr.
23. Articulates
26. Soak up
29. Cuban dance step
30. Auditory canal, e.g.
33. Needlefish, pl.
35. "Star Wars" creator
37. Swindle
38. March edition, e.g.
39. Rest or settle
40. Johnny Cash's "Get \_\_\_\_\_"
42. \*It never ends this way
43. Another word for acetyle
45. High or hilly land
47. Grazing spot
48. Copying machine
50. \_\_\_\_\_ code
52. \*Those remaining in last weekend (Two words)
56. Gives off
57. Afghanistan's western neighbor
58. Beginner
59. Send in payment
60. Halfway around links
61. Besides
62. Biz bigwig
63. \*D-\_\_\_\_ schools only
64. Swedish shag rugs

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ Brown and "What's Up, \_\_\_\_\_?"
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3. River in Orenburg, Russia
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7. "I Dream of Jeannie" star	9. Like word of mouth	36. *First A in NCAA
8. *Last year's runner-up	10. Those born under Aries	38. Motivate
	11. Chicken _____ king	40. Biology class acronym
	13. Between 90 and 180 degrees	41. Benevolent
	14. Spy's cover	44. Leavening agent
	19. Crocus bulbs, e.g.	46. Another word for golf club
	22. *Network	48. Rice wine
	23. *School with most titles	49. Lacking sense
	24. Car rack manufacturer	50. NYSE MKT, formerly window
	25. Like an implied agreement	51. Frost design on a window
	26. Your mom's sister	52. Porto____, Italy
	27. Haile Selassie's disciple	53. Like acne-prone skin
	28. Boston hockey player	54. Bear constellation
	31. Heart pain	55. Fish eggs, pl.
	32. Ken or Barbie, e.g.	56. Before, archaic

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# MARCH

This Week's Featured Events



## Family Game Night

Join us for community fun!  
**1st FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH**  
**Where: Country Cupboard**  
**Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Cost: FREE**

## Circle Theatre THEATRE AUDITIONS

March 7, 8, & 10  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
 325 Academy Street, Barnwell  
 The Circle Theatre

The Carol Burnette show is coming to Circle Theatre!  
 Come out and be a part of this hilarious production! Roles for men and women.

## Volunteers

**April 2 Community Trash Pick-up**  
 The Ivy Garden Club and the Town of Williston will be hosting a community trash pick-up.  
**Meet at Folk Funeral**

**Home** and disperse to 4 different roads. Bags, trash sticks, neon vest, and gloves will be available to use. 10 a.m.

## Education

**Barnwell Primary School Registration**  
 Now accepting registration for new students for 3 year old Montessori, 4 year old CERDEP, and 5 year old Kindergarten for the 2022-2023 school year. All kindergarten students must be 5 years of age on or before September 1. Registration packets can be picked up in the main office located at **9286 Marlboro Avenue, Barnwell.** The packet contains a list of required documents that will need to be turned in along with the completed registration packet.

## Events

**Mar. 4 & 5 Showtime at First Baptist by Ron Osborne**  
 Circle Theatre of Barnwell  
 Tickets: \$12 at barnwellct.weebly.com  
 Tickets: \$15 at the door  
 Season Ticket Holders:

**Mar. 6 Matinees 3PM**

**Mar. 7, 8, & 10 Theatre Auditions:**  
 The Carol Burnette show is coming to Circle Theatre! Auditions will be at Circle Theatre (325 Academy Street, Barnwell)

**1st Friday Family Game Night**  
 Everyone is welcome for a community game night.  
**Country Cupboard**  
 6:30-8:00pm

## Faith

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

**Barnwell United Methodist Church**  
 236 Main Street  
 803-259-3331  
 Sunday Services & activities:  
 9:15 Coffee Fellowship in Crenshaw Hall  
 10:00 Adult Sunday School in Crenshaw Hall  
 10:15 Youth Sunday School  
 11:00 Traditional worship service and Children's Sunday School  
 Monthly activities:

**United Methodist Women** - date announced each month  
 Barnwell Soup Kitchen - 10:45 every 3rd Monday at First Baptist  
 Crochet Comforters - 10:00 on 4th Saturday

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

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

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

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

**First Baptist Church of Barnwell**  
 161 Allen St., Barnwell, SC 29812  
 Contemporary Service Sundays 9:00am  
 Traditional Service Sundays 11:00am  
 Watch on facebook or listen in the parking lot over 90.5

**Friendship Baptist Church Sunday School**  
 3801 Friendship Rd, Barnwell, SC 29812  
 Sundays - Assembly 9:45am, Sunday School at 10am, Worship at 11am

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 1st - Mardi Gras  
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## Activities

### Barnwell Library

**CHILDREN**  
**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. 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**  
 Torax Mustache

**Mar. 21**  
 Flower Book mark  
 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.

## BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

**Mondays-Fridays 8:30am - Noon**  
 Golden Retreat Activity Center (99 Calhoun Circle, Blackville)

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

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

**Tuesdays/Thursdays**  
**Exercise with Ernie**  
 10-11am  
**Bingo**  
 11am

**Wednesdays**  
 Phoenix Project  
 10-11am

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

## Blackville Library

**Hours of Operation**  
**Mon, Tues, Thurs 10am-1pm; 2pm-6pm**  
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**Williston Library**

**Hours of Operation**  
**Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-1pm; 2pm-6pm**  
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## 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.

## Fundraisers

**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.

**May 7 Mother's Day Plant Sale**  
 The Ivy Garden Club will hold its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale on Saturday.  
**Folk Funeral Home**  
 8 a.m. to noon

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

**Unity Baptist Church**  
 Pastor Brian Howard  
 5504 Hilda Rd Blackville, SC 29817  
 Sunday School: 9:45am  
 Sunday Worship: 11am and 6pm  
 Mid week service: Thursdays JAM kids (supper provided) 6pm and Adult service 7pm

**Victory Baptist Church**  
 3361 Hwy 70  
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 Sunday Worship at 11:00 am  
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### YARD SALES

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

**MOVING SALE:** March 4 and 5 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 415 Cedar Run Road in Epping Forest off of Old Whiskey Road in Barnwell. Items: furniture, household collectibles, lawn items, wall art, books, clothes, linens. Dealers are welcome. 2022 41 1tp 03 02 21

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**Notice of Sale**  
C/A No 2021-CP-06-00287  
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Barnwell County, South Carolina, here tofore issued in the case of Fifth Third Bank, National Association vs. Michael J. Niegowski; Midland Funding LLC, Barclays Bank Delaware; Branch Banking and Trust Company I the undersigned as Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on March 7, 2022 at 11:00AM, at the County Court House, Barnwell County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder. Legal Description and Property Address:  
ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon, situated, lying and being located in the City of Barnwell, County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot 12, Corley Heights Subdivision upon a plat prepared for Patsy Vaught by W.J. Webb, P.L.S. dated March 21, 2006 and recorded March 4, 2006 in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 39, page 4 A, records of Barnwell County, South Carolina. According to said plat, which is incorporated herein by reference thereto, said tract is described as follows, to wit: Northwest by lands now or formerly of Hoffman and Cochran, et al, 84.53 feet, northeast by lands now or formerly of KAM (Lot 10), 140.05 feet, southeast by 40' right of way of Corley Heights Richardson Road, 85.05 feet, and southwest by lands now or formerly of All (Lot 14), 140.16 feet; all measurements being more or less

THIS BEING the same property conveyed unto Michael J. Niegowski and Allison I. Niegowski, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, by virtue of a Deed from Patsy Z. Vaught dated August 30, 2007 and recorded September 19, 2007 in Volume 808 at Page 41 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina. THEREAFTER, Michael J. Niegowski and Allison I. Niegowski, as joint tenants with right of survivorship, conveyed subject property unto Michael J. Niegowski dated September 12, 2014 and recorded October 2, 2014 in Volume 1074 at Page 88 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina. 94 Corley Heights Richardson Road, Barnwell, SC 29812  
TMS# 072 05 06 005  
TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of four and 625/1000 (4.625%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff herein, will upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Special Referee for Barnwell County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court, and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Thirty (30) days, the Special Referee shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. As a personal or deficiency judgment is demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. Section 15-39-720 (1976). If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next

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available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. James Martin Harvey, Jr. Special Referee for Barnwell County, Barnwell, South Carolina

Hutchens Law Firm LLP  
P.O. Box 8237  
Columbia, SC 29202  
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### NOTICE OF SALE

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

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND CONTAINING 0.732 ACRE, WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE IN DIAMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF BARNWELL, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NO. 3 ON PLAT PREPARED FOR BROWNING BUILDERS BY W.J. WEBB, PLS DATED MARCH 1, 2007 AND RECORDED MARCH 9, 2007 IN PLAT CABINET B, SLIDE 51, AT PAGE 3-B, BARNWELL COUNTY RECORDS. ACCORDING TO THE PLAT WHICH IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE THERETO, THE SAID LOT IS GENERALLY BOUNDED AND MEASURES AS FOLLOWS: ON THE NORTH BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF CEDAR RUN ROAD, MEASURING A TOTAL DISTANCE OF 277.49 FEET. MORE OR LESS, ON THE SOUTH BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF PATRICIA CAPEN, MEASURING 154.51 FEET, MORE OR LESS, AND, ON THE WEST BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF PATRICIA CAPEN, MEASURING 103.84 FEET, MORE OR LESS. Derivation: Book 844 at Page 1, 160 Cedar Run Rd, Barnwell, SC 29812-8316  
055 00 00 051  
SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, BARNWELL COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES  
TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Barnwell County Clerk of Court at C/A #2019CP0600132  
NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.  
John J. Hearn  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
J. Martin Harvey, Jr.  
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Special Referee for  
Columbia, SC 29202 3200  
Barnwell County  
(803) 744 4444  
013263-11417  
Website: [www.rangerlawnsend.com](http://www.rangerlawnsend.com) (see link to Resources/Foreclosure Sales)  
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- Operate a variety of office equipment with knowledge of various software programs including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and others.

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- 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:

**Southern Carolina Regional Development Alliance Attn: Human Resources**  
201 Lee Avenue, Hampton, SC 29924  
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**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE CIVIL ACTION NO 2021-CP-03-00021**

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture v Personal Representatives, if any, whose names are unknown, of the Estates of Alfred Washington and Edith Washington; Any Heirs-at-Law or devisees of Alfred Washington and Edith Washington, deceased, their heirs, personal representatives, administrators, successors and assigns, and all other persons or entities entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons or entities with any right, title, estate, interest in or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe, and any unknown minors, incompetent or imprisoned person, or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Allendale County, will sell on March 7, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, South Carolina to the highest bidder

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being on the Western side of the Southern extension of Beaufort Avenue in the Town of Fairfax, County of Allendale, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as lot number twelve (12) in Block A on a plat made by Joe P. Miley, Reg. C.E., L.S. dated the 23rd day of March, 1970 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court Allendale County in Plat Book 10 at Page 75, said lot being rectangular in shape and having the following measurements and boundaries to wit: On the North by Easterly extension on 17th Street, as shown on said plat, whereon it measures one hundred twenty (120) feet; on the East by the Southern Extension of Beaufort Avenue, whereon it measures one hundred (100) feet; on the South by lot number eleven (11) as shown on said plat, whereon it measures one hundred twenty (120) feet; on the West by lot number two (2) and portion of lot number one (1) and lot number (3) in Block 9a as shown on said plat, whereon it measures one hundred (100) feet.

This being the same property conveyed to Alfred Washington and Edith Washington by deed of United States of America dated December 08, 1988 and recorded January 06, 1989 in Book 83 at Page 410 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County, South Carolina. TMS#: 124-02-01-018 Property Address: 1522 Beaufort Street, Fairfax, South Carolina 29827

**SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, ALLENDALE COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES**

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

A personal deficiency judgment being waived, bidding will not remain open. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 9.50% per annum. Should the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent fail to appear on sales day, the property shall not be sold, but shall be re-advertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney or agent is present. Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property. Purchaser is responsible for the preparation and filing of their deed. [MASTER IN EQUITY ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW] HARRFEL, MARTIN & PEACE, P.A.

By Taylor A. Peace  
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Post Office Box 1000  
Chapin, South Carolina 29036  
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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

CASE NO. 2021CP0600259  
Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE Plaintiff,**

vs

The Estate of Sean A. Richards, Jean L. DeSouza, Personal Representative and Heir-at-Law of Sean A. Richards, deceased. All Unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein, being a class designated as Jane Doe; also any Unknown persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and Any Unknown minors, persons under a Disability or persons incarcerated, being a class designated as Richard Roe, Defendant(s)

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

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

BEGINNING at an iron pin located on the ditch bank of 20' access road approximately 1,050 feet Northwest of Sunshine Road and proceeding along the as yet unnamed privately maintained road N 61°58'23" W for a distance of 128.00 feet to an iron pin; thence, N 59°00'56" W for a distance of 140.00 feet to an iron pin, thence, with the land, now or formerly, of Johnson, N 34°08'55" E for a distance of 327.33 feet to an iron pin; thence, turning S 59°00'58" E for a distance of 140.00 feet to an iron pin; thence, S 59°00'58" E for a distance of 128.00 feet to an iron pin; thence, turning and running with the land of Johnson S 34°14'39" W for a distance of 320.75 feet to the point of BEGINNING. All distances being a little more or less.

ALSO INCLUDED an easement for ingress and egress to Sunshine Road, the 20' access road as shown on that certain plat dated February 12, 2009 and recorded in Book 2F at Page 736

This being the identical property conveyed to Sean A. Richards by deed of Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. dated June 30, 2015 and recorded July 14, 2015 in Book 100 at Page 233 in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina. TMS #: 137-00-00-070

**SUBJECT TO BARNWELL COUNTY TAXES**  
**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the former highest bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. NOTICE: ANYONE THAT ATTENDS WILL BE EXPECTED TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.50% per annum. B. Lindsay Crawford, III (SC Bar# 6510)

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Theodore von Keller (SC Bar# 5718)

B. Lindsay Crawford, IV (SC Bar# 101707)

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**SUMMONS**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF FIFINGTON IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT Docket No. 2021 DR 3201339 Robert Lee and Linda Lee Starling, Plaintiffs, vs Tiffany Brady, Defendant Lisa Salbato, Third-Party Defendant IN RE: Julian A. Brady, a minor child, TO TIFFANY BRADY, DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED AND LISA SALBATO, THIRD-PARTY DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the COMPLAINT in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said COMPLAINT on the subscriber at 791 Greenlawn Drive, Suite 4, Columbia, South Carolina, 29209-2641 or Post Office Box 90860, Columbia, South Carolina, 29290-1860 within thirty (30) days from the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service, and in case of the failure to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. Written request for a final hearing in this case must be delivered by a party of his/her attorney to the Clerk of Court's office within 365 days of this filing date. Failure to comply with this rule shall result in the dismissal of the case by the court. McCougall, Self, Currence & McLeod, LLP  
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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS  
July 14, 2021  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES**

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Barnwell County, the address of which is Barnwell County Courthouse Probate Court Room 108, Barnwell, SC 29812, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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

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All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Barnwell County, the address of which is Barnwell County Courthouse Probate Court Room 108, Barnwell, SC 29812, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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

**NOTICE OF SALE**

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC vs. William Heath Bishop, CIA No. 2019CP0600418. The following property will be sold on March 7, 2022 at 11:00am at the Barnwell County Courthouse to the highest bidder ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND WITH ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE TOWN OF FIKO, FIKO SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF BARNWELL STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA CONTAINING 5.00 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND BEING SHOWN ON A PLAT PREPARED BY RICHARD L. ALL, PLS DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 1998 AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 23, 1998 IN PLAT CABINET A, SINDF 748 AT PAGE 10 A IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COURT FOR BARNWELL COUNTY AND ACCORDING TO SAID PLAT WHICH IS MADE A PART AND PARCEL HEREOF BEING BOUNDED AND MEASURING AS FOLLOWS: NORTH EAST BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ROAD S-6-3/ AND MEASURING THEREON 290.37 FEET; EAST BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF HORACE J. CROUCH JR ET AL, BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF HENRY WILLIAMS AND BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF THOMAS L. BLACK ET AL AND MEASURING A TOTAL OF 732.40 FEET, SOUTH BY LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF HORACE J. CROUCH JR ET AL, AND MEASURING THEREON 375.30 FEET, AND WEST BY THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF ROAD S-6-50 AND MEASURING THEREON 599.30 FEET; ALL MEASUREMENTS BEING MORE OR LESS. THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO WILLIAM HEATH BISHOP BY DEED DATED JANUARY 11, 2017 AND RECORDED JANUARY 17, 2017 IN BOOK 1155 AT PAGE 94 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR BARNWELL COUNTY. TMS No. 0660783027 Property Address: 7456 Bay St Williston SC 29853 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.625%. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Barnwell County Clerk of Court at CIA 2019CP0600418. Notice: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date. William S. Koehler Attorney for Plaintiff 1201 Main Street, Suite 1450 Columbia, SC 29201 Phone: (803) 828-0880 Fax: (803) 828-0881 scfo@slaw.net James M. Harvey, Jr. Special Referee for Barnwell County A 4741871 02/16/2022, 02/23/2022, 03/02/2022  
2022-37 3tc 03-02-22

**NOTICE OF SALE**

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Mid America Mortgage, Inc. vs. Irumaine Frederick, Individually, and as Personal Representative for the Estate of Roosevelt Frederick, Jr., Barbara Knowles, Bettye Bing, Edward Palmore, Felicia Lark, John B. Price, Lena Price, Linda Lewis, Philip Price, Reggie Frederick, Ronoz Frederick, Tereasa Price, Any Heirs-At-Law or Devisees

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of Leroy Price, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe, The United States of America, acting by and through its agency, The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, CIA No. 2019CP0600341. The following property will be sold on March 7, 2022, at 11:00 AM at the Barnwell County Courthouse to the highest bidder ALL OF THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR TRACT OF LAND WITH THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE COUNTY OF BARNWELL, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DESIGNATED ON A PLAT OF PART OF SECTION OF BARNWELL HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, PREPARED BY COLUMBIA ENGINEERING COMPANY, DATED MARCH 18, 1952, AND RECORDED ON APRIL 3, 1951, IN PLAT BOOK F, PAGE 22 IN THE ROD OFFICE FOR BARNWELL COUNTY, KNOWN AS LOT 37, BLOCK F, REFERENCE TO SAID PLAT IS HEREBY CRAWLED FOR A MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTION. THIS BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO KAREY SMITH FREDERICK N/K/A KAREY S. PRICE AND LEROY PRICE BY DEED DATED APRIL 5, 2008, AND RECORDED APRIL 9, 2008, IN BOOK 836 AT PAGE 1 IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR BARNWELL COUNTY. SUBSEQUENTLY KAREY S. PRICE DIED, I HAVING HER INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY TO LEROY PRICE AND ROOSEVELT FREDERICK, JR. AS SHOWN BY DEED OF DISTRIBUTION DATED NOVEMBER 21, 2016, AND RECORDED NOVEMBER 21, 2016, IN BOOK 1150 AT PAGE 89. SUBSEQUENTLY LEROY PRICE AND ROOSEVELT FREDERICK, JR. DIED, I HAVING THE PROPERTY TO THEIR HEIRS AND DEVISEES TMS No. 0720608006 Property Address: 11 Azalea St Barnwell SC 29812 SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. TERMS OF SALE: A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 30 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.750%. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Barnwell County Clerk of Court at CIA 2019CP0600341. The sale shall also be subject to the right of redemption by the Defendant United States of America, pursuant to 28 U.S.C.A. Section 2410(c) for a period of 1 year from the date of sale of the subject property, unless waived. Notice: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date. William S. Koehler Attorney for Plaintiff 1201 Main Street, Suite 1450 Columbia, SC 29201 Phone: (803) 828-0880 Fax: (803) 828-0881 scfo@slaw.net James M. Harvey, Jr. Master in Equity for Barnwell

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Estate: Willie James Hayes Jr.  
Date of Death: November 29, 2021  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00010  
Personal Representative: Iesha Hayes  
Address: 308 Forsimmon Lane, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
February 16, 23; March 2, 2022  
2022-39 3tp 03-02-22

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Estate: Betty C. Moody  
Date of Death: December 7, 2021  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00033  
Personal Representative: Christopher A. Moody  
Address: 505 Halford Street, Williston, S.C. 29853  
March 2, 9, 16, 2022  
2022-40 3tp 03-16-22

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Estate: Eddie Hammond Sr.  
Date of Death: February 21, 2021  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00032  
Personal Representative: Georgia A. Hammond  
Address: 10 Hardwood Drive, Blackville, S.C. 29817  
March 2, 9, 16, 2022  
2022-42 3tp 03-16-22



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