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Rev. Jamie Wootten from Winfield Heights Baptist Church in Williston joins other pastors from Blackville and Williston to pray over the staff from the two consolidating school districts at the Feb. 23 Chat & Chew.

'Chat & Chew' builds bonds for consolidation

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A recent event helped members of Barnwell County's two smallest school districts build relationships as they prepare to consolidate.

Barnwell District 19 and Williston District 29 held the Consolidated Chat & Chew on Feb. 23 in the Williston-Elko High School gymnasium. This started the process for the faculty and staff from both districts to get to know one another before consolidation takes effect on July 1.

"We wanted to create a collaborative space and time where everyone felt safe, comfortable, and at ease with getting to know each other," said D29 Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw, who has been named interim superintendent-elect of the consolidated district.

D19 Superintendent David Corder said the two families coming together to build relationships and collaborate was "a first step in our districts sharing a common vision."

Several pastors from the Blackville and Williston communities fellowshiped with the educators, including Winfield Heights Baptist Church Pastor Jamie Wootten who prayed for a successful consolidation. Mayor Michael Beasley and Police Chief Ray Crawford from Blackville showed their support as well.

"The collaborative founda-



The principals of Blackville and Williston's schools. Contributed Photos



tion between the two districts is long-standing, and the consolidation gives us an opportunity to take this collaboration to the next level," said Mayor Beasley.

Both superintendents were pleased with the representation and support of many community stakeholders.

"It was amazing to have the consolidated board, along with the board chairwomen from B19 and WSD29 stand in solidarity on behalf of our scholars," said Shaw. "Our scholars and staff will take the lead from the leaders in the district, and I am pleased to say that our leaders are truly leading in the highest form of excellence."

Dr. Shaw said WEHS em-

ployee Cathy Smith shared with her that "there was a sweet, sweet spirit in the room." It's a sentiment that the superintendent shares.

The next Chat & Chew event is scheduled for April 27 at Blackville-Hilda High School "where we continue to set the stage for 'One Mission, All Scholars!'" said Shaw.

The consolidation process is going very well as the board is meeting twice a month to ensure everything is in place by the deadline.

"They are adopting policies that are necessary for the operation of the consolidated district on July 1st. The process of merging the two districts' student information system and financial system is underway. The finance department is beginning the budget process and the personnel department is already beginning to fill teacher vacancies," said Corder.

The two districts look forward to their families growing closer as they prepare to become one.



Faculty and staff from Blackville and Williston's schools united at the recent Chat & Chew event.

Williston-Elko High principal leaving in June

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Williston-Elko High School is searching for a new leader.

John Bradley has served as WEHS's principal for the past four years, but recently submitted his resignation, effective June 30, following the conclusion of the current school year.

"Mr. Bradley has served with heart over the last four years. He has been a dedicated and visible leader," said Williston District 29 Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw. "I have admired the relationships he has formed with our scholars during his tenure at WEHS. Leading during a pandemic has been a challenge, and Mr. Bradley has done a yeoman's job with keeping his scholars and staff safe. He has been an integral WSD29 teammate and will be sorely missed by all."

Though he's worked at many schools during his 28 years in education, Bradley said there is a "true family spirit" in Williston.

"Our students are second to none and are the most polite overall that I have ever been associated with. The faculty is first rate and truly work together in the best interest of our students. A great benefit of a school the size of WEHS is that you get to know everyone," he said.

Leaving his WEHS family will be difficult, but Bradley looks forward to spending more time with his own family. He and his wife have talked about moving back to his hometown of Rembert for several years, but the timing is now right since their children are grown.

"My wife and I have had a dream of moving back to my childhood farm and building



John Bradley

a small family farm of our own. The draw to go home to spend quality time with my aging parents and take care of the farm has been getting more difficult to delay," said Bradley. "There are some things we have dreamed of doing for several years and now have the opportunity to pursue those dreams."

As he prepares to leave, Bradley wants the scholars at WEHS to continue making academic and lifetime advances. "I want our scholars to remember that every decision they make leads to the future they dream of...or they can derail their plans. Thinking through a situation before acting will allow them to do everything in a way that takes them in the right direction," said Bradley, who also wishes his faculty and staff the best moving forward.

"I wish nothing but the best for the Barnwell County Consolidated School District moving forward," he said of how the Blackville-Hilda and Williston-Elko school districts will unite on July 1. "I truly believe even greater things are on the horizon for our scholars."

Dr. Shaw said she hopes to have a new principal named by the end of March.

Barnwell man dies days after wreck

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A Barnwell man died from injuries sustained in a wreck a week prior.

Jeffrey McKethan, 31, of Red Oak Road, died on March 1 at Augusta University Medical Center from severe head trauma as a result of a one-vehicle wreck on Feb. 24, said Barnwell County Coroner Denise Gibson.

McKethan was the driver of

a 2008 GMC that was headed north on Osborn Road in Barnwell County on Feb. 24 around 8:05 p.m.

"The vehicle crossed the center line, ran off the road to the left, struck a fence, and overturned," said Lance Corporal Tyler Tidwell with the S.C. Highway Patrol. "The driver was taken to the hospital where they later succumbed to their injuries."

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Dash's Funeral Home of Blackville.

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First Steps receives \$150,617 for parenting expansion

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Representatives from Barnwell County First Steps accept a check for \$150,617 from officials with S.C. First Steps on Feb. 17 in Columbia. David Morley (center), chair of the S.C. First Steps Board, is joined by fellow board members to present a check for \$150,617 to Barnwell County First Steps Executive Director Tricia Gordon (to the left of Morley) and BCFS Board Secretary Garnette Alexander (to the right of Morley). Also pictured is Georgia Mjartan (far right), executive director of SCFS.

South Carolina First Steps has awarded Barnwell County First Steps \$150,617 in grants as part of its initiative with the South Carolina Department of Education to support parents as the first and most important teacher of their young child.

The funding will expand high-intensity, evidence-based parenting programs in Barnwell County to address potential learning loss in children due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We are thrilled to receive this grant which will expand our Parents As Teachers program to additional families in Barnwell County. Parents as Teachers is a home visiting program designed to build strong communities, thriving families, and children who are healthy, safe,

and ready to succeed," said Tricia Gordon, executive director of Barnwell County First Steps. "We could not increase our services without the continued support and funding from the team at the South Carolina First Steps office."

The award is pri-

marily funded by the American Rescue Plan's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund and will be supplemented with Preschool Development Grant Funds. The South Carolina Department of Education received \$211 million in total from the

fund and has allocated \$14.7 million to S.C. First Steps.

"We are incredibly grateful for Superintendent (Molly) Spearman's vision to apply these federal resources to programs and services for South Carolina's youngest children,

an investment that will generate an exponential return," said Georgia Mjartan, executive director of South Carolina First Steps. "Children and families whose lives have been upended by COVID-19 will be able to participate in proven programs. Compared

to their peers, children enrolled in First Steps programs are 74 percent more likely to enter kindergarten ready to succeed."

Barnwell County First Steps has a proven record of effectively addressing the high need for evidence-based parenting programs. These intensive home visiting and group parenting models have demonstrated school readiness outcomes nationally through experimental and quasi experimental studies.

Each local partnership that was selected for the Parenting Expansion Grant went through a competitive selection process overseen by senior leadership at SC First Steps. Barnwell County received elevated consideration for being an area of the state that has been negatively impacted by learning loss during the pandemic.

It takes a village, but not a trashy one

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Contributing Writer

There is a feeling one gets when driving through the back country within the CSRA.

Shade trees cover the road and tall pines line the landscape. Favorite smells of fresh cut grass and fence-lined paddocks with livestock. No matter the season there is a sense of nostalgia of days gone by; imagine the feeling as you roll over a slight hill and around a small curve when just lying beyond on the shoulder of the road is a thrown away mattress or a pile of trash that someone was just too lazy to take to the free dump.

There is a weird disappointment and sadness to think that anyone would have the inclination to do such a thing. It just does not make sense. The trash and litter situation is a bone of contention for most. It takes away from the beauty of the South and lends for depressed areas in most forms.

Some may say there are more things to worry about these days but adding piles of trash along the way is doing nothing to lift the spirits. Sure,



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A discarded mattress (left) and other trash items (above) are shown on the side of local roads.

there are cases of trash items getting away from people and blowing out of the back of a truck or out of a trailer unnoticed. That is an accident, but to boldly toss all refuse, a couch, dog carcasses, mattresses and so on, is truly, well just trashy.

Sadly, the menaces to society in the trash department most likely will not be the ones to read this story, but it takes a village and knowledge is power. When newcomers arrive to the area, and trust the numbers and sales reports, they are moving here in droves, let them know that there are free dump sites in the county and surrounding

areas.

Like the website boasts at PalmettoPride.org, "Let's Make an Impact Together," the trash epidemic is not just a slightly disturbance, it takes away from everyone. It is a costly situation that can be turned around by small steps. Education is paramount for everyone of all ages. Palmetto Pride's website claims that over 73 million pounds of trash has been picked up by more than 640,000 volunteers. This effort has saved S.C. residents more than \$37 million.

To think that a bit of litter is someone else's problem is to be naïve to a greater issue—time,

money, manpower. The PalmettoPride.org website has links to Adopt-A-Highway, sign up for a clean-up team, or even download a Litter Index Chart to help report areas that may need special attention.

If new to the area or a generational local, get involved with roadside clean-up volunteers or create your own group and do your best to help keep the South rich in beauty and pride.

It truly takes a village, a tidy, well-kempt village.

Barnwell County Recycling Locations

There are plenty of trash drop-off sites,

which also take recyclables, throughout Barnwell County that are open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.:

- Longbranch Center, 1320 Orchard Rd., Barnwell 29812
- 6640 Hwy. 3, Barnwell 29812
- Snelling, 1359 Seven Pines Rd., Barnwell 29812
- Healing Springs, 3287 Healing Springs Rd., Blackville 29817
- Landfill Center, 155 Landfill Rd., Barnwell 29812 (also accepts farmer oil up to 55 gallons and oil/gas mixture)
- Reedy Branch Center, 870 Reedy Branch Rd., Hilda 29813

• Rosemary Center, 963 Thorn Dr., Williston 29853

• Fire Tower Center, 7633 Hwy. 64E Barnwell 29812

• Spurbranch Center, 8360 Springfield Hwy., Williston 29853

Sites collect: Cans (aluminum, steel), paper (cardboard, paperboard, newspaper and inserts, magazines, mixed office paper) plastic bottles and jugs (#1-#7), plastic nursery containers, glass (brown, green, clear), lead-acid and Ni-Cd batteries, scrap metal (aluminum, steel), white goods, antifreeze, used oil, filters and bottles, tires, textiles, latex paint, cooking oil

CORDER'S BOOK CORNER

Worldbuilding vs. Character

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

Nothing is more fiendish for a writer than the dreaded writer's block. When it rears its ugly head and roars, writers all over find themselves afflicted by apathy and discouragement for writing. When you encounter writer's block, not much gets done.

Over the past few weeks, I've encountered this foul beast. I've been working on a fantasy story for the past few weeks. I started the project back in September/October 2021 and I took a break from it until now because I've been wanting to work on it.

However, diving back into the story was difficult for me. And for this, I blame Tolkien, because I've been reading so much of him lately.

If you have ever read Tolkien and his "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, then you know how detailed and intricate his world is. He puts in everything. Histories, backstories for characters, geography, mythology. Being ex-



posed to this, I felt to a certain extent my fantasy world also had to have all these elements. I had to build my world, in a sense, before I could finish my story.

However, worldbuilding isn't my favorite thing to do. While I enjoy making little maps and cultures for my imaginary world, it's not what I love to do in essence when writing a book or short story. Soon, I found myself overwhelmed trying to create a living, breathing world in which my story was taking place. In a way, it was paralyzing.

Then I remembered something about my stories. I remembered that my stories tend to be more than anything else driven by the characters in them. For me, it's not about the world that the characters live in that makes me want to write, but the characters themselves.

So I've been focusing on the essence of the characters that live within the pages of my story, and by doing so, I see both a plot and a world start to emerge. By detailing the lives of my characters, I have inadvertently been creating my world as

well, because as my characters interact with each other and their surroundings, the world begins to take shape.

Now when I write, I find that writer's block has been banished. I am continually working on the story and enjoying it immensely. Ideas are spilling from my brain onto the page, and whenever I get a chance to put a few words down, I make sure that I do so.

This experience has made me realize that every writer works differently. Some writers love to world build, while others like myself rather spend more time on the characters. At the end of the day, a writer has to find what works for them and execute it to the best of their ability. Find whatever path or avenue that keeps you writing and keeps giving life to your story.

As always, happy reading, and happy writing.

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**BARNWELL DEMOCRAT PARTY
COUNTY CONVENTION**

The Barnwell County Democrat Party
will have its County Convention on
Thursday, March 24, 2022

Precinct Meetings will be held at 6 P.M.
The Convention Meeting will begin at 7 P.M.

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All Democrats are invited to come out and participate in the process

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County Officers; President, Vice President, etc, will be elected at this time;
Delegates to the State Convention will also be elected

Faith, community service and arts merge to help Allendale residents

Laura J. McKenzie
Contributing Writer

When does faith, community service, economic development and the arts merge? It did so February 17-26 in Allendale.

Allendale Enterprise Executive Director Lottie Lewis, who is also Allendale County's Arts Maven, coordinated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina to invite 72 teenagers, their chaperones and contractors from Connecticut on a mission trip to upgrade several homes in Allendale, install playground equipment at Emma's House and make a positive impact on the community.

"The arts are about making our surroundings beautiful and beneficial. One key in economic development is how a community looks - not only on the surface but deep down," said Lewis. "The challenge is having the funds and the manpower to do the projects that are needed."

"God sent us a band of angels," she said.

By working with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina, local sponsor Allendale First Baptist Church and the Connecticut volunteers, homes of several elderly residents were made nicer and safer. Work included replacing roofs, building wheelchair ramps, minor landscaping, painting interiors and some exteriors, and other minor repairs.

"We didn't have to spend a penny," said Lewis. "They brought all the tools and materials with them."

The teens are part of a youth group called "YG" from Congregational Church in New Canaan, Connecticut. They flew to South Carolina and were housed at Camp Jackson located between Allendale and Barnwell. The Finicky Bean, an Allendale company, catered their meals.

The teens were divided into "teams" of 12 to 15 who were assigned to specific projects along with two team leaders and a contractor.

"A key part of Jesus' ministry when he was on Earth was service and serving those who were less fortunate," said Lauren Carlson as her team was tearing into a leaking porch roof. "We feel called as Christians to continue his mission and



A "YG" team of 72 teens from the Congregational Church of New Canaan, Connecticut spent a week in Allendale volunteering their time and efforts to revitalize the homes of several senior residents, install playground equipment at the non-profit Emma's House, and sort clothes at Christ Central's thrift store. The youth and their counselors were housed at Camp Jackson, a Christian retreat located between Allendale and Kline.



A new roof and front stairs were provided by teen volunteers from Connecticut as part a revitalization project. Homeowner Gloria Harvey (inset) called the work a "blessing".

to come as we are able, serving communities that need the resources and are more vulnerable. We are doing the work we can."

One of Carlson's teammates, Ryan Whitman, 15, said, "It's a great opportunity to get out of my home and experience something I've never experienced before, to see how others are living." She said the work is helping her with her faith journey. "I have made so many friends and feel I am making an impact."

Lewis said improvement efforts are "contagious".

"As residents see their neighbor's home improve, they start doing projects to upgrade and beautify their own property. Pretty soon, everything starts to look better," she said. "They use their creativity and personal touch - their artistic approach - to improving their homes, businesses and surroundings."

Sisters Sarah McDuffie, 75, and Gloria Drayton, 72, share a home on Railroad Avenue built by their father in 1944.

They were both born and reared in the homestead but moved away when they married. Widowed, Drayton returned to the home around 1980 and



Photos by: Laura J. McKenzie / Contributor

Allendale Enterprise Executive Director Lottie Lewis (center) shares a little love with teen volunteers who spent a week in Allendale fixing homes and helping non-profit organizations. Lewis said the mission group from New Canaan, Connecticut, were an "answer to a prayer" to find a way to help those in need to have their homes repaired.

was later joined by her sister.

While they are still living independently, major repairs and yardwork are beyond their physical abilities.

"This means everything to us," said McDuffie. "We are so happy to have such a nice group. Thank God for the volunteers. Words cannot express how happy we are."

"This is a blessing from the Lord," said Drayton. "I am most thankful and want to praise Lottie and her husband, Frank, for their efforts."

Gloria Harvey's porch was leaking badly and caused rot in the roof. The volunteers worked from the top down to remove old roofing material, make repairs and replace the shingles. The

water was also causing a ramp to rot.

"I couldn't stand on my porch without getting wet," said Harvey, 75, watching the vol-

unteers working on her Dale Street home. "I

was also afraid someone would get hurt on that ramp."

Since the ramp had been installed for the needs of her now-deceased husband, the volunteers were tasked with removing it, building stairs and a railing for Harvey.

"I am so blessed by this assistance," she said.

Abby Richardson and Travis Sturcke, both 17, rolled up their sleeves at Harvey's home.

"We came into Charleston and got to see the Atlantic Ocean. That was

pretty cool," said Richardson. "We love our homeowner, Gloria. We are praying for her family now. Doing this work is really empowering."

Sturcke was grateful for the warm weather as daytime temperatures hovered in the upper 70's. "It is so much better than Connecticut right now," he said with a laugh.

Sturcke has seen how the work can impact not only the homeowners but also the volunteers. "Ever since I was in sixth grade my siblings have been involved in this and this has really made them a lot happier. This is my third mission trip so far and every year I am growing a little bit closer to God."

Emma's Helping Hands House, owned by the non-profit organization Allendale Enterprise, is a place for children to play and learn after school. The colorful playground equipment was purchased by the Congregational Church and some of the volunteers put it together while others landscaped the surrounding area.

"We want our children to get fresh air and move their bodies," said Lewis. "The playground gives them a place to have fun and get exercise at the same time."

They also picked up trash and helped Cora Berry at Christ Central to organize clothing at the church's thrift store.

Vernia Gadson, 80,

watched from her porch as the volunteers raked the yard while others applied stain on a wooden wheelchair ramp. "This has been a blessing from the Lord who knew I needed help," said Gadson. "All the children have been so smart and so respectful."

Gadson said she likes seeing homes look like they did when she was a child. "That was when Savannah River (Site) came and people were employed. They were able to keep things going (and looking nice)," she said.

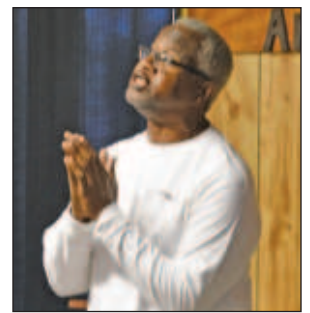
Belle Dunlap, 17, and Sophie Austin, 18, were among the teens working on Gadson's home. "It's nice to give back to the people and continue what God wants us to do," said Austin when asked why she was a part of the project. Dunlap responded that she thinks "it's a good thing to leave the town that you've grown up with. It's a breath of fresh air to see how other people are living."

The biggest impact on the girls has been the gratitude of the homeowners to the volunteers. "Even if it is so little, like painting the house, it makes me want to continue helping," said Austin.

Mother and daughter neighbors Marjorie and Annie Splawn were also among those whose homes received upgrades by the teens. "We are really going to miss them. They have been wonderful," said Marjorie.

Volunteers and homeowners came together Friday, Feb. 25 to share a final meal and give testimony to the work that had been done. They were also entertained by soloist Nate Hartley.

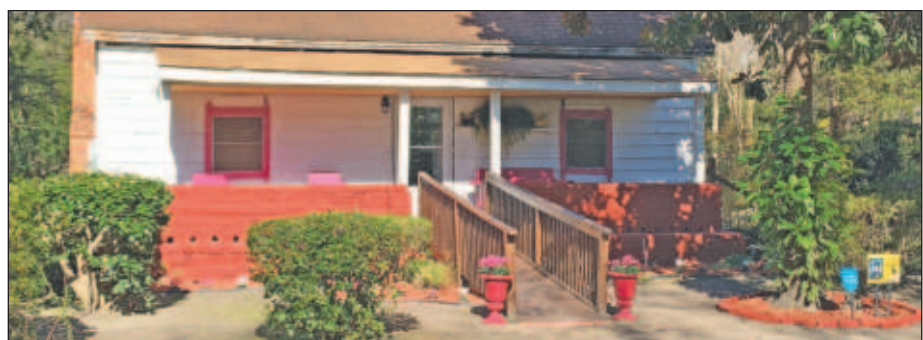
It was a merging of souls with a lasting impact.



Nate Hartley sang a solo that wowed the crowd on the final night of the mission trip. Hartley's business, The Finicky Bean, catered the dinner as well as the other meals for the group during their stay.



Teen volunteers from New Canaan, Connecticut completely painted the outside of Vernia Gadson's home and cleaned the yard during a recent revitalization project in Allendale. The finished product is shown below.



Homeowner Gloria Drayton (middle) gives Allendale Enterprise Executive Director Lottie Lewis a hug for initiating a project which resulted in a Connecticut church sending volunteers to clean the yard and paint the outside of the home where she and her sister reside.

HOMEMAKER'S COLUMN: WELL-STOCKED PANTRY MAKES MEALS EASIER



Christine Patrick
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It's been a long day at work. You're tired. You're ready to sink into the sofa with something cold and refreshing when someone asks: "What's for supper?" Or, if you're from north of the Mason-Dixon line, "What's for dinner?" While you may not want to think about cooking, you'll eventually have to prepare a meal. Often the result is a surrender to fatigue and a decision to "get something out." That's unfortunate because well-thought-out meals at home are usually cheaper and better for you.

A well-stocked pantry and freezer will make meal preparation less forbidding. The key to having a well-stocked larder is knowing what everyone in the family likes to eat. Get some ideas from them. Find out what the family would like to eat in the coming week, then make a list of what you'll need before you go to the grocery store.

Some foods are considered staples. They are "basics" for the average diet. You just can't do without them. Onions, garlic, carrots and celery are on that list. Carrots and celery not only make healthful, low-calorie snacks, but they are starting points for many a recipe when used in conjunction with the onions and garlic. Baby carrots are convenient. While a little bit more expensive, they are already cut and washed and can be either a snack or for cooking in a hurry when you don't have time to peel the regular size carrots.

Potatoes are versatile. They're good in stews. Or you can bake, steam, or mash them. Yukon Golds taste great, but baking potatoes are cheaper and better for mashing.

Keep several cans of stock on your pantry shelf - chicken, beef or vegetable. They add lots of flavor to soups or other dishes. Try adding chicken stock to those mashed potatoes, rather than sour cream or butter.

Eggs are essential, with a million uses. Hard boil a batch and refrigerate them for egg salad or eating plain. Or consider eggs for creative omelets.

If you like Italian dishes, keep several kinds of canned tomatoes on hand - whole, crushed, chopped, paste and sauce. Open some tomatoes for a quick beginning for your own pasta sauce or to add zest to a casserole.

Canned vegetables, fruits, beans, salmon, tuna, soups, mushrooms and olives are just some of the basics you can keep handy for quick meal fixes.

Keep several kinds of cheeses on hand. Mozzarella is essential for pizza, omelets and lasagna. So is Parmesan. Cheddar is great for snacking and for an omelet topper. Ricotta is a key ingredient for lasagna fillings. You may have some other cheese favorites.

Ground meat, such as hamburger, has uncounted uses. Ground lamb, ground pork and ground turkey are usually available at most major super-markets as well.

If you buy a quantity when it's on sale, you can cook up batches and freeze them for use on days when you're rushed.

No doubt you'll have favorite foods you would prefer. Remember, any well-stocked pantry begins with a plan.

So, have the family sit down and discuss what you want in yours.

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Letters to the Editor

Hold the Line

Dear Editor,
DO NOT complain. Gas prices are accelerating and will get worse. Drive less or carpool. DO NOT say one word. Prices at the grocery store are going up. Buy less prepackaged and expensive cuts of meat. Until China decides which side of the fences to jump, stop buying Chinese products.

Sanctions against Russia will hit the U.S. hard, but we do not have tanks rumbling down Main Street. Our homes, schools and businesses are not being shelled.

I am not a huge fan of President Biden, but now is not the time to criticize the action by the Biden Administration. Long before Russia invaded the sovereign nation of Ukraine, Biden began putting in place sanctions that would cripple the Russian economy. When the Russian invaded, the hammer went down, all around the world, sections hit. It is going to affect us. Get ready.

Since the beginning of this nation, we have sent men and women to fight for us. It is our turn to hold the line.

DO NOT cry and moan to Congress because the men and women representing us only care about keeping themselves in D.C. If the people of the United States call for a reduction in sanctions against Russia, because gas is over \$5.00 a gallon, prime rib is \$40 a pound, Putin will have won. There will be no stopping the Russian advance. DO NOT think we are safe from Russia.

A survey of the youth of China was published in the New York Times and reported they feel we are no longer the world's most powerful nation. We are decadent and gluttonous consumers. Both China and Russia are counting on this nation to be unable to deal with shortages. We have just come off a devastating 20-year loss in Afghanistan and do not have the stomach for anything other than a hamburger and fries.

They are wrong.
We came together after the attack on the World Trade building, and the Pentagon. This is worse. This is not a group of religious zealots that planned the attack. This is an aggressive nation, with nuclear weapons led by a criminal. The goal is to bring this nation down.

Well, let them choke on the rubble!

Linda Murphy Myrick,
Red Oak Community

Community heroes step up when help can't wait

To the editor:
Emergencies don't take vacations. They don't even take off nights and weekends. But no matter when they strike, the compassionate actions of Midlands Red Cross volunteers, blood donors and community partners help ensure that families and individuals never face crises alone.

The Red Cross mission wouldn't be possible without these community heroes, and we are proud to honor their dedication in March during our annual Red Cross Month celebration.

Last year alone, the Central Chapter of the Red Cross of South Carolina responded to more than 450 local disasters, including home fires--assisting 1,656 people by distributing more than 5350,000 in direct financial assistance following local disasters. Additionally, the Central SC Chapter collected more than 30,000 units of lifesaving blood, made more than 440 homes safer through educational visits, and served nearly 2,000 active duty military, veterans, and their families through emergency communications and critical needs.

On behalf of those we serve, we thank everyone who makes our lifesaving work possible here in the Midlands, across the country and around the world.

You can join these local heroes in their commitment during our Red Cross Month celebration by visiting redcross.org to make a financial donation, schedule an appointment to give blood or platelets, become a Red Cross volunteer or take a class to learn lifesaving skills like CPR and first aid. With a donation on March 23, you'll also be part of our annual Giving Day campaign (redcross.org/givingday) to help provide shelter, food, relief items, emotional support and other assistance for people affected by disasters big and small.

Mr. W. Daniel Sisson, Jr.,
Board Chair, Red Cross of South Carolina Central Chapter

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The family of Charles Zorn would like to express our appreciation to everyone for their thoughtfulness and the generosity shown to our family during this difficult time. We are so thankful for our family, friends, neighbors, and those whom we have not met for the calls, food, flowers, and gifts that have been given. The generous donations have helped lift a burden off our shoulders, and our family greatly appreciates your support. May God bless each of you!

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American Red Cross and partners announce 106 Lives saved in South Carolina through Home Fire Campaign

When the American Red Cross launched the Home Fire Campaign in the fall of 2014, it was with one primary objective: to prevent the tragic loss of life due to home fires.

Since then, the South Carolina Region has helped lead the national effort to make homes safer alongside partners, including State Fire and local fire departments throughout the state. These collaborative efforts successfully led to 106 lives saved, as confirmed by the responding agencies and documentation of prior outreach activities.

"We're proud to share this wonderful news of how the outstanding partnership between the Red Cross and our partners is making a difference by preventing tragedies in the communities we serve," said Rod Tolbert, CEO of the American Red Cross of South Carolina. "Nothing warms my heart quite like seeing a 'Lives-Saved' confirmation that demonstrates just how critical these fire prevention and safety education programs are for our neighbors and the impact of our work."

The American Red Cross Home Fire Campaign

brings together community partners and Red Cross volunteers to educate at-risk community members about the dangers home fires pose and how to protect individuals in case of a fire. Activities include smoke alarm installation blitzes and volunteers meeting with families to create escape plans during annual "Sound the Alarm" events. Additionally, youth disaster preparedness programs teach children to prepare for and respond to disasters like home fires.

"Over the past eight years, the South Carolina Region of the American Red Cross has been proud to set an example for other Red Cross regions throughout the U.S.," said Tony Reid, Regional Disaster Officer for the Red Cross of South Carolina. "Along with our partners like Fire Safe SC, local fire departments, and other community agencies, we've tested and refined a model that has proven to help save lives and is now in practice across the country. We'll continue to learn and evolve both our home fire responses and our outreach programs to continue to save more South Carolinian lives."



South Carolina Home Fire Campaign by the numbers since October 2014:

90,382 – number of smoke alarms installed in South Carolina homes

70,254 – number of people served by the campaign

27,121 – number of households made safer

14,167 – number of youths served

561 – number of deaf and hard of hearing alarms installed

106 – number of lives saved since the beginning of the campaign, including 34 children

"State Fire and fire departments across our state celebrate this news with continued appreciation for our valuable partnership with Red Cross of South Carolina," said Josh Fulbright, SC State Fire Community Risk Reduction Chief. "Since the start of this campaign, our teams have worked side-by-side with local fire service members to make citizens safer in their homes by installing alarms and sharing fire and life safety educational messages. We are thankful that the Red Cross of South Carolina has been a long-standing

partner and we look forward to our continued partnership as more local fire departments seek Fire Safe SC Community Designation."

VOLUNTEER WITH THE RED CROSS: Every day, the Red Cross of South Carolina responds to an average of six home fires, the most frequent disaster in our state. As the lifeblood of our organization, volunteers enable the Red Cross to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they occur. More volunteers are needed to join Disaster Action Teams and support fire preven-

tion and home fire safety programs. Training is free, but the hope volunteers provide is priceless. You can make a difference by turning tragedy into hope. Visit redcross.org/volunteertoday to get started.

About State Fire:
The mission of the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) Division of Fire and Life Safety (DFLS) is to be the State's focal point for service and support to save lives and property. The Division, commonly known as "S.C. State Fire," consists of the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), the Fire Academy, Emergency Response, and Division Wide Operations.

About American Red Cross:
The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans, military members and their families. The Red Cross is a nonprofit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCrossSC.

Pension plan shortfall demands lawmakers' attention



Richard Eckstrom
S.C. Comptroller

It definitely doesn't get the attention it deserves, but it's among the most severe financial problems facing South Carolina today: The state retiree pension plan is underfunded by a whopping \$25 billion. That means, as things currently stand, the state is obligated to eventually pay out \$25 billion

more in pension benefits than the plan will have on hand to make those payments.

Twenty-five billion dollars is a whole lot of money – nearly two and one-half times the state's general operating budget – and there are no painless options for making up a shortfall of this size.

Elsewhere in the country, years of neglecting pension plan shortfalls has necessitated drastic steps: Sharp cuts in services, steep tax hikes, defaults on benefit payments to retirees, or any combination of these. A city in Illinois laid off

40 police officers and firefighters. A school board in Colorado shuttered an elementary school. A school board in Oregon shortened the school year by five days and laid off employees. Property taxes shot up 35 percent in one city, and they increased \$298 annually in another.

These examples should be a wake-up call to state lawmakers. Paying down our pension plan shortfall ought to be at the top of their priorities.

As is the case with so many of our problems, South Carolina's pension woes are rooted in politics.

There's always been tremendous political pressure to keep contribution rates – the percentage of each employ-

ee's salary that goes into the pension fund, and the even greater percentage that taxpayers kick in – as low as possible. As a result, contribution rates have historically been inadequate to cover these annualy-mounting promised benefits.

Officials have often gotten away with this by using overly optimistic projections of future investment returns on the contributions being deposited into the pension plan. These projections have masked growing shortfalls by making it appear as if the plan will accumulate more money than it actually will. (Using artificially high projections for investment earnings has also created a funding crisis for other pension

plans nationwide.) A 2017 law in South Carolina increased contribution rates and made other structural changes to the plan – including reducing the assumed rate of earnings on investments -- but those changes fell far short of what's needed.

To be sure, what's needed is more than money. Serious reforms are necessary to make the plan healthy over the long term. Short of that, though, we should be doing what we can now to close the \$25 billion gap. Time isn't on our side. Putting off dealing with pension problems only makes them worse.

Last month, the state got some welcome financial news from surging revenue collections, which led state economists to

significantly increase their estimates of the tax and other revenue to be collected by the state this fiscal year and the next. In response, lawmakers are scrambling for ways to spend the surprise windfall. I'd offer that state government has no need more urgent than to begin paying off its unfunded pension promises, and no wiser use of the surprise windfall.

The promised pension benefits are going to have to be paid, and every bit of the shortfall we pay down now will help alleviate some of the inevitable financial pain that lies ahead.

Richard Eckstrom is a CPA and the state Comptroller. He's president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers.

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Former Hanesbrands, Inc. Site
Barnwell, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through April 9, 2022.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 22-7650-NRP, will affect approximately 25.44 acres located at 11200 Dunbarton Boulevard, Barnwell, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Barnwell County Tax Map Serial Number 072-02-05-17. Koch & Co., Inc. (Koch) wants to acquire the property and intends to use the existing structure for cabinet manufacturing.

The property has been used for textile manufacturing. The past use of the property or adjoining properties may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Koch. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. DHEC will not hold Koch responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under the proposed contract, Koch will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Koch will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Koch did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Koch will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>
Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through April 9, 2022. Questions or comments may be directed to Sophia Owens, Project Manager, by e-mail at owenssc@dhec.sc.gov or by telephone at (803) 898-0932. Written comments should be directed to Sophia Owens at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.

PUBLIC MEETING
The Smartbox, a 501c3 nonprofit, will hold a public meeting on Monday, March 28, 2022 at its office at 246 Hampton Avenue North in Fairfax at 5 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for citizens to become acquainted with a proposed Rural Development Transportation Project for seniors and differently abled residents of Allendale and surrounding counties. Citizens will have the opportunity to comment on such items as economic and environmental impacts, service area and alternatives to the project.

INVITATION TO BID
The Allendale Barnwell Counties Disabilities and Special Board is accepting sealed bids for remodeling of the Day Program senior citizens annex wing and several offices in the Administrative Office. ADA walkway from the senior building to the driveway will be added with hand rails.
Interested parties may obtain the scope of work from the Director of Maintenance Jackie Ray at 20 Park Street, Barnwell, SC. Pre-bid conference will start on March 28, 2022. All sealed bids will need to be turned in at the Administrative Office (20 Park Street) no later than 3 p.m. April 28, 2022.
Jackie Ray can be contacted at 803-259-7472.

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.
Justin Charles Allen, 26, of 295 McDon-ald Drive, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 17 by the Barnwell Police Department (BPD) for Assault & Battery 3rd and Grand Larceny. Allen was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).
Joseph Coggin Chappell, 32, of 3194 U.S. Hwy. 278, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 18 by the BPD for Driving Under the Influence. Chappell was booked and released to the BCDC.
Michaila Hunter, 18, of 3538 Heartwood Pass, Aiken, was arrested Feb. 22 by the BPD for two counts of Shoplifting. Hunter was booked and released to the BCDC.
Jeremy James Caleb Knopf, 20, of 5901 Reynolds Road, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 24 by the BPD for Use of Vehicle Without Consent. Knopf was booked and released to the BCDC.
Roa'byn Shaquiese Owens, 28, of 121 Folk Street, Fairfax, was arrested Feb. 20 by the BPD for Driving Under Suspension. Owens was booked and released to the BCDC.
Ryheem Jacquain Damien Thomas, 23, of 269 Canna Street, Barnwell, was arrested Feb. 22 by the BPD for Domestic Violence. Thomas was booked and released to the BCDC.

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WEDDING



Ryan Fail and Rebekah Debruhl were married on February 19, 2022.

Rebekah Debruhl and Ryan Fail wed

Rebekah Debruhl and Ryan Fail, both of Olar, were united in marriage on February 19, 2022 at Duncannon Plantation. The Reverend James Parker officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Bill and Shelly Debruhl. Bridesmaids were Camryn Donehue and Kirsten Wingfield. Daughter of the bride and groom, Rynlee Fail, served as the flower girl. Son of the bride and groom, Casen Fail, served as ring bearer. Chris Fail, father of the groom, served as best man. Nick Fail, brother of the groom, served as the groomsman. Following the wedding, the reception was also held at Duncannon Plantation.

The bride is the daughter of Bill and Shelly Debruhl of Barnwell. The groom is the son of Chris and Kim fail of Olar and Erik and Teresa Ruggiero of Barnwell.

BIRTHDAY

Zoi Kollar celebrates 8th birthday

Zoi Veta Kollar celebrated her 8th birthday on January 25, 2022.

She is the daughter of Nicco and Maranda Kollar of Prosperity.

Paternal grandparents are Albert and Patty Kollar of Varnville.

Maternal grandparents are Erik and Teresa Ruggiero of Barnwell and Chris and Kim Fail of Olar.



BIRTH



Hunter Riley Jerkins was born on March 2, 2022.

Hunter Riley Jerkins

Joshua T-Bone Jerkins and Abigail Jerkins are proud to announce the birth of their son, Hunter Riley Jerkins.

He was born on March 2, 2022 at 7:58 a.m. at Aiken Regional Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 7/8 inches long.

He has one brother, Colton River Jerkins.

Paternal grandparents are John and Susan Jerkins of Williston.

Maternal grandparents are Presley and Jenny Sweat of Williston.

Great-grandparents are: (paternal) Kate Jerkins of Lexington and the late Pastor Jesse LeVon "Jerk" Jerkins Sr.; (maternal) Wade Alan and Mary Sweat of Williston and Roy and Jimmie Moors of Snelling.

BIRTH

Hiers Bryant Boulware

Barrett and Rachel Boulware of Allendale are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Hiers Bryant Boulware.

She was born at 3:32 p.m. on February 1, 2022 at University Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Jeannine Boulware and the late Barrett T. Boulware of St. Helena Island.

Maternal grandparents are Jack and Joanna Priester of Martin.

Paternal great-grandparents are Deloris Jenkins and the late Ervin Morris of Barnwell, and the late Barrett and Ann Boulware of Allendale.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late George and Marilyn Priester of Brunson, and the late J.T. and Nita Duncan of Martin.

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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Obituaries

David Sanders Sr.



DENMARK - Mr. David Sanders Sr. transitioned peacefully on February 26, 2022, at his home, surrounded by family. He was born in Bamberg County on October 5, 1931, to the late Mrs. Elzona Tyler Sanders and Mr. Samuel Sanders. David was born on the family farm and remained there for 90 years. He was an accomplished farmer and loved the land, taking pride in maintaining the family farm for as long as possible until his health began to decline. David sustained the family farm by producing cotton, vegetables, and fruit. His watermelons were some of the sweetest in the area, and he enjoyed sharing with neighbors and friends. He was an active member of Honey Ford Baptist Church, having served as a dedicated Usher and Trustee Emeritus. He was Chief of the Baptist Usher's Union.

David was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Mrs. Hattie Mines Sanders. They were hard workers, and he depended on Hattie Bell to take care of the family business while he worked tirelessly as a master brick layer. He attended Capernaum School in Denmark and became a self-taught brick mason under the training of his uncle and older brother. His work can be seen across the state and country on many historical buildings, industrial buildings, colleges/university buildings, personal dwellings, and churches, including his beloved Honey Ford Baptist Church, where he and family members laid bricks to surround the original structure. He worked throughout the area and in surrounding states of North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, and even worked on a security fence at the Empire State Building with his brother-in-law in New York City.

Siblings who preceded David in death include brothers Louis, Benjamin, Samuel, Olden and John Sanders; and sisters Salina Sanders and Samella Sanders Washington.

He leaves to cherish his memories, a dedicated daughter, Dr. Gloria (Rev. Larry) McCutcheon of Orangeburg; and a devoted son, Deacon David (Mrs. Dorothy) Sanders Jr. of Winter Park, FL. While his siblings reside out of state, he had regular conversations with his loving sister, Mrs. Lessie Mae Davis of Washington, D.C. and caring brother, Mr. Willie (Mrs. Christine) Sanders of Bronx, New York. He also leaves cherished memories with sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruthie M. Sanders, who was one of his caregivers, and brother-in-law, Mr. Andrew Washington who checked in on him, both of Denmark. Mr. Sanders was blessed with four granddaughters who have precious memories and loved him dearly, Mrs. Carmen (Mr. Alphonso) Simon of Richmond, VA; Dr. Priscilla McCutcheon (Dr. Joseph) Benitez of Lexington, KY; Ms. Crystal J. Sanders and Ms. Aimee J. Sanders, both of Atlanta, GA. He was blessed to have four great-grandchildren who made him smile: Emmanuel David and Paloma Jeanine Benitez of Lexington, KY and twins Grace Marie and Emma Jean Simon of Richmond, VA. He also leaves a host of caring nieces, nephews, and cousins to cherish his memories.

David enjoyed talking, joking, and praying with his caregivers, Mrs. Ruthie Sanders, Mrs. Romell Ingram, Mrs. Roy Mae Johnson, Ms. Sallie Ray, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie (Helen) Grimes, as well, as the nurses at The Methodist Oaks, Pruitt Health and Grove Park Hospice.

Funeral service was held at noon on March 4, 2022, at Honey Ford Baptist Church in Denmark with Dr. Lucious Dixon officiating. Burial followed at the church cemetery. Sacred arrangements were entrusted to Dash's Funeral Home of Bamberg.

Viewing for the public was held on Thursday, March 3 from 3-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Due to COVID there will be no visitation at the residence; however, the family invites friends to call 803-793-3779 to express condolences.

May he rest in peace!

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Ann Harrison Moore



SNELLING - Ann Harrison Moore, more affectionately known as "MeMa", 79, left this earth to join her late husband, Leon "Bubba" Moore, in their heavenly home on Wednesday, March 2, 2022.

During the entirety of her marriage, she exemplified the virtuous wife as described in Proverbs 31. What comes to mind anytime anyone mentions Ann, "Mema," is her sweet spirit, loving and welcoming demeanor with everyone she encountered. You would never see her with without her hair fixed or her pink lipstick on, showing what a true southern lady, she was. To many... macaroni and cheese was her signature dish to serve while selflessly serving on the bereavement committee, the WMU, a member of the choir, and the Flower Committee at Calvary Baptist Church of Barnwell. She never met a stranger, or turned down a hug, adopting so many into her family, and loving them as her own. A woman of faith, and the heart of the Moore family, "Mema" shaped their spirituality by her tireless Christian example. Mema was well-loved in her community. She always provided support and love for her family, and proudly boasted about the accomplishments of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She remained an example of humility and respect and her smile would light up any room she was in. "Many women are capable, but you surpass them all!"

Survivors include: a son, Mitchell (Melissa) Moore; a daughter, Melissa (Alan) Champy; grandchildren: Elizabeth (Josh) Mock, Brittany (Josh) Givens, Caroline (Nick) Dobson, and Brent (Emily) Champy; and great-grandchildren: Levi and Nora Givens, Jamillynn, Josh, and Banks Mock, Liam and Madelyn Champy, and Colby Dobson. Surviving siblings include James "Sonny" (Bobbi) Harrison, Lena Stegins, and Loretta Halbert.

Ann was predeceased by her loving husband, Bubba, and her infant son, Derrick Severne Moore. She was also preceded in death by her parents (James and Orena Harrison) and siblings Margaret Creech, Janie Moore, Helen Harter, "Doll" Creech, Dorothy Williams, and Gladys Marchant.

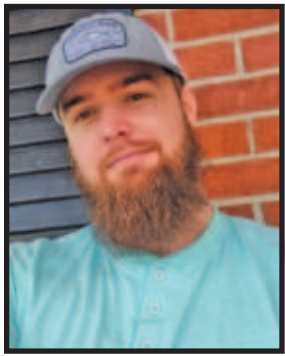
The family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to her special friend of 7 years, Joe Rosier, for their Friday night dinner and movie dates, and his faithful companionship—he made her smile. A special thank you to Ann's two sisters, Lena and Loretta, who took wonderful care of her—time or miles, never mattered when she needed them most. There are not enough words to express the quality of care, kindness, and love that Ann received through her hospice nurse, Jennifer King, and her CNA Katelyn Jordan of Trinity Hospice. These ladies became a part of her family during her 16-month journey with them.

The family will receive friends at the residence of Ann Moore. Visitation was from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Calvary Baptist Church, Barnwell. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Calvary Baptist Church of Barnwell, with Reverend Dean Deer and Reverend Dale Hutto officiating. Burial was at Seven Pines Cemetery in Snelling following the service. Pallbearers included Edwin Jones, Trey Anderson, Brookie Anderson, Chris Rahn, Kevin Halbert, Gerald Moore, Greg Thornton, and William Youmans. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you make donations to Calvary Baptist Church of Barnwell, in her memory.

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

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Sean Mims



BARNWELL COUNTY - A memorial service for Sean Alexander Mims, 27, of Barnwell County, will be held at 11 o'clock a.m., Saturday, March 12, 2022, at Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church in Barnwell with the Reverend Timmy Gunnells officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to Folk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C. 29853.

Sean passed away on Monday, March 7, 2022.

Born in Richland County, he was a son of Patsy Gunnells (Charlie) Elledge and the late Alexander Wilhelm Mims. He was a member of Green Branch Pentecostal Holiness Church and formerly worked with Villager Construction in road signage and traffic routes. He loved his road construction job, he

also loved emergency flashing lights. He enjoyed playing in the park with his children and just being outside with them. Sean loved social media he enjoyed connecting with his friends through Facebook and loved watching TikTok. He loved building woodwork and working with his hands.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his wife, Jo Anna-Lyn Rogers Mims; his daughters, Jaycee Wren Mims and Everleigh Lyn Mims; sister, Courtney Alexis (Joshua) Long of Williston; a half-sister, Danielle Mims of Barnwell; sister-in-law, Carleigh (Jackson) Creed of Healing Springs; brother-in-law, Carlton Drake Rogers of Olar, sister-in-law, Tatum Teal Rogers of Olar; his granny, Judy G. Still of Blackville; grandad, Donnie Gunnells of Barnwell; grandmother, Linda Elledge of Williston; mother-in-law and step-father-in-law, Kathleen and Dan Gunnells of Olar; father-in-law, Tate Rogers of Barnwell; seven nieces, one nephew and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins whom he dearly loved.

He was preceded in death by his papa, Eirby Still; and grandparents, Deborah Mims and Larry Mims.

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

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JDA inducts students into National Honor Society



Jefferson Davis Academy recently held their National Honor Society Induction. New members include, from left to right, Micah Brown, Stacey Newsome, Cheyenne Sands, Clifford Still, Logan Croft, Hunter Zorn, Garrison Owens, Reece Brown, Kaylee Livingston, Carrie Hutto, Lilly Carson, Kallie Abbott

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WEHS Staff Spotlight: Mary Wright



Mary Wright

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Williston District 29

Mary Wright has been a special education teacher at Williston-Elko High School for four years.

She grew up in Fort Pierce, Florida, and as she was driving through South Carolina, she decided to stay. She came to work for Williston-Elko School District as she is part of the community and the school is close to her home. She decided to become a teacher to help her daughter graduate from high school, and decided to stay due to growing to love the school and students.

She used to work at a nuclear power plant as an armed security guard, and as a domestic engineer. If Mrs. Wright did not work at the high school, then she would like to be an investigator or detective.

She is both an adventurer and a homemaker as she enjoys baking, crafting, woodworking, golfing, traveling with her family, and kayaking.

Mary Wright is someone who is hard working, and is helpful to her students, the staff, and the community.

Ukuleles bring new sounds of music to BES

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Barnwell District 45

Barnwell School District 45 teachers are constantly finding new ways to keep students engaged while continuing to stay safe and healthy.

Barnwell Elementary Music Teacher Betsy Hair has worked diligently on her "Ukulele Project" to provide her students with an unforgettable experience. Hair developed the "Ukulele Project" because she wanted something new and fun for her students. The ukuleles will be used to teach chords and simple songs, but most importantly, will help foster a love of music.

Hair set a goal to purchase thirty-two ukuleles and sought out funding. After being awarded the Tri-County Community

Foundation Grant along with additional donations from Donors Choose, she met her goal within three months. The quick outpouring of donations not only allowed Hair to purchase all of the ukuleles, but also a storage stand and a tuner to keep the ukuleles in perfect pitch.

"The ukulele project has the potential to make a difference in many ways in our school and in our community," Hair shared. "Our students at Barnwell Elementary

School will be learning an instrument, which can help instill many positive characteristics in a child, such as determination, confidence, and purpose. I am very excited about our students learning the ukulele because of the many positive qualities that can come from learning an instrument."

Barnwell Elementary School, along with everyone in Barnwell School District 45, is eager to watch this new musical venture grow.



Mrs. Betsy Hair, Barnwell Elementary School (BES) music teacher, is pictured here with some new instruments for students at BES.

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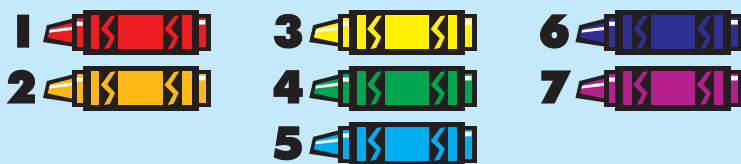
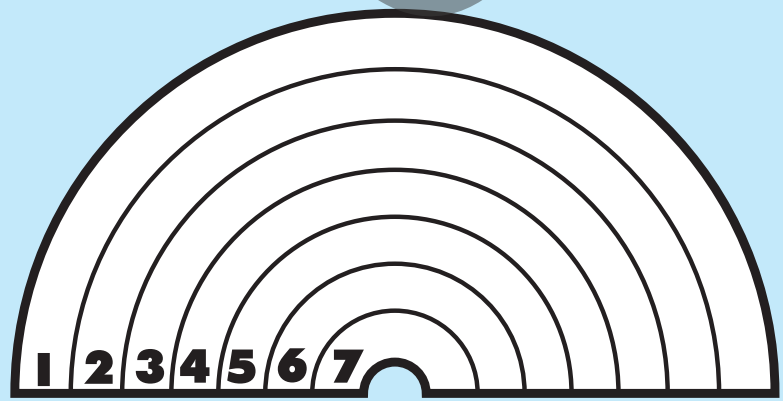
Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

Kid Scoop Junior

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Rainbow Colors

Use your colors and find out the way a rainbow is colored.



My Rhyme Time

Red and yellow, pink and green,
Orange and purple, and blue,
I can sing a rainbow,
Sing a rainbow, too.

My name:

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

My Letters

V is for Violet
v is for violet



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

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

My Numbers

How many V?

How many ?

How many ?



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.



Violet is the color of



Sunday

Letter Identification
With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter V in violet.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 2 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

Rainbow News
Select a sheet of the newspaper that is mostly columns of type. Have your child color or paint each column a color of the rainbow. Say the name of each color as it is applied. For example: "Now I am coloring (painting) the color red."

Wednesday

What Comes Next?
Open the newspaper to one of the first 10 pages and tell your child the page number. Ask, "What page will come next? What page will come before?"

Thursday

Rainbow Headlines
Use the colors of the rainbow to decorate a page of the newspaper. Have your child trace the letters in the headlines in different rainbow colors.

Friday

Pictures to Paint
Water color paints add life to black and white pictures in the newspaper. Have your child paint the pictures!



Saturday

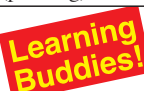
Find the Pairs
With your child, look through the newspaper for two of things. In a picture of a person your child can point out two eyes, two ears, two arms, etc. Use the word "pair" to describe the things that come in twos. (i.e. a pair of eyes).

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.

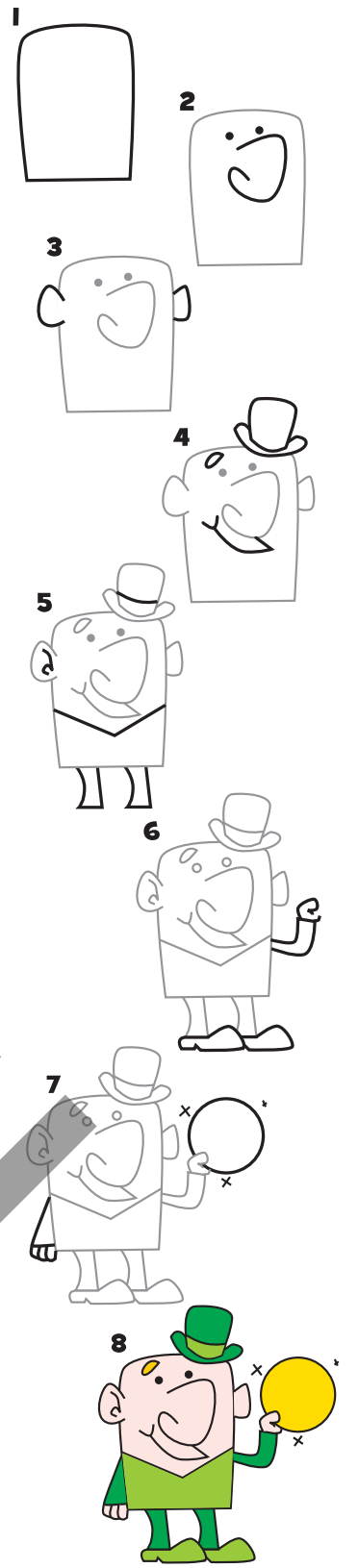
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How to Draw a LEPRECHAUN



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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS
This week's word: ABBREVIATION
 The noun **abbreviation** means a shortened form of a word or phrase.
 Molly changed her name to the **abbreviation M** to shorten the space on the page.
 Try to use the word **abbreviation** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.



THINK GREEN!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Although it began in Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in countries around the world. People with Irish heritage remind themselves of the beautiful green countryside of Ireland by wearing green and taking part in the festivities.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare the beliefs, customs, traditions and social practices of various cultures.

Shamrocks!

In Ireland, clover leaves are also called **shamrocks**. Fields of clover or shamrocks are part of what make Ireland's countryside so green.

Most shamrocks have three leaves. But sometimes one grows with four leaves. This is called a lucky four-leaf clover. Can you find one on this page?

Standards Link: Classification: Visual Discrimination.

Shamrock Shoe Search

The leprechaun Seamus O'Scoop has hidden 10 shoes in these shamrocks. Can you find them all?

How Big Are Leprechauns?

Can you read three shoe-lengths of news? Put your shoes end to end to measure three shoe lengths. Mark the length on a piece of paper. Now read a news story in today's newspaper. Using your measure, find the length of your news story. Did you read the length of a leprechaun?

Standards Link: Math: Measure the length of given objects.

Wee folk are we. At most we grow to the length of your shoes times three!

What Comes Next?

Look for a pattern in each row. Draw the picture that comes next in the box at the end of each row.



Standards Link: Math: Students identify and extend simple patterns.

How Did Leprechauns Get Their Gold?

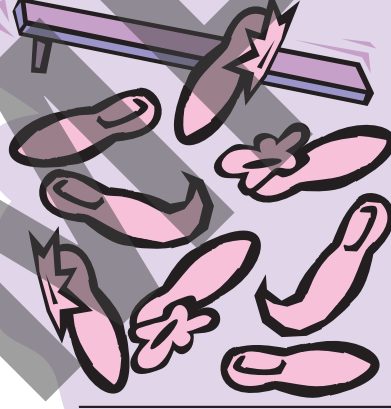
Stories from Ireland tell about magical little people called **leprechauns** who make shoes for fairies. Fairies wear out their shoes quickly because they dance all night. Leprechauns sell a lot of shoes to fairies and the fairies always pay in gold. This is what the stories say. What do you think?



Can you find the leprechaun twins? Careful—they're tricky!

Standards Link: Social Science: Students compare beliefs of various cultures drawing from folklore.

The leprechaun's shoe shelf has toppled. Can you match the pairs of fairy shoes?



Standards Link: Math: Students identify, sort and classify objects.

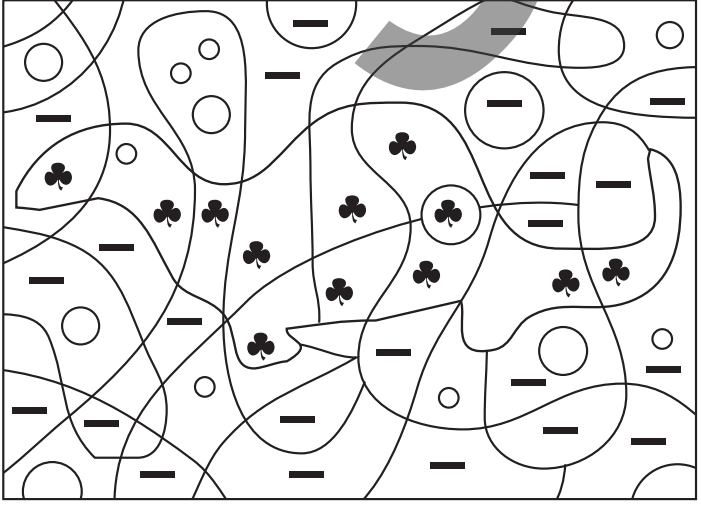
Extra! Extra! Abbreviations

"St." is an abbreviation for the word Saint. Clip six examples of abbreviations from the newspaper. Write the whole word for each abbreviation.

Standards Link: Writing Conventions: Identify and correctly use abbreviations.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Color each shape with a shamrock green. What is hidden in this box?



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Students follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- SHAMROCK
- IRISH
- HERITAGE
- GREEN
- FAIRIES
- SHOES
- SAINT
- CLOVER
- GOLD
- MAGICAL
- LUCKY
- FOUR
- LEAF
- PATRICKS
- DAY

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



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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Lucky Shamrock Adjectives

Clip five words from the newspaper to describe St. Patrick's Day. Paste the words on a green shamrock. Write a sentence using each adjective. Select your favorite sentence and use it as the main idea for a paragraph.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use adjectives correctly in writing.



How many shamrocks can a leprechaun eat on an empty stomach?

ANSWER: One. After eating one shamrock, his stomach is no longer empty.

Write On! Four-leaf Clover

I knew my luck would change when I picked up a four-leaf clover. *Finish this story.*



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Barnwell beats Batesburg-Leesville to finish tournament 3-1

Jeff Miller
Sports Writer

The Barnwell baseball team defeated a strong Batesburg-Leesville team 10-5 Saturday, March 5 to finish the Windham Sports Turf Invitational tournament with a 3-1 record. With the win the Warhorses finished in the third place for the tournament hosted by Pelion High School.

Warhorse pitching was led by Cameron Austin who had two wins, Haiden Sanders who had one win, and Jerry Sanders got a save, striking out four over two innings. Offensively for the Horses, Clay Pender, Cameron Austin, Jerry Sanders, and Hayden Pierce have led the way. In Saturday's game, Clay Pender was 2/3 with three RBIs, Hayden Pierce was 2/4 with two runs, Cam Austin was 2/3 with two RBIs.

"Pender, Austin, Sanders, and Pierce have swung the bat well so far this year. We are coming off of a win against a really tough Batesburg-Leesville team, and outscored them 10-5," said Coach Will Gee. "I was very pleased with the way we have responded after a bad loss to Newberry to start the season. The guys found some energy and are playing with a chip on their shoulder. While we do have six seniors, we also have some freshmen who are playing significant roles. These young guys are buying in and are really making an impact."

The main focus for the Horses is to improve their game defensively, he said.

"We have done a good job throwing strikes and keeping hitters off balance. At the plate, we are becoming more aggressive which should lead to more production. We still have a way to go to get to where we want to be," Gee said.

Barnwell's next game is at home against Branchville on March 7 then face Williston-Elko and play Friday, March 11 at Bamberg-Ehrhardt.

Good luck Warhorses!

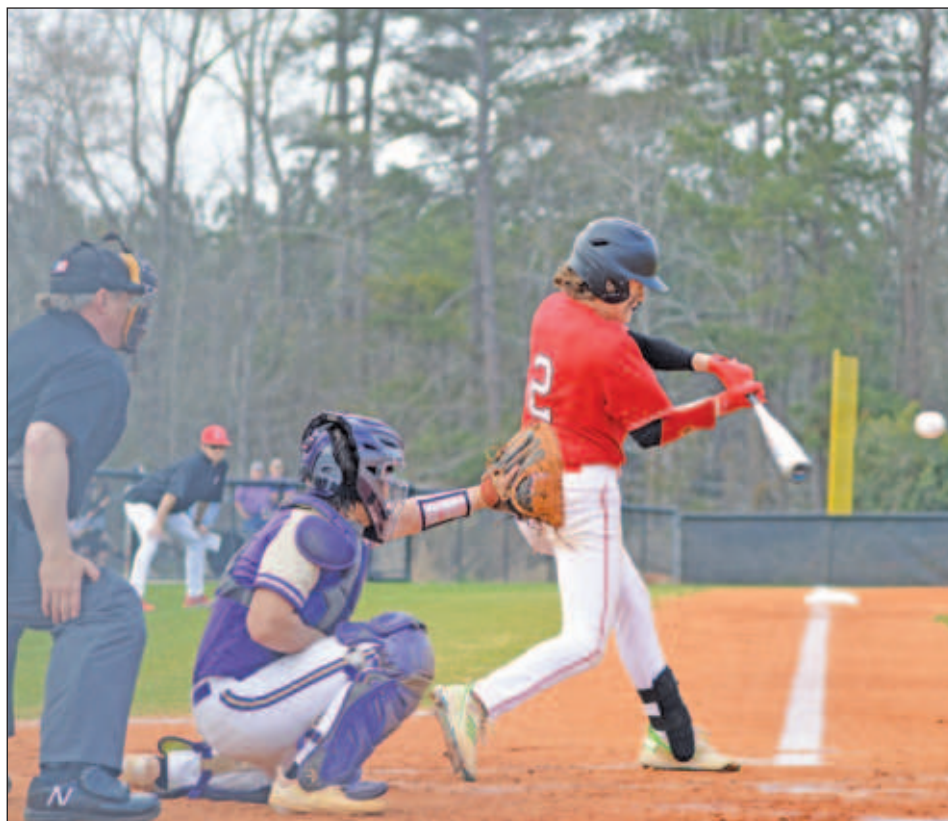


Warhorse catcher Weston Sandifer makes a great play to deny a run.

Photos by: Mindy Sandifer



Barnwell shortstop Nathan Moody tags out baserunner.



LEFT: BHS's Clay Pender scores another Warhorse run.

ABOVE: Hayden Pierce's hot bat helped the Horses to a 3-1 record in the tournament.

RIGHT: Barnwell pitcher Jerry Sanders pitched well for the save.

Warhorse boys soccer season opens in Columbia

Jeff Miller
Sports Writer

The Barnwell High School boys soccer team opened the 2022 season Thursday, March 3rd

by travelling to Columbia to face Columbia High. Despite playing better defense in the second half, the Warhorses lost to the Capitals 4-0.

This was the first outing for the Horses and coach William Barnes. The team was not able to scrimmage before the opener.

"This was a game that the Warhorses will take as a learning experience," said Coach Barnes. "After falling down 3-0 in the first half, the horses were able to slow down Columbia's offensive attack and played better in the second half." He added that Barnwell "played defensive soccer with our backs to the goal most of the night."

Coach Barnes saw some signs of promise in newcomers Marshall Warren and Devan Hayward. He also noted that RJ Frickling made multiple saves and senior leader Charlie Zorn played an important role from his sweeper position.

Barnwell boys soccer faced Bamberg-Ehrhardt High on Monday, March 7th in their home opener. Kickoff was set for 7:30 p.m.



Coach William Barnes getting the team ready for action.

Photos by: Tabitha Zorn



Kaleb Wilson makes a play on the ball vs. Columbia High School



Goal keeper RJ Frickling gets ready to put the ball in play for the Warhorses.

Blue Devil athletics gear up for spring season

David B. Corder
Sports Writer

Spring is here. Flowers are blooming, bees are buzzing, and the Blue Devil athletes are gearing up for an exciting season.

The coaches of Williston-Elko have been busy preparing their teams for the upcoming season as they face off against various opponents. One of these is Benjamin Mitchell who oversees the golf team.

"We are hoping to build experience this year with three new members on the team and four members without match experience,"

he said. "We are shooting for our two returning members to place at regionals in individuals."

For Mitchell, one of the goals in cultivating his team is focusing on the "short game" or scoring within a hundred yards of the green, a range that will make or break a good score.

Off the green and on the track, Coach Amanda Carter boasts a team of 20 players, her largest team yet. The team is made up mainly of freshmen.

"I hope to start them practicing and getting better as the season progresses, so that by next year, the entire team will be able to go to state," she said. "As for the players

who have been on the team since last year, I hope that those athletes will be able to go to state for the 400 meter and the 4 x 100 relay."

Areas of focus for Carter have included getting her team to get their timing down for the relay and improve their running skills. She has also focused on their baton passing. For her team members who throw, Carter pulled in graduate Jordan Armstrong to give tips on how to properly throw the discus and shotput.

"I am fortunate I have previous athletes who are willing to come out and help our new athletes become better," Carter states.

From the track field to the baseball diamond, Coach Alan Leroy hopes to have a consistent baseball team.

"We need to be able to pitch well, play defense well, and hit and bunt the ball well consistently to have a productive season," he said.

The team has already had one scrimmage against Swansea, in which they did fairly well. "There were lots of positives and plenty of things that we need to improve on," said Leroy. "I was really pleased with our competitiveness and composure throughout the scrimmage."

For Leroy, the main fo-

cus for his team has been preparation for the grind of the season and getting his athletes to play well, both offensively and defensively.

Bernard Walters, coach of the Williston-Elko High boys tennis team, is also preparing his athletes. He has high hopes, hoping to see his team reach the State Championship.

For his athletes, Walters has been focusing on consistency and strategy in playing long matches.

"If the team focuses and wins, there is no obstacle that cannot be overcome," he said. "We have young men that teach each other the benefits of trying and failing

and then succeeding."

Be sure to see their competitions!

Here's a look at the first match for each team:

- **Golf**—First match against Barnwell and Bamberg at Bamberg on March 9th.
- **Track**—First meet in Calhoun County on March 16th.
- **Baseball**—First game at HKT on March 7th.
- **Tennis**—First match will be against Aiken High in Aiken.

With eager coaches and eager students, the Blue Devils are sure to have a fine spring 2022 athletic season.

Topete-Bravo kicks off season for Barnwell girls



Photo by: Tabitha Zorn

Nancy Topete-Bravo scored Barnwell's first goal of the season vs. Midland Valley.

JDA recognizes senior student-athletes



Contributed Photo

Jefferson Davis Academy Senior Night was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Pictured front row from left to right: Cate Polston, Madie Pritchard, Ansley Grace Still, Natalie Creech; Back row from left to right: Patrick Abbott, Garrison Owens, Thomas Payne.

Sundial 2022 Festivals

March 12

9 am - 3 pm

The Circle in Downtown
Barnwell, SC



A day of family fun in Barnwell featuring handmade crafts, food, entertainment, and much more.

* EVENT SCHEDULE *

- 9:00 A.M.**
Festival Begins
Mac Millen (Sundial Stage)
- 9:30 A.M.**
Art & Blue-Ribbon Contest Sign Up / Food Drop Off (Blue-Ribbon Tent)
- 10:00 A.M.**
Rhonda McFadden (Sundial Stage)
- 10:30 A.M.**
Marvale Rox (Sundial Stage)
- 11:00 A.M.**
Art & Blue-Ribbon Contest Judging (Blue-Ribbon Tent)
Winners Announced (Sundial Stage/ immediately following judging)
- 11:30 A.M.**
Riverbanks (Sundial Stage)
- Egg Hunt (Fire Station across from Police Department)**
- 12:00 P.M.**
Barnwell Baton & Dance (Stage 2 in front of Library)
- 12:30 P.M.**
1 Accrd (Sundial Stage)
- 1:30 P.M.**
Car, Truck & Bike Cruise followed by announcement of winners (Sundial Stage)
- Blue Fire Drumline from Williston-Elko High School (Stage 2, in front of Library - 1:45 p.m.)**
- 2:00 P.M.**
Kyle Landon
- 3:00 P.M.**
End of Festival

OVER 40 VENDORS!

- Limelife by Bonnie
- Bates Vinyl & More
- The People-Sentinel
- Book Worm
- Amie's Clean Abode
- Life Tabernacle Church
- Kreative Kreations
- Pookie and Co. Car Freshies
- Bethany Baptist Church
- Cascades Tissue
- SRP Federal Credit Union
- Aiken County Public School District-Head Start/Early Head Start
- Scentsy
- Perfectly Posh
- LC's Delightful Designs
- Riverbanks
- Denmark Technical College
- Melanin Queen LLC
- Forever Young Clothing Brand
- Warhorse Club
- KC Kandles and Soaps, Big Mamas Designs
- Christ Presbyterian Church
- Celebrate Recovery
- LaRaines Creations
- Wanda's Whimseys
- Maya Wireless
- Tarot Reading
- J&M Design
- Color Street
- Brenda Jewels & Gems
- Apex Clean Energy
- Black Shadow Iron Work Gift Shop
- WoodWonders by Pam
- Chandler Law Firm
- Barbies Boutique/JY Designs
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- Barnwell County First Steps
- Sewn By Charlotte
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- The Purse Lady
- Pampered Chef
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Mac Millen



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Marvale Rox



Riverbanks



Barnwell Baton & Dance



Blue Fire Drumline

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The Sundial Festival is collecting donations to support MEALS ON WHEELS! To help raise money this year, go to <https://www.barnwellsundial.com/sundial-charity>
All proceeds will be donated to help feed our community.

In-person Lenten services back after 2 years



Attendees of the March 2 Lenten service sing "There's Not A Friend Like The Lowly Jesus".



Rev. Bart Kelley preaches during the March 2 service.

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In-person Barnwell County Lenten Services resumed last week after nearly two years.

Lenten services were shut down midway through the series in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and were only held virtually in 2021. However, in-person services are being held this year during the seven weeks leading up to Easter. The theme is the miracles of Jesus.

"Thank you for the season of lent where we remember that we are but dust, we are mortal, and we are destined to die. You have sent your son, so we have the opportunity for everlasting life," said Bill Clarkson, the priest at the Church of the Holy Apostles in Barnwell, the

location for the March 2 service.

Using the message of Jesus turning water into wine as found in John 2:1-11, Rev. Bart Kelley, pastor of Barnwell First Baptist, talked about how Christians should live life abundantly.

"Do you wake up and praise Him?" he asked.

He said he thought he used to know what excitement was until recently. However, he's seen excitement lived out through his wife Tonya as she's kept her faith and positive attitude while battling stage four breast cancer.

"Life is hard for the sinner and saint, but there is hope in the saint but none in the sinner," said Kelley. "We can show them (unbelievers) hope and love."

Just as Jesus turned water into wine, which filled the pots to the brim, "He fills us up so much that we

are rivers of living water like fountains overflowing. He changes our life and others, so they too see abundant life and want to partake in that," said Kelley.

He said Christians sometimes worry too much about what the world thinks rather than what God thinks. He encourages believers to live their lives for Jesus by spreading the message of God's love and how Jesus died on the cross for everyone's sins.

"He still loves us, even

non-believers. That cross was for everyone," Kelley said.

Miracles still happen nowadays, Kelley said. He's seen marriages saved that were on the brink of failure. He's also seen people survive health issues that doctors said were going to kill them. He's seen people forgive others during tough situations.

The next Lenten service is March 9 at Barnwell United Methodist Church. Lunch is at noon followed by a brief service at 12:30 p.m.



Priest Bill Clarkson places a cross of ashes on Ethel Faust's forehead at the end of the Ash Wednesday Lenten service.

Awaken has rocking-good time at Winter Jam concert



Teens with the Awaken student ministry at Williston First Baptist Church traveled to Winter Jam in Columbia on Feb. 25.

David B. Corder
 Contributing Writer

Friday night, Feb. 25, was an excellent time for First Baptist Church Williston's brand-new student ministry, Awaken.

Ten students and five chaperones had the opportunity to take a trip to the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia to see the annual Winter Jam concert. The concert is a conglomerate of various Christian artists putting on a remarkable

show. Youth groups from all over the state came together to listen to music and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In addition to listening to multiple bands for only \$10, students also had the opportunity to visit vendors, win scholarship money from Liberty University, and so much more.

The concert was headlined by the hard-rock band Skillet. Other acts included rapper KB, Colton Dixon, NewSong, and many more.

"Winter Jam was an amazing experience for me. I wasn't expecting [a band like] Skillet to be there," said Olivia Kaney, a 7th grader at Williston-Elko Middle School, whose favorite performance was by Skillet. "It was the first Winter Jam for me and I loved it."

The Awaken Youth Ministry started this year at Williston FBC with Joseph Sanders as the student minister. He has been actively engaged in the community and the local

schools in order to give teens a safe and fun place to go during the week. Winter Jam was just one of many events that Awaken will be taking a part of this year.

Awaken has weekly meetings at 6 p.m. every Wednesday night at Williston First Baptist Church in its gym. Students in grades 6 to 12 are welcome to attend and enjoy snacks, games, and music as well as a message presented by Sanders.

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- Manage Stress

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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. 10
Theatre Auditions:
The Carol Burnette show is coming to Circle Theatre! Auditions will be at Circle Theatre (325 Academy Street, Barnwell) Come out and be a part of this hilarious production! Roles for men and women.
6:30-8 p.m.

Apr. 9
Community Outreach, Stop the Violence:
Speakers will include - A.V. Strong, Gang relation activist; John Holston Blackville Community Center, Blackville, SC
10AM-2PM

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

Apr. 16
Easter Egg Hunt:
Town of Williston, please bring your Easter basket. Age groups- 3 & under; 4-6; and 7-10.
Williston Town Park
Contact: Shannon Mundy, 803-300-1912
1PM



March 2022

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Holidays
1st - Mardi Gras
13th - Daylight Savings Time
17th - St. Patrick's Day

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Meetings

Mar. 22
The Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center Board of Directors
will meet virtually on **5:30 p.m.**
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1st Tuesdays
Barnwell Development Association:
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3rd Wednesdays
The Barnwell Non-Profit Roundtable
All Non-Profits are invited to attend to get to know various organizations and serve our community. We discuss problems, hopes, what's working and what is not.
218 Main St. Barnwell, SC
8-9am

Activities

Barnwell Library

CHILDREN
page @librarybarnwell. Story time is appropriate for all ages.
Mar. 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

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

Williston Library

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

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. 11
Sandlapper SPLUDS 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.

Mar. 25
Pancake Supper and Benefit Auction:
Calvary Mennonite School
Pancake, sausage, bacon, eggs, homemade cinnamon rolls
Children under 3 free
4-10 years old \$7
Adults \$10
Benefit Auction:
Hand stitched quilts, crafts, 10x12 storage building, tools, baked goods, in-home meals, local beef, etc.
Calvary Mennonite School
2436 Healing Springs Rd. Blackville, SC 29817
803-671-0481
5-8PM

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

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

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

Discipleship Training
Sundays - 6pm, Worship at 7pm

6:45pm - Evening worship service
WEDNESDAY
7:00pm - Prayer service

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

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:

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

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

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

Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church
10620 Dunbarton Boulevard., Barnwell
Inside Services: Sunday school at 9 a.m. and services at 10 a.m. Bible study is held Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. Please wear a mask.

Unity Baptist Church
Pastor Brian Howard
5504 Hilda Rd Blackville, SC 29817
Sunday School: 9:45am
Sunday Worship: 11am and 6pm
Mid-week service: 1 Thursday JAM kids (supper provided) 6pm and Adult service 7pm

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

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

Long Branch Baptist church
3223 Highway 37
Williston, SC
SUNDAY
9:15am - Sunday school
10:30am - Morning worship service
5:30pm - Bible study

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

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

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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: Daisy Mae Mincy, Date of Death: January 28, 2022, Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00036, Personal Representative: David Mincy, Address: 833 Walker Street, Blackville, S.C. 29817, March 9, 16, 23, 2022, 2022-44 3tp 03-23-22

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE COUNTY OF CHARLESTON NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NO.: 2021-DR-10-3539 CARL E. DAVIS, JR., Plaintiff, vs.

SUMMONS CAROL R. LOOMER DAVIS, Defendant. TO: THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint upon the Plaintiff's attorney, Iyla N. Bowman, Esquire at P.O. Box 63384, North Charleston, SC 29419-2252 within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons upon you, not counting the day of service. If you fail to Answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TYLA N. BOWMAN, ESQUIRE Attorney for the Plaintiff P.O. Box 63384 North Charleston, SC 29419 2252 (843) 300-0373 E: tylab@bowman.law.net December 2, 2021 North Charleston, SC 2022-45 3tc 03-23-22

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE FAMILY COURT SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BARNWELL Case No. 20-DR-06-155 South Carolina Department of Social Services, Plaintiff vs.

SUMMONS, NOTICE OF HEARING Demelita Gates Defendants. IN THE INTERESTS OF Minor children born in 2019 TO Demelita Gates YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Summons, Notice of Hearing, Complaint in and to the minor child in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Barnwell County Office of the Clerk of Court at 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, on November 5, 2020, a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the attorney, Susanna Ringle, for the Plaintiff at 1410 Park Ave S.E. P.O. Drawer 1268 Aiken, SC 29802, within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time stated, the Plaintiff will apply for judgment by default against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you have the right to be present and represented by an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, the court will appoint an attorney to represent you. It is your responsibility to contact the Barnwell County Clerk of Court's Office, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, to apply for appointment of an attorney to represent you if you cannot afford an attorney (take all of these papers with you if you apply). YOU MUST APPLY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY IF YOU DO NOT APPLY FOR AN ATTORNEY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE COMPLAINT. AN ATTORNEY WILL NOT BE APPOINTED FOR YOU. YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that a Non-Emergency Removal

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Qualified candidates must apply online at www.barnwell19.k12.sc.us/Employment
Contact David Corder, Interim Superintendent, at 803-284-5608 with questions.

BARNWELL COUNTY GOVERNMENT
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Detention Center—Detention Officer (F/T)
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Public Works—Roads Foreman (F/T)
Public Works—Shop Mechanic (F/T)
Solid Waste—Truck Driver (F/T)
Voter's Registration—Clerk (P/T)
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12 sick days
401K
YMCA Membership Discount.
Health, Life, Vision & Dental Insurance
All benefits begin immediately (Insurance begins 1st of the following month)
You may apply in person at the **Barnwell County Administration Building, Human Resources Office, Room 114 (57 Wall Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812)** or at the **S.C. Employment and Workforce Office (248 Wall Street, Barnwell, S.C. 29812).**
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Hearing will be held in this matter on May 11, 2022 at 2:00 P.M. at the Barnwell County Courthouse located at 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812. Please get in contact with Barnwell County Department of Social Services legal department for further instructions if you do not attend, the relief sought may be granted in your absence. 2022-46 3tc 03-23-22

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Estate: Hammie James Brooks Date of Death: July 21, 2020 Case Number: 2021 FS 06 00106 Personal Representative: Sandra Brooks Address: 2143 Silverdale Road, Augusta, GA 30906 Co. Personal Representative: Karen Brooks Courtney Address: 2143 Silverdale Road, Augusta, GA 30906 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-47 3tp 03-23-22

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Estate: Charles Perry Zorn Date of Death: February 4, 2022 Case Number: 2022 FS 06 00040 Personal Representative: Linda S. Zorn Address: 767 Zorn Drive, Barnwell, SC 29812 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-48 3tp 03-23-22

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 Allendale County, the address of which is 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, S.C. 29810, 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: Alma Mancr Date of Death: December 5, 2021 Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00015 Personal Representative: Eugene Mancr Address: 7824 Bluff Road, Allendale, S.C. 29810 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-49 3tp 03-23-22

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Estate: Minnie I. Walker Date of Death: September 23, 2021 Case Number: 2021 FS 03 00112 Personal Representative: Reggie

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Walker Address: 1363 Appleton Road, Allendale, S.C. 29810 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-50 3tp 03-23-22

NOTICE OF HEARING IN THE PROBATE COURT

CASE NUMBER: 2022 FS-06-00023 2022 ES 06 00022 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF: BARNWELL IN THE MATTER OF: RALPH ERNEST WILLIAMSON AND ANNE LAURA WILLIAMSON (Decedent) DATE: April 22, 2022 TIME: 2:00 PM PLACE: Barnwell County Probate Court, 57 Wall Street, Suite 108, Barnwell, SC 29812. PURPOSE OF HEARING: Petitioner to determine heirs of Ralph Ernest Williamson and Annie Laura Williamson. Executed this 18th day February, 2022.

Rosalyn Henderson-Myers, Esp Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 3341, Spartanburg, S.C. 29304 (864) 345-2221 rhmyers@hendersonlawgroupsc.com

NOTE: Probate Court recommends that all interested parties be represented by counsel licensed to practice law in South Carolina. If any interested party wishes to represent him/herself, he/she will be required to adhere to the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and South Carolina Rules of Evidence.

*When sending Notice of Hearing to interested parties upon whom pleadings were not required to be served, attach the petition or motion to be held.

SUMMONS

IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NUMBER: 2022 ES 06 00023 2022 FS-06-00022 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF: BARNWELL IN THE MATTER OF: RALPH ERNEST WILLIAMSON, ANNE LAURA WILLIAMSON, Decedent Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan, Petitioner, vs.

John Doe, Respondent TO THE RESPONDENT LISTED ABOVE: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Petition in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the Petitioner(s) listed above at the following address(es) Rosalyn Henderson Myers, Esq Attorney for Petitioner P.O. Box 3341 Spartanburg, SC 29304 Your Answer must be served on the Petitioner at the above address within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Petition upon you, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Petition within that time, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

PETITION TO DETERMINE HEIRS

IN THE PROBATE COURT CASE NUMBER: 2022 ES 06 00023 2022 ES-06-00022 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF: BARNWELL IN THE MATTER OF: RALPH ERNEST WILLIAMSON, ANNE LAURA WILLIAMSON, ERNEST RUTH WILLIAMSON JORDAN (Petitioner) v.

JOHN DOE (Respondent). Petitioner will respectfully show unto this Honorable Court that: Petitioner, Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan, is the surviving daughter of Decedents Ralph Ernest Williamson and Annie Laura Williamson and a resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Respondent, John Doe is a potential heir of the Decedents and has not yet been identified. Decedents Annie Laura Williamson and Ralph Ernest Williamson married on April 3, 1946, in Barnwell County, South Carolina and remained married until the death of Decedent Annie Laura Williamson.

Decedent, Ralph Ernest Williamson died intestate in Richland County, South Carolina on July 22, 1997. Decedent Ralph Ernest Williamson's estate was never probated. A copy of his death certificate is attached. At the time of his death, Decedent Ralph Ernest Williamson was a resident of Barnwell County, South Carolina. Decedent Annie Laura Williamson, died intestate in Aiken County, South Carolina on June 8, 1995. Decedent Annie Laura Williamson's estate was never probated. A certified copy of her death certificate is attached. At the time of Decedent Annie Laura Williamson's death, Decedent Ralph Ernest Williamson and Annie Laura Williamson held 100% interest in joint tenancy in certain realproperty located at 2507 Gadsden St., Barnwell County, South Carolina (LMS No: 091-03-02-011) as owners in joint tenancy. A copy of the deed is attached hereto and made part of this Petition.

The Probate Court of Barnwell County has subject matter jurisdiction of these proceedings pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. & 62 1 302 (a)

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(1), 1976 as amended. Venue is properly laid in Barnwell County pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. & 62 3 201 (a) (1), 1976 as amended.

Decedents had one child during their life, Ruth Jordan, born on May 19, 1949, in Barnwell County, South Carolina. A certified copy of the child's birth certificate is attached hereto and made a part of this Petition. At the time of the Decedent Annie Laura Williamson's death subject property passed intestate to the surviving spouse, Decedent Ralph Ernest Williamson with 1/2 interest, and the child, Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan with 1/2 interest.

At the time of Decedent Ralph Ernest Williamson's death, his interest passed to their daughter, Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan. Petitioner, Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan is the only heir of the estates of Ralph Ernest Williamson and Annie Laura Williamson.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully pray that this Court issue its Order determining that: Decedent, Ralph Ernest Williamson, died intestate in Barnwell County, South Carolina on July 22, 1997, leaving his daughter, Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan as his heir. Decedent, Annie Laura Williamson, died intestate in Aiken County, South Carolina on June 8, 1995, leaving her husband, Ralph Ernest Williamson with 1/2 interest and her daughter, Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan with 1/2 interest. At present, the only lawful heir of

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the Decedents is their surviving daughter; Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan and her intestate share is 100%.

4.. And such other and further relief as the court deems just and proper. Respectfully Submitted, Rosalyn Henderson-Myers Attorney for Petitioner Spartanburg, South Carolina 1st day of February, 2022 Ralph Ernest Williamson (d, 1997) Annie Laura Williamson (d, 1995) Ernest Ruth Williamson Jordan (100%) 2022-51 3tc 03-23-22

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description of any security as to the claim. Estate: John Gary Driggers Jr. Date of Death: February 7, 2022 Case Number: 2021 ES 03 00016 Personal Representative: Sherry Grant

Address: 306 Shady Grove Road, Ulmer, S.C. 29849 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-52 3tp 03-23-22

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Estate: Clarence Marvin Jones Date of Death: June 25, 2021 Case Number: 2022 FS 06 00012 Personal Representative: Dwight

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David Jones Address: 236 E. Westbrook Road, Brookville, Ohio 45309 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-53 3tp 03-23-22

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Estate: Judith Ann Jones Date of Death: November 7, 2021 Case Number: 2022 FS 06 00013 Personal Representative: Dwight David Jones

Address: 236 E. Westbrook Road, Brookville, Ohio 45309 March 9, 16, 23, 2022 2022-54 3tp 03-23-22

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