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Peggy Kirkland was overcome with emotion after being surprised with the Order of the Palmetto, which is the state's highest civilian award.
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Peggy Kirkland receives Order of the Palmetto

Donna-Maria Conzalina
Contributing Writer

"I didn't teach my son to lie," said Peggy Jo Gadson Kirkland, laughing along with the crowd full of dignitaries, public servants, clergy, family and friends from near and far as she graciously accepted The Order of the Palmetto award on March 12 in the Barnwell County Courthouse.

She was indeed caught off guard, surprised and overwhelmed with gratitude as she was honored with the highest civilian award in the state of South Carolina. Mrs. Kirkland was led to believe she was attending the event to honor her son, Lieutenant Eric V. Kirkland. Everyone in the room, except her, knew differently.

Peggy Kirkland, Resident Initiative Coordinator for S.C. Regional Housing Authority #3, gathered her composure

directly and said, "The protocol has already been established. When praises go up, blessings come down. I am overjoyed and normally I'm not lost for words, at this time; I am lost for words. But with my happy voice, my overjoyed voice, my so excited voice and my blessed voice; To God be the glory! And to anyone that played a part in getting this done, I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

It was an unexpected blessing to learn her son, Lt. Eric Kirkland, nominated her for the award. Selfless, like his mother, he said, "I had the opportunity to engage with some of the individuals that have encountered my mother over the years and it was awesome. A few of them even submitted letters on her behalf which strengthened my efforts. I know (their input) weighed heavily on the governor's decision to award her this honor."

The conclusion of his nomination letter to the governor read as follows: "As her son, I am extremely honored to nominate my mother Peggy Kirkland for many years of committed community service with an abundance of contributions that extend well over 30 years. The number of lives she has changed coupled with the programs and organizations she has implemented has positively impacted communities that extend well beyond our home. Her motherly instinct and caring, generous heart have reshaped the lives of so many. I cannot count the number of times a total stranger has told me that 'your mom helped me when I was hungry and/or homeless. She is a good lady.' That she is. And for that reason, and many others, I hope you agree that she is worthy of the Order of the Palmetto award."

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S.C. Rep. Lonnie Hosey (left) presents the Order of the Palmetto to Peggy Kirkland (right) on March 12 at the Barnwell County Courthouse.
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Ice cream shop robbed

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A Barnwell ice cream shop has reopened after a thief stole money and damaged equipment.

Candyland on Main Ice Cream Parlor (540 Main St.) was burglarized after hours on the evening of March 21. The cash drawer containing \$200, a cell phone, and security camera were stolen while the point-of-sale system was damaged. A donation jar to benefit a local teen battling health issues was also taken.

"It's very disheartening to have something like this happen when we are trying to bring something good to our community," said Toni Hutchins, one of the owners.

While it's upsetting what happened, Hutchins said she feels especially awful because her mother, Barbara Christian, was the one who discovered the aftermath of the burglary the next morning when she went to open the shop.

The scene was processed by

police for evidence. Pry marks were located on the door. The donation can was later found discarded, but all the money was gone, said Hutchins.

"Police have had slim updates. There are no actual leads at this time," she said.

The burglary followed the loss of some inventory a week prior that was caused by storm damage. However, the shop's owners said they will not give up after these setbacks.

"We are not going to quit," said Hutchins.

The ice cream shop reopened two days after the burglary after ordering new equipment and cleaning up the damage.

Co-owner Beth Zorn enjoys meeting new people, coming up with creative monthly specials, and seeing the smiles on

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Blackville-Hilda hires new head football coach

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BHHS

Barnwell County Consolidated School District is pleased to announce Kevin Jones as the next Head Football Coach of Blackville-Hilda High School.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of Wren High School in Piedmont. He earned a 2005 Bachelor of Arts in Business and a 2007 master's degree in human resources development and an extended 24 graduate hours in Social Studies from Clemson University. He began his career in education in 2008 in Greenville County School District. In April 2021, Jones joined Barnwell 19 School District teaching U.S. History and World History.

"We are excited for Mr. Jones to be named the new head football coach. He has been a great addition to the Hawk Family over the past year gaining the trust and respect of faculty, staff, and students. We are glad that he will be expanding his reach to further shape our students on the football field," said BHHS Principal Christina Snider.

Jones served as an assistant coach this past season on the football coaching staff for the Hawks. He has almost two decades of football coaching experience with most of his career being spent in the Upstate of South Carolina. He has worked as both an



Kevin Jones

offensive and defensive coordinator. As the passing game coordinator at Blue Ridge High School, he helped lead the Tigers to back-to-back one loss seasons and two region titles. As the defensive coordinator for Emerald High School, his Vikings defense set a school record for fewest points given up in a season and advanced deep into the AAA play-offs.

"I could not be more excited to be the head football coach at Blackville-Hilda High School. As someone that enjoys the history of high school football in South Carolina, Blackville-Hilda is a name that is associated with tradition and excellence

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It's no joke! 1950 Census to be released April 1st

Linda Farron Knapp
Barnwell Banter

sponsors, innovative companies, and product demos from The Mayflower Society to various genealogy societies from around the world, and even information on the release of the 1950 U.S. Census.

It's true, 72 years after the 1950 Census was taken the National Archives will release it on April 1st, 2022, better known as April Fools' Day.

The 1950 Census will first be indexed by computers and then entries will be verified by hundreds of volunteers, and you can "Get Involved" and be the one to make sure your own family names are correct. Sign up online at Family Search to be an indexer. A typical batch of names takes only 15 minutes to a half hour to check, but new technologies now let you index a few names on your cell phone in seconds while waiting in the doctor's office or for a meal. Affinity efforts are new and are being made to ensure that initially you index people you have a personal interest in, like grandparents, great aunts and uncles, and cousins.

The 1950 Census was taken by trained persons and is grouped by some 8,000 districts, small geographic areas. Maps are free, but it helps to know addresses or gen-

RootsTech is the largest international family history and technology conference, and it was free online on March 3-5, 2022. It offered 1,500 sessions on 185 topics in over 30 languages. It was recorded and is organized into five Guides, namely: "Where to Get Started," "Connecting with Living Family," "Discover, Tell and Share Your Story," "Finding Ancestors and Homelands" and "Beginning Research in Your Homelands".

RootsTech 2022 is still available free online. Additionally, you can register for a free account with FamilySearch.org to start working on your own family tree. Donors to this non-profit and its thousands of volunteers believe that connecting to your family should not be based on ability to pay.

At RootsTech Main Stage you can listen to inspirational keynote speakers like cookbook author and TV food host Molly Yeh, to actor and star of "Stranger Things", Matthew Modine, to Ghanaian boxer Azumah Nelson and many others. At Expo Hall you will find 93



Linda Farron Knapp, organizer of the Barnwell Banter Facebook page, promotes the 1950 Census data at the Sundial Festival on March 12 in Barnwell.

eral areas. Later, after the Census is indexed, likely later this year that information will all be easily searchable. In addition to names, addresses, and household relationships, the 1950 Census asked about job titles, number of hours worked, and whether people lived on a farm or ranch or property with over three acres of land. America was becoming more urban and the government was monitoring that post-WWII shift in society from farms to factories.

It's an added peek back in time.

A local genealogy and history group, Barnwell Banter, had a booth at the Sundial Festival where some members were dressed for St. Patrick's Day, and you could try your luck at tic-tac-toe to win a chocolate coin. The Knapp Law Firm sponsored two Irish-themed door prizes which were won by Peggy Bodiford and Shanon Bragg and two youth prizes geared at April Fools' Day which were won by Casey Black and John Hess.

The group had free materials on planning better perfect fam-

ily reunions, how to get started writing a family story, searching for persons that served as black troops, the Freedman Bureau records, the Great Migration, finding your Irish Ancestors, and the 1950 Census. They also had packets for children focused on fun family history mystery projects like learning about and fixing and eating a family recipe and embarrassing moments and gardening projects that fuel family time with simple crafts or plantings.

The Barnwell Banter

ladies reminded all that the African-American Museum and Cultural Center in Aiken was recently completed and donated to the City of Aiken so it could expand its hours of operation and hire a full-time director. It contains a family history computer center gifted by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Trained volunteers are available to help. Several years ago, the church also donated \$2 million for a family history center in the new International African American Museum to open this year in Charleston at the Wharf where slave trade was prominent.

RootsTech 2022 hosted dozens of government leaders from Ghana and Nigeria and offered sessions on what DNA might reveal about Nigerian or Ghanaian ancestry. They explained Family Search's efforts to record documents and family histories, and record dialects and video cultural practices in those counties. In fact, a million names are added monthly to Family Search from church, government, community, and family sources that are being recorded and then indexed from all over the world.

CORDER'S BOOK CORNER

Why can't we get enough Batman?

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



Another Batman movie was released this past month. Yup, that's right. Another. From campy Adam West to Bat-Fleck, Robert Pattinson has been the latest actor to don on the cowl and cape (yes, the Twilight guy). I went to see "The Batman" with a group of friends, and I found it to be the best portrayal of Batman in film yet.

Some people are tired of Batman constantly hitting the big screen. After all, he's perhaps the most portrayed superhero in cinema history. Even so, I know that I can't get enough of Batman. Since my childhood days watching the Animated Batman Series, I've been deeply compelled by this dark-caped crusader. Sure, Superman can fly, and Spiderman can stick to walls, but Batman is the king of Superheroes. Most of the action figures I had as a child were of

crossing the line that will toss him into the abyss. He fights to control and master himself. Ideally, we are to do the same. We have to face the darkness in our own hearts and choose

justice over vengeance. Within Batman, we find inspiration. And that is the reason we love to see him portrayed again and again.

Plus, he drives a really cool car.

There's usually one or two who believe me.

As I've gotten older, I slowly realized more and more why I find old Batsy to be such a compelling character in comparison to the cacophony of other superheroes found in comics.

It's because he's the most human. I'm not speaking of his humanity in regards to his lack of powers. He's the most humane of all superheroes because of the inner turmoil he faces. Every time he fights the bad guys, Batman has to confront the evil within himself. He has to fight his desire for vengeance, he has to fight to avoid

justice over vengeance. Within Batman, we find inspiration. And that is the reason we love to see him portrayed again and again.

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Ice Cream: Shop burglarized

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the faces of children and adults as they eat their treats.

"Without them we would not be here," she said of customers.

Hutchins thanks everyone for their support and patience after the burglary.

The business also supports community causes.

Candyland's spring hours are Monday through Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 12 to 7 p.m.

Anyone with information about the burglary should call the Barnwell Police Department at (803) 259-1838.

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Allendale County Courthouse turns 100



Allendale County Council Chairman Rick Gooding speaks at the 100-year celebration of the courthouse.



Allendale County celebrated the 100th anniversary of its courthouse on March 5.



Allendale County Clerk of Court Elaine Sabb, the first black woman elected to that office, with her granddaughter, Aria Niblett, 2. The present and the future.

Linda Murphy Myrick
Allendale Correspondent

“The Old Girl is still standing. Been through a lot, but still standing,” commented Allendale County Council Chairman Rick Gooding during the 100-year celebration of the historic courthouse on Saturday, March 5.

In 1919, the S.C. Legislature felt the areas of Barnwell and Hampton counties were too large to govern. Allendale County was carved from both counties, making it the youngest in the state.

“In 1922, G. Lloyd Preacher & Associates designed the courthouse. Preacher was from Fairfax. We are proud our courthouse

was designed by a native son,” said Robert Connelly III from Ulmer.

The new courthouse held the library, superintendent of education office, and Clemson Extension Service. “I remember going to the library as a girl. It was on the second floor and Agnes Tison was the librarian,” said Ernie Stevenson of Allendale.

The original courthouse site was not in the Town of Allendale. In 1849, a courthouse was built on the southwest corner of the intersection of roads 107 and 47. The building was named after the first postmaster, Paul Allen, and later the county was named for him. A marker has been placed on that location. That

structure was burned by Union troops under the command of General William Sherman.

On May 18, 1998, the courthouse burned, again, destroying the second floor, including the courtroom and Office of the Clerk of Court. Property tax records were salvaged, but damaged by water. The building was left exposed to the elements and interior spaces continued to decay.

Residents were in favor of rebuilding and agreed to a 1 percent sales tax increase to fund the restoration. Using the original 1921 drawings by Watson Tate of Columbia, restoration was completed on March 19, 2005 at a cost of \$4.5 million funded by the sales

tax, insurance payments, and county reserve funds. On August 1, 2007, the Allendale County Courthouse was placed on the National Register.

Over 20 SLED and S.C. arson investigators were dispatched to Allendale and concluded the fire was arson. They found a flammable and petroleum substance in the stairwell, where the fire appeared to have started.

According to an article in the *Augusta Chronicle* on April 17, 1999, a year after the arson, three people were arrested and charged with second degree arson in the burning of the Allendale County Courthouse. According to records in the Allendale County Clerk of Court’s Office the case

did not go to trial and on July 7, 2007, charges were dismissed.

Will Jennings, speaking at the courthouse celebration said, “In August of 1965, five hundred blacks entered the courthouse, as part of the participation in the voter registration initiative. This effort was to highlight the ongoing Voting Rights Act pending before Congress. Out of those 500, only 10 people were allowed to register. Reading, writing skills, and knowledge of the U.S. Constitution were required for registration and voting.”

Jennings, quoting from an article published in both *The State* and *News and Courier* said,

“The gathering in the courthouse refused to

leave, 28 blacks (two civil rights workers) were arrested, fined, and released. On August 6, 1965, the Martin Luther King Voter Registration Act was passed.” This act cleared the way for all Americans, regardless of race, gender, religious affiliation, or national origin, to register and vote.

A plaque mounted on the face of the courthouse lists the 12 commissioners who were founding fathers of Allendale County. A monument standing in front of the courthouse lists those county men who fought and died in Vietnam, World War I and II, the Korean Conflict, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan.

Allendale County honors their past and the fallen.

Coach: Kevin Jones chosen to lead Blackville-Hilda Hawks

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across the entire Palmetto state. This community absolutely loves their Hawks, and they deserve a program that matches the passion that I can feel on a daily basis around

town,” said Jones.

He thanks the administration, faculty, and community members who took part in the interview process and afforded him the opportunity to lead

the young men who play for the Hawks.

“The coaching staff and players will work hard to ensure we can put a team on the field that represents the school and community

in a way that honors all those that laid the foundation the last several decades,” said Jones.

He also thanks all the students who were so supportive of him becoming the new head coach. “Their actions over the last several weeks show how truly special Blackville-Hilda High School is and I feel truly blessed,” he said.



“I am excited that Mr. Jones has been appointed as head football coach at Blackville-Hilda High School. Mr. Jones has vast coaching experience, an

excellent rapport with our students, and is a fine example for the young men and women at Blackville-Hilda High School,” said Interim Superintendent David Corder.

Currently, Jones serves as a U.S. History and World History teacher at Blackville-Hilda High.

He has one daughter, Alexis, and two grandchildren: Teagan and Phoenix.



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Bid documents are on the city website at www.cityofbarnwell.com/jobs-bids. Meeting walk thru is scheduled for April 11th at 11 a.m.

Bids are due no later than 2 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2022.

For information or questions, contact Lynn McEwen at City Hall, 803-259-3266 or lsmecewen@cityofbarnwell.com.

Homemaker's Column

THE ARRIVAL OF ASPARAGUS



Christine Patrick
Clemson Extension

Asparagus is in season during the spring of the year. For those of you who have sworn off asparagus because your only taste was the mushy army-green colored stalks from the can, give this vegetable just one more try. You're in for a pleasant surprise. Fresh asparagus and canned asparagus offer only a fleeting

resemblance to each other when it comes to flavor and consistency. Cooked properly, fresh asparagus is tender, but still offers just the slightest bit of resistance when bitten. The color should be bright green. When sprinkled lightly with salt, olive oil, and perhaps a little balsamic vinegar, fresh asparagus is a taste of springtime itself.

The nutritional virtues of asparagus are just as pleasant. A typical serving, 6 spears, has 22 calories, only a trace amount of fat, and approximately 60% of the daily requirement for folic acid, a B vitamin. Folic acid is necessary for blood cell formation and growth. It has also been shown to play a significant role in the prevention of neural tube defects at birth, such as spina bifida.

A member of the lily family (which also includes onions, leeks, and garlic), asparagus stalks are harvested after three growing seasons. In the first season, a crown forms, and roots develop. In the second season, the crown grows a fern. In the third season, the stalk can be harvested. The plant will reach its prime in six to eight years.

When purchasing asparagus, look for bundles containing stalks that are roughly the same size (this will ensure they all cook in the same amount of time.) The tips should be closed and compact.

If you do not cook asparagus the same day you buy it, store it by first washing thoroughly to remove sand or grit, then wrap a moist paper towel around the cut end of the stalks, and place it in a covered container in the refrigerator. This method of storage will keep fresh asparagus in top-notch condition for at least 3 days.

Try one of these easy cooking methods. Saucepan: Cook spears or pieces in a small amount of boiling water until tender. Fresh asparagus will be tender-crisp in 5 to 8 minutes. Stir-fry: Cut spears diagonally in half-inch pieces, leaving tips whole. Stir-fry in a scant amount of hot oil at medium-high heat for 3 to 5 minutes. Microwave: Place one pound of spears in a baking dish with tips arranged toward the center. Add 1/4 cup water and cover tightly. Microwave on HIGH for 4 to 7 minutes. Stir or turn halfway through cooking time.

After the asparagus is cooked, you might want to add a topping such as bottled Italian dressing, homemade vinaigrette, or low-fat honey mustard dressing. All these flavors complement fresh asparagus very well.

Marinated Asparagus Salad

- 1 pound fresh asparagus
- 1 small red (or other) onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 or 2 tomatoes, chopped
- Italian salad dressing

Cook asparagus by any of the methods described above. Cool. Combine with onion and tomatoes and enough salad dressing to moisten (about 2 to 3 Tbsps.) Stir gently. Cover and refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Stir again before serving. Serves 4.

Calories: 88 per serving
Fat: 9 grams per serving

Cheesy Asparagus

- 1 pound fresh asparagus
- 4 slices American processed cheese
- 1 to 2 Tbsps. lemon juice
- 1/8 tsp. paprika (optional)

Cook asparagus by any of the methods described above. Sprinkle with lemon juice. Top asparagus with slices of processed cheese. Place in an ovenproof dish and broil just until cheese melts (watch carefully). If desired, sprinkle with paprika. Serves 4.

Calories: 129 per serving
Fat: 9 grams per serving

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*~from the poem,
A Year of Hope by
Donna-Maria Conzalina*



Donna-Maria Conzalina
Columnist

"I'm trying to find myself" was a popular saying back in the era of flower children. I grew up and was influenced by the free spirit ways of those times. So as my 18th trip around the sun approached, I was ready to strap on my hiking boots and let the winds toss me wherever I'd land. Northeastern bred, I had a yearning for the west coast but wound up in SC where I settled down for quite a few years. Life happens that way sometimes, and for good reason. I raised three, beautiful children in Charleston's Lowcountry. But by the time each of their own 18th trips around the sun came, they too had a taste for wandering and the empty nest left me feeling lonely and ready to strap on my traveling boots once again.

As I searched for the new adult version of myself, the West Coast and quite a few other lovely places in between called my name. But somehow life always brought me back to South Carolina. It's not happenstance either, because the more I mature the more I see God's Hand in everything I do. Even when winds toss us free

spirits about, there's no doubt He's still directing the course; giving us opportunities to plant seeds for His Grace along the way.

I recall a desolate, homeless man walking the street of a beach town in California as I sat on a balcony playing guitar late one evening. He was digging through trash cans, looking for something to eat. Watching, with sorrow in my heart, The Holy Spirit prompted a conversation between us. Turned out he was a fellow musician, but confessed, he was ready to give up on life. Entrusting me with his story, he shared how he lost his lady love and after that walked away from his job and home. Depressed and bottoming out, he told me how he'd thrown his guitar, all his personal belongings and original sheet music into the ocean. He felt like he no longer had a purpose. I can't explain how thankful I felt that this sensitive soul stopped to talk with me that evening. And just as I knew I was prompted to call out to him, likewise I knew I was being prompted to give him a harmonica from inside my guitar case. I invited him to reach out his hand and tossed it down. He caught it. I asked him to please keep it as a reminder that God and my prayers would stay with him as he played it. He took it and genuinely thanked me for caring. I told him, truly, it had nothing to do with me. God

was giving him another chance to be who he was created to be. He nodded affirmatively and walked away. I prayed a lot at that moment and must confess, I cried a little too as he walked away. I still pray for him these days, and really hope that he found his new song of praise.

My days are filled with stories of grace from the times I traveled and even more so since I've been planted back here in the sunny south. And you know, it really is Amazing Grace how there's always a joyful message in the mess and a light in the darkness to be seen. I like to look back on the memories and forward to new hope. Believing God placed me here and there for His Purpose. That for some reason He intentionally chooses folks like me to have the honor of planting His seeds of Love. I was notoriously the queen of low self-esteem. The gal who always searched for and wondered as I wandered for who I was and where I really belonged. A seed in the wind.

So, I guess the lesson learned is when we're out there trying to find ourselves, never overlook the ones who come along our paths.

They're what this garden of life is all about. It's like the acronym of JOY. If you want joy in your life, stop searching for yourself. Put Jesus first, Others before Yourself.

Letter to the Editor

Community garden coming to Blackville

Have you noticed the activity on the corner of Solomon Blatt Avenue and South Boundary Street?

HERE IS WHAT'S HAPPENING.

"Blackville Community Garden" is becoming a reality.

BENEFITS OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN

- Improve health and well-being in the community
- Stimulate social interaction
- Provide nutritious food
- Availability of fresh produce
- Promote environmental learning and education
- Better tasting food
- Diverse planting techniques

- Provide activities for the elderly
- Educate children

HOW WILL IT AFFECT THE COMMUNITY?

The community garden will produce healthy nutritious food and bring communal togetherness to our town. It will give residents the opportunity to collaborate with each other on common ground.

The goal is to benefit all ages. Seniors can teach and train the younger ones and the younger ones can aid the older ones with various tasks. The seniors can also provide gardening wisdom that has been lost over

the years. As well as providing healthy food to the community, plans are to also educate the community by offering teaching sessions on various ways of gardening and diverse ways of gardening at home. The garden will also provide mental and physical wellness for a healthy community environment.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

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Spring Sundial Festival



Though the cold and wind kept some vendors and shoppers away, the Sundial Festival went on as scheduled on March 12 in downtown Barnwell. KC Candles & Soaps was a popular booth.



Kathy Nannie won Blue Ribbon entry in the art show's photography category.



Sarah Tadamatla won People's Choice for her painting.



Tiffany Hunt was the Blue Ribbon winner for her art show painting entry.



Casey Black won Blue Ribbon in the art show for her sketch.



Nicola Oakley's almond cookies won the cookie entry at the Sundial Blue Ribbon contest.



Patricia Gibson's southern pecan cake won Blue Ribbon.



Estelle Still's squash relish entry won the Blue Ribbon for the pickles, relish and sauces category.



Taste of Blackville

Sunny skies greeted folks to downtown Blackville on Saturday, March 26 for the Taste of Blackville festival. The festival was hosted by the Blackville Development Association.



"Lenten Series continues message of miracles"

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The message of miracles continued during the March 23 Lenten service.

Rev. Ed Traxler from Barnwell United Methodist Church was the guest speaker at the service, which was held at Hagood Avenue Baptist Church.

"As we consider the miracles that are yet to come, may we remember the miracles we've experienced in our own lives, and may we be fed by your word," said Traxler during the prayer.

His message focused on the story of Jesus feeding the multitude as



Rev. Ed Traxler Barnwell United Methodist Church speaks to the crowd at the March 23 Lenten service at Hagood Avenue Baptist Church.

found in John 6:1-15. The story takes place after Jesus had been performing miracles, which led a large crowd to follow him.

"When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, 'Where

shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do," according to verses 5-6.

"Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!'" according to verse 7.

That's when a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish approached. "But how far will they go among so many?" asked Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, in verse 8.

Jesus had the approximately 5,000 people sit in the grass. He then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those

who were seated. He also did the same with the fish.

After everyone had enough to eat, Jesus asked His disciples to gather the leftovers. They gathered enough to fill 12 baskets.

"After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world,'" according to verse 14.

"Their eyes had been opened. They had seen His face, felt His presence, and trusted His love," said Traxler of the people.

Like the people who witnessed Jesus' miracles, Traxler said it's important to receive God's blessings and then be

Lenten Services

Services are held Wednesdays through Easter. Lunch is at noon followed by a service at 12:30 p.m.

March 30
Holy Apostles Church
9357 Patterson St., Barnwell
Pastor Mark Epperson, speaker

April 6
Fuller Park covered shed
Pastor Collin Barret, speaker

April 13
Gateway Assemblies
7678 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell
Pastor Susan Lockwood, speaker

ready to lead the lost can watch them online to know their Lord and at www.facebook.com/BCMinisterialCoalition.

If you miss the in-person Lenten services, you

Local church makes leadership changes

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Leadership changes are coming to Barnwell First Baptist Church as two leaders shift their focus of ministry.

Youth minister Jeremy Creech is moving into the new associate pastor's role. Meanwhile, children's director Dana Bell is moving into the youth position. Both are natives of Barnwell County.

"The reason they got their positions is because of their passion for ministry. They have a passion for seeing lost souls saved. In their new positions, Jeremy and Dan will help the church spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and build a foundation for this community," said Rev. Dr. Bart Kelley, the church's lead pastor.

Both changes will officially take place over the summer.

Jeremy Creech

Jeremy Creech has a heart for youth.

The father of three, including two teens, has served as Barnwell FBC's youth minister since 2018. He previously served three years as youth and families pastor at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church in Windsor. He said he's enjoyed working with youth, especially building relationships and seeing them grow in their faith, but he knows God is calling him to this next step.

"My passion for the youth has not changed, but I feel God calling me to do more," said Creech, a native of Hilda.

His new position as associate pastor will still allow him to be involved with youth to some degree while allowing him to reach all age groups in the church.



Jeremy Creech is moving from youth pastor to associate pastor of Barnwell FBC. He's pictured with his wife Lesley.

"My passion is for the Great Commission. We are called to train and multiply," he said. "There are many unchurched people on Sundays, including here in Barnwell County."

He's referring to the passages of scripture found in the book of Matthew where Jesus Christ urged his apostles to make "disciples of all the nations" and "baptize" them. Christians are called to follow this biblical example.

To help accomplish that, Creech wants to focus on "intentional discipleship" by expanding opportunities for small groups, Sunday school classes, and Bible studies. These groups provide fellowship, biblical discussion, and accountability for participants.

"It's easier to miss on Sunday when you don't have a group of people to hold you accountable," said Creech of the importance of small groups and Sunday school.

One area he sees a need is for a college and career class on Sundays so people in that age bracket have a place they can fit

in. He also is considering a service just for parents because there are youth who attend Wednesday night services whose parents are unchurched.

In addition to adding more groups and classes, he wants to build up and train individuals who can eventually lead their own groups.

Creech will also preach at least once a quarter during the regular Sunday morning services to help Rev. Kelley.

"The church will benefit because Pastor Bart will be refreshed and encouraged," said Creech.

He also looks forward to preaching some during Wednesday night youth services, supporting the children's ministry, visiting shut-ins and hospitals, and helping wherever he's needed.

Though youth ministry will always have a special place in his heart, Creech knows the ministry is in good hands with Dana Bell.

"I think she's going to do a great job. She's already got relationships with many of the youth who came up through her children's ministry. She's got ideas that are going to take the youth ministry to the next level and the youth are going to benefit from that," he said.

Creech and his wife

Lesley have been married 22 years. They have three children - Natalie, 17, Cole, 15, and Wyatt, 100.

Dana Bell

As a mother and former public school teacher, Dana Bell has a heart for children.

She's served as FBC Barnwell's children's director for the past seven and a half years. However, much like Creech, she also felt God leading her to a new position.

"If we're truly honest and reflect on our lives, many of us would say that there have been times when the Lord was speaking to our heart. This move is no different. I've really felt a tug to step into youth ministry and I'm so grateful to be

discipleship that builds a solid foundation for life." She also hopes attending the Merge student center will be the highlight of their week.

"We want to provide an atmosphere that is welcoming to all youth - a place where students feel loved and valued - and a place where they grow in their knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ and realize that living a life for Christ is both exciting and rewarding," said Bell.

As the youth begin to grow in their faith, she hopes they will then share their faith with others.

"We want to have a youth group that is so

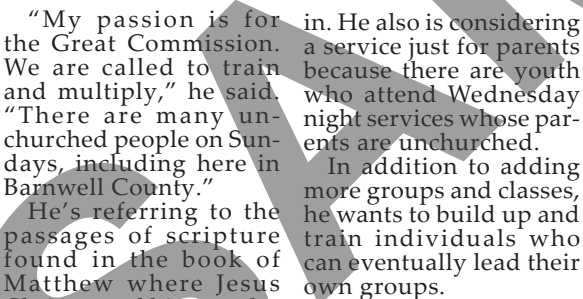
Though she's excited to lead the youth ministry, Bell said the programs and outreaches of FBC Barnwell are successful because of the dedicated volunteers and the prayers of the Body of Christ.

"I am beyond grateful for those who pray for the ministers and for those who give their times and talents," Bell said.

She will be FBC Barnwell's first paid, full-time female youth director in the church's 200-year history.

Bell and her husband Steven have been married for 26 years and have two children - Presley, 18, and Jackson, 13.

The church is currently



Dana Bell, pictured with her husband Steven in front of The Merge, is the new youth director at Barnwell FBC.



Dana Bell, pictured with her husband Steven in front of The Merge, is the new youth director at Barnwell FBC.

able to do that at my home church," said Bell, who holds a master's degree in education and maintains her teaching certification.

Children and youth are bombarded with information daily, much of which is not beneficial to their walk with Christ. That's why youth ministry is important.

"The message of Jesus is hope and love, both of which are much needed in today's society. It is so important for youth to understand their value and to grasp that the creator of the universe sees them as His most prized possession," said Bell.

She hopes the ministry will be a place for teens to grow spiritually through "intentional

on fire for Jesus that the ripple effect of their passion for Christ is felt throughout the entire community. Have you ever seen a group of determined teens? They are hard to stop when they are sold out for a cause," she said.

This aligns with her favorite Bible verse from Isaiah 6:8: "And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me!'"

"God has called all believers to be ministers and to share His love with others - to be salt and light in a hurting world. May each of us be bold enough to pray those words," said Bell.

accepting applications for the position of children's director from people who have a passion to teach children about Jesus.

FBC Barnwell has a contemporary service at 9 a.m. and traditional service at 11 a.m. Sunday School is held at 10 a.m. Nursery and a KIDZone class are offered for children during church. On Wednesdays, activities are available for children and teens. Teens meet in The Merge Student Center at 6:30 p.m., but doors open at 6.

Learn more about the church by visiting www.fbcbarnwell.org or www.facebook.com/fbcbarnwell, or by calling the office at (803) 259-1128.

Eugene Edward "Lil Gene" Still

BARNWELL - Eugene Edward (Lil Gene) Still, 13, went into eternal rest on March 22, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held



Sunday, April 3, 2022, at 4 p.m. at Dyches Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mark Epperson officiating.

Lil Gene was a happy, fun, loving son who had a heart of gold, grandson, brother, nephew, great nephew, great nephew, great grandson, cousin, uncle and friend. He never met a stranger. He was often called a social butterfly. He enjoyed playing on the phone, playing with his pets, especially his cat. He loved visiting Bee City to feed the monkeys and hold "Cuddles" the snake. He also enjoyed going to church. He will be greatly

missed by many. Gene attended Mount Olivet Baptist Church with his family. He always wanted to hold Preacher Mark's hand at the end of service to say The Lord's Prayer.

Survivors include his mother, Sharon C. Still; his nana, Brenda Croft; grandmother, Iris Z. Still and grandfather, Jerry Zorn Sr., all of Barnwell; and grandmother, Patricia Parsons of Kansas; three brothers, Joshua B. Still, Matthew R. Still and Andrew E. Still, all of Barnwell; one sister, Blakelee Elizabeth Chesser of Olar; and several aunts, uncles,

cousins and friends.

Preceded in death by his father, Clarence E. (Eddie) Still; his pop, Horace E. (Gene) Croft Jr.; his great-grandparents, Horace and Amelia Croft; and grandfather, Cronnie Reden.

Honorary pallbearers: Scott Chesser, Bruce Raffield, Jonathan Croft, Andrew Dye, Eric Croft, David Cooler, Cody Peeples and Ron Still.

The family has entrusted Dyches Funeral Home and Crematory with arrangements.

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- Salkehatchie summer service
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- Gateway Food Bank
- Teacher school supplies

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Barbara Jean Halstead Briggs



BARNWELL - Barbara Jean Halstead Briggs, 88, went to be with her Lord on Monday, March 21, 2022, in the Pruitt Health of Barnwell.

Barbara was born in Madison, South Dakota on January 21, 1934. She was a daughter of the late Alfred and Jessie Marie Gass Halstead. She was a veteran of the Women's Army Corp

from 1956 until 1959. She retired from the Barnwell County Hospital as head dietician. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 3 p.m. in the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church Cemetery with Owen Ferguson officiating. A visitation was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Mole Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Jerry Morris, Ray Lewis, Toby Utsey, Kevin Still, Gregory Briggs and Mike Colquitt.

Survivors include her son, Gregory Nelson (Tammy) Briggs; daughter, Leigh Ann (Kevin) Still; grandchildren, Gregory Nelson (Heather) Briggs II, Jennifer Leigh Still and Ashley Michaela Still; and great-grandchild, Judson Chance Briggs. She was predeceased by her loving husband, Judson Briggs; and a brother, Frances Halstead.

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

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Shirley DeHay



OLAR - Graveside funeral service for Shirley Mimms DeHay, 71, of Olar, was held at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, March 27, 2022, in the Denmark Cemetery with Reverend Dr. Andy Sandifer officiating. The family received friends from 2 o'clock to 3 o'clock p.m. at Folk Funeral Home, Denmark, on Sunday. Memorial contributions

may be given to The Memorial and Honor Program, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Shirley passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

Born in Orangeburg County, she was a daughter of the late John A. Mimms and Jane Louise Sweatman Mimms, and was married to the late Charles Franklin DeHay. She was a member of the Cana of Galilee Church. She earned a degree in Cosmetology and a B.A. in Early Childhood Education. Shirley was a beautician who enjoyed her work and loved getting to know her clients. She owned Janie's Romper Room Day Care for a number of years and was a school bus driver for Denmark #2 school district.

Survivors include daughters, Angela (Jody) Still of Barnwell, Melissa (Chris) Platt of Denmark, Samantha DeHay and Rebecca DeHay; sons, Roy DeHay of Georgia, Benjamin DeHay of OK, Michael DeHay of Greenville and Daniel DeHay of TN; sisters, Patricia (Jay) Hughes of Bamberg, Laura (Marion) Kemmerlin of Orangeburg, Jonnie Oxnar of Columbia, and Michelle Tabler; grandchildren, Nicole Still, Johnathan Way, Sarah DeHay, Patsy DeHay, Dominick DeHay, and Christian DeHay; great-grandchildren, Leo Still, Anthony Still, C.J. Way and Landon Still.

She was preceded in death by her children,

April, February, Timothy and Katie DeHay; and a sister, Lily Mimms.

Folk Funeral Home, Inc., Denmark, assisted the family with arrangements. Visit the online obituary at www.folkfuneralhome.com.

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Willie Mole "Billy" Terry III

MARTIN - Willie Mole "Billy" Terry III, age 75, died Saturday March 19, 2022.

Billy was a native of Martin and the son of the late Willie M. and Mattiel Cooper Terry Jr. He graduated from Anderson College and attended the Medical College of Charleston. Billy was a retired farmer having grown up working with his grandfather and father on the family farm and also worked at Cedar Knoll Hunting Lodge for many years. He was a member of Swallow Savannah Methodist Church.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Thursday, March 24, 2022, at the Martin-Millett Community Center. The family received friends following the service.

Family members include one son, Willie M. "Bill" Terry IV; two daughters, Trel T. Shuhaibar (Tarek) and Teil T. Vallani (Tony); grandchildren, Casey, McKnight, McKellan, Carol Myles, Olive and Ava; former wife and children's mother, Pat D. Terry; one brother, Robert C. "Bob" Terry. He was predeceased by his stepmother, Maner Rice Terry.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martin-Millett Community Center, 187 Duncan Lane, Martin, S.C. 29836.

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Tripp Carter



BARNWELL - Lynn Wells Carter III (Tripp) of Barnwell passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at The Medical University of South Carolina.

A Celebration of Life service with Masonic Rights was held at noon, Friday, March 25, 2022, at the Folk Funeral Home Chapel in Williston with the Reverend Douglas Filyaw officiating. The family received visitors at 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Pallbearers were Jason Gleaton, Jody Still, Justin Scott, Todd Grubbs, Chris Holland, Mickey Faircloth, Heath Gantt, Rex Sanders, Gabriel Polk, David Mock, Doug Donley, Randall Padgett and Andy Kearse. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Dominion Energy Hampton Line Crew.

Tripp was born on May 29, 1975, in Orangeburg, to the late Lynn Wells Carter Jr. and the late Myrna Croft Carter. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased in death by a brother-in-law, Douglas Townsend of Aiken.

He was a 1993 graduate of Andrew Jackson Academy and a 1995 graduate of Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College. He was employed by Dominion Energy as a Line Leader.

Tripp loved his family, his friends and life in general. He had a big personality and an even bigger smile. He was never without a story to tell. Most weekends he could be found surrounded by friends at his second home on the water in Land's End.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jami Filyaw Carter and his fur baby Hampton Carter of the home; mother and father-in-love, Carlisle and Susan Filyaw of Barnwell; sister, Cindy Bone and brother-in-love, Mike Bone of Cope; sister, Ginger Townsend of Aiken and proud uncle to his nephew, Specialist Carter L. Townsend of Aiken.

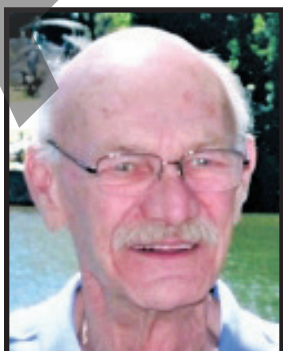
To say our world will be a little less bright without him is an understatement.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorials be sent to the Barnwell County Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 1009, Barnwell, S.C. 29812, the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215, American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692, or to a charity of one's choice. "It matters not how a man dies, but how he lives."

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

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Ronald Allen "Ronnie" Goodwin



GEORGIA - Ronald Allen "Ronnie" Goodwin, 75, passed away in Woodstock, Ga., on March 23, 2022.

Ronnie was born in Augusta, Ga. on October 4, 1946, to the late G.B. and Myrtle Keel Goodwin. Ronnie had worked for 40 years as a superintendent in construction for the WELCH corporation. In his early

years he was a gifted athlete, excelling in sports. He thoroughly enjoyed studying nature. After he retired, he developed a passion for woodworking, providing his family and friends many of his creations. Ronnie was an excellent shagger, as he traveled to many different places and joined many clubs such as the SHAG Atlanta and spent countless hours in Myrtle Beach with SHAG groups. His favorite dance partner was his beloved niece, Amy Caskey.

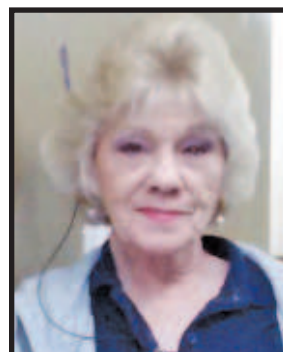
Funeral services for Ronnie were held on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Barnwell First Baptist Church Chapel with Dr. Bart Kelley officiating. The family received guests one hour prior to the service in the chapel. Burial followed in the Barnwell City Cemetery by Fuller Park. Memorial may be made to the Barnwell First Baptist Church.

Ronnie is survived by his sister, Emily Goodwin (W.C.) Collins of Barnwell; and his brother, Guy B. (Carol) Goodwin of Danville, Va. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews, Amy (Guy) Caskey of Irmo, Ashley (Bruce) Ballentine of Little Mountain, Chad Goodwin Collins of Bluffton, and Brandt (Amy) Goodwin of Spartanburg. He also has several great nieces and nephews; he is also survived by his half-sisters, June G. Black of Barnwell and Carolyn G. Black of Summerville. Ronnie was predeceased by a twin brother, Donald B. Goodwin, and brother, Francis Goodwin, and half-brother, Robert Norman Goodwin, and half-sister, Claire G. Lathan.

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

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Margaret 'Edith' Carlisle Sagers



BARNWELL - Margaret "Edith" Carlisle Sagers, 78, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family March 23, 2022. A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, March 27, 2022, at 3 p.m. at Dyches Funeral Home Chapel, Barnwell. The family received visitors after the service.

Edith was born to the late Thurman and Ver-laine Carlisle in Augusta, Georgia on December 20, 1943. She retired in 2020 from Walmart after 23 years of service. She loved to crochet and enjoyed watching TV. She was a loving mother, sister, grandmother, and aunt. She will be missed by many.

Survivors include her daughters, Sheri (Greg) Thornton of Barnwell and Tammy R. Jones of Augusta, Ga.; one brother, Terry L. Carlisle; and two sisters, Faye Price of Georgia and Elaine C. Turner of Barnwell; four grandchildren, Connor Hess, Brandon Hess of Barnwell, Austin Jones of Martinez, Ga., and George Watkins of New Ellenton; niece, Glynn Jackson of Tennessee; nephews, Clay Price, Dennis Price of Georgia, Eric Turner of Barnwell, and Rod Turner of Louisiana.

The family has entrusted Dyches Funeral Home and Crematory of Barnwell with arrangements.

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Ada Lutricia Robinson Felton

BLACKVILLE - Ada Lutricia Robinson Felton, 98, wife of her late beloved husband Edwin Thornton Felton Sr., of Blackville died on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.

We mourn the loss of a wonderful wife, mother, grand and great-grandmother, sister, teacher, friend, and community leader. She was known by many as "Mrs. Felton" while her close friends called her "Ada" and her grandchildren affectionally called her "A".

Mrs. Felton was born in Elko on June 01, 1923. She was the daughter of the late Phyllis Brown Robinson and Alex Robinson Jr. She was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church where she served in various capacities.

Mrs. Felton attended primary school in Elko and graduated valedictorian from Macedonia High School, Blackville. Her college education was initiated at Voorhees College, Denmark, and completed at Benedict College, Columbia. At Benedict, she graduated Cum Laude and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with a minor in English. Further studies were done by her at the University of SC Salkehatchie in Allendale and Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia.

For 38 years, she taught in the public schools of Aiken and Barnwell counties where she influenced the lives of countless students. Although she was proud of all her students, she was most awed by the ones that chose to "take up the cross of Jesus Christ and proceed into ministry." Mrs. Felton served as the principal at Dry Branch Elementary School and the initial principal of the first Head Start Program in Blackville. Upon retirement, she served on the Generations Unlimited Board for 16 years and volunteered with their Meals on Wheels Food Program. To her credit, Mrs. Felton has received many awards from her church and the community, too numerous to mention here. However, she counts the induction into the Blackville Public Schools Alumni Association Hall of Fame as her greatest.

Surviving are her sons: Gary D. (Sheila) Felton of Beaufort and Edwin J Felton Jr. of the home, four grandchildren: Latifah S. Felton of Atlanta, GA, Enriqies V. Mack of Williston, Gary D Felton Jr. and Devin A. Felton, both of Beaufort; three great-grandchildren: Kenyon C Williams, Riquasia V. Mack, and Amarah B. S. Mack, all of Atlanta, Ga.; a special niece/adopted daughter, Louise C. (Jonas) Harris of Charlotte, N.C.; two special cousins: Hede Singletery and Nettie W. Bowens; and numerous nephews, grand nieces, and other relatives.

Viewing for the public was held on Tuesday from 12 noon to 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at Macedonia Baptist Church in Blackville. Burial will follow at Blackville Cemetery.

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

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Gladys Ray retires from voter registration

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Gladys Ray has been a friendly, familiar face in the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office.

Ray, 82, recently retired after 15 years of service as a clerk.

"Gladys played a vital role in this office by serving the citizens of Barnwell County and making sure that every voter that is entitled to vote gets to vote. She was always a loyal and dedicated employee who really cared about this office and the needs of our citizens," said Naomi DeFrenn, director of the voter registration and elections office. "This office will miss her smiling face and her willingness to help others."

Ray said she could not have asked for a better



Friends and colleagues celebrated Gladys Ray's 15 years of service to the Barnwell County Voter Registration & Elections Office on Feb. 25 during a retirement party.

place to work or a better boss. "I loved my job, especially meeting people and seeing people registered to vote," said Ray.

She was hired through a program called Experi-

ence Works, which aims to teach senior citizens new skills that help them obtain employment.

"When she first came to work, she did not even know how to turn on a

computer. We taught her everything she needed to know, and she became confident in working with our Voter Registration Management System, Mapping, Excel,

Word, and other computer programs we use in this office. She even learned how to use Facebook. After two years, the program wanted her to obtain a job or be

moved to another location in their program. She was doing so well that I decided to hire her part-time with my office," said DeFrenn.

Though she is now retired, Ray said she has no plans to slow down. She still plans to stay busy by helping others, including through her work at church.

"We wish Gladys all the best in her new journey as she still plans on helping others in various ways. Even though she won't be working in this office anymore, we know that whatever she decides to do with her time, she will give all she has to give. She was more than an employee; she was and is our friend. She will be missed," DeFrenn said.

Ray said she still visits her former colleagues and is willing to help out if needed, especially during the busy election times.

Pauline Brown releases new book of poetry

Barnwell native Pauline Brown has published another book of poetry.

The Denmark resident published "Days of Old: Poetry of the Heart" in 2021. The 106-page book has poems which deal with nostalgic and religious themes and didactic poems about modern

society. "Writing poetry has made a difference in my life because I have been able to share my faith and my joy. Writing poetry has brought me closer to God. Also, I help people write poetry and publish their books," Brown said. Some poems are like

verses from the Book of Proverbs. Some are modern proverbs with words of wisdom like "Clothes Make the Man". Brown writes in it, "If you meet a man in love with himself, / A man obsessed with his own appearance, / Waste no time on trying to attract him. / He

won't notice your perseverance!" "Days of Old" takes you back to when times were good, when everyone was home, and everyone just enjoyed family. Her new book can be ordered directly from the author or from Amazon.

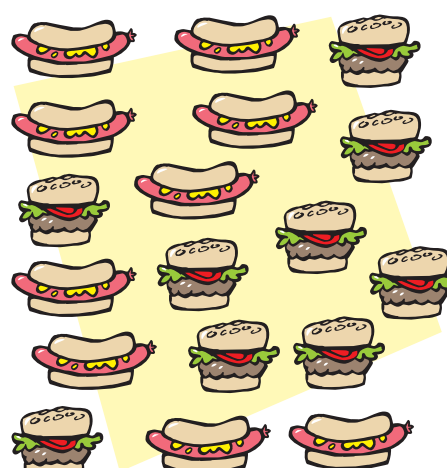
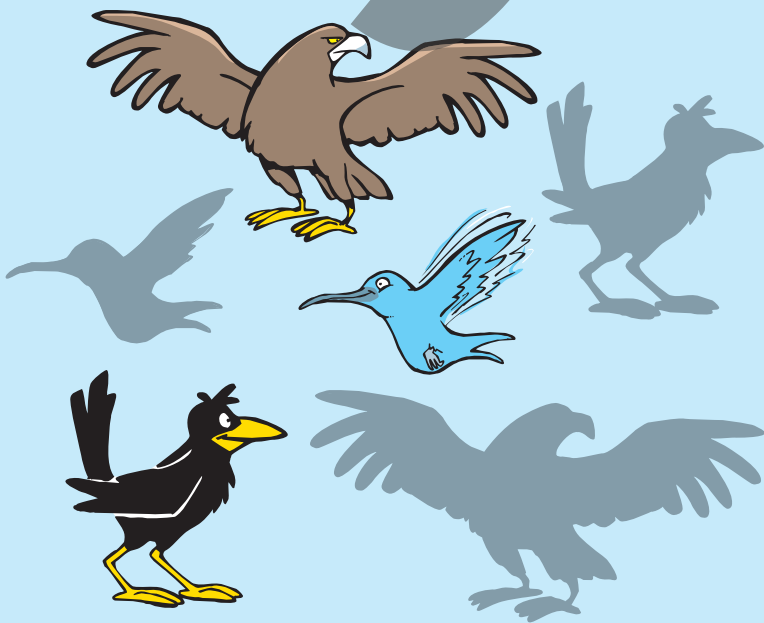


Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

Kid Scoop Junior

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Match each bird to its shadow.



My Rhyme Time

Hawk-bird, hawk-bird, soaring high,
 Are you never weary?
 When you reach the empty sky
 Are the clouds not dreary?
 Don't you sometimes long to be
 A silent goldfish in the sea?

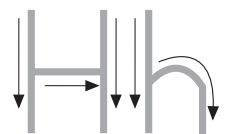
My name:

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

H is for Hawk

h is for hawk



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

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

My Numbers

How many hamburgers?

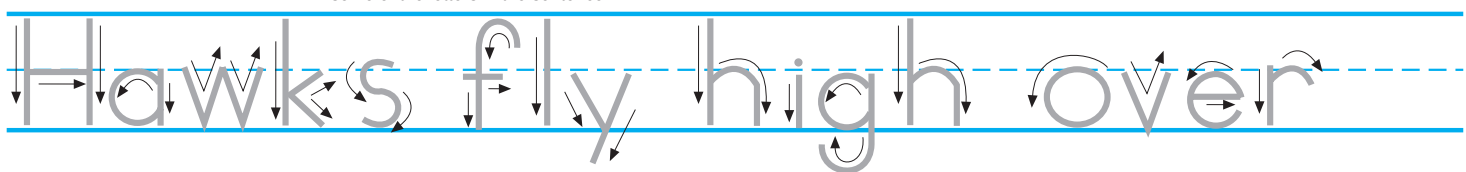
How many hot dogs?



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

My Sentence

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



Sunday

Letter Identification

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

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed _____ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature

Monday

Math Play

Point to the number 9 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Date

Tuesday

Pick a Pattern

Find groups of pictures in the newspaper that are the same (various flowers, animals, houses, etc.). Use these pictures to make an ABAB pattern (i.e., face, flower, face, flower, etc.). Leave enough pictures so that your child can finish the pattern.

Wednesday

O-T Game

Cut out the letters O and T from the headlines. Then cut out the letters H, L, C, and P. Show your child how you can spell the words HOT, LET, COT and POT simply by changing the first letter in front of the OT.

Thursday

Big H, Little h

On one page of the newspaper search for an uppercase letter H and a lowercase letter h. Draw a line to connect the two. Can you find more uppercase and lowercase H-h pairs?

Friday

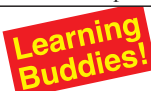
I Spy

Find a page in the newspaper with several pictures or drawings. Play "I Spy" by giving clues about a picture. For example, "I spy something with wheels. What is it?" Let your child give you a clue about a different picture.

Saturday

Feathers or Fur or Scales

Cut out pictures of animals from the newspaper. Sort the animals into groups of feather, fur and scales.



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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.

Be an Action Hero at Home

Work with a family member to think of actions you can take at home to reduce the amount of single-use plastics your family uses. It makes a big difference and makes you a superhero!

1. Look at your trash at home and count how many single-use containers you can find.
2. Make a written list of the single-use containers you found: bottles, tubs, wrappers, etc.
3. Is there anything in the trash you really didn't need to purchase?
4. Next to each one, write down a way you could have kept that single-use item out of the trash.

SINGLE USE	INSTEAD :
Plastic water bottle	Drink tap water from a glass or reusable water bottle

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **REGURGITATE**

The verb **regurgitate** means to bring up swallowed food again in the mouth.

An albatross will **regurgitate** food for its chicks.

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

Pacific Plastic Problem



Albatross are large seabirds. Scientists have discovered that albatross chicks that live in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, far away from people, are killed by little pieces of plastic, including plastic toys. How does plastic wind up in the middle of the Pacific?

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is a massive soup of plastic waste floating in the sea. It's growing larger all the time, harming birds, fish and people, too!

Replace the missing words.

CAPS CURRENTS OCEAN ISLANDS ONCE SICK

Plastic Soup in the Pacific?

A number of years ago, scientists discovered _____ and dead albatrosses on a group of remote and isolated _____ called

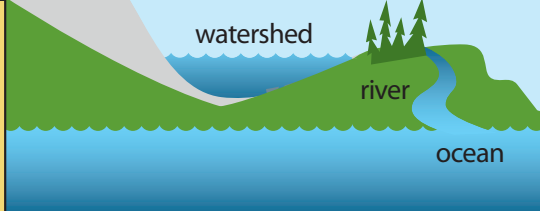
the **Midway Atoll**. These islands are located about 1,400 miles northwest of the Hawaiian islands in the middle of the Pacific _____.

Researchers found small plastic toys, toothbrushes, bottle _____ and other small pieces of plastic. These were all **single-use plastics**—plastic that was used just _____ and then thrown away.

Few people live on Midway Atoll. How does so much plastic get there? The answer lies in the earth's **watershed** and ocean _____.

What's a watershed?

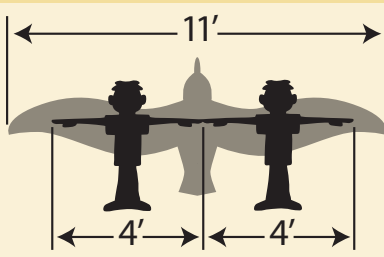
A watershed is not a building. It is an area of land that collects rain and snow. The water then drains into bays and from there into the ocean where it joins large ocean currents.



Meet the Albatross

The wandering albatross is the world's largest flying bird.

These are big birds: An albatross wingspan can be from six to eleven feet wide! Here's how that compares to the armspan of two kids.



A Dangerous Mix

Albatross parents travel hundreds of miles to find food for their chicks. They scoop up squid, krill, fish eggs and other natural seafood from the surface of the ocean. They carry their food back to their chicks in their stomachs.

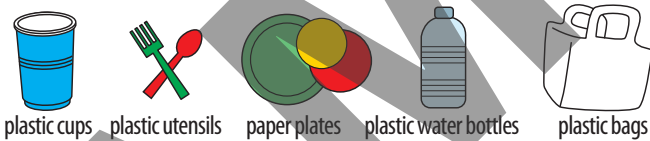
When it reaches its hungry chick, the albatross **regurgitates** the food. The chick then pulls food out of the parent's mouth to eat. (Gross to us, but perfectly normal for these birds.)

But albatross are also swallowing dangerous plastic waste when scooping up seafood. One bird researcher saw an adult albatross regurgitate a toothbrush and its chick ate it. Chicks are not able to regurgitate food or other materials out of their stomachs and the plastic food stays there, making them sick and killing them.

How YOU Can Help!

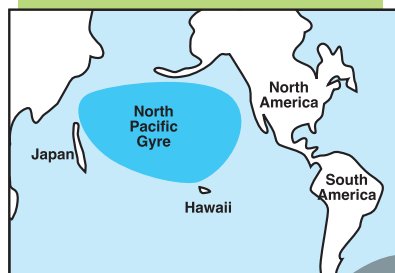
YOU can stop plastic from entering the watershed by reducing the amount of plastic you use and recycling the plastic you can't avoid using. **Below each of these items, draw what you could use instead.**

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS TO AVOID:



A Sea of Troubles

Plastic from the west coast of North America floats down creeks and rivers into the Pacific Ocean. There it joins the North Pacific Gyre which flows clockwise into a large circle.



Homonym Hunt

Waste and waist sound the same, but they are spelled differently and have different meanings. They are called homonyms. Look through today's newspaper and find 5 or more sets of homonyms.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Distinguish homophones.

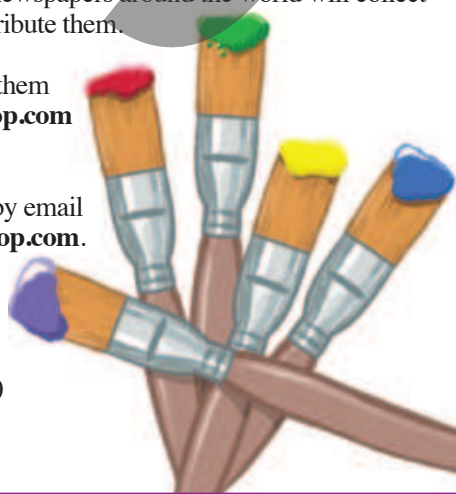
CREATE A MESSAGE OF PEACE

Do you want to send a message of hope and peace to people in Ukraine and other victims of war? If so, send us your drawing or your poem. Children's newspapers around the world will collect these messages and distribute them.

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

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

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Planet Point of View

Find an article that shows a way in which people harm or care for our planet. Rewrite the article from the point of view of a wild animal that would be affected by the news in this article.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write from a particular point of view.



What game do fish like to play?

ANSWER: Salmons

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Former Warhorses reunite at Clay Target Nationals

Jeff Miller
Sports Writer

Former Warhorse sporting clay team members Reagan Martin and Robert Abstance were reunited this past week in San Antonio, Texas for the ACUI Clay Target Nationals. The national tournament was held March 21-26 at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio.

Reagan is a member of the Charleston Southern University clay target team, and was the first shooter signed to the university. He participated in the nationals as an individual representing CSU. Earlier this season, Martin scored his personal best score in American skeet with a 99 out of 100, which gave him a top 10 finish at the ACUI Lower East Coast Conference Championship in American Skeet, held at Savannah, Ga.'s Forest City Gun Club.

Robert is a member of the Clemson University clay target team. Robert's performance this year assured him of a spot on Clemson's roster of 20 participants traveling to nationals. His scores at nationals in American trap singles and trap doubles were included in Clemson's top 5 scorers for these two events.

Clay target shooting is a growing collegiate club sport and has given Robert and Reagan opportunities to compete at the highest collegiate levels this school year in places like Ohio, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Texas.

Robert and Reagan were teammates at Barnwell High School and competed for Barnwell's first clay target shooting team. They graduated from BHS in 2021. BHS has a competitive clay target team currently with six members and is looking to grow the team in the fall. The team is comprised of 7th to 12th grade students.

Good luck to Reagan and Robert in the years to come!



Reagan Martin and Robert Abstance at the Clay Target Nationals in San Antonio, Texas.

Photo by: Craig Martin



Reagan Martin shooting American skeet at Nationals.

Photo by: Craig Martin



Robert Abstance shooting sporting clays at nationals.

Photo by: Trip Abstance

Blue Devils' track season off to great start



Williston-Elko track athletes open their season in Calhoun County on March 16.

Contributed Photos

David B. Corder
Contributing Writer

March 16th saw a great beginning to the Blue Devils' track season at Calhoun County High School.

The boys ran 49 seconds in the 4x100 relay while the girls ran 50 seconds in theirs.

The middle school boys did

well with their first long jump, with Jasiah Gibson reaching a jump of 14 feet.

Meanwhile, freshmen Di-
anne Hosey and Madison
Wright each claimed thirty
seconds in their first 200-
meter dash. Jelisea Ruth-Hudson
ran one minute in her first
400-meter dash, and Joc'Quise
Washington was able to score
57 seconds for his 400-meter
dash. Chris Davis completed

his first 200-meter dash at 25
seconds.

Coach Amanda Carter has
nothing but praise for her
team. "I am so proud of our
track athletes! They did in-
credibly well on their first
meet. Williston-Elko athletes
always give it their all!"

Their next meet will be
back in Calhoun County on
Wednesday, March 30th from
5 to 6 p.m.



Barnwell JV soccer continues to improve

Jeff Miller
Sports Writer



Barnwell's JV soccer team beat Bamberg-Ehrhardt 1-0 in a

Photo by: Patricia Harter

The Barnwell JV soccer team lost a heartbreaker Tuesday, March 22 to Edisto 2-1 then rebounded for a 1-0 victory over Bamberg-Ehrhardt on Thursday, March 24. The JV players of today, and the future varsity players for the Warhorses continue to improve and play better matches as they gain more experience.

In the game against Edisto, Shelby McHenry scored for Barnwell on a free kick.

"The game was back

and forth and it was hard fought by both teams. We had chances but just couldn't convert. Defensively, we were caught out of position on a few

plays and that was what allowed them to score," said Coach Luke Catoe.

Thursday's game against Bamberg-Ehrhardt ended in excit-

ing fashion. Warhorse Landon Santino scored the game winning goal, on an assist from Hudson Harvey, with only minutes remaining in the

second overtime.

Coach Catoe said he was "really happy with the effort we played with. Anytime a game goes to extra time is it

taxing for the team. We dug deep and got the job done."

Catoe spoke highly of the Barnwell defense, saying he was "really proud of our team, but especially of the defense played by Neo Culp, Dustin Jones, Tristian Harter and Gracie Bates. Our goalie AJ Miller got his first shut-out as well, so that's awesome!"

JV soccer will play Wade Hampton Tuesday, March 29, Branchville on Wednesday, March 30, and finish the season on April 1 versus Bamberg. All three games are away and start at 5:30 p.m.

Good luck, Warhorses!

Lady Warhorse offense is hitting stride



ABOVE: Karrie Bolen lays down a great bunt for the Lady Warhorses.

AT RIGHT: Tiera Arnold of the Lady Warhorses crushes a homerun against Edisto.

BELOW: Barnwell's Mykenzie Still was red hot going 8/9 with 5 RBIs and scored eight runs last week.

Photos by: Donna Miley



Jeff Miller
Sports Writer

The Barnwell Lady Warhorse softball team is on fire offensively.

Barnwell scored an impressive 42 runs in the three games played last week. The Horses lost to Edisto 16-8, but then rebounded to beat Williston-Elko 20-10, and then beat South Aiken 14-4.

During the March 22nd Edisto game, McKynzie Still was 2/2, with two runs, and a stolen base. Jaidyn Devore went 1/3, with two RBIs and a sacrifice. Tiera Arnold was 2/4, with a triple, a huge homerun, an RBI, and scored two runs.

Against Williston-Elko on March 24th, Jaidyn Devore and McKynzie Still continued their offensive produc-

tion. Devore was 3/4, with a double, scored two runs, and had two RBIs. Still went 2/3, with a double, a walk, scored three runs, and had three RBIs. Karrie Bolen was 2/3 at the plate, and had two RBIs, and scored three runs. Madelynn Hutson went 3/3, with a walk, and scored two runs. Abigail Corley added to the offensive fun, going 2/3, with a walk, two stolen bases, and scored three runs in the 20-run night for the Horses.

The Lady Warhorse offense picked up right where they left off March 25th against South Aiken, scoring 14 runs in the win. Abigail Corley went 2/3, had two doubles, scored three runs, and had an RBI. Karrie Bolen was 1/2, with a double, two sacrifices, scored a run, and added an RBI. McKynzie Still was a

perfect 4/4 at the plate, hit a double, scored three runs, and added two RBIs.

Madelynn Hutson was 2/2, scored two runs, had two RBIs, and had a sacrifice. Tiera Arnold went 1/1, hit a double, scored two runs, had two RBIs, a walk, and a sacrifice. Makayla Creech went 2/2, had two RBIs, a stolen base, and a sacrifice. Jaidyn Devore was an impressive 3/3, hit a double, had two RBIs on offense. Devore was also the winning pitcher, pitched a complete game, and recorded five strikeouts to help secure the 14-4 win over South Aiken.

If the Barnwell offense continues to produce like this past week, and the defense plays well, the Lady Warhorses will have a very good season.

Good luck, Lady Warhorse softball team!

BHS baseball loses to Aiken

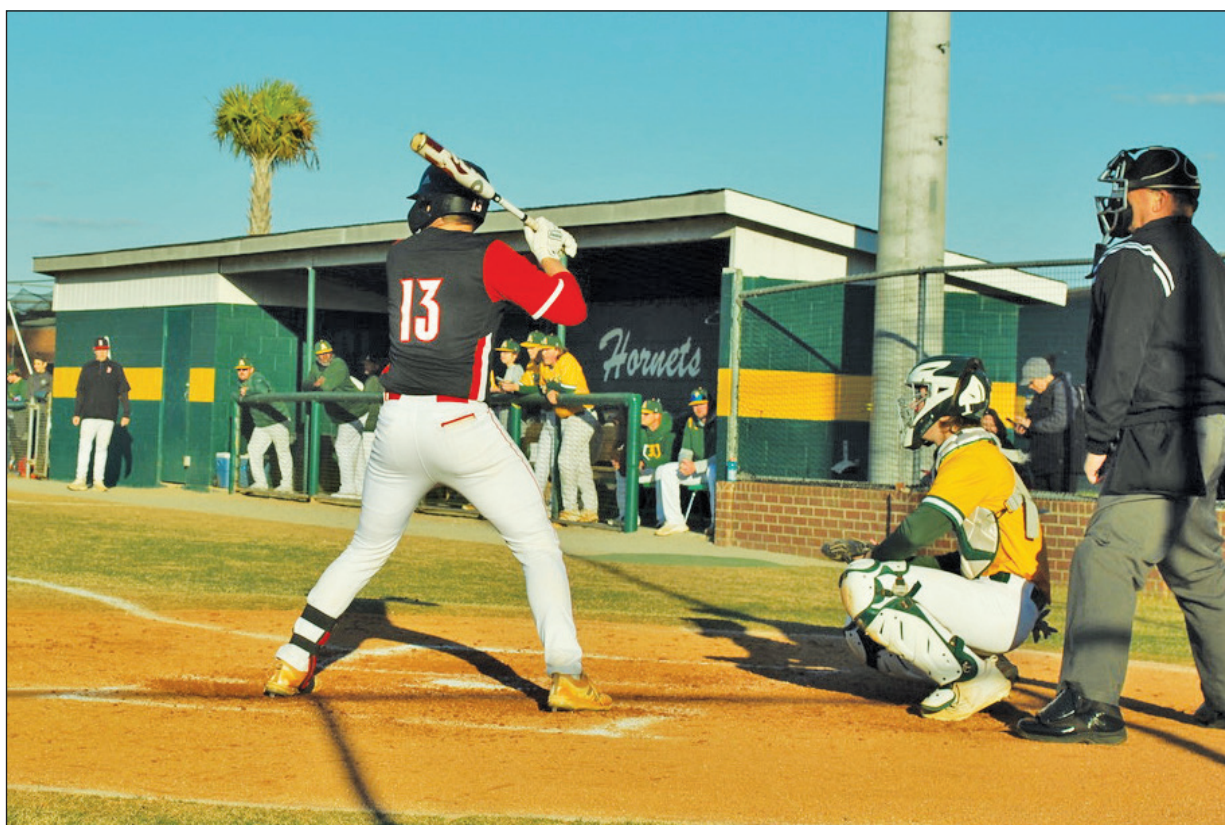


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Barnwell's Weston Sandifer awaits the pitch from Aiken hurler. Barnwell lost to Aiken 2-0.

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Barnwell boys soccer opens region play 2-0

Jeff Miller
Sports Writer

The Barnwell varsity boys soccer team defeated Edisto High School 4-3 on the road to open up region play Monday, March 21st, then traveled to Silver Bluff, Thursday, March 24th and won 2-1. The wins make the Warhorses 2-0 in Region V-AA play.

In the game against Edisto, the score was tied 3-3 with about five minutes to go, when Edisto committed a foul, giving Khotan Arce-Carillo a chance to score on a penalty kick. The kick just missed, but he would get another opportunity a few minutes later, and he did not miss, scoring the game winning goal with less than two minutes remaining. Barnwell won 4-3 in exciting fashion.

"Khotan is a great athlete and leader for us. He is a guy that rarely comes out of the game and can play any position that we need him to play. He isn't one of those loud, vocal leaders, but rather one



Barnwell goalkeeper RJ Frickling makes a save vs Edisto.

that leads by example, always at practice, always on time, always going hard and full speed in practice. You can see it in the other players. When he wins the ball and we switch to an offensive counter attack, our team flips a switch and knows that it is go time for the

offense," said Coach William Barnes.

Arce-Carillo added an earlier goal off an assist from Jake Sanders. Rashaun Buckmon also scored, as did LaKota Scott off of a corner kick from Lane Evans. This was the second consecutive game that Rahuan



Barnwell defender Charlie Zorn pushes the ball upfield versus Edisto.

and Khotan have scored. Barnes said, "These two have really been able to spark our offense and get our momentum going. When they're on we play with a more competitive edge."

On defense, the Warhorses got a strong outing from goalie RJ Frick-

ing and the rest of the defense. "RJ is a tough player for us in that goal. There were multiple times where if he doesn't go all out to stop the ball, then they probably get two or more extra goals. He is willing to sell out for the ball even if it means colliding with the

other team. He's going to make an effort to stop that shot. I'm glad we have RJ and other players like him who put their bodies on the line when we need them most," said Barnes.

The Warhorses traveled to Silver Bluff Thursday, March 24th and maintained their perfect region record at 2-0. Khotan Arce-Carillo scored off of a corner kick by Lane Evans. LaKota Scott scored with an assist from Arce-Carillo.

"Our defense played significantly better giving up a season low of one goal. We made a little adjustment in the second half and that really seemed to help. LaKota played striker for the first time and played really well up top for us. It was his best game of the season by far. Kaleb Wilson came in and played really well at striker. He had a couple of good shots on goal," Barnes said.

Next game is Monday, March 28th at home versus Silver Bluff at 7 p.m., right after the girls game.

Photos by: Tabitha Zorn

BHS girls soccer crushes Cougars 14-0



Kaydrian Poplin takes the corner kick for Barnwell.

Jeff Miller
Sports Writer

The Barnwell Warhorse girls soccer team dominated the Edisto Cougars 14-0, Monday, March 21.

The Warhorses may have traveled to Edisto for the game, but there was no home field advantage for the Cougars. Barnwell scored seven goals in the first half and held Edisto scoreless. With a 7-0 half-time lead, Barnwell coach Tiffany Zorn made some second half changes, but the Warhorses still scored another seven goals and did not allow an Edisto score, finishing the shut-out with the 14-0 victory.

The Barnwell scoring

was led by Nancy Topete-Bravo who finished with five goals and an assist. Holly Thomas had a big night and contributed three goals and an assist. Several other Warhorses added a goal, including Alaina Brant, Rilee Davis, Jamya Ford, Shariyah Priester, Sarah Modugu, and Emma Creech.

The 14 goals is super impressive, but the defense not allowing a goal is also note worthy.

"Our defense was as phenomenal as ever with Alaina Brant, Rilee Davis, Kaydrian Poplin, and J'Naisha Hayward continuously pushing the ball up the field, giving our offense ample opportunity to score," said Coach Zorn.

Zorn continued, "The consistent dedication to improvement from this team is immeasurable! These players work hard at each practice, and it truly showed in this game. With multiple players having to step out during the game for various reasons, our girls displayed their ability to learn new positions in a short time frame. Defensive midfielders Emma Creech and Sara Rudd, as well as offensive center Jamya Ford, showed their ability to take on new roles on offense, with both Emma and Jamya stepping in as striker and scoring goals!"

Zorn also said, "Kaydrian Poplin stepped up in her new role taking



Nancy Topete-Bravo scored five goals and had an assist in Barnwell's 14-0 win over Edisto.



Barnwell's Emma Creech advances the ball versus Edisto.

Photos by: Tabitha Zorn

corner kicks, along with Nancy Topete-Bravo. I

look forward to seeing her continue to grow this skill

and lead our corner kicks in the future!"

Barnwell JV softball team defeats Edisto



Photos by: Donna Miley

ABOVE: Jada Still rips a pitch in 19-3 victory over Edisto.



ABOVE: Barnwell JV softball players are all smiles in 10-5 win over South Aiken on March 25.



AT RIGHT: Barnwell JV Softball coach Mike Beasley giving some last minute instructions to Miyah Mayes"



ABOVE: Laney Grubbs delivers a strike in Barnwell's 19-3 JV victory over Edisto on March 22.

Award: Peggy Kirkland recognized with state's highest civilian honor

FROM PAGE 1A

The afternoon's formalities opened with Lt. Kirkland's wife, Mrs. Marlo Akins-Kirkland, introducing the Mistress of Ceremony, Mrs. Angela Youmans, community outreach director for Low Country Health Care System.

The opening invocation was presented by Pastor Phinice Young from Young Rosemary Missionary Baptist Church followed by the purpose announced by Barnwell County Councilman David Kenner, who told the crowd the recipient of the award is deserving because they are one of those rare people you can go to. "That person you can call on. That person you can trust will attend to any concerns or needs you may have. Trust and integrity, high honor and character," Kenner said.

Sheriff Steve Griffith respectfully proceeded with the agenda's tribute, still under the guise that the award was intended for Lt. Kirkland. "I could go through a list of the service, contributions to the citizens of Barnwell



Family and friends packed the courtroom of the Barnwell County Courthouse to honor Peggy Kirkland as she received the Order of the Palmetto. Photo by: Donna-Maria Conzalina

County, and accomplishments he's made but, in my humble opinion, Lt. Kirkland got here through his faith, his family and his hard work all inspired by his mother, Ms. Peggy Kirkland. It's obvious to me and I believe without a doubt he was most influenced by his mother. A single mother who took him to church. Made him get his education, taught him right from wrong. Taught him to be respectful and professional and lead by example with a work ethic second to none."

Griffith continued, admirably fighting back the kind of brotherly love tears only the strongest among us can bear. "He's tops."

"When you watch them working together at different events it's like watching the same person. They're one in the same. Their mission is the same. To serve people and bring about unity. I have had very few honors in my life which equals being asked to be involved in a ceremony of this magnitude. It proves to me that in my short vapor here on this Earth, I have been blessed to observe what service is about and to be able to call the recipient of this award, a true friend."

Alas, the presentation arrived from Representative Lonnie Hosey, South Carolina House of Representatives (District 91). "I thank God for this opportunity to be here," he said.

The unison of 'amens' in the room was impactful. For such a time of prestigious recognition, in a crowd of varied heritage; skin tone, political differences or anything

else, was not noticed. Everyone was simply thankful to be celebrating this beautiful woman with a servant's heart.

"The entire Barnwell County Courthouse was filled with love and if that ceremony has to be the catalyst for change, let

commitment to the highest, established in all you do. You have touched the lives of countless individuals with kindness and compassion. Selflessly giving of yourself...with a servant's heart that is the testament to your character.

Jesus Christ for His grace and mercy that brought me through," Peggy Kirkland said. "Thank God for my son for thinking enough of his mom to go the extra mile to show his appreciation and love. All the hard work and planning he put in making

spect. Then a moving, solo vocal performance of "Wind Beneath My Wings" was performed by Dr. Wanda G. Adams. She introduced the song, saying to the guest of honor, "Thank you for being the wind beneath everyone's wings."

In his closing remarks, Lt. Kirkland said this started out as a mission to pay homage to his mother, who he called his "she-ro", for all that she's done. He explained her worthiness of the award in an 8-page letter entitled 'Service Above Self'. It wasn't an opportunity for the governor to hear about a distinguished football coach like Lou Holtz, an award-winning band like Hootie and the Blowfish, or an entertainer like James Brown, but one of God's servants, Peggy Jo Kirkland, who has dedicated her life to blessing people abundantly.

"That's what that award is centered around. Service Above Self. Putting everybody else before herself is all that she's done my entire life," he said.

Pointing to his mother, he said, "Today was your day. I wanted you to have your moment. I wanted you to receive your award. I want to thank you for being the mother that you were to me in the presence of everybody. And thank you everyone again for everything you did, whatever role you played. In my opinion you were an extremely important part of this ceremony. I love you Mom and thank you for being my inspiration and everyone else's as well," said Lt. Kirkland.



Peggy Kirkland (second from left) with her son Eric Kirkland, daughter-in-law Marlo Akins-Kirkland, and Barnwell County Sheriff Steve Griffith after she received her award. Photo by: Bill Murphy / Contributed

it begin there. We can all learn from Peggy Jo Kirkland by doing exactly what got her the award in the first place: her heart compassion and empathy for others and her ability to love everyone," said Lt. Kirkland.

Standing at the podium, facing Peggy Kirkland, as she sat between the Lt. and his wife, Rep. Hosey read aloud from an official letter. "Mrs. Kirkland, it is my pleasure to award you the Order of the Palmetto in recognition of your exceptional dedication to the people of our state. Throughout your life you have been a wonderful inspiration to those around you. Demonstrating an uncommon

A strong commitment to your Christian values. You serve as a reminder of the vital importance of civic engagement. Your exceptional good works will have a positive impact on the community throughout our state for generations to come. We are fortunate to have you in South Carolina. I thank you for all you have done to make the Palmetto State a special place to live, work and learn. Yours very truly, Henry McMaster, Governor of South Carolina."

"I love people and doing positive things to make their day is my passion and a gift from God. May the work I've done speak for me. Honoring our Lord and Savior

this happen cannot be measured. To all that supported his request of the nomination application for the Order of the Palmetto Award with letters to Governor McMaster, I can never thank you enough. Special thanks to my grands, daughter-in-law, great-grands, Florida and Philadelphia family, and everyone that took the time out of their busy schedules to come out and help celebrate with me. May God continue to bless all of you and if you ever need me, I am only a phone call away."

The ceremony continued with various speakers, including family and friends. Some traveled from afar just to show their love and re-

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MARCH

Barnwell Library

Mar. 30
Grab and GO-
Stop by and grab a fun Spring Activity Packet. Packets are appropriate for ages 3+ and their families.

Apr. 14:
Easter Activity Pages

Mar. 31
STORY TIME - At the Library
Children's Room Barnwell Library
Masks are strongly encouraged for this event for ages 3+.
11am

Mar. 24
Virtual Story Time
These select dates will be virtual only. They will be posted to our Facebook page @librarybarnwell. Story time is appropriate for all ages.

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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

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

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

Apr. 7, 14, 21, & 28
Story Time will take place in the Children's Room. This event is appropriate for all ages.
11AM

MAKE IT MONDAY-Held in the Children's Room

April 4
Bunny Footprints
4pm-5pm
Apr. 11
Easter Basket
4pm-5pm
Apr. 18
Frog Activity
This event is appropriate for ages 3+.
4pm-5pm

ADULTS

Apr. 26
Potluck Book Club:
We will be meeting to discuss Death on the Nile by Agatha Christie.
Community Room
4PM

Blackville Library

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

Williston Library

Hours of Operation
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Museums

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

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

March 2022

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		13th - Daylight Savings Time				
		17th - St. Patrick's Day				

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Do you have an announcement you would like published?

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

Easter Activities Guide

Egg Hunts

Apr. 3
Family Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Bethany Baptist Church
At Fuller Park
Picnic 11:30-12:30; Games (Ages 3-13) 12:30-1:00; Adult Competition 1PM; Resurrection Egg Lesson 1PM; Easter Egg Hunt 1:30PM
11:30-2PM

Apr. 9
Town of Hilda
At the Depot
11AM

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

Apr. 16
Easter Eggstravaganza
Hosted by Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church
Photos with the Easter Bunny, food, music, obstacle course, bounce house/slide, Aubree's science lab, prizes, 4000 eggs
10620 Dunbarton Blvd.
Barnwell
11AM-2PM

Barnwell Library Easter Activities

Easter Scavenger Hunt
Apr. 13th-15th
open to close
Stop by and help your little ones find the eggs hidden around the Library. A small prize will be given for all completed hunts. Appropriate for ages 2 and up.

Apr. 14:
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To be included in our Easter sections, send your announcement to jhowell@thepeoplesentinel.com

Events

Apr. 2
Farewell Appreciation Drop-in for Coach Brandon Isaac
Blackville Community Center
3PM-6PM

Apr. 9
Edisto River Canoe/Kayak Paddle Trip
Meet at Zig Zag Landing
8:30 am - Down to the River to Pray - Sponsored by First Baptist Church Denmark
9:00 am - Be at Zig Zag Landing with your gear unloaded & be ready to shuttle
This is a 6 mile paddle to Friends of the Edisto's "Smoke on the Water"
To paddle register with Jerry Bell
Email: SouthForkPaddlers@gmail.com or Text: (803)300-1972
You will need to bring your own boat & gear (life jacket & whistle are required by law)
To rent a boat & gear contact Cope Kayak Company (803)614-9836
Shuttle service will be provided for monthly Chamber River Trips (Donations accepted, \$10 recommended)
Camping & Cabins Available at:
Edisto Birdhouse Refuge (near Branchville) call (803) 535-2430

Barnwell State Park
Sponsored by: First Baptist Church Denmark
Smoke on the Water (9:00 am - 3:00 pm)
12:30 pm - Edisto River Update with Hugo Krispyn, Edisto River-keeper
1:00 pm - Lunch Served - Free for FRED Members \$10 for Non-Members
Smoke on the Water is sponsored by: Friends of the Edisto

Apr. 9
Allendale County Library Book Sale:
Friends' Room located upstairs. \$10/Paperbacks & \$25/Hardbacks. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase books, audio books and cds for your home and place of business. We hope to see you there.
10:30AM-1:30PM

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. 30
Barnwell County's DEA National RX Take Back Program
Safely dispose of unused

Free Resources
medicine
For info, call the Axis Center at 803-341-1245
CVS Parking Lot
10AM-2PM

Volunteers
Apr. 1
Trash & Treats:
Barnwell County Animal Shelter dogs available for adoption will be participating in litter pick up in Barnwell County. Everyone is invited to join us! Bring along your pet to help us keep Barnwell County clean.

We will be coordinating with Barnwell Sheriff's Department Deputy Sanders on locations.
First location: Barnwell in front of FH Dicks Watermelon Shed by Animal Shelter
Treats will be available for all Pups!
803-259-1656
10AM

Meetings

1st Tuesdays
Barnwell Development Association:
For small business owners & representatives with a passion to SHOP LOCAL. Would love to hear your ideas for promoting small businesses in Barnwell County.
20 Wall St, Barnwell
8:00am

3rd Wednesdays
The Barnwell Non-Profit Roundtable
All Non-Profits are invited to attend to get to know various organizations and serve our community. We discuss problems, hopes, what's working and what is not.
218 Main St, Barnwell, SC
8-9am

Apr. 1 & 2
Inside Church Yard Sale:
All proceeds will go to help a family that needs a ramp/house repairs.
Victory Baptist Church
3361 HWY 70
9AM-3PM

Apr. 23
2022 Warhorse Auction & Dance
Hosted by Warhorse Club & Warhorse Football
\$10 for entry/No one under 21 permitted
For info or sponsorship:
Britt Pender 803-541-1595
El Bab Shrine Club, 571 Patterson Mill Rd, Barnwell
6PM



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.

EASTER SERVICE DIRECTORY

Apr. 14
First Baptist Church Williston
Pastor Doug Blaikie
Lunch served after service
For more information 803-266-3046 or fbcwilliston@gmail.com
12-1PM

Apr. 15
Williston Presbyterian Church
Pastor Stephen Burnette
Lunch served after service
For more information 803-266-3046 or fbcwilliston@gmail.com
12-1PM

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

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

Bells Chapel Pentecostal Holiness
83 Work Ave. Olar
Sundays - 10:30am
Pastor Thomas Caldwell - callh02@yahoo.com
(803) 333-9121, (803) 671-6369

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

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

Apr. 15
Stations of the Cross:
The Barnwell County Ministerial Association
Church of the Holy Apostles
6PM

Apr. 17
Sunrise Service
Hilda Southern Methodist Church
242 Old Salem Rd. in Hilda
7AM

Holy Apostles Anglican Church
Holy Week Services
Apr. 10
Palm Sunday at 10:30 am

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

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

Friendship Baptist Church
Sunday School
5801 Friendship Rd, Barnwell, SC 29812
Sundays - Assembly 9:45am, Sunday School at 10am, Worship at 11am
Discipleship Training Sundays - 6pm, Worship at 7pm

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

Jordan Missionary Baptist
200 Skyland Farm Road, Williston
Sunday School
2nd - 5th Sundays 9:30am
Worship
2nd-5th Sundays 10:30am
Please wear a mask.

Long Branch Baptist church
3223 Highway 37
Williston, SC

Apr. 14
Maundy Thursday Service at 6:30 pm
Holy Eucharist
Foot washing
Stripping of the Altar

Apr. 15
Good Friday Service at 12 Noon
Community Stations of the Cross at 6 pm

Apr. 17
Easter Service at 10:30 am
No Sunday School
Fellowship Hour at 9:30 am
Easter egg hunt for kids after Church

SCUNDAY
9:15am - Sunday school
10:30am - Morning worship service
5:30pm - Bible study
6:45pm - Evening worship service
WEDNESDAY
7:00pm - Prayer service
Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church
10620 Dunbarton Boulevard., Barnwell
Inside Services: Sunday school at 9 a.m. and services at 10 a.m. Bible study is held Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. Please wear a mask.

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

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

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

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

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Estate: Barbara T. Sanders
Date of Death: February 1, 2022
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00038
Personal Representative: Jerry I. Rodford
Address: P.O. Box 242, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
Attorney: Thomas M. Boulware
Address: P.O. Box 248, Barnwell, S.C. 29812
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Estate: Linda Brazier Morris
Date of Death: February 15, 2022
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00041
Personal Representative: Adadra B. Neville
Address: 100 Fairway Drive, Williston, S.C. 29853
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Estate: Myma B. Wilson
Date of Death: February 23, 2022
Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00070
Personal Representative: Paula W. Wall
Address: P.O. Box 338, Fairfax, S.C. 29827
Co-Personal Representative: David Wilson
Address: 1481 Concord Church Road, Allendale, S.C. 29810
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2022-58 3tp 03-30-22

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Estate: Janet S. Odum
Date of Death: February 15, 2022
Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00019
Personal Representative: William J. Odum Jr.
Address: 654 Cedar Knoll Road, Fairfax, S.C. 29827
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Estate: Gregory Paul Jones
Date of Death: October 4, 2020
Case Number: 2020 ES 06 00165
Personal Representative: Stacy Jones
Address: 1431 Blacks Drive, Williston, S.C. 29853
March 23, 30, April 6, 2022
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