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McKethan drafted by NY Giants

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After being drafted by the NY Giants (at left) April 30, Barnwell native Marcus McKethan (above) signs a Warhorse helmet during a trip to Barnwell High on May 2.

In the fifth round of the NFL draft, the NY Giants selected Marcus McKethan from Barnwell.

Marcus, a two-time All-ACC Honorable Mention player, was the starting right guard for the Tar Heels and head coach Mack Brown.

"Marcus did an excellent job for us while at Carolina and he's one of the main reasons we've led the league in rushing yards over the past two years," said Coach Brown. "He is so big, but he can really move for his size. Marcus was also very durable throughout his time with us, starting 37 of his last 38 games as a Tar Heel. We're looking forward to him

showcasing those traits at the next level and I'd expect him to have a positive impact for the New York Giants."

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Former Chief Rodney Pruitt (left) swears in new Williston Police Chief James Gainey on April 25.

Gainey sworn in as Williston police chief

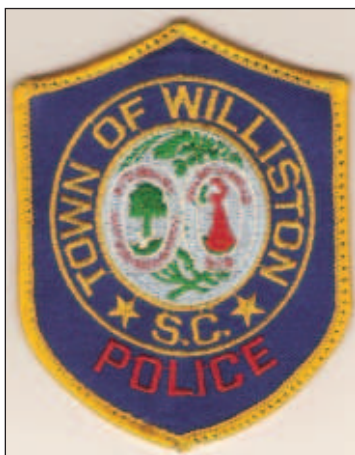
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An experienced lawman is coming out of retirement to lead his hometown's police department.

James Gainey officially started duties as chief of the Williston Police Department (WPD) on April 25. He was selected out of a pool of 12 applicants, including two other finalists who were not local. Gainey brings a wealth of knowledge built on 38-plus years of experience.

"Chief Gainey was chosen by the Williston Town Council for numerous reasons. His years of experience played a major part in his hiring. The fact that he lived very close to the town limits, when off duty, his response time will be quick. We wanted someone who would have great supervision skills and also someone who can relate to members of our community," said Williston Mayor



Brett Williams.

Chief Gainey takes over for Rodney Pruitt, who recently moved from being chief and investigator to solely investigator.

"On behalf of the Town of Williston we do thank former Chief Rodney Pruitt for his willingness and dedication over these past years. Rodney has done a lot in the time as chief here and before chief he served as investigator for numerous years prior. He has

worked and gave selflessly to the town he dearly loves," said Mayor Williams.

Gainey, an alumnus of Williston-Elko High School, is excited for the opportunity to serve as chief of police for his hometown. The WPD is where he started his career 38 years ago.

"After retirement, I soon realized that my heart is in law enforcement and I feel that I still have knowledge, expertise, and skill-set that I can contribute, so I decided to apply for the Chief of Police position for Williston," said Gainey.

Mayor Williams said he and the council trust that Gainey will continue to hold the department to the highest standards and the training of the new officers will be superior. "We believe that the chief and his officers will establish a positive rapport with the citizens of Williston and help them feel safe. We look forward to

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Two vying for Blackville mayor's seat

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Two Blackville natives are hoping to be their hometown's next mayor.

Ronnie Pernell, who recently moved back to Blackville, and Enterick Lee, who was elected to Blackville Town Council last year, were the only candidates to file by the April 29th deadline in order to appear on the June 14th ballot. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Blackville Community Center. The winner will fill the seat left vacant earlier this year by the resignation of Michael Beasley, who served as mayor for nearly 12 years.

Persons desiring to vote in this election must be registered on the county's Books of Registration as an elector and a resident of the municipality, not less than 30 days prior to the date of election. The last day to register to vote for this municipal election is May 14.

To register to vote in Barnwell County or update your address and/or other voter registration information, visit the office of the Barnwell County Registration & Elections (367 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell).

Enterick Lee

Enterick Lee is a lifelong resident of Barnwell County.

The 2012 graduate of Blackville-Hilda High School has always enjoyed serving his community and helping others get to the next level of desires in life. In addition to serving on town council, he attends Ned Branch Baptist Church of Barnwell, serves as a member of Barnwell Masonic Lodge #180 (Prince Hall), Board of Directors of Blackville CDC, Barnwell County Democrat Party Precinct President, Barnwell-Blackville NAACP, and on the National Small Business Council. He's the recipient of the Big 7 Association Small Business Award and Millen-

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Enterick Lee



Ronnie Pernell

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Volunteers in Hilda collected 800 pounds of litter on 7 miles of roadway April 2. Pictured: April Hutto, Linda Thomas, Jackie Bowers, John Moody, John Davis, Beverly Moody, Darlene Falso, Allie Murdock, and Ashley Howell. Not pictured: Ricky Hutto, Phil Falso, Jean Owens.



Williston Mayor Brett Williams, Williston Town Councilmen Eric Moody, Kurt Odermatt, and Scott Valentine, Deputy Sheriff Darlene Sanders, resident Margo Huggins, Williston Police Officer Adam Evans, Barnwell City Councilwoman Peggy Kinlaw, Williston-Elko students and a host of folks from Williston participated in a clean-up on April 2. Photos Contributed

Barnwell County residents clean up communities

Lt. Governor Pamela Evette kicked off the Grab A Bag SC spring campaign with a litter pickup event in Laurens County on Wednesday, March 30.

Leading by example, Evette encouraged South Carolina citizens to get out into their communities and pick up litter from March 30 through April 2.

"Litter prevention is about citizens taking ownership of their neighborhoods and making sure that trash is put in its place before it can become litter," said Evette. "But while there is still litter, we must pick it up. Citizens, governments and business industries all have a part to play in changing the culture that leads to litter."

Numerous Barnwell County residents responded to her call.



Some of the Williston-Elko students who helped pick up trash.

Barnwell County working toward Keep America Beautiful affiliation

Gracie Hiers
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Barnwell County has been working diligently with Southern Carolina Alliance and Palmetto Pride on getting its Keep America Beautiful Affiliation.

There are currently 37 counties in South Carolina that are successful Keep America Beautiful affiliates. By becoming an affiliate, Barnwell County will be able to join in on the success by striving towards ending litter, improving recycling, and beautifying America's communities. Some of the top rea-

sons why counties decide to become a Keep America Beautiful Affiliate are national credibility, a powerful network of peers, training opportunities, tools, resources, and programs, community impact grants, and self-determination.

Barnwell County Councilman Ben Kinlaw has stepped forward to take on the role of interim coordinator of Keep Barnwell County Beautiful. Kinlaw is very passionate about keeping his community clean, as he and his wife Peggy along with other community volunteers regularly pick up litter throughout Barnwell



County, and he is excited to see Barnwell get its

affiliation. Once a board is developed, a permanent Coordinator will be voted on.

"As we grow the 'Keep Barnwell County Beautiful' initiative, we envision municipalities developing and scheduling cleanup events, and promoting communities to develop their respective cleanup programs," said Kinlaw.

Keep Barnwell County Beautiful has its first annual County-Wide Spring Cleanup Event on May 14 from 8 to 10 a.m. Meet at the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office for supplies and assignments. More information about the event can be found on Keep Barnwell County Beautiful's Face-

book page.

The Keep Barnwell County Beautiful board is looking for potential board members and volunteers. Members' duties include attending free training given by Palmetto Pride, attending monthly board meetings, and taking part in various community projects throughout the year.

Anyone interested in joining the Keep Barnwell County Beautiful board or signing up to volunteer for events should contact Ben Kinlaw at bccd5kinlaw@gmail.com or by messaging the Keep Barnwell County Beautiful Facebook page.

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Chief: James Gainey comes home to lead Williston Police Department

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what Chief Gainey has to offer Williston," said the mayor. "As chief, I look forward to serving the citizens, helping to move Williston forward in policing and protecting everyone in the community. There will be some changes that I will bring, the changes will be for the betterment of the town. I am also looking forward to learning from the officers, getting to know them, learning

what they need to do their job effectively, and helping to achieve our goals," said Chief Gainey. Some of the goals for the chief are everyday expectations and continuing the development and utilization of the problem-oriented policing strategies. Preventing and solving crimes while prosecuting offenders is also vital. "Help educate busi-

ness leaders to take appropriate crime prevention measures, because even though we want to help and be observant we can't be everywhere all the time," said Mayor Williams. Gainey and his wife Dawne have been married for 33 years. They have one son, Billy Gainey, who has also been in law enforcement for eight years and currently works for the Aiken County Sheriff's Office.

Teens display service above self



Kijuana Moore (left) and Maleah Williams (right), mentees from Redefined Women's Empowerment Inc. visited the PruittHealth Barnwell nursing home on March 31 to deliver throw blankets for senior citizens. They are pictured with MaryAnne Jamison, director of PruittHealth Barnwell. Photo Contributed

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Weekly Column

Woe to you when spoken words don't match BODY LANGUAGE



Phil Hudgins
Columnist

"How would you like to see the play downtown—that musical?" my wife asked the other day.

"That's fine," I said. "Whatever you want to do."

Later in the day, she said, "I think I want to stay home tonight. I've got some reading to catch up on, and I'm kind of tired. Besides, you really don't want to go, do you?"

My wife had been reading this book entitled "Cues," which, according to the author, Vanessa Van Edwards, teaches one how to read another person's body language, facial expressions, word choices, and vocal inflections.

"No," I admitted, "I really didn't want to go, but I'd go for you."

I added later, "You need to stop reading that dang book."

Frankly, I have nothing against musicals. In fact, some of them are fun. But on this particular day, I was thinking about kicking back in my nice, comfortable recliner and watching a ballgame on TV. Seemed better than sitting in a less-comfortable seat in a theater full of people and watching a musical I'd never heard of.

My brother, who is more blunt, would've said, "No, I don't like to see a bunch of people break out in song in the middle of the street. Let's stay home."

You'd think after 56 years of marriage, my wife would know all of my cues without reading a book. She can read most of

them, but she's becoming more proficient all the time, mainly because she's looking for them now.

Some people leave no doubt as to what they're thinking. Take my late fiery grandmother, Mama Stevens, my mother's mama. She would tell you straight out if she didn't like something.

My brother and I were teenagers, our sister about 10, when we moved from a four-bed house to a two-bed place, the first house Daddy purchased after paying rent for 20 years. Mama Stevens was living with us. That meant our sister would sleep with Mama, making sure she didn't touch her during the night, and my brother and I would be banished to the attic, where our "bedroom" was a lonely mattress at the end of a pull-down ladder.

For Mama Stevens, body language was redundant.

For our father, however, it was everything. His mouth seldom spoke. Everything else spoke volumes. "Watch your daddy," our mother said one time. "You know how he is." If he wanted you to pass the biscuits, he'd make an almost undetectable nod or gesture toward the platter and expect you to figure it out.

I guess I'm somewhere in the middle. I aspire to have my body, face, and vocal inflections to match my words, but I'm sure they sometimes betray me. When I said to my wife about the musical, "That's fine, whatever you want to do," I thought that said it pretty well.

But tucked discreetly in that response was something else my wife picked up on, thanks to Vanessa Van Edwards' dadgum book.

I guess I'll need to read it in self-defense.

Mind Matters

COVID CONVERSATIONS



Dr. Greg Smith
Aiken-Barnwell
Mental Health

I participated in a Wall Street Journal Health Forum online last week, covering everything from artificial intelligence to healthcare delivery to organizational structure to burnout. One of the online conversations really caught my attention, and I thought I would share some of the insights I gained with you in this week's column. The guest was Amy J. C. Cuddy, Ph. D., a social psychologist who I had previously heard give a TED talk. Her story is interesting on its own, and I invite you to read about her, but what intrigued me was her observations on the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts over the last two years.

She started off by saying that before the pandemic, about eight percent of American adults reported symptoms of depression. By the fall of 2021, when we were well into the pandemic, that number had risen to thirty-three per cent. There has always been a stigma around mental health and related issues as you know. One thing the pandemic has done is to bring more attention and focus onto those terrible illnesses and the need for screening, diagnosis and treatment. The conversation around mental health has increased, which I am very glad about, but we still tend to look at mental illness as an individual issue. In other words, if you have a problem, then it is your responsibility to recognize it and seek help for it. As Dr. Cuddy alluded to, the pandemic has taught us many things, one being that these problems are not at all individual, but now seem to present a collective issue, whether in certain families, certain areas of the country, certain workspaces, etc.

She spoke of something called the Pandemic Flux Syndrome and the related concept of surge capacity. When we were first assaulted by the coronavirus we circled the wagons, helped each other in any way we could, came up with a game plan to survive, and were set on helping each other through and past this new challenge to our mental, physical, vocational and financial health. We knew, we just knew, that we could do anything that was needed to get us through those two weeks or two months that we thought the pandemic would last. In fact, many of us, myself included, found that after we had gone home and perfected our work at home lifestyle in those first few weeks that we were even more productive than we had been at the office. Per Dr. Cuddy, groups tend to work very well together in the initial emergency phase of a crisis, and work well we did. We were energetic, flexible, learned new skills on the fly, and kept the work going without missing a beat.

Interestingly, she stated that about 24% of employees felt supported and cared for by their employers prior to the pandemic, and that number jumped to 49% as the pandemic progressed through its first few months. Now, the percentage is back to 24 again. We all found that interactions on Zoom, FaceTime, Teams, doxy.me and other platforms were not that bad, good in some cases, and we found ourselves having even more meetups for work, engaging in virtual happy hours after work, and birthday visits with kids and elderly relatives that we might not have been able to see otherwise. This lasted, much like the protective initial group work mindset, for a few months, but now has inexorably lead to increased withdrawal, isolation, mild to moderate agitation and a sort of self-protective isolation.

Why might this be? Dr. Cuddy surmised, and we have all felt for ourselves, that the need for a clear ending to this pandemic

experience has driven us to tolerate it. The lack of that clear endpoint has made us cranky, irritable, depressed and isolated from others in ways that we may not have experienced pre-pandemic. We are bad at predicting our future emotions, she said, and being in flux as to the end of this stress has left us depleted and coping poorly. Also, you may have noticed as I certainly have that going back to your favorite restaurant for your favorite meal, visiting your favorite place, or engaging in your favorite activity does not carry the same emotional satisfaction that it did before COVID-19. It is bland and unsatisfying, she observed.

What can employers do to help in this healing process? Listen closely to their employees without judging, trust them to make reasonable observations about realistic changes that might help them ease back into the work environment, and provide them with opportunities to feel a renewed sense of power and ownership which will lead to renewed success on the job.

What can the rest of us do? Dr. Cuddy recommended choosing a fresh start day for yourself. When will you consider the pandemic to be over for you personally, given the available information, your tolerance for risk, your vaccination status, etc? Both organizations and individuals can choose to declare a new Day One, she said. New work groups, new workflows, new goals, changed organizational structures, and rewards for those who remained loyal to the cause can all signal a new start.

Lastly, two things that Dr. Cuddy made clear are very important in my book. First, we all need to remember that all the symptoms we have had, the angst that we feel and the difficulties we are trying to overcome are simply normal responses to a very abnormal situation. Secondly, mental health must be a collective priority, not just an individual problem.

Letter to the Editor

Ibria Blackwood (Buster) Lawrimore Family Thankful

Dear Editor,

The family of Ibria Blackwood (Buster) Lawrimore would like to thank our friends for all the acts of love and kindness shared with us during the loss of our loved one. We want to extend heartfelt thanks to our special friends, Josh and Holly, at Remain at Home. They shared their medical professionalism and love care with Buster and Bernice for three years and will always be remembered with great fondness.

May God bless,
The Lawrimore family



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DHEC reminds public of dangers hot vehicles pose to children

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As we approach the hottest months of the year, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control wants to remind the public of the dangers of pediatric vehicular heat stroke, commonly referred to as "hot car deaths."

Heatstroke can occur throughout the year as temperatures inside a vehicle can reach life

threatening levels even on mild or cloudy days. Children are particularly vulnerable to hot car deaths as their bodies' ability to maintain internal body temperatures are not as efficient as an adult's and their body temperature warms at a rate of 3 or 5 times faster than adults (noheatstroke.org).

South Carolina has had 22 deaths in hot cars since 1998. Last year was particularly deadly with three hot car deaths in our state.

The average date of the first death of the year is March 24. These deaths are 100 percent preventable and, according to the National Safety Council, generally the result of three primary circumstances: A caregiver forgetting a child in a vehicle, a child gaining access to the vehicle and someone knowingly leaving a child in a vehicle.

"A car can heat up 19 degrees in 10 minutes, and cracking a window doesn't help,"

said Kevin Poore, Safe Kids South Carolina Director. "Heatstroke can happen anytime, anywhere. We don't want to see this happen to any family, or any child. That's why DHEC is asking everyone to help protect kids from this very preventable tragedy by never leaving a child alone in a car, not even for a minute."

Together, we can cut down the number of deaths and near misses by remembering to

ACT.

- **A:** Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving a child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not inside so kids don't get into it on their own.
- **C:** Create reminders. Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's car seat when it's empty and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in

the back seat. Or place and secure your phone, briefcase, or purse in the back seat when traveling with your child.

- **T:** Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations. One call could save a life.

For more information on preventing child heatstroke deaths, please visit www.safekids.org/heatstroke.

DHEC partners with SC community leaders to eliminate health disparities

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In conjunction with National Public Health Week (NPHW) – April 4-10, 2022 – the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announced it will expand its own work as well as partnerships with community members and organizations to eliminate health disparities in our state to give all South Carolinians an opportunity to attain optimal health outcomes.



"While we have come a long way in our work toward our vision of South Carolina as a state where healthy people – people of all races and ethnicities, ages and genders, and across all parts of our great state – live in healthy communities, there are still significant disparities in health outcomes across our state," said DHEC Director Edward Simmer, MD, MPH, DFA-PA. "I am convinced that by working together with our many outstanding partners and involving community members themselves we can eliminate the disparities present in our state today and provide a healthier future for all South Carolinians."

community leaders across the state of South Carolina are saying, go to <https://scdhec.gov/health/eliminating-health-disparities/community-partners>.

The agency's announcement comes as the state prepares to move from COVID-19 as a pandemic to an endemic.

"Long-standing health disparities were highlighted in South Carolina and across the United States by COVID-19's devastating and disproportionate impact on many in our communities," said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC Public Health Director. "Also emphasized was the strength of our people to come together and take swift actions to address inequities and protect one another. It is incumbent on all of us not to lose sight of this

momentum and continue the hard work to resolve inequities that limit our state's health outcomes whether they are related to race, ethnic group, gender, socioeconomic status, or any other factor."

Early in the pandemic local and national data show that African Americans and other minority populations were not only disproportionately impacted by this disease, but also had lower rates of vaccination against COVID-19. Specifically, in March 2021, the Black and Hispanic populations had lower vaccination rates when compared to the White population (7% and 11% lower, respectively).

Recognizing the seriousness of this issue, DHEC, working with external partners like the NAACP, AME

Church, Latinx media outlets, and many other faith-based and community service organizations, focused on resolving this disparity. The intent of this work was to enhance local efforts by working with local partners who know and are trusted by their communities and can help public health officials identify where people are and get the vaccine out as quickly and equitably as possible while maximizing the current supply of doses, which were initially limited. The result of these efforts are African Americans and Hispanics are now more likely to be vaccinated than other groups in South Carolina.

While COVID-19 exposed health disparities in a manner unlike any crisis before it, it also stimulated increased use of community-based partnerships as powerful tools to bolster South Carolina's pandemic response. Those

same tools can help eliminate long-standing health disparities that have negatively affected people based on race, ethnicity, gender, disabilities, income, and more.

"Many of the disparities impacting health outcomes in South Carolina and across the nation have developed over a long period of time as a result of discriminatory policies and practices," said Dr. Linda Bell, South Carolina State Epidemiologist. "Eliminating these disparities will take time but will bring meaningful change in the health of South Carolinians. We must not allow the difficulty of the challenge dissuade us from the doing the work needed to make this change."

Today, a growing body of research shows that social determinants of health—such as access to quality preventive health care and sick care, education,

social connectedness, healthy food, housing, wealth, and employment—play a key role in health inequities. This includes communities of color, rural settings, and households with low socioeconomic status, among others. As a result, people within these populations are placed at greater risk for not only poor health outcomes, but poor outcomes in life.

Addressing the social determinants remains a vital part of health and healthcare. DHEC continues its work to address the social determinants of health and advance health equity in partnership with community leaders, organizations, and community members across the state.

"We didn't get here overnight," Simmer said, "and we will not solve these issues in a day. Given the gravity of this issue, DHEC fully understands that we have much more work to do, and we are committed to doing so."

The agency encourages everyone to learn more and join local efforts to eliminate the disparities in their communities and support a healthier future for every South Carolinian.

For additional information about DHEC and its partners work around health disparities in South Carolina, visit <https://scdhec.gov/health/eliminating-health-disparities>.

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Anteria Janae Jones, 27, of 7740 Marlboro Avenue, Barnwell, Lot #5, was arrested April 27 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Failure to Appear. Jones was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Sydney Ann Joyner, 19, of 438 Hemlock Road, Barnwell, was arrested April 29 by the BCSO for Possession of Meth. Joyner was booked and released to the BCDC.

Faith Martin, 51, of 5423 Reedy Branch Road, Blackville, was arrested April 29 by the BCSO for Assault & Battery. Martin was booked and released to the BCDC.

Darius Alexander Priester, 31, of 208 West Woodland Drive, Walhalla, was arrested April 25 by the BCSO for Failure to Appear. Priester was booked and released to the BCDC.

William Arnette Tripp, 53, of 48 McCrea Avenue, Denmark, was arrested April 30 by the BCSO for Sex Offender Registry Violation, Failed to Register 2nd Offense, and Failure to Pay Court Fines. Tripp was booked and released to the BCDC.

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BIRTH



Granger Brooks Ridgeway was born on March 15, 2022.

Granger Brooks Ridgeway

Haley Breanna Sanders and Dalton Bailee Ridgeway of Elko are proud to announce the birth of their son, Granger Brooks Ridgeway. He was born on March 15, 2022 at 2:25 p.m. at Aiken Hospital. He weighed in at 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 ½ inches long. He has one sibling, brother Corbin Bailee Ridgeway. Maternal grandparents are Milton and Trixie Sanders of Barnwell. Maternal great-grandparents are Mary "Ann" Harrelson of Williston; Rick and Karen Kissiah of Barnwell; and the late MB and the late Joann Sanders of Elko. Paternal grandparents are Cory and Pam Ridgeway of Barnwell. Paternal great-grandparents are the late Ernest and Rhea Ridgeway of Barnwell; Gail Reyes of Aiken and Wally and Gayle Reyes of Wauke, Iowa.

Alberta Williams recognized for service at Blackville senior center



International Women's Month closed with a special presentation at The Golden Retreat (Blackville Senior Center) to Mrs. Alberta Williams. Mrs. Williams was recognized with an inscribed vase saluting her for all that she does for those attending the senior center. Betty Thompson nominated her because "She provides so many extra exciting and interesting activities. She doesn't mind assisting us when we don't quite 'get it.'" The Golden Retreat, Generations Unlimited's Blackville Senior Center, reopened August 2021 with limited seating due to COVID-19 restrictions. Her creativity gives guests opportunities to participate in varied activities within the CDC guidelines, according to Site Manager Norma Rockwell. Mamie Matthews wrote: "Mrs. Williams 'is a jack of all trades'. She is dedicated and devoted to whatever she undertakes." Mrs. Williams is also a talented seamstress, donating a quilt of her own design to raise money for more activities at The Golden Retreat. She prepares the annual Black History Month program with variety each year. Mrs. Williams was born and raised in New York City, New York; spending summers with her grandparents and cousins in Blackville. After retiring as a manager for the City of New York, Department of Social Services, she settled permanently in Blackville. The seniors at The Golden Retreat are glad she is a part of this community. Shirley Nix summed it up, "We love what she does for us."



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BROWNING: From Barnwell to Los Angeles

Rudy Gray
Baptist Courier

For Barnwell native Will Browning, the relocation of him and his family to Los Angeles, Calif., is more than just a move — it is like moving to another country.

Browning grew up working on the family farm, moved to Statesboro, Ga., to attend Georgia Southern University, and met his future wife, Tarah, from Miami, Fla. They were married in October 1999 and began an adventure that has led them to what he calls “one of the world’s most influential cities.”

He is the chief church-planting strategist for Los Angeles and serves as a Send City Missionary for the North American Mission Board. After planting Journey Church in Ladson (Charleston area), he saw the church grow over the next 13 years and 10 months into a church-planting church with a weekly attendance approaching 1,000. Thus far, Journey Church has planted nine other churches and trained many church planters through its church-planting center and residency program.

While attending Northpoint Community Church in Alpharetta, Ga., Browning says the Lord impressed on his heart a message: “I want you to spend the rest of your life seeing your generation come to worship Me.”

One of his guiding principles has been “attempting something so great with my life that it is doomed for failure unless God is in it!”

Recently, NAMB President Kevin Ezell spoke at Taylors First Baptist Church’s Reach Day. Using the church at Antioch in the Book of Acts as an example of living on mission, he said, “They sent them away. As you go, we go. As Will goes, you go. The church at Antioch sent its best, and South Carolina is sending its best.

“God often calls us to do things greater than our ability to accomplish them,” Ezell added. “Will, you must be completely obedient, completely dependent, and completely flexible as you go. There will be challenges from the outside and the inside, but you must stay faithful and focused to the finish.”

As he spoke to the church, Browning said, “NAMB is the leading church-planting mission in North America. I think it is the most powerful church-planting organization on the planet!”

He referenced a statement from church growth specialist Peter Wagner that stated, “The single greatest tool we have for evangelism is church planting.”

Los Angeles, which means “City of Angels,” has a population of 3.8 million and is larger than 21 states. Greater Los



NAMB President Kevin Ezell (left) and Taylors First Baptist Church pastor John Powell (right) with Send City Missionary Will Browning.

Angeles, in the Send City context, has a population of nearly 20 million. The region consists of 100 cities among 400 diverse people groups. There is one Southern Baptist for every 17,570 people. The estimated evangelical presence is 8.3 percent of the population.

South Carolina Baptist Convention Executive Director-Treasurer Gary Hollingsworth led the church in prayer. He said to the congregation, sitting in the massive auditorium, “What we have today is a powerful portrait of partnership.”

Taylors First has signed on as a lead partner for

the church-planting ministry in Los Angeles. Pastor Josh Powell stated that the church is involved also with church-planting efforts in Boston and Salt Lake City.

Los Angeles requires a unique focus for church planting that focuses on universities, inner cities, beach cities, people groups, and Hollywood. Browning’s job as a strategist for the region will be to recruit and train church planters. “We need friends in South Carolina who are willing to hold the rope for us. Our church planters are missionaries,” he said.

The ministry journey

from rural Barnwell to metropolitan Los Angeles is a stark contrast in both size and culture. Browning is suited for the challenge, having devoted his life to church planting. He received his M.Div. degree in Evangelism and Church Growth with an emphasis in Church Planting from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and his D.Min. degree in Great Commission Studies from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Using that educational foundation, he spent nearly 14 years planting a church that focused on planting other

churches. Taylors First is one of the chief supporters of Browning’s work in L.A. Their support will include prayer, training, giving, and going periodically to the area to assist in the work.

Browning and his wife have a daughter in nursing school, a son in the Marine Corps, and a son in high school.

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Obituaries

Myrtis Louis Boatwright



BLACKVILLE - A chapel service for Mrs. Myrtis Louis Boatwright of Blackville, South Carolina, was held at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 30, 2022, at Guinyard and Sons Funeral Home, 756 Allen Street, Barnwell, South Carolina. Social distancing and other guidelines were in place.

Myrtis Louis Boatwright was born in Barnwell County on July 17, 1965. She was a daughter of the late Roseatt Williams and Spencer Braxton Sr. Myrtis transitioned from this life on Sunday, April 24, 2022.

At an early age, Myrtis was baptized as a member of Macedonia Baptist Church, Blackville, South Carolina. In later years, Myrtis

joined the Frost Branch Baptist Church, Elko, South Carolina. Myrtis was educated in the Macedonia School System of Blackville, South Carolina.

She was joined in holy matrimony to Richard Boatwright in 1983. As a child, Myrtis enjoyed spending time with her older siblings and learning to cook from her grandmother. As she got older, Myrtis continued with her love of cooking and began to braid hair. Although Myrtis had her life struggles, she enjoyed attending church, and maintained a personal relationship with the Lord.

She was preceded in death by her son, Anthony Boatwright, two brothers and two sisters.

Myrtis leaves to cherish her loving memories: husband — Richard Boatwright of Blackville, S.C.; four sons — Timothy Williams Sr. of Blackville, S.C., Richard Williams of Williston, S.C., Elliott Williams of Blackville, S.C. and Davon Lynn of Brooklyn, N.Y.; three daughters — Beatrice Williams of Blythewood, S.C., Aundrea Wallace of Orlando, Fla. and Mary James of Williston, S.C.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild; two brothers — James Williams (Edna) of Jacksonville, Fla. and Spencer Braxton Jr. (Eartha) of Blackville, S.C.; two sisters — Addie Felder of Williston, S.C. and Onnie Braxton of Blackville, S.C.; goddaughter — Carolyn Ferguson of Williston, S.C.; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Guinyard and Sons Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements.

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Questions for Fact Checking Detectives

Facts can be checked with research, and these days a lot of people use the internet for their research. Unfortunately, not all information on the internet is true and accurate. Here are some tips to help you do research on the internet more carefully.

The News Literacy Project provides a list of 10 questions to help people do research on the internet. Below are three of those questions. To see all 10, go to the source link below.

Gauge your emotional reaction:

Is it strong? Are you angry? Are you intensely hoping that the information turns out to be true? False?

Consider the headline or main message:

- Does it use excessive punctuation (!!!) or ALL CAPS for emphasis?
- Does it make a claim about containing a secret or telling you something that "the media" doesn't want you to know?

Consider the source of the information:

- Is it a well-known source?
- Is there a byline (an author's name) attached to this piece?
- Go to the website's "About" section: Does the site describe itself as a "fantasy news" or "satirical news" site?
- Does the person or organization that produced the information have any editorial standards?
- Does the "contact us" section include an email address that matches the domain (not a Gmail or Yahoo email address)?
- Does a quick search for the name of the website raise any suspicions?

Source: newslit.org

World Press Freedom Day

Replace the missing words.

RISKS REPORT JOURNALISTS RIGHT CONTROL FREE

May 3rd is World Press Freedom Day. People around the world will celebrate the importance of a free press to a democracy.

Freedom of the press gives _____ the right to _____ the truth with a promise that they will not be punished for doing their job by the government.

Freedom of the press also means that people have the _____ to express their opinions or beliefs in publications.

In certain countries, that is not the case.

Where the Press Isn't Free

Sadly, some governments _____ what newspapers and other media can say. Newspapers are not _____ to write about many events.

Journalists around the world take great _____ to get facts and important news and information to all people. Far too many have died doing this.



Can you find at least 5 differences between these two pictures?



Write an article about something you did or saw recently. Include at least three **FACTS**. Remember to include **WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN** and **WHY**, too.

WRITE THE HEADLINE:

By:

your name

Write the article here (or use a separate sheet of paper):

Draw a map showing where the event happened:

NEWS OR NOT? Look through the newspaper for articles that a government might want taken out. Cross them out. What's left? These two people are talking about one of the articles you crossed out. Write what you think these people are saying.

Good article! People need to read this because



I disagree! This should not be in the newspaper because

A Day to Reflect and Remember

World Press Freedom Day is a day to think about the importance of a free press and to remember those who have fought and sacrificed for the press to be free.

Extra! Extra!

Journalism Careers

Look through today's newspaper for the names of the following:

- publisher
- editor
- managing editor
- editorial page editor
- an opinion columnist
- a reporter

Standards Link: Understand newspaper format.

Facts Help People Understand the World

There are many difficult and confusing things going on in the world. Sometimes it is hard to know what to think. One tip is to look for the **FACTS**. (Example: *The house is red* is a fact. *The house is beautiful* is an opinion.)

FACTS are pieces of information based upon things that can be measured, proven or seen by anyone.

OPINIONS describe how someone feels about a thing or event. Opinions can vary from person to person.

Circle the FACTS in GREEN. Circle the OPINIONS in RED.

Tomás is a fast reader.

The apple weighs 5 ounces.

Trees are prettier in the summer than in the fall.

The movie was filmed on location in Canada.

Tomás can read 100 words in 30 seconds.

The apple tastes good.

Trees need water and sunlight to grow.

The funniest scenes you'll ever see are in this movie.

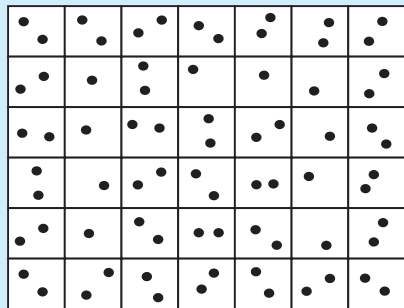
Standards Link: Literacy: Differentiate between fact and opinion.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Freedom of the Press

The Founding Fathers of the United States believed so strongly in the importance of a free press, that they protected that right in the First Amendment of the Constitution. There were 10 Amendments, or additions, added to the Constitution in 1791.

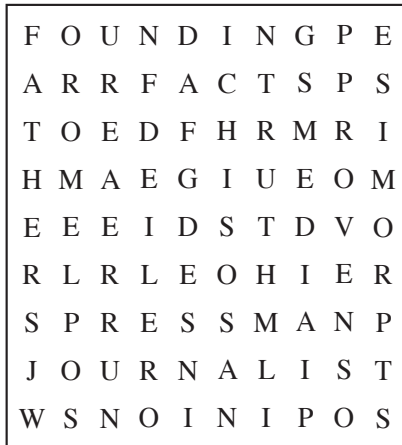
To find out how many Amendments have been added since 1791, color the spaces with two dots red.



Double Double Word Search

- JOURNALIST
- FOUNDING
- OPINIONS
- FREEDOM
- FATHERS
- PROMISE
- PROVEN
- WORLD
- PRESS
- TRUTH
- RIGHT
- FACTS
- MEDIA
- FEELS
- READ

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



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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **DEMOCRACY**

The noun **democracy** means a system of government typically elected by a majority of the people.

In a **democracy**, it's important for the people to vote in every election.

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

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Letter to the Editor

Look for newspaper articles that give information that you think is important for your community. Write a letter to the editor thanking them for that information. Let them know that you appreciate their freedom to report this.

Standards Link: Write in a variety of formats.

What did they wear for the Boston Tea Party?



ANSWER: Tea shirts!

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Money Problem

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Parade honors African-American heritage



A variety of vendors were set up at the vendor market.



The Williston-Elko Middle School Beta Club was one of the participants in the parade.

Contributed
Williston District 29

Though inclement weather postponed the 9th Annual African-American Heritage Parade on February 27, festivities were held March 9 with a super line-up.

The Grand Marshal was Williston School District 29 Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw, accompanied by her husband, Warren. Brett Williams, mayor of Williston, accompanied by his

wife, Katie, Councilman William Toney, House of Representative Lonnie Hosey, accompanied by his wife, Doris, Barnwell County Sheriff Steven W. Griffith, accompanied by 1st Sergeant Eric Kirkland (community relations), and Barnwell County Councilmen David Kenner and Freddie Houston were all participants of the parade.

Various organizations, business, vendors, churches, and exhibits were part of this wonderful running Williston:

- **Organizations and businesses:** BCDP, GAAKE, Community Service Club, DIG, Big 7, Together Sisters, Momma Diane's Kitchen, Simmons Funeral Home of Williston, CDC, Blackville Music and Art, Shelly's House of Styles, Jackie's Unique Salon, and 3D Auto Sales, Ryan's Texaco.
- **Masonic Lodges:** Brickyard #55 Blackville and Effingham #98 Aiken
- **Vendors:** Tacos don Ramon, Aapris Creations, Glassy and Sweet, Dorothy's Delicious Wings & More
- **Cars:** Georgia-Carolina Classic Cars (antiques, classics, old, and new cars)
- **Arts and Crafts provided by:** Nicole Williams, Diane Easley, Ella Reed, Rosalyn Ambs, Shelanda Brown, Tamika Holston, James Kelly and Amie Sanders
- **Exhibits:** WEHS Drumline, Junior Beta Club, Williston Recreation, Williston Fire Department, Barnwell County Sheriff's Office,

AXIS 1 and Low Country Health Care
- **Community Churches:** Beulah United, St. Peter Baptist, Jordan Baptist, Bushy Pond, Culbert Branch, and Ned Branch.

The event's committee thanks all who made this event possible and, more importantly, a success. "Hats off to everyone who played a part, no matter how big or small, we appreciate each and everyone of you. We cannot wait to do it again next year, except bigger and better! See you all



One of the Black History pieces of artwork created by Williston students.

next year," said Ronnie Brown, Ferlecia Cuthbertson, and Mattie Odom.



Some of the participants of the CommUNITY Day held at Williston-Elko Middle School on March 9.

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Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

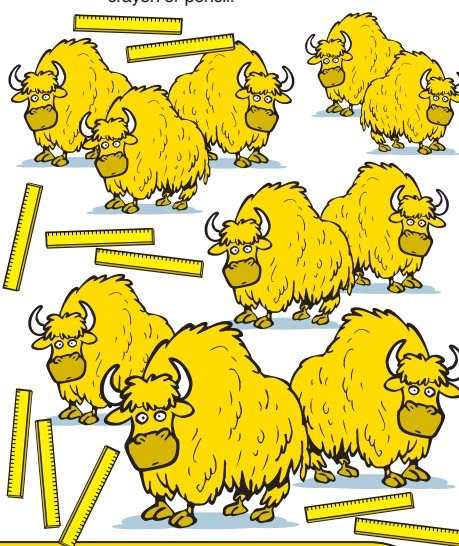
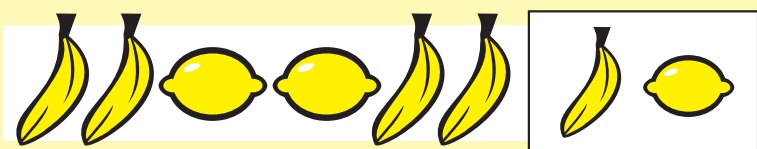
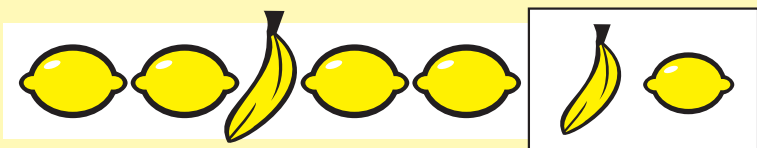
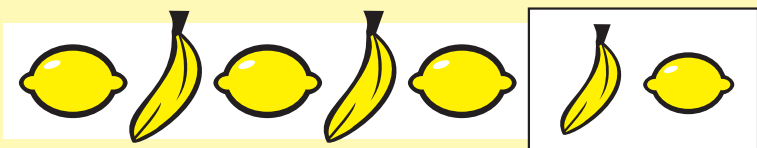
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Yellow Patterns

In each row, circle the yellow fruit that should come next to continue the pattern.

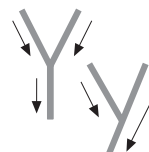


My Rhyme Time

A tisket, a tasket,
A green and yellow basket;
I wrote a letter to my love
and on the way I dropped it.

My Letters

Y is for Yellow
y is for yellow



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

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

My Numbers

How many yaks?

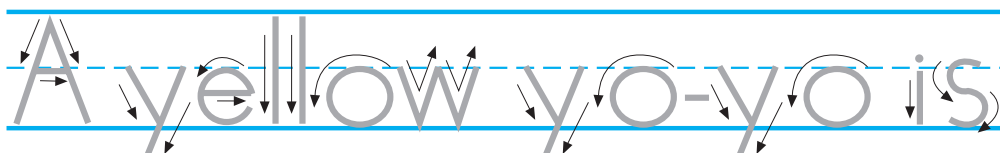
How many yardsticks?



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 Y in the word yellow.

Monday

Math Play
Point to the number 10 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

Tuesday

My Yellow
Look through the newspaper for pictures of things that are yellow. Cut out all of the yellow things and glue them onto a piece of paper. Make a book of colors by repeating this activity with other colors.

Wednesday

Yellow Dot-to-Dot
With your child, find the letters that spell the word yellow on one page of the newspaper. Circle each letter with a yellow crayon or marker. Connect the circled letters like a dot-to-dot picture and color it in with your yellow crayon or marker.

Thursday

Sunshine News
On one sheet of newspaper draw a big yellow sun. With your child, hunt for all the letter Ys inside your sun.

Friday

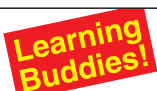
Yucky and Yummy
Look at pictures of food and objects in the newspaper. Have your child point to things he/she likes and say, "Yummy!" Point to things he/she does not like and say, "Yucky!" Reinforce that the words start with the letter Y.

Saturday

Y-Toss
Wad up a sheet of newspaper and cover it in masking tape to make a little ball. Toss the ball to your child saying a word that starts with the letter Y. Have your child toss the ball back when he/she thinks of another word that starts with Y.

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

Learning Buddy's signature Date



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Palmetto State
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Student



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Corder's Book Corner: Musings of a former YA addict

David B. Corder
Contributing Writer

The other day, I had a conversation with someone about Young Adult (YA) books. She said she read them, and I mentioned to her that I used to love YA. Used to.

Nowadays, I hate most YA literature, which can be considered odd for someone who educates teenagers. But, as they say, there is reason behind the madness. There were two main things that made me stop having such ardency for YA literature.

I have discussed my love for YA literature in past articles. Growing up, I devoured Eragon, Harry Pot-

ter, Percy Jackson, and many other titles. I loved the work of John Green and Jerry Spinelli. Ninety-five percent of what I read was meant for teenagers, and I loved the genre so much that I knew that the only thing I wanted to write was YA.

This followed me into college as an English major. YA was the best genre, and no one could tell me otherwise. In my creative writing circles, my stories would focus on teenagers and their dilemmas, and I felt like everyone else's stories needed to do the same. I even went so far as to tell a fellow student that the story that he shared with our writing group wasn't "YA enough" (the story had nothing to do

with teens). Sigh. How I cringe at my arrogant and ignorant freshman self.

However, something changed. As college continued, I was required to read a lot of books that were not YA. Jane Austen, Hemingway, Shakespeare, Old English literature. A cacophony of books that I really had no interest in reading. But slowly I discovered that I enjoyed a lot of these books. My tastes began to veer away from the YA genre that I had loved so much in my teen years to broader horizons. This was the first catalyst of my eventual distaste for YA lit.

The second catalyst came along with the publi-

cation of newer YA books. Most YA books published after 2010 seemed to lack a certain luster (and they still do). I began to realize how more and more saturated with tropes the genre was. Strong female protagonists, a Byronic Hero as a love interest, the "Chosen One" prophecy, and sex. This last one started to irk me a lot. I was an adult now, and I was looking at these books and realizing that a lot of teenagers were now reading titillating garbage. There were also large amounts of grotesque violence in some of the books I picked up, violence I felt that shouldn't have been marketed towards a teen audience. Finally, the

books were also riddled with very poor writing and prose. YA started to die for me.

I am by no means belittling anyone for enjoying the genre; on the contrary, I think YA is still a very valid type of literature that conveys things that other genres can't. It's just harder for me to appreciate YA books. It would be helpful to realize that everything written here is just my opinion. After all, art is subjective, as are my feelings and thoughts about it.

Occasionally, I do pick up a YA book that I find interest in, no matter what year it was published. Some of my feelings may stem from the fact that I just

grew older, and like a child moving on from Dr. Seuss and Winnie the Pooh, I found my literary longings satisfied elsewhere. But who knows, perhaps in the next few years, my tastes will change again.

Till next time, happy reading, and happy writing. *Want to connect with David? Email him at dbcorderwriter@gmail.com or subscribe to his YouTube Channel, Corder's Creative Corner.*



NFL: Barnwell native joining NY Giants after 2022 NFL Draft

FROM PAGE 1A

Marcus was an outstanding college player for the North Carolina Tar Heels, but he grew up as a Barnwell Warhorse from South Carolina. On December 30, 2021, in Charlotte, N.C., Marcus and the Tar Heels played the University of South Carolina in Duke's Mayo Bowl. Despite the Gamecocks finishing with the win, Marcus played an outstanding game for North Carolina and showed the NFL teams what he could do. Marcus dominated the line of scrimmage for the NC run game. Giants.com's Madelyn Burke referred to McKethan as a "people mover in the run game." Marcus was also solid for the Tar Heels in the passing game.

After showing what he could do on the field, Marcus showed scouts and coaches more at the NFL combine recording an impressive 27 reps at 225 on the bench press. That means he bench pressed 225 pounds 27 times without stopping. At 6 feet 6 inches tall and 340 pounds, McKethan still moves well, especially pulling or getting to the next level down field.

Marcus will be joining UNC teammate and fellow offensive lineman Joshua Ezeudu with the Giants. Ezeudu was drafted in the third round by New York. When asked about playing again with Joshua, on the next level, Marcus said he is "excited to be back together again and doing great things. Just having somebody to talk to, and probably going through the same things, so just having someone else that you are already familiar



Heading to NY and the NFL, but never forgetting where it all began. Marcus McKethan visits Barnwell High School and Coach Dwayne Garrick. Photo By: Crissie Stapleton

with and already have years working together is likely to be a great help."

Marcus was asked about his strengths as an NFL offensive lineman, and he said "...being able to move people and being an anchor in pass protection." When asked about the keys to his success, Marcus responded, "The big part is the weight room. Just hitting the weight room hard and developing."

He was asked about what he wants the NY Giants to know about him and he stated, "I plan to work hard... and I'm looking forward to great things."

While at Barnwell, Marcus excelled on the football field, but he was also the State Champion in the discus for the Barnwell track team. Marcus was a strong force in the middle for the Warhorse basketball team, too.

Marcus was a three-sport letterman and always knew the importance of making good grades, and was a good student and model citizen at Barnwell High School. I was fortunate enough to both teach and coach Marcus, and he represents what a student-athlete should be. Marcus is a hard worker, smart, and is a great young man.

BHS Head Football Coach Dwayne Garrick said Marcus is "a great player that has worked hard and done things the right way. We are very proud of his accomplishments and wish him the best of luck in the NFL. His character is flawless and he is a great role model for young people. The Giants got a great player and an even better person. Congrats Marcus!"

Former Barnwell Football Coach Eddie Moore



Barnwell Warhorse, UNC Tar Heel, and now NY Giant Marcus McKethan is ready for competition. Photo Courtesy: The Associated Press

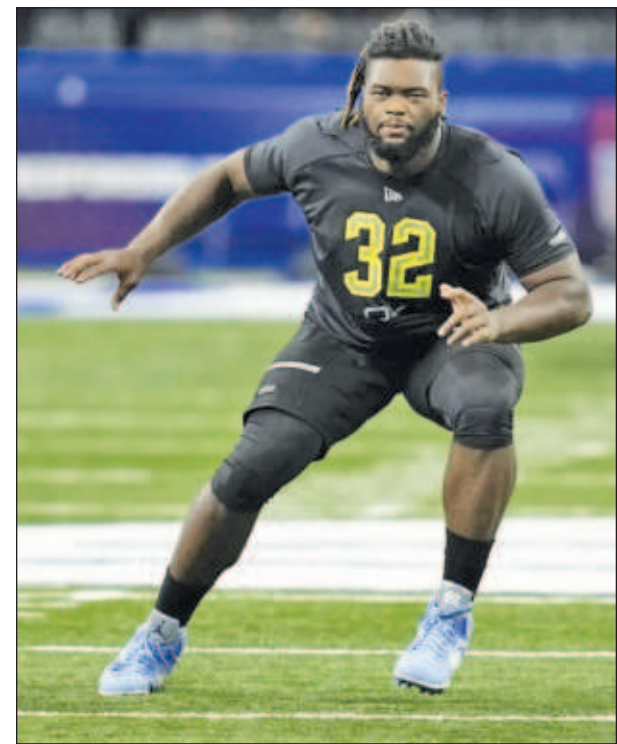
echoed Garrick's comments saying, "The thing that I remember most about Marcus was his high character, his work ethic, and his coachability. He would always try to do exactly what we asked him to do."

BHS Principal Franklin McCormack referred to Marcus as a "model student-athlete". McCormack went on to say "Marcus is a phenomenal athlete and has always had the size and skills to play in the NFL, but what sets him apart is his humble demeanor, his high achievement in honors-level classes, and his work ethic. I only wish him the best in his future, both on the football field and in his life after football."

Marcus visited Barnwell High School on Monday, May 2 after being drafted Saturday, April 30. He spoke to the football team, visited some classes, saw a few of his old teachers and administrators, and signed autographs. Marcus took a few minutes to visit my classroom and even answered a few questions for this article. The young man knows how important his Barnwell days were in his development. He appreciates what has happened to him so far and what is happening now. He is as

humble and as likeable a person as you could want to meet.

about meeting or playing against, Marcus quickly mentioned the Colts guard



Marcus McKethan during NFL Combine drills. Photo By: Darren Cummings / AP

I asked Marcus about his BHS football days and what he remembers the most. "My favorite football memory was beating Wade Hampton with a goal line stand at the end," said McKethan. He was a full-time offensive lineman, but only a part-time defensive lineman. He was in there when needed the most.

When asked about any NFL player he is excited

Quenton Nelson. Nelson is not flashy, but works hard and gets the job done, a lot like Marcus.

I am, and will forever be, a Steelers fan, but now, I will have a new second favorite team, the NY Giants. I am sure former BHS Athletic Director, and a big Marcus fan, Dave Anastasia, is all smiles, now that Marcus is a NY Giant.

Good luck, Marcus!

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Health and Human Services, with a mission to reduce infant mortality rates. The program started in four counties – Allendale, Bamberg, Hampton and Orangeburg and now also serves Barnwell and Calhoun. Family Solutions takes a comprehensive approach to improving the quality of life for program participants by addressing the challenges they face. Twenty-seven percent of state residents live in rural areas that often encounter medical, food source, education and employment disparities.

The ladies of the Relief Society of the Barnwell Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in remembrance the 180th birthday of the world-wide organization donated 19 hand-crocheted baby blankets and unique infant washable, stuffed animals for new mothers to the Family Partnership part of the Family Solutions program.

Family Solutions, a non-profit program that is under the South Carolina Office of Rural Health (SCORH), was launched in 1997 with funding from the U.S. Department of



Some of the hand-crocheted baby blankets and stuffed animals that were donated to local mothers.

truly legacy gifts," stated Barnwell Relief Society President Judy Martin. "And we appreciate the work these professionals do with childbirth, post-

partum, breastfeeding, newborn care, and mother-infant bonding classes. Additionally, they help with introduction to safe sleeping arrangements

for babies and car seats, smoking cessation, home visits and case management up to two years after birth." Martin added, "We are pleased SCORH takes a holistic approach to the needs of area families to include not only health providers but also community, faith and civic leaders, because I encounter young mothers with these kinds of needs and now have a resource for referrals."

Speaking recently to the 7.5 million world-wide members of the women's group, Jean B. Bingham, General Relief Society President, stated, "When we work together, we have the potential and power to really make changes in lives, heart by heart, when

we help one another." Selena Perry of Barnwell, who works for SCORH-Family Solutions and received the gift for new parents, stated, "Family Solutions has no midwives, but specialized staff can attend births at area hospitals and coach. We also offer education re-entry and job counseling, and father classes. And we are planning to add community Doula services in the near future."

The SCORH Family Solutions offices are located at 1031 Middleton Street in Orangeburg. You can call 803-531-8008 to make a self-referral. THERE IS NO INCOME LIMITATIONS AND NO COST FOR ANY FAMILY SOLUTIONS SERVICES.

Candidates: Two Blackville natives hope to be town's next mayor

FROM PAGE 1A

nial of the Year award. "I believe before we leave this earth, we should have our name on something showing that we have done our due diligence and help someone along the way," Lee said.

Now he's ready to serve his hometown as mayor so he can continue to work to improve Blackville.

"I am running for mayor because I want to help improve and grow the Town of Blackville. I feel that I am the most qualified candidate because I grew up there and my roots are

there. I also can very well relate to your average everyday people to solve common everyday issues. I just really care about my hometown from the heart and always desired to one day be in a direct position of this capacity to help it grow," said Lee.

Some of the issues he feels need to be focused on are citizen engagement, infrastructure, departmental heads and staff accountability/appreciation, and economic growth. He also wants more opportunities and activities for

residents.

As mayor, I will improve the quality of life for all citizens; by not leaving anyone behind, addressing serious problems and have a community where everyone can be involved. My goal is to help foster authentic collaborations between churches, schools, businesses, and local government entities to ensure that our children and grandchildren inherit a better town," he said.

If elected, he would continue working with the Barnwell County Eco-

nomics Development Commission, town council, and stakeholders to bring jobs and economic growth. He also wants to work with council and citizens to implement the following programs/events: job fairs, Big Brother & Sister Mentoring Program, community trash pick-up, community family fun day, postal invites to meetings, senior citizen breakfast, social evenings downtown, and career prep talk program for youth.

"I love the fact of living here simply because it's so

close knit and everybody knows somebody. I also strongly feel that the town has a lot of potential to really boom in many different aspects," Lee said.

For the past eight years, he's been employed as a lead operations technician with Bridgestone Americas, but also owns Shine Time Carwash & Detailing in Barnwell. He previously owned Lee's Soul Food & Catering and All Purpose Pressure Washing.

He's the son of the late Harry & Ruth (Mae) Mayes, and Bernice Lee, all of Blackville. He was raised in Blackville with his nine siblings.

Ronnie Pernell Ronnie Pernell is ready to help his hometown after recently moving home.

He's dedicated his life to service, including eight years of active and reserve military service that included Desert Storm tour. After ending his military career as a captain, he served as a police officer for the City of Aiken and later provided 31 years of governmental service supporting the mission of the U.S. Department of Energy at the Savannah River Site. He retired after holding various management capacities from first-line supervisor, maintenance manager and finally as area operations manager.

"I recently retired, and my goal has always been to move back to Blackville and serve in our community. I have lived a life of service and it would be an honor and my pleasure to serve the people of Blackville while employing my years of leadership and business experience and approachable people skills, while exemplifying true Christian principles," said Pernell.

If elected, his goals are to continue to instill a strong police presence in the community by working closely with the new police chief; improve infrastructure for residents as well as attract new businesses; establish and maintain healthy capital and operating budgets; proactively communicate to increase accessibility and transparency; as well as provide stimulating and educational activities for youth.

"My personal goal is to build new affordable houses for families which will also enhance the growth of Blackville," said Pernell, who also owned and operated Pernell Construction, LLC for over 20 years where he built custom residential homes for numerous families in the Central Savannah River Area.

With the help of others, Pernell was instrumental in resurrecting the Blackville-Hilda High School Booster Club of which he serves as president. He also serves on the Board for the Blackville Recreation Department.

"After the recent resignation of our previous mayor, I saw this as a great opportunity to continue to use my extensive years of leadership and business experience to build upon some of the great work our previous mayor and council have established while being of service for the Blackville community," said Pernell, who also is minister of the Church of Christ in Beech Island.

He and his wife, Rita Williams Pernell, who was his high school sweetheart, have one son, R. Jessie Pernell, and two grandchildren, Jari and Jaidyn.

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Local tennis players selected for State Singles Tournament

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Sports Writer

Barnwell High School's number one player Amolik Sinha along with Williston-Elko High School's number one player Davion Bellinger and number two player Grant Taylor have been selected to participate in the South Carolina Boys State Individual Tennis Tournament.

The State Individual Tournament features the best boys tennis players in the state. The best players from AAAAA and AAAA schools compete in one bracket, while the top players from A, AA, and AAA compete in another bracket.

Blue Devil Davion Bellinger is a very competitive player who finds a way to get to balls that some others can't. He has the ability to return most any shot. He has improved consistently over the last few years. Williston coach Bernard Walters said, "Davion has worked hard and set a goal to reach the State Singles Tournament and would love to lead his team to a State Championship."

Warhorse Amolik Sinha is just a freshman, but already has the best forehand in the area. Barnwell Coach Jeff



Williston's Davion Bellinger, Barnwell's Amolik Sinha, and Williston's Grant Taylor are selected to play in the State Boys Individual Tennis Tournament in Florence next week. Photo By: Jeff Miller

Miller said, "Amolik has several small areas to work on, but can go baseline to baseline with anyone. His serve is getting better, and when it is on, it is very strong. I look forward to seeing just how

good Amolik can become over the next few years."

Williston's number two player, Grant Taylor, is a very solid, steady player who likes to wear down an opponent. Coach Walters said, "Grant

has a steady stroke and has endurance to run the long race. Both seniors will be missed."

The tournament takes place each year after the team championships are concluded. This

year's individual tournament will take place Monday, May 9th and Tuesday, May 10th in Florence at the Dr. Eddie Floyd Florence Tennis Center.

Good luck to Davion, Amolik, and Grant!

JDA softball team off to running start

Brittany Livingston
Contributed

Jefferson Davis Academy softball team has started off the 2022 season with a 6-3 overall record and 5-2 region record.

JDA opened their season at home against non-region opponent Calhoun Academy with a 6-1 loss. Natalie Creech and Emma Craig both went 1-3 at the plate for the raiders. Cheyenne Sands had three defensive putouts and provided a walk. Sophomore pitcher Reagan Still pitched seven innings while only allowing one earned run and striking out nine Cavaliers.

JDA opened region play at home against St. John's Christian Academy. Kaylee Livingston and Gylan Googe went 1-1 with one RBI and two walks, Reagan Still was 2-3 with three RBIs, Natalie Creech went 2-2 with three RBIs, and Alyssa Phillips was 2-2 with two RBIs. JDA took the win 15-0.

On March 14, the Raiders beat Patrick Henry 4-0. Reagan Still went 1-4 with two RBIs, Ansley Grace Still went 2-4 with one RBI, Cate Polston went 1-2, Mary Fogle and Natalie Creech went 1-4, Alyssa Phillips was 3-4 with one RBI, and Emma Craig was 1-2 on the night. Senior Alyssa Phillips pitched six innings striking out five allowing zero runs. Reagan Still picked up the save.

The Raiders traveled to AJA on March 15 to pick up an 11-4 victory over the Warriors. Kaylee Livingston went 1-4 with a double, one walk and three RBIs, Reagan Still was 1-4 with a walk and two RBIs, Cate Polston went 2-3 with two RBIs, Gylan Googe went 2-4, Natalie Creech was 3-4 with an RBI and Alyssa Phillips went 2-4. Ansley Grace Still provided three base on balls in the game.

JDA traveled to Holly Hill Academy and won 18-8 scoring 11 runs alone in the fifth inning. Kaylee Livingston went 1-2 with two walks and four RBIs, Reagan Still was 1-3 with one RBI, Cate



The Jefferson Davis Academy softball team is off to a great start and hopes to continue to improve its game. Contributed Photos



Gylan Googe prepares to go to bat for the Lady Raiders.

Polston and Mary Fogle were 1-4 with an RBI each, Madie Prichard went 2-4 with two RBIs, Natalie Creech was 2-2 with two RBIs, Alyssa Phillips went 3-4, and Ashley McClary was 1-2 with one RBI. Ansley Grace Still made a showstopping catch in right field; however, when she slammed into the fence making the play the ball went over and the batter was awarded the homerun. It was an awesome attempt!

The Raiders played another non-region opponent in Williston-Elko and was able to come away with a 6-2 victory. JDA took their first region loss of the season against Dorchester Academy 4-3. Kaylee Livingston and Natalie Creech both went 1-3 with an RBI and double each, Gylan Googe was 1-3, and Alyssa Phillips went 1-2 with 3 runs scored and a double. The Raiders had three errors on the night that helped contribute to the loss.

JDA bounced back the following week with a 17-1 victory over Patrick Henry. Reagan Still went 2-2 with an RBI, Natalie Creech was 1-4, Alyssa Phillips was 2-3 with an RBI, and Emma Craig

was 1-2 with two RBIs. Kaylee Livingston, Reagan Still, Mary Fogle, Gylan Googe, Madie Prichard, Megan Williams, Natalie Creech, and Emma Craig were all hit by pitches on the night. The Raiders also added 14 stolen bases as a team.

JDA continued region play after spring break against AJA. The Warriors took down the raiders 17-8. Costly errors and silenced bats contributed to the Raider loss.

Seniors Alyssa Phillips and Natalie Creech are providing big at bats this season with a 0.591 and 0.500 batting average, respectively. Reagan Still and Kaylee Livingston have provided 19 of the team's total 51 RBIs. On the mound, Reagan Still has pitched 30 innings only walking three batters and striking out 41. She has a 1.6 ERA.

JDA will continue play against Calhoun Academy and St. John's Christian Academy. If the JDA offense can come alive in the second half of the season and the defense can cut down on errors, the Lady Raiders should make a good run in the playoffs.

Good luck JDA Lady Raiders.

Barnwell boys soccer ready for playoffs

Jeff Miller
Sports Writer

The Barnwell boys soccer team goes on the road for the first round of the Boys AA State Playoffs. The Warhorses will face Greenville Tech Charter High School in Greenville.

Coach William Barnes noted that "Although the season has not always gone the way we planned, we have met two of our three goals for the season. The two goals we met were to compete in the region and make the playoffs. We finished tied for second with Wade Hampton. We were one win away from tying for first or winning the region championship outright. We made the playoffs and have a great opportunity to get a playoff win, too. I know that we

are playing on the road and usually the better team is hosting, but we have a great shot at getting Barnwell's first playoff win in a while. We have to come ready and be focused. Honestly, we play better on the road than we do at home. Our third goal is still attainable. It is to have a winning season. We are currently 4-6-1 and I understand that we would have to make a playoff run, but that goal is still out there."

Barnwell has played competitively throughout the season. Most of Barnwell's games have been decided by one goal, win or loss. Last week, Barnwell lost to Batesburg-Leesville 3-2.

Charlie Zorn and Lane Evans scored for the Horses.

"We could tell our guys were frustrated at half-



Coach Barnes and the Warhorse boys soccer team is ready for the playoffs.

Photos By: Tabitha Zorn



Barnwell's Marshall Warren (5) and Khotan Arce Carillo (14) look to shut down the opposition.

time, and they should've been. We were very much in that game. We played better in the second half, but the lead was too much for us to overcome," said Coach Barne.

After the game, Coach Barnes told the team about making the playoffs. "We told them they have a huge opportunity on Monday and that is to win a playoff game which I don't know when the last time Barnwell has won one, but I think it's been a couple of years. None of the current players on this year's team have ever won a playoff game."

The winner will travel to the #2 seed Philip Simmons for the second round.



Barnwell's Daven Hayward controls the ball for the Horses.

BHS girls soccer team opens playoffs May 3

The Barnwell Girls Soccer Team opens playoffs Tuesday May 3rd on the road going to Hartsville to play The Governor's School

Photo By: Tabitha Zorn



WEHS baseball team wins region title



The Williston-Elko High School baseball team won the region title after beating Ridge Spring-Monetta on April 28 in Wagener. Full story will be published next week.

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Williston tennis team wins region

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The Williston-Elko High School tennis team are region champs.

"With a 7-7 season, I look at it with balance. The team has worked hard and challenged

themselves to play teams outside our area with the addition of Hannah-Pamplico and Chapin to our schedule. We find ourselves realizing Williston-Elko can compete with any school," said Coach Bernard Walters.

Games are competitive, which is why it's impor-

tant to be disciplined in shot making and consistency. Coach Walters said Davion, Grant, and Curtis lead by example.

Though he's proud of his team for winning the region, Coach Walters said it is a secondary goal. "W-E keep the state championship in front because all things are

possible to those who believe," he said, citing Mark 9:23.

He said the team's strength is taking the young ones and putting them in positions to win by encouragement and working on strokes on their own time.

"It is easy to coach when students buy in

and add their own twist or nuance to the tennis because it is a beautiful work of art and science," he said.

The team looks forward to challenging St. Josephs High School again and, if God allows, the next opponent, then on to the state championship.



Barnwell track and field competes at Pelion

Jeff Miller
Contributing Writer

The Barnwell High School track and field team travelled to Pelion on Wednesday, April 27 for a huge 8-team track meet. Athletes representing Orangeburg-Wilkinson, Brookland-Cayce, Pelion, Calhoun County, Strom Thurmond, Airport, PAC Panthers, and Barnwell competed in the event.

Barnwell's Tyler Smith was the first place finisher in the boys high jump with an impressive jump of 6 feet, 2 inches. Smith cleared a bar taller than his own height. Deja



Barnwell's Deja Dunbar leads in her 100-meter heat.

Dunbar placed fifth in the girls 100-meter dash. Zania Williams was seventh overall in the girls 200-meter dash. Shontavia "C.C."

Tyler placed fifth in the girls discus with a nice toss of 71 feet, 3 inches, but did even better finishing third in the girls shot-put with a throw of

29 feet, 8 inches. Darien Milhouse placed sixth in the boys 1,600 meters.

Barnwell head track coach, Rokeem Wil-

liams said, "Overall this meet was a great meet to be a part of. Our kids competed hard all the way around. It's been such a joy to watch

all the athletes compete at this level and enjoy what they're doing."

Good job Coach Williams and the Warhorse track and field team.



Barnwell's Gage Dicks, Tyren Wallace, and Antonio Washington compete in the 400 meters.

Barnwell baseball excited for playoffs

Jeff Miller
Contributing Writer

Coach Will Gee and the Barnwell Warhorse baseball team have won the Region V-AA Championship for the last two years. The Warhorses are looking to get to that next level.

That starts with the first round of the playoffs. Barnwell hosts Lake Marion High School on Tuesday, May 3.

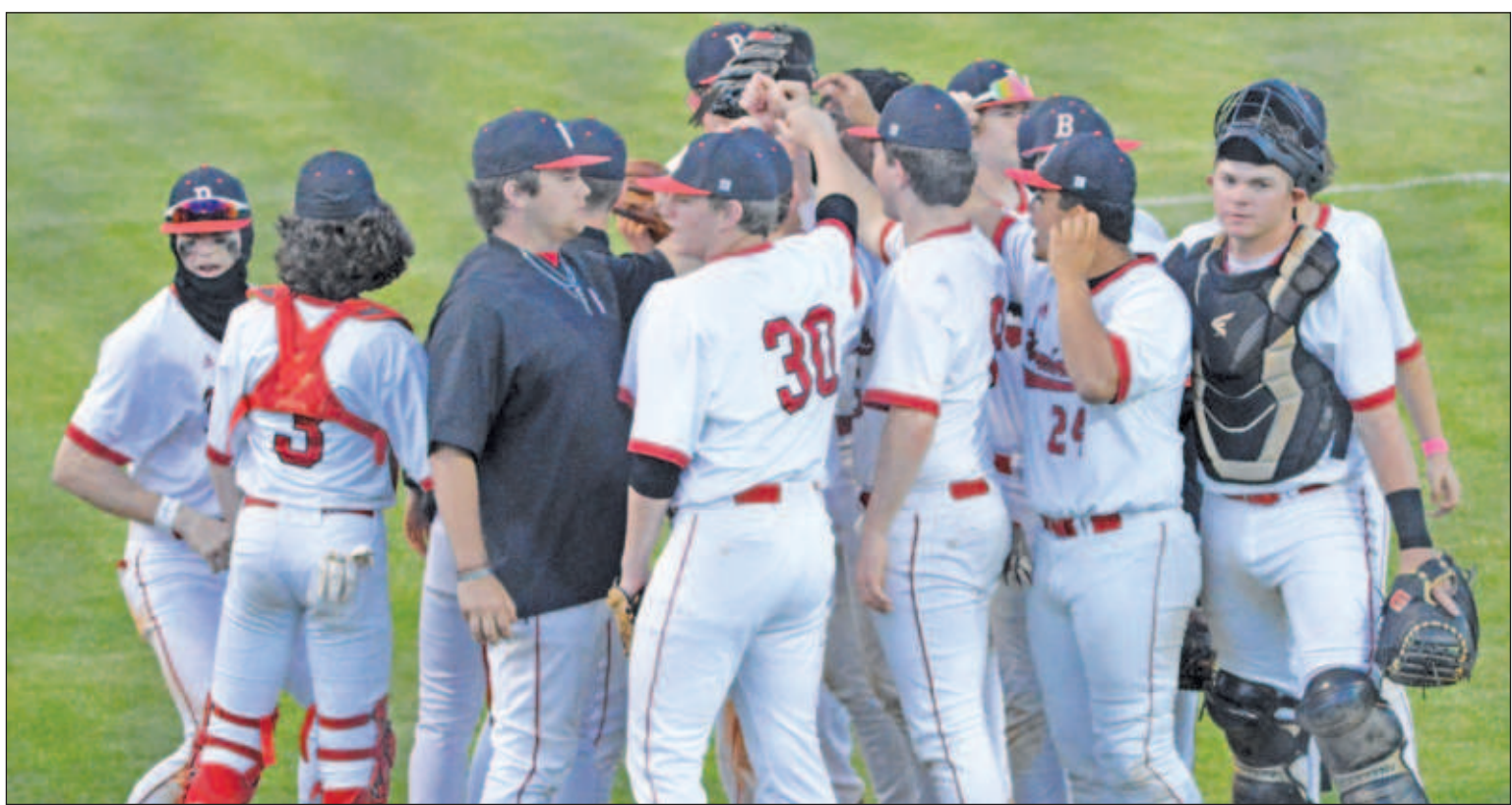
Barnwell is the #1 seed in this district. Coach Gee said, "We are in a bracket with Lake Marion the #4 seed, Buford as the #3 seed, and Latta as the #2 seed. We believe we are better team than our record shows."

When asked about the season up until this point, Coach Gee said, "We were able to achieve our first goal, which was to win the region. It's time to put that behind us and work towards our next goal, which is to win the district."

Last week, the Horses lost to Aiken 9-5, but several players did shine for the Warhorses.

Logan Sturkie and Cameron Austin each had a hit and scored a run. Weston Sandifer and Hoyt Bailey both had two hits and each had an RBI. Clay Pender added three hits for the Horses.

Good luck to the Barnwell Warhorse baseball team in the playoffs!



The Warhorses begin district competition against Lake Marion in the playoffs.

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AT RIGHT: Logan Sturkie had a hit and an RBI against Aiken.

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AT LEFT: Kah'miyah Williams was 1-1, scored two runs, and had a BB, and a sacrifice against Branchville.

ABOVE: Karrie Bolen went 3/5, scored three runs, a sacrifice, and had two RBIs in two games against Wade Hampton last week.

Photos By: Donna Miley

AT RIGHT: Warhorse pitcher Jaidyn Devore struck out 14 batters against Edisto and recorded three wins in three starts last week.

Barnwell softball wins four straight heading into playoffs

Jeff Miller
Contributing Writer

The Barnwell High School girls softball team is peaking at the right time.

The Warhorses enter the playoffs Wednesday, May 4 at home against Kingstree. Game time is still to be determined. The Horses won all four games they played last week, beating Wade Hampton twice, Edisto, and Branchville.

The Barnwell offense exploded for 31 runs in the two games against the Wade Hampton Red Devils, beating the Red Devils 12-2 and then 19-6. Warhorse pitcher Jaidyn Devore got the win for both games.

In game one, Abigail Corley scored two runs, had two stolen bases, a BB, and an HBP (hit by pitch). Madelynn Hutson scored two runs, and had two HBPs. Kendall O'Berry was 1-1 with a double. Karrie Bolen went 1-2, scored a run, had an RBI, and had a sacrifice. McKynzie Still was 1-1, scored two runs, had a stolen base, and a BB (base on balls "walk"). Jaidyn Devore went 1-2, had two RBIs, and scored a run. Tiera Arnold was 1-1, with an RBI, and scored a



McKynzie Still scored 8 runs, had 6 hits, stole 4 bases and was on base 13 times last week for the Horses.

run. Makayla Creech was 1-2, hit a HR, had three RBIs, and scored a run. Asia Green went 1-2, and scored a run.

In the second game against Hampton, the offense did even better.

Kendall O'Berry was 1-2, scored three runs, had three RBIs, two BBs, three stolen bases. Karrie Bolen was 2-3, scored two runs, an RBI, and a BB. McKynzie Still had two HBPs, a BB, scored four runs, had

an RBI, and three stolen bases. Jaidyn Devore was 2-2, had a double, three RBIs, scored three runs, a BB, and a sacrifice. Madelynn Hutson was 1-1, had a triple, scored a run, an RBI, a HBP, a

stolen base, and a sacrifice. Makayla Creech had three runs, two HBPs, a BB, and one stolen base. Asia Green scored two runs, two BBs, a sacrifice, an RBI, and two stolen bases. Kah'miyah Wil-

liams scored a run, and a HBP. Abigail Corley went 1-2. Ella Blume was 1-2.

Against Edisto, Jaidyn Devore struck out 14 batters and got the win. The victory gives Barnwell the second place finish in Region V-AA and ensures a first round home playoff game. Offensive stars for the Warhorses were Abigail Corley, McKynzie Still, Makayla Creech, Asia Green, and Kah'miyah Williams.

In the game against Branchville, Tiera Arnold recorded the win, pitching seven innings. Offensive stars for the game were Abigail Corley, McKynzie Still, Jaidyn Devore, Madelynn Hutson, Asia Green, and Kah'miyah Williams.

"Despite being a young team, we have come so far and had many successes so far. Our goal is to work as a team and believe in each other to be successful in the playoffs now. Our bats are coming alive and our pitching has been outstanding this past week leading up to playoffs," Coach Ashleigh Anderson said.

The Warhorses have great momentum heading into the playoffs.

Good luck to Coach Anderson and the Barnwell Warhorse softball team!

Denmark Tech expands athletics offerings, adding men's & women's track/field and women's volleyball

Contributed
Denmark Tech

Denmark Technical College has announced that it will expand its athletics programs for the 2022-2023 school year to include men's and women's track and field and women's volleyball.

"Denmark Technical College has a rich history of athletics excellence dating back to the 1940's," said Dr. Willie L. Todd Jr., president and CEO. "I'm excited that we are able to expand our athletics offerings to help us appeal to a wider audience and continue to build a vibrant student-life experience on campus."

"Academics are the

foundation of an institution, but athletics are the front porch. Adding new sports has many benefits including bolstering enrollment, increasing visibility, promoting school spirit and offering quality students who excel both on and off the field an avenue to continue in a sport they love," added Andre Payne, athletics director.

The addition of the sports will attract up to 32 new students, potentially bringing the student-athlete enrollment up to over 100 students.

Denmark Tech has hired Derrick Wilmore as the head coach for both men's and women's track and field. Wilmore is a former Lincoln University track and field athlete

and is a seasoned leader with a track record of coaching numerous state and national track and field qualifiers at Grandview High School, Germantown High School and Uplift Wisdom Preparatory. This will be his first foray into collegiate athletics coaching.

"I'm honored to be a part of the history we're about to make with the first season of track and field at Denmark Tech. I plan to bring in a group of students who will represent DTC to the fullest, both academically and athletically," said Wilmore.

The college expects to announce the head volleyball coach selection soon.

Selection process for the addition of the new

teams at Denmark Tech, which is a member of Division 10 of the NJCAA, included factors such as access to facilities, regional popularity of the sports, seeking to increase diversity within the student population and budgetary needs of the new sports.

"We looked into a lot of potential athletics programs as we weighed our options but ultimately decided that volleyball as well as track and field were the most viable sports to add at this time. We have plans to expand our offerings further over the next several years and we are optimistic about building a high-quality athletics program to support our students as they pursue technical



Derrick Wilmore is Denmark Tech's new head coach for both men's and women's track and field.

and transfer programs," said Todd.

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To promote your event, email the information to jhowell@thepeoplesentinel.com or fax it to (803) 259-2703.

May 2022						
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Holidays						
8th - Mother's Day						
21st - Armed Forces Day						
30th - Memorial Day						

2022 USC SALKEHATCHIE BASEBALL CAMP

Camp Instructors



June 13-June 17
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Location:
USC Salkehatchie Athletic Complex
365 James Brandt Blvd
Allendale, SC 29810

Cost: \$50 per camper

Pre Register:
<https://bit.ly/SalkBaseballCamp0622>

Instructors will cover basics on hitting/bunting, infield play, outfield play, catching, and pitching.

Campers will need:
glove, bat (if they have one), helmet, athletic water bottle, & a bathing suit and change of clothes for sliding practice (dry).

For more information contact:
Jerry Jaye, Head Baseball Coach
jayej@usallsc.usd.edu



Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition presents

NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER

THURSDAY MAY 5th

12PM @ THE BARNWELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE SUNDIAL

KEEP BARNWELL COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

SPRING CLEANUP

MAY 14TH 8-10AM

MEET AT BARNWELL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

For more information or to sign up, contact Ben Kinlaw at bcccd5kinlaw@gmail.com or Keep Barnwell County Beautiful on Facebook.

Summer

Camps
Circle Theater
Kids & Teens Summer
Camp Production: "Dear Edwina, Jr."
May 14 - 10AM-1PM

Auditions ages 8-18 years old. To register your child for camp please visit <https://barnwellct.weebly.com/>.

Jun. 24 & 25, 7PM
Jun. 26, 3PM
If you have any questions please feel free to contact producer Rachel Hair at rachelhairct@gmail.com or 803-300-0161. Also you can contact producer Dennis Knapp at 803-300-0869.

Camp week
Jun. 20-26
Performance

Education

May 14
5th Annual Dreams Imagination & Gift (DIG) STEM Festival
Help bring STEM opportunities to rural communities! If interested in being an exhibitor or know a

company/organization that may be interested in being an exhibitor for the 5th Annual DIG STEM Festival please register at www.digdp.org/digstem or contact Shelby Broomfield at swilliams@digdp.org. (DIG) is a 501c3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide Science,

Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) opportunities for rural growth and development through education, community service, mentorship, and recreation.
Main St., Williston, SC
11AM-4PM

Fundraisers

May 14
Keep Barnwell County Beautiful - Spring Clean Up
Meet at the Barnwell County sheriff's office. For more info or to sign-up: Ben Kinlaw bcccd5kinlaw@gmail.com or Keep Barnwell County Beautiful on Facebook
8-10AM

May 16
Holy Apostles Lunch - Eat in (includes Tea) or Take out
Chicken salad croissant, strawberry pretzel salad, pasta salad, pound cake \$10
Tickets available from church members or at the Little Red Barn
11AM-1PM

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

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

803-219-7056

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

Mondays
Tai Chi for Arthritis
9:30-10:00am
2nd - Brother/Sister Day
9th - "The Five C's"
16th & 23rd - Relaxation Coloring
30th - Memorial Day closed

Health Topic
10-11am
AARP Topic
10:30-11:00am
Tuesdays/Thursdays
Exercise with Ernie
10-11am
Bingo
11am-Noon
31st - Tues - Birthday Celebration
Wednesdays
ETV Movie/Craft
10-11:30am

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

4th - "Spaleo" Movie
11th - "Spring Bonnets Craft"
18th - Typing.com intro
25th - Book Read
Fridays
Computer Tech
9:30-10am
Book Read
10-11am
Crafts
11-11:45am

Barnwell Library

ADULTS
May 31
Potluck Book Club:
We will be meeting to discuss Learning to Speak Southern by: Lindsey Rogers Cook.
Community Room
4PM

CHILDREN
STORY TIME
Apr. 28
Story Time will take place in the Children's Room. This event is appropriate for all ages.
11AM

May 26
Memorial Day Flag Craft
Appropriate for ages 3 and up.
4-5 pm

GRAB AND GO
May 24
Memorial Day Activity Pages.

TWEEN/TEEN
May 4
Star Wars Craft
4-5 pm

STORY TIME
May 5, 12, 19, & 26
This event is appropriate for all ages.
Children's Room
11:30AM

CRAFTS
May 6
Mother's Day Flower Craft
Appropriate for ages 3 and up.
12-1 pm and 4-5 pm

May 23
Summer Reading Registration begins

May 23-Aug. 4
Summer Reading Oceans of Possibilities
Don't miss out on this great summer program.

Blackville Library

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

Williston Library

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

Museums

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

Blackville Museum
Open by appointment only until further notice. Please call 803-284-3267 to schedule a visit.
OPEN HOUSE
Featuring the New World War II Display
Saturday, May 28, 2022, 2-4 PM
655 Main Street, Blackville, SC 29817

Free Resources

Apr. 28
Free Covid Vaccinations
The Pfizer vaccine will be available for recipients 5+. Kelly Edwards Elem. School
More info: 866-365-8110
3PM-6PM

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Events

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



May 5
Annual National Day of Prayer service
Gazebo in Blackville
For more info: call 803 541-5441 or 803 300-2586.
6PM

May 8
Mother's Day in person worship service
Rosemary Baptist Church (151 Emerald Lane, Barnwell)
12:15PM

May 14
Walking for Jesus
Share Jesus' love with the community
Beginning at Ned Branch parking lot
Barnwell County Ministerial Coalition
10-11am

May 21
9th Anniversary Celebration of Ned Branch Church Male Choir
Ned Branch Church on Dunbarton Blvd. Barnwell.
3PM

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

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

Crochet Comforters - 10:00 on 4th Saturday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Long Branch Baptist church
3223 Highway 37
Williston, SC
SUNDAY
9:15am - Sunday school
10:30am - Morning worship service
5:30pm - Bible study
6:45pm - Evening worship service
WEDNESDAY
7:00pm - Prayer service

Mt Lebanon Christian Church
420 Christian Rd
Barnwell, SC 29812
(803)259-1438
mtlebanoncc@gmail.com
Sunday School at 10am
Sunday am worship 11am (blended music)
Sunday PM Bible Study 6pm (mid July-April)
www.mtlebanonchristian-church.com
Minister Ron Franklin

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
In person worship service. Masks and social distancing is encouraged. Temp. checks upon entrance.
2nd & 4th Sundays 10:00am
For more info: Pastor Elder Lamonte Boyd (803) 259-1385
www.facebook.com/SB-CBarnwell

Seven Pines Baptist Church
Snelling. Small community church welcomes visitors
Sunday School: 9:50am
Service: 11am, 6pm
Pastor Mark Watford

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