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## Bittersweet graduation ceremonies

This year's graduation ceremonies at Barnwell County's three public schools was bittersweet as two schools held their last graduations and one remembered a fallen classmate. Blackville-Hilda and Williston school districts will be merging July 1 and a new consolidated high school created. At Barnwell High School, the Class of 2022 remembered a classmate who passed away in 2019. Turn to pages B1-3 for pictures and stories



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Blackville-Hilda High graduates took the stage (top) and Williston-Elko grads turn their tassels in the last graduation ceremonies for those schools before consolidation. Barnwell High graduates (left) give the Warhorse sign as they sing their alma mater at the end of the graduation ceremony.

## Five wounded in Kline weekend shooting

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Contributor

Authorities are investigating a shooting with multiple victims involving mostly juveniles in Kline in the early morning of Saturday, May 28. According to Barnwell County Sheriff Steve Griffith, the shooting caused "damage to multiple vehicles and left several reporting to hospitals with wounds." Chief Deputy Darlene Cook said deputies received a call shortly after midnight of shots fired on Union Circle in Kline, "When they arrived, sev-

eral people were fleeing the scene." She said deputies found a vehicle with multiple gunshot holes and shell casings. "We got no information from the few people who were still on the scene," she said. "All we know is that shots rang out and people began to run." Later, deputies were alerted by Bamberg-Barnwell Medical Center as well as Allendale County Hospital of several victims with gunshot wounds arriving at their facilities. "Two went to Allendale and three went to BBMC. All those wounded received non-life-threatening injuries," said Cook.

Most of those involved were juveniles ranging in age from 14 to 18, reported Cook. She also said those involved were from not only Barnwell County but also Allendale, Orangeburg, Bamberg and Columbia. The investigation is continuing and the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is processing the gun casings found at the scene, said Cook. Barnwell County Sheriff's Office is asking that anyone with information about the shooting to contact 803-541-1078. You may also contact Midlands Crimestoppers anonymously online or by calling 888-274-6372 to give information.



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### In Memory

Memorial Day services were held in Barnwell and Blackville on Monday, May 30 to honor those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for the United States of America.

# Bomb threats 'not credible'

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WSD29 Bomb Threats Prove Not to be Credible  
Two bomb threats during Williston School District 29's last week of the academic year

proved not to be credible. On the morning of Monday, May 23 and again on Tuesday May 24, phone calls were made to the school alleging a bomb was present, resulting in immediate response from local and state law enforcement, emergency services and Williston School District

faculty and staff. Chief Deputy Darlene Cook of the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) was among those who responded to the threat alongside South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), Williston Police Department and Barnwell County Police Department.

Cook said, "SLED took the information that we got from the bomb threat and determined where that number was coming from. They determined that there was just no credible threat." "There were no local suspects either," said Cook. BCSO and SLED found

that the bomb threat made to Williston School District 29 (WSD29) was not made locally and no arrests have been made. In response, local churches received WSD29 scholars and staff on Monday morning See Bomb Threats, 3A



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# Ribbon cut on new Barnwell industry

## Koch & Company ramping up to build cabinets at rennovated facility

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When Jim Koch was a teenager in Baileyville, Kansas, he already knew he loved working with wood. He and his eight siblings grew up on a farm where hard work and dedication were instilled in them by their parents.

While driving a tractor and working the fields, Jim would daydream about woodworking projects. After work and on weekends, he and his brother Dan would take lumber and try to create things. "When we were in high school, we made cedar chests and sold them," said Jim Koch (pronounced Cook) recently. "I just loved the craftsmanship."

When he was 20 years old, Jim and Dan with the support of their uncle Fred joined forces to start a company in 1989. "Since 1993, we figured it out and haven't looked back."

Now Koch and his brother Barry are the driving force behind Koch & Company which makes fine cabinets and doors at 11 plants, all in the United States. On Thursday, May 26, he and Tricia, his wife of 36 years, cut a bright blue ribbon on the newest cabinet division in Barnwell located at 11200 Dunbarton Boulevard.

Joining the celebration were representatives from the Southern Palmetto Chamber of Commerce, Southern Carolina Alliance, Barnwell County Council, Barnwell Mayor and City Council, Can Am Sales Inc., and staff.

The Barnwell plant will produce the Midland line of cabinetry for the Koch Cabinets division of Koch & Co. Their corporate headquarters is in Seneca, Kansas, and manufacturing facilities in various locations throughout Kansas and eastern Tennessee.

The Barnwell plant will offer more access to customers along the eastern U.S. coast, according to company officials.

"Our products are made in America and almost everything in our operation is made in America," said Koch. "I refuse to buy from China."

The result has been that Koch & Company has not experienced the supply chain issues other companies have faced in recent years. Koch & Company also owns its

own trucking division and hauls 90 percent of their own product.

The "new" Barnwell facility is known to locals as "the old Sara Lee sock plant" which has not been utilized in decades. Just like his daydreaming of woodworking, Jim said he and his brother immediately saw potential in the 250,000 square-foot building when they were shown the building by Southern Carolina Alliance. "It was perfect for our needs," said Koch.

Despite a lot of repairs to be made, Koch said, renovations are moving along. "We're excited," he said.

Koch & Co employs 915 employees throughout its locations and is planning to add 105 jobs in the Barnwell community within the next few years. Hiring has already started locally and initial cabinet production is expected to start next month, said Koch at the ribbon cutting.

Koch stated, "Our corporate headquarters is in rural Kansas so rural South Carolina is a good fit for us."

He also said they were impressed by the cleanliness and hometown feel of the Barnwell com-



**CUTTING THE RIBBON** on his newest facility is Jim Koch, president of Koch & Company which makes fine cabinets and doors. The Barnwell plant will produce the Midland line of cabinetry. Pictured with Koch are his wife, Tricia (holding ribbon), members of Barnwell City Council, Barnwell County Council, Southern Carolina Alliance, Barnwell County Economic Development Commission, Southern Palmetto Chamber of Commerce, representatives of Cam Am Sales Inc., and employee benefit firm Hallier Reed LLC. [Laura McKenzie / Contributor]

munity. Koch said many members of his family work in the company and they have striven to make their staff feel like family.

He also went on to

say, "The Barnwell City, County, community, vendors, the Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber, Southern Carolina Regional Alliance, the South Caro-

lina Economic Development Association, South Carolina Department of Commerce and Ready SC have been extremely helpful. We are excited to be part of this com-

munity." For more information regarding jobs at Koch Cabinets of Barnwell please visit [www.kochandco.com/employment](http://www.kochandco.com/employment).



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Koch & Company builds fine cabinets and doors such as those pictured (left). Hiring is already underway at the facility in Barnwell.

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Eleanor's Corner



# Cook Promoted to BCSO Chief Deputy

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Darlene Cook has dedicated her life to protecting the people of Barnwell County. After a nearly 30 year career in law enforcement, Cook was promoted to Chief Deputy of the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) on April 1, 2022.

In this new role, Cook serves as "the right hand to the sheriff." The reins are handed to her when Sheriff Steve Griffith is away from office and as Cook puts it, "it's my turn to step up to the hot seat."

Cook is now responsible for the BCSO jail. Although the jail has a command staff, duties ultimately fall under her.

"There's a little more administrative duties to it. The number of people who are supervised certainly increased to an extent," said Cook.

Cook's newly appointed position is not only well justified after a 24 year career with BCSO, but it is also historically important. Cook is the first woman to serve as Chief Deputy in Barnwell County.

Although some find this significant and Cook recognizes this accomplishment, she remains focused on her team and all of their individual abilities.

"I've never really drawn a distinction being a woman in this career," said Cook. "Now I do realize that it is different being a woman in this career."

Cook understands that



Chief Deputy Darlene Cook

every officer has their strengths, and believes her career has not been stifled due to working in a male-dominated field.

"Since I've been here I have been respected as a woman and I have always remembered that there certainly are different things that women are good at in this line of work and there are things that men are good at in this line of work," said Cook. "So I've just used my abilities where they're best and let the men use theirs and never had a need to draw a distinction otherwise."

In 2019 the National Institute of Justice released a special report titled Women in Policing: Breaking Barriers and Blazing a Path. This report found "women make up more than half of the U.S. population,

but fewer than 13 percent of law enforcement officers."

Cook is among those few women who work in the field. She hopes her career will allow young women in Barnwell County who are interested in law enforcement to know they have a place in the profession.

"I would encourage any female to make a very good career in law enforcement, if that's what you're interested in," said Cook.

"Law enforcement has expanded so much as far as what you can do," said Cook. "You can do anything from being an animal control officer, to being a SLED agent or an FBI agent, or you can go in a way of forensics or you can do investigations. There's just so many avenues of law

enforcement now, especially than there were whenever I started."

Her career began in Georgia, where she attended a military college and began working with the public safety office at a local hospital. She then began policing in Denmark where she was one of the first female officers on the force.

Cook was raised around law enforcement and this is where her affinity for the profession began.

"I wanted to be in law enforcement ever since I was a little girl to be honest with you. My father was in law enforcement for a while. I guess I was just always a bit fascinated with law enforcement even as a child. I just kind of stuck with that dream" said Cook.

Cook has been serving Barnwell County for 24 years and wore many hats such as captain and investigator. This promotion serves as a statement that Cook's dedication to the area is not going unnoticed.

During her time in law enforcement, Cook "worked child abuse cases for 13 years" where she learned to be compassionate but also how to compartmentalize.

This compassion comes naturally to Cook but is fueled by the community. She finds "the people of Barnwell are good people." Cook finds the greatest reward of this community is serving people that she loves and loves her back.

"There are still people, with 25,000 people in the county, that I don't know

personally, but there are very few faces that I don't know," said Cook.

"And if I don't know them, chances are they still know me."

Barnwell is not only the place she grew her career, but it is where she raised her children. However, her own family is not the only one she is thankful for.

"I love my church family. I love my work family. I wouldn't trade this work family for any other," said Cook.

"I get up every morning and love coming to work and I've done that from day one. And so I

can't think of anything else I would have chosen to do."

Cook does not regret the path she took, but occasionally thinks about some of the steps along the way.

"I have an associates degree, I would wish I would have gone and gotten a bachelors" said Cook.

"But as far as the avenue or the degree I would have gotten, I can't think of another one. I really don't know of another career path that I would have found more rewarding than I do law enforcement."

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while waiting for parents and guardians to sign out their students.

On the evening of Monday, May 23 BCSO posted on Facebook detailing the response of law enforcement officials and WSD29 administrators, faculty and staff.

"Williston Elko Faculty and Staff reacted quickly, following properly planned protocol and procedures. The schools were checked by Aiken County Sheriff's Office, SLED, Centerra-SRS and Richmond County Bomb K-9s. EOC personnel, to include Williston Fire Department, Barnwell Fire Coordinator, and Medshore EMS, responded per plan with their resources and set up a command post" said the BCSO Facebook update.

On the morning of the second threat on Tuesday, May 24, WSD29 updated parents and community members on Facebook. "We regret to inform you that the Barnwell County Sheriff's Department is investigating another alleged bomb threat at WEHS."

Scholars and staff were evacuated from the building but later resumed classes once granted access by law enforcement.

"Upon investigating the call made to the school, BCSO, with the assistance of SLED, and ongoing communication with Superintendent Dr. Shaw, it was determined the threat was not credible. Barnwell County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Williston-Elko Schools for their cooperation and swift actions. We would also like to thank all of the agencies and our partners in the community who worked together to keep the students and school personnel safe."

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## Homemaker's Column

# HALT SALT!



**Christine Patrick**  
Clemson Extension

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommends eating only 1 teaspoon of salt per day, which is less than 2,300 milligrams (mg) of sodium. This includes ALL salt and sodium eaten. Currently, Americans consume an average of 4,000 mg per day, almost double the recommended amount.

Consuming a diet of 1,500 mg of sodium has even better blood pressure-lowering benefits. People over fifty years of age, African Americans, and people with chronic diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, and kidney disease should consume less salt. The minimum sodium required is 250-500 mg per day.

Up to 30% of Americans are salt-sensitive and should be especially careful about how much salt is eaten. There is no way to tell if an individual's blood pressure is salt-sensitive.

Pregnant women should not eliminate salt to minimize water retention and swelling. More sodium is needed during pregnancy, although the amount eaten pre-pregnancy should be adequate.

Athletes and heavy laborers should replace sodium lost through perspiration by including salt in the next meal. Drinking sports drinks with electrolytes is not necessary. Salt tablets are not recommended since they may lower performance and cause dehydration.

For more information on salt, check out fact sheet #4054 on the Home and Garden Information Center webpage at <http://hgic.clemson.edu>.

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- helps maintain the right balance of fluids.
- helps transmit nerve impulses.
- influences the contraction and relaxation of muscles, including the heart.
- helps regulate blood pressure.

Since humans are not born with a love for salt, taste buds can be retrained by gradually cutting back on salt and sodium. The taste buds will adjust within a few weeks, allowing the natural taste of the food to be enjoyed. Using spice and herb blends instead of salt adds satisfying flavor to almost any recipe. Select more fresh foods, less processed items, and less sodium-dense foods.

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## Natural Affections

# Lullabies & Good Vibes



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*"May charms the eyes of the soul, with its beauty everywhere. Like a newborn baby mother holds, graced with love and time to care.*

*Array with lilies, rosebuds and shasta daisies, Soft sounds of morning birds that sing. May prepares to open Summers' door, as she tenderly tucks in Spring."*

*From the poem "A Year of Hope" by Donna-Maria Conzalina*

While out of town recently visiting family on the west coast, I was feeling jet lagged. Sitting alone with my familiar friend, Cafe Vienna, before the rest of the household awakened. Regardless of the time change playing with my inner clock; as far back as I can remember I've always been an early morning riser. Waking up with the "soft sounds of the morning birds that sing." For some of us, celebrating sunrise is such an engaging, daydreaming treat. And that particular late May morning, the birds were especially vocal.

Have you ever noticed how the united jubilation of these winged creatures' daybreak song seems to abruptly fade away into the hustle and bustle once the rest of the world is roused? Yet, not all feathered troubadours let the world distract their joy. If you listen closely, you'll hear one or two soaring minstrels continue singing their songs long into the day. Almost as if they're winged Pollyannas not letting the world steal their joy.

Stealing our joy. This world and its mayhem consistently tries its best; and more often than we'd like to accept, it succeeds with accomplishing that piracy. Even the most even tempered among us can only be pushed so far before there's a need to HALT.

If you're not already familiar with the acronym, H.A.L.T., basically it reminds us that is exactly what we need to do when our normally sweet, bluebird disposition of song turns to a hungry cry; like gulls on a shoreline. An alert, reminding us to take that moment to HALT and ask ourselves what's the underlying issue? What are we truly hungry for? Are we literally feeling Hungry, or are

we Angry, Lonely, or Tired? Most of our stress and unease stems from those basic, unmet or rivaled needs.

So that morning, as I enjoyed the united harmony of morning bird songs, memory brought me back to a time years ago. I was amongst a crowd, witnessing the gentleness of a song as it alleviated strongholds of loneliness and discomfort. The discomfort was on my part. Taking the stage, all eyes on me, singing as a soloist in public for the first time while loneliness filled the crowd of armed forces service personnel. Christmas time was around the corner and most of these brave soldiers were far away from home.

It was an open mic night at a dinner club near the Charleston SC Navy Base. I'd only had a couple of songs prepared for my set. And of course, good old insecure, youthful me was a nervous wreck as I looked into the eyes of my best friend who sat there at a table, silently telling me, "you can do this." And he was right. I could. And somehow, by the Grace of God, I did. I finished my set and to my bewilderment, the lonely sailors applauded, stood up and asked for an encore.

Humbled by their kindness and not wanting to let them down, I played the only song I could think of at that moment with an invitation for them to join in. Silent Night.

Never would I have expected to testify, let alone imagine that I'd be used as an instrument for the peace and joy that filled the room that night; but that's just what happened. The walls echoed with Love and for that time a barrier of discomfort and loneliness disappeared.

Singing connects us emotionally. Songs, as they say, can calm

the savage beast and have a power of peace. They can lead us to trip the light fantastic or bring us to tears.

We're lulled off to dreams with lullabies as infants, hold imaginary microphone's and air guitars in our youth and aging Alzheimer's patients it's been observed, can remember the lyrics to a song sometimes; sadly so, better than a once familiar face.

Yes, we certainly have reason to be thankful for the soft sounds of bird songs and each pleasant note around us. One of life's greatest blessings is undoubtedly the gift of music. A gift that's especially appreciated on those days when we need to HALT. Listen closely for that calming, encouraging melody calling out in the midst of chaos. It's there. There's always a way out and a song to be sung. Even if you have to be one of the odd birds singing it.

As we each do our best to HALT when we need to, focus on, keep and spread the peace this world desperately needs, these words come to mind: Ephesians 5:18-19, (NIV) teaches us, "Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord" because (Zephaniah 3:17) "The Lord your God is in the midst of you, a Mighty One, a Savior Who saves! He will rejoice over you with joy; He will rest in silent satisfaction, and in His love He will be silent and make no mention of past sins, or even recall them; He will exult over you with singing." Don't know about you, but for me it's pretty reassuring to know that The One who created us and our joyful feathered friends is singing along as the Leader of the Band.

## Letter to the Editor

# LOSING THE WARHORSES

**Dear Editor,**  
I think if Barnwell School District 45 is forced to be part of the forthcoming consolidated high school it would be a terrible event for the City of Barnwell.

In the past 10 years, the city has lost the Milliken plant, the Sara Lee plant and the hospital. We can't take many more losses and remain a viable city. Furthermore, cities the size of Barnwell with our racial demographic need a source of com-

mon ground and since integration in 1970 Barnwell High has been that common ground and it has served us well and should continue to do so.

Also, politicians will tell us being part of the new school we will save us tax money and the quality of education will improve - it won't happen. Industrial recruiters (who think they are politicians) will tell us the new school will give us an edge on landing new industry

- it won't happen.

Lastly, as I travel the state and meet new people and they learn I'm from Barnwell, the first thing they often say is "The Warhorses". I am not ready to lose that identity and I don't think the folks in Barnwell want to lose it either because we really don't have much else.

**Lon Walsh, Barnwell**

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# BCCSD Board Meeting- Countdown to Consolidation

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With just over a month left until consolidation, The Barnwell County Consolidated School District (BCCSD) held a school board meeting on the evening of Tuesday, May 24 to discuss the merging of District 29 and District 19 on July 1.

Policies such as the Code of Conduct, Professional Sabbatical Leave, and Retirement were on their second reading and approved by the consolidated board consisting of appointed community members.

School administrators and staff presented many policies regarding locally approved courses, the sick leave bank,

home schooling, acceptable technology use and resignation protocol as well as the first reading of the proposed 2022-2023 BCCSD budget.

With the countdown to consolidation starting, Blackville-Hilda District 19 Superintendent David Corder recognizes three areas that district administrators and staff are tackling in the final stages of consolidation.

"I think the main thing they're working on is getting the student information system merged," says Corder. "We're on track to get that completed for when school starts in August."

In addition to merging student information, Superintendent Corder said financial accounting systems are being

merged as well in preparation for a payroll run in mid-July.

"You've got employees from both school districts, and so those are main things that have to be done," said Corder.

Due to the individual districts financially not existing after June 30, Corder also identifies closing each district's financial books as a "long process."

Regarding staffing, Superintendent Corder identified a few vacancies left to be filled in the classroom. Corder stated, "there's just some support people they want to hire that are now being considered... so I think we're good as far as our staff."

The BCCSD District Office will be in Wil-

liston. According to Superintendent Corder, certain administrators will be rotating between the district office in Williston and the Blackville-Hilda School Campus each week.

Superintendent Dr. Shaw welcomed Tricia Gordon, the Barnwell First Steps Executive Director to the podium. Gordon proposed a partnership between Barnwell County First Steps and the newly formed Barnwell County Consolidated School District.

Barnwell County First Steps is a local non-profit that "works collaboratively to ensure that all children start school ready to reach their full potential" according to their website.

With support from Su-

perintendent Dr. Shaw and Superintendent Corder, Gordon introduced the collaborative effort to establish child care services in Williston.

Gordon referred to Williston as being a 'childcare desert' and said she is looking to fill the gap in services she, LaTonya Jones of Heavenly Angels daycare in Blackville, and others have found to be present in Williston.

After a few questions, the board members gave their blessing for the initiative to progress. Gordon said, "Getting their blessing is sort of, you know, an official recognition that we are going to make this a reality."

According to Gordon, the next steps are already

in motion. "We're in talks with a person to become our director because to file the [Department of Social Services] application, you need a director and two staff on hand. So, we are in talks and hiring a director" said Gordon.

The consolidation of Barnwell District 19 and District 29 comes after months of bi-weekly meetings held by board members, educators and administrators to ensure a seamless transition for its scholars.

When referring to the relationship between the joining districts, Superintendent Corder jokingly said, "We're pretty tight knit communities here, until, you know, it's football season."



Addison Fail of Williston is working to make a difference in her community by collecting donations of food to be distributed in the community. Fail holds the title of 2022 Junior Teel All-Star Southeastern US.



## Williston teen adds new Blessing Box in Elko

A Williston teen never fails to help her community.

Addison Fail, who is the 2022 Junior Teen All-Star Southeastern U.S., recently placed a new Blessing Box in Elko (between the Elko Post Office/Town Hall & Fire Department block building).

She previously placed one in front the Williston Police Department.

"Thank you to Mayor Toby Singletary for allowing our new box to be placed in Elko and to my Uncle Hal Mundy for his handiwork in building it!" said Fail, the daughter of Matt and Rebecca

Fail. To help fill up those boxes and others, Fail held a Miss Make a Difference benefit pageant on May 7 to collect donations. They collected 4,850 food and hygiene items.

"We've tripled the donations from last year's 'Miss Make A Difference' pageant! What's even better is that due to all these generous donations, we've added a new Blessing Box to our community, and we will be able to stock all surrounding boxes the entire year. This project was all about teamwork and the contestants from this

year's pageant sure did their part. I am forever grateful for all that believed that they can make a difference for communities in South Carolina!" Fail said.

Her goal is to not see any Blessing Box be empty. "I'm going to try my best to keep them supplied with my stockpiled donations from local families. Families feeding families is what it's all about!" she said.

Local organizations and communities that need help keeping Blessing Boxes stocked can reach out to Fail at [www.facebook.com/addisonfail](http://www.facebook.com/addisonfail).

## Hurricane Safety Week prompts preparedness tips

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) are encouraging residents to remem-

ber the life-saving health and safety protocols promoted each year as part of the state's Hurricane Preparation Week. The week started Sunday, May 29, just ahead of hurricane season which typically runs from June through November.

"Hurricane Preparedness Week is the time

of year we ask everyone to review their family emergency plans and make sure they're prepared as possible in case a hurricane heads our way this season," said Kim Stenson, SCEMD Director. "The past two years have highlighted the need to include flexibility in those plans,

since circumstances during emergencies can change quickly. It's vital to stay up to date on the latest information about COVID-19 while you get ready for Hurricane Season."

Many of the same recommendations from years past are still in place today. DHEC,

SCEMD and emergency responders across the state encourage residents to create a family emergency plan in the event of a hurricane, which should include an evacuation destination and agreed-upon meeting locations. In addition, residents should keep phones charged when

possible and maintain a way to find out the latest information on storms and impacts to their home area. SCEMD's Hurricane Guide provides more safety and planning recommendations.

From a COVID-19 standpoint, DHEC encourages residents to get their initial vaccinations and their boosters when eligible. These are especially important when evacuating to other states to prevent the likelihood of spreading COVID-19 in other areas or in your community when returning home.

Residents should also use the CDC County Check map to track disease activity in the county they're evacuating to and keep masks in case community spread is medium or high. Lastly, South Carolinians are encouraged to keep rapid antigen at-home test kits on hand while traveling in case family members start experiencing symptoms and need to be tested. You can get no cost rapid antigen at-home test kits from public health departments or [covidtests.gov](http://covidtests.gov).

To learn more about SCEMD's role in hurricanes, visit the agency's information page.

**Notice**

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

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Town of Williston will hold a public hearing on the municipal budget for the 2022 – 2023 Fiscal year:

**Date:** June 13th, 2022  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Williston Town Hall

Current Fiscal Year Revenue	Projected Revenue 2022-2023	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$2,752,945	\$2,639,915	-4.11%	70
Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected Expenditures 2022-2022	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Estimated Millage for 2021-2022
\$2,752,945	\$2,639,915	-4.11%	70

\* Estimated Millage Equals \$70 per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value



## BIRTHDAY



### Emma Grace Howell celebrates 8th birthday

Emma Grace Howell celebrated her eighth birthday on May 27, 2022. She is the daughter of Ashley and Jessie Howell of Hilda. Paternal grandparents are Virgil and Denise Howell of Amite, Louisiana. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Dale Altman of Smoaks.

## DuPlessis honored with retirement reception



Photos by: Laura J. McKenzie

A reception was held recently to honor Susan DuPlessis (left) upon her retirement from the S.C. Arts Commission (SCAC) and California artist and consultant Markus Tracy (middle) for their contributions to the arts in Allendale County and rural South Carolina. The event held at USC Salkehatchie's atrium on Saturday, May 14, was hosted by the Allendale Rural Arts Team and attended by SCAC staff, county art mavens, creative connectors and friends from around the state. Allendale Art Maven Lottie Lewis (right) presented DuPlessis with a "key" to the county and a plaque on behalf of the Allendale County for her work.



## Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Family Scholarships Awarded

AIKEN, S.C., May 26, 2022 – Since 2009, \$630,000 in college scholarships has been presented to graduating high school students as part of the Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Family Scholarship Program.

This year, 15 sons and daughters of SRNS employees were each awarded a \$3,000 scholarship.

"The winning students are graded and selected based on ability, leadership, community service and scholastic achievement," said Stuart MacVean, SRNS President and CEO. "However, in addition, the level of maturity, dedication and sense of responsibility displayed by these students is simply incredible. We hope many of these young men and women, like their parents, will one day join the SRNS family."

More than 190 students have benefitted from the SRNS Family Scholarship Program since its incep-

tion.

"I'm really excited. Growing up, I never understood scholarships," said Madelynn Hutson, a senior at Barnwell High School. "Then you get to high school realize, I kind of need those! I'm really honored that I was able to apply for and receive this scholarship from SRNS." Hutson's plans are to attend Anderson College where she will study nursing with a desire to meet the medical needs of children.

This year, SRNS scholarships were awarded to:

Paige Andrews, Lakeside High School, daughter of Paul Andrews of Facilities and Systems Engineering – Engineering

Allison Bollig, South Aiken High School, daughter of Adriene Bollig of Information and Personnel Security – ESH&QA

Zoe Ellison, John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, daughter of Nichole Ellison of Defense

Programs PC&AE – Engineering

Madelynn Hutson, Barnwell High School, daughter of Scottie Hutson of the Environmental and Bioassay Laboratory and Environmental Monitoring Program – ESH&QA

Makenzie Lumley, Silver Bluff High School, daughter of Dominick Lumley of Construction Site Technical Representative – Site Services

Abigail McCurry, Fox Creek High School, daughter of Daniel McCurry of Site Engineering Automation – Engineering

Samuel McLeod, Silver Bluff High School, son of Courtney Bryant of Tritium Training – National Nuclear Security Administration Operations/Programs

Shania Nguyen-Tu, John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School, daughter of James Nguyen of Site Engineering Process System Automation – Engineering

Timothy Novajosky, Lakeside High School, son of Joseph Novajosky of Reservoir Program Engineering – NNSA Operations/Programs

Katie Pifer, Midland Valley High School, daughter of Terry Pifer of Radiological Protection – ESH&QA

Ronald Rahenkamp, South Aiken High School, son of Samuel Rahenkamp of Systems Engineering – Information Technology

Caitlynn Sykes, North Augusta High School, daughter of Ingrid Sykes of SPD Technical Support – National Nuclear Security Administration Capital Projects

Madison Thompson, Fox Creek High School,



(Front row, from left) Zoe Ellison, John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School; Caitlynn Sykes, North Augusta High School; Abigail McCurry, Fox Creek High School; Paige Andrews, Lakeside High School; Shania Nguyen-Tu, John S. Davidson Fine Arts Magnet School; Madelynn Hutson, Barnwell High School; Madison Thompson, Fox Creek High School; Katie Pifer, Midland Valley High School; Makenzie Lumley, Silver Bluff High School; (back row, from left) Stuart MacVean, SRNS President & CEO; Allison Bollig, South Aiken High School; Andrew Towner, North Augusta High School; Timothy Novajosky, Lakeside High School; Patrick Watkins, Aiken High School; Samuel McLeod, Silver Bluff High School; Ronald Rahenkamp, South Aiken High School (not shown, Abigail McCurry, Fox Creek High School). Nearly 200 students have benefitted from the SRNS Family Scholarship Program since its inception.

daughter of Scotty Thompson of Spent Fuel Radiation Protection 3 – ESH&QA

Andrew Towner, North Augusta High School, son of Stacey Towner of Tritium Outside Facilities – National Nuclear Security

Administration Operations/Programs

Patrick Watkins, Aiken High School, son of Robert Watkins of Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility Design Authority – National Nuclear Security Administration Capital Projects.

"This is amazing, it's such great honor," said Madison Thompson, a senior at Fox Creek High School. Her father, SRNS employee Scott Thompson is pleased as well.

"Dad loves this too," her father added. "It really helps with the costs of college. It's SRNS giving back to the community."

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions is a Fluor-led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site located near Aiken, South Carolina.

## WE'RE HIRING

### Creation Station Director

FBC Barnwell is looking for an individual with a love and passion for teaching, leading, and equipping children to be the best they can be.

Must be at least 21 years of age and meet one of the qualifications for DSS licensing.

Preferred experience: 5 years in a licensed, approved, or registered childcare facility, with 2 years of experience in supervision of childcare staff.

**Accepting applications until June 24th.**

Resumes may be submitted at the church office:  
161 Allen Street, Barnwell, SC 29812  
or emailed to:  
[kepperson@fcbarnwell.org](mailto:kepperson@fcbarnwell.org).

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## Shirley Wilder Jackson



HEALING SPRINGS - Shirley Wilder Jackson, 63, of Healing Springs, South Carolina, wife of the late Anthony Wade Jackson, passed away on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Visitation was held Tuesday, May 24, 2022, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hagood Avenue Baptist Church, Barnwell, S.C. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 11 a.m., also at Hagood Avenue Baptist Church. Graveside services were held at the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery immediately following the service. Mole Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Shirley was born December 15, 1958, in Barnwell, South Carolina, the daughter of the late Douglas A. Wilder and the late Annette Bonds Wilder. She was a graduate of Barnwell High School. She retired from Savannah River Remediation in 2016 after 32 years of service. She was a mother to many, a sister and friend to all and a stranger to none.

She is survived by her six children: Brian (Jamie) Whitehead of Aiken, S.C., Ryan (Kristin) Whitehead of New Ellenton, S.C., Brad (Ashley) Whitehead of Barnwell, S.C., Rusty (Miranda) Jackson, Adam (Lori) Jackson, all of Barnwell, S.C., Erin (Adam) Causey of Williston, S.C.; and fifteen grandchildren and an expectant great-grandson. She also had numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and in-laws whom she loved dearly.

Sign the online guestbook at [molefh.com](http://molefh.com).

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## Billy Dean "Bill" Hill

Williston, SC - A Graveside Funeral Service for Billy Dean "Bill" Hill, 92, of Williston, SC will be held at twelve noon, Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Cannon Memorial Park, 1150 North Main St., Fountain Inn, SC 29644 with Pastor Tom Baker officiating. The family will receive friends from six to eight p.m., Friday, May 27th at Folk Funeral Home, Williston, SC. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in Mr. Bill's memory to Elko Baptist Church, P.O. Box 277, Elko, SC 29826. He passed away on Thursday, May 26, 2022.

Born in Laurens, SC, he was the son of the late Robert Lee and Eunice Culbertson Hill and was married to the late June Armstrong Hill for 55 years. He retired from DuPont (SRP) after 36 years and was a member of Elko Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and Brotherhood Director. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Survivors include his daughter Priscilla Hill, PhD of Starkville, MS; his son Eric Hill of Aiken and a sister Mary H. Peddicord.

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

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### PUBLIC HEARING

**Town of Blackville  
Town Council To Increase  
Garbage Rates 4%**

**Blackville Community Center  
19464 Solomon Blatt Avenue,  
Blackville, SC 29817**

**Monday, June 20, 2022  
6.15 p.m.**

### Notice of Public Budget Meeting Barnwell County Consolidated School District

**June 14, 2022  
5:30 p.m. Public Hearing  
Board Meeting to Follow  
Blackville-Hilda District Auditorium**

The district's proposed operating budget for FY 2022-23 will be submitted for approval.

	Budgeted FY 2022	Proposed FY 2023	Change
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$14,274,761	\$14,477,380	1.42%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$14,274,761	\$14,477,380	1.42%
Operation Millage	188.60	197.40	8.80 Mills
Debt Service Millage	32.00	35.00	3.00 Mills
<b>Total Mills</b>	220.60	232.40	11.8 Mills

The Budget is subject to change based on updated projections and action of the Board

**For additional information contact:  
Dr. Marcella D. Shaw  
Superintendent  
Barnwell County Consolidated School District  
12255 Main Street,  
Williston, SC 29853**

# NX EXCUSES

Recently, South Carolina's legislature established **early voting.**

Voting is easier and even more secure. That means eligible voters can visit any early voting center in their county and cast their vote before the June 14<sup>th</sup> primaries.

### WEEKDAYS

**MAY 31-  
JUNE 10**

**8:30AM-  
5:00PM**

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	MAY 31 ✓	JUNE 1 ✓	JUNE 2 ✓	JUNE 3 ✓
JUNE 6 ✓	JUNE 7 ✓	JUNE 8 ✓	JUNE 9 ✓	JUNE 10 ✓

Bring a valid photo ID. If you don't have one, you can get one at your county elections office. Early voting centers are closed Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Find your early voting center at  
[scVOTES.gov](http://scVOTES.gov)**

**every vote matters.  
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**SOUTH CAROLINA  
ELECTION COMMISSION**



# Whitbeck joins reporting staff at The People-Sentinel

A new reporter is joining the team at *The People-Sentinel*.

Alexandra "Alex" Whitbeck, 22, of Greenville, N.Y., has moved to Williston and started work this week at Barnwell's local newspaper.

"We are excited to have Alexandra join our team and be part of our community," said publisher Jonathan Vickery. "It's an exciting time at *The People-Sentinel* as we grow our team."

"As our new reporter, Alexandra will help us grow our news coverage so we can better serve and inform our community. She will help us grow the print paper by covering a range of topics while also helping us grow a digital presence through social media and podcasting," he said.

Alex grew up in the Catskill Mountain region of upstate New York in a rural area very much like

Barnwell County.

"Greenville, N.Y. has one spotlight in the middle of town, a hot-dog stand, a duck pond in front of the library and a running joke that there are more cows than people," said Whitbeck. "I graduated high school with the same group of 70 students I went to kindergarten with and grew to know my classmates and their families very well. In 10th grade I took an internship with my town's weekly paper, *The Pioneer*, and wrote my first published article on my grandfather who had just been nominated as 'Veteran of the Year' in Greene County. Seeing my name in print for the first time cemented my goal to be a journalist."

Whitbeck earned her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism at Hofstra University in Long Island, N.Y. but wanted to learn more. "After graduating in January 2022 with a

Master of Arts in Journalism from Hofstra, I began looking for a career that would allow me to regain the sense of community I yearned for and report on topics that people care about," said Whitbeck. "I am very thankful to have found that with *The People-Sentinel*."

Whitbeck said, "I am looking forward to serving a community that truly values their weekly paper and aiding in getting news to every corner of the county. Rural areas are commonly overlooked by major media outlets. The *People-Sentinel* and weekly papers like it have stood as pillars in their communities to spread important information. Working for *The Pioneer* in rural Greene County N.Y. and then reporting in Nassau County located just outside of New York City, showed me that the value and importance of

news does not change due to population size."

"I am excited to continue learning from and working with the talented individuals who comprise the staff of *The People-Sentinel*. I am grateful to be a part of a dedicated group that highly values a physical newspaper while simultaneously growing an internet presence all in effort to inform the community."

Whitbeck moved south and has quickly settled in. "In the short time that I have been in South Carolina, I quickly grew to appreciate the dense foliage that lines the highways and the fields that look like they go on forever. Living in Williston, I have been taking walks on the Rail Trail with my dog and learning my way around. So far, I have learned that Greenville, N.Y. and Barnwell, S.C. have many similarities; both



Alexandra 'Alex' Whitbeck is the newest member of the staff at *The People-Sentinel*.

are rural areas with a strong sense of community and the people genuinely care about each other."

"I am very excited to learn more about the history of Barnwell County as well as be a part of

its future. In the coming weeks I am looking forward to meeting more members of the community, attend local events and hopefully get acclimated to the heat!" she said.

# Barnwell hires new recreation director

Alex Whitbeck  
Staff Writer

The City of Barnwell recently hired a parks, recreation and tourism director who hopes to bring new and innovative programs to local parks and recreation facilities.

Relocating from Tennessee, Kevin Roberts plans to bring his 30 years of experience to serve the Barnwell community.

"I'm just really hopeful that I can develop the trust and respect of the residents by being truthful, respectful, and transparent in all my behaviors and actions. I believe the recreation department is only as strong as the people who are dedicated to volunteering their time and talents," said Roberts.

Roberts began his career in recreation programming after graduating from Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN with a Master of Science degree in health, physical education and recreation/administrative recreation.

Prior to his graduate studies and extensive career, Roberts attended Wingate College in North Carolina where



Kevin Roberts has been hired as the new Parks, Recreation and Tourism director for the City of Barnwell.

he received a Bachelor of Science degree in human services. At Wingate College, he met his wife Kathy who sparked his interest in parks and recreation.

"I was taking human services and psychology classes, and she was taking parks and recreation classes. And I thought her classes were a lot more fun than mine. So I decided to get my master's degree," said Roberts.

Born and raised in Florida, Roberts served communities all along

the eastern side of the country.

He first served briefly as a Recreation Program Supervisor for

Kent County Parks and Recreation in Worton, Maryland until taking a position in the next county over as Recreation Supervisor in 1993.

"I knew those were stepping stones to what I wanted to do, which was eventually to get up into higher administration through the recreation departments. And after those two years I was hired at Cheltenham Township which borders Philadelphia," said Roberts.

Roberts started aiding the parks and recreation program in Cheltenham Township in Pennsylvania in 1995. Here, he held the position of Recreation Superintendent / Assistant Director until 2006.

In this role, Roberts supervised all components of recreation including adult softball and volley-

ball leagues, coordinating athletic tournaments, and implementing numerous award winning programs.

Now here in Barnwell, Roberts hopes to "bring a fresh perspective and some creative programming." He encourages input from community members to "get advice from people who are interested in a recreation of what they'd like to see in programming," said Roberts who aims to strengthen the ties between residents and recreation.

City Administrator Lynn McEwen said, "The Council (as well as myself) were very impressed with Mr. Roberts and his experience. We believe that he can take our Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department where it needs to go next. We are very ex-

cited about him joining us in mid-June."

Roberts' move to Barnwell is not only to better the area's attractions but also to be closer to family and friends. His wife, Kathy, has family near Lugoff, SC and the couple has close friends located in Greenville, SC.

In addition to an affinity for creating recreational activities, Roberts briefly handcrafted golf clubs for himself, friends and sold some clubs online. This unique hobby resulted in being honored as the Club Maker of the Year in both 2004 and 2005 by the Pennsylvania Club Makers Association.

Roberts will start in this new position on June 15 and states, "I hope everybody's ready for me, because I sure am ready for them."



Disaster Supplies Distributed - Volunteers with Emma's House in Allendale distribute cleaning supplies, water and diapers to people impacted by the April 4 tornado which tore through Allendale County, damaging homes and businesses. The items were given out on Friday, May 20. They were donated by Bridge Corporate Solutions, of Charleston, R&R Share & Care Relief Ministry, of Columbia, South Carolina Power Team and Southern Carolina Alliance. [Laura J. McKenzie, contributor]

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the S.C. Code of Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Town of Blackville will hold a public hearing on the municipal budget for the 2022 – 2023 Fiscal year:

Date: June 20, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Town of Blackville, Blackville Community Center, 19464 Solomon Blatt Avenue, Blackville, SC 29817

Current Fiscal Year Revenue	Projected Revenue 2022-2023	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$1,143,300	\$1,250,285	+9.4%	79 Mills
Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected Expenditures 2022-2023	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Current Millage for 2021-2022
\$1,143,300	\$1,250,285	+9.4%	79 Mills

\* Estimated Millage Equals \$79 per \$1,000 of Assessed Property Value

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# BARNWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022



## 108 PLUS 1 RECOGNIZED AT BHS GRADUATION

**Laura J. McKenzie,**  
*Contributing Writer*

At Barnwell High School Friday night there were 108 plus 1 who were recognized during Commencement Exercises on W.W. Carter Stadium.

There were 108 seniors who became graduates as they received their diplomas, turned their tassels and prepared to enter their next phase of life.

The 1 was the late Kaleb Hinkley who died in a traffic accident in 2019. He would have been a member of the Class of 2022. At the entrance to the stadium a chair was placed, adorned with a red cap and graduation gown along with a picture collage.

For the most part, the graduation ceremony was a

celebration of the students who earned their diplomas and over \$3.2 million in scholarships.

Valedictorian Charles P. Zorn III reminded his classmates not to procrastinate "as it really leads to a lot of unnecessary stress." Zorn, who was alphabetically the last member of his class, finished first in the Class of 2022.

He noted that the only way to move forward is to take steps in a positive direction.

"Graduation is only a small step in life," said Zorn. "Life comes in steps and stages. This is our time to get up and do something."

Salutatorian Crissa L. Thomason said that living through the pandemic caused her to re-evaluate her life.

She said kindness is what is needed and encouraged her classmates to extend kindness each day.

"Today is a great day to start," she said. "One small action can make a difference (in someone's life)."

In an act of remembrance and kindness, Principal Franklin McCormack presented Kaleb Hinkley's mother, Crystal Williamson, with a bouquet of flowers. In a Facebook post after the ceremony Williamson wrote, "I sat there looking at the Class of 2022 and how proud I am of them. They have showed this broken-hearted mama so much love. Thank you for all that's been done to honor my Kaleb! I know he walked that field with me tonight,

he sat with his class and I believe everyone that was at this graduation felt his presence in some shape or form. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

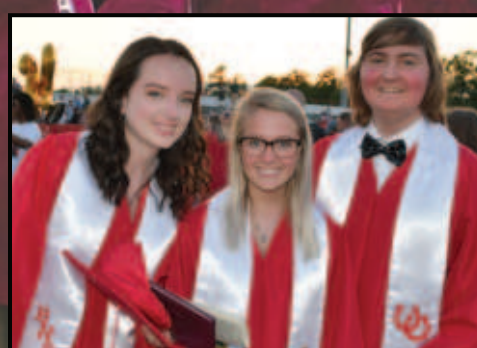
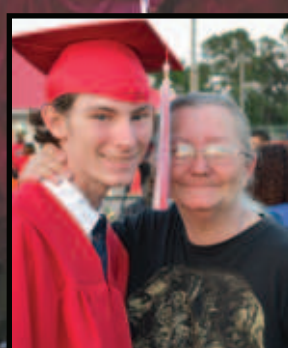
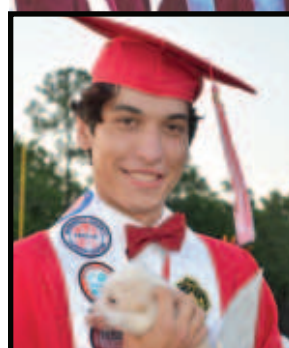
To the cheers of family and friends, seniors became graduates with the distribution of diplomas, handshakes from district officials, the turning of their tassels and the final singing of the alma mater.

Caps filled the air, silhouetted by the last rays of twilight. Then the celebrations began in earnest as the graduates shared hugs, took pictures and held on to flowers and balloons gifted to them.

It was a night to be recognized and remember.



Photos by: Laura J. McKenzie







# BLACKVILLE-HILDA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022



## TURNING THE TASSEL

**Alexandra Whitbeck**  
Reporter  
reporter@thepeoplesentinel.com

As the sun set red and gold over Blackville-Hilda School District 19 on Friday, May 27, it also signaled an end of an era. The Class of 2022 is the last that will graduate from Blackville-Hilda School District 19 before it is consolidated next fall.

Family and friends, educators and administrators joined to remember shared experiences and celebrate accomplishments.

The 37 soon-to-be-graduates all sat on the stage adorned in red and gold, matching the sunset outside.

Valedictorian Tanasia Alexis Goodwin and Salutatorian Grace Marie Smith each addressed the audience as well as the class of 2022. Goodwin was not only the class valedictorian but also the only student to be an honor graduate with a 4.0 GPA or higher.

Sandra Kirkland Col-

ins, Family and Consumer Science teacher, introduced motivational speaker Shamari Moody. Not only is Moody her son-in-law, but is also the principal of Allendale-Fairfax Middle School.

Moody expressed to the scholars the importance of every profession and the benefits of making their own path. He encouraged the scholars to "put respect on your name," telling them to respect the path they take in life as well as themselves.

The class of 2022 faced a global pandemic, altering their high school experience and changing the route of their learning experience. Nevertheless they continued to dedicate themselves to their education.

A total of 22 students completed Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses and 10 students graduated in the Beta Club with a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Ten students graduated in the top 30 percent of the class with a 3.0 GPA or

higher and nine students graduated with Seals of Distinction.

Then it was time for the 37 scholars to cross the stage and become the final graduates of BHHS.

Diplomas were received, tassels were turned, and caps were tossed. Excitement filled the auditorium as the graduating class of 2022 walked up the aisles of the auditorium to the campus green.

Family and friends met their graduates with hugs and balloons to celebrate their accomplishments and talk about their future.

Among the graduates are future college students attending schools such as Voorhees University, Lander University, Denmark Technical College, University of South Carolina Upstate and Universal Technical Institute.

Scholars are also joining the workforce and serving the United States Military.

For the BHHS Class of 2022, it was the end of an era but the beginning of the rest of their lives.



Photos by: Alexandra Whitbeck



### List of Graduates:

- Trentee Brianna Bamberg
- Avery Samone Broughton
- Michael Ray Chavis
- Sa'Nya Monea Counts
- Skyla Jean Deffenbaugh
- David Ashton Delk
- Jalilea Tranell Donaldson
- Courtney Elizabeth Dunbar
- Jordan Me'Khi Elmore
- Makayla Jewelanne Folk
- Tanasia Alexis Goodwin
- Emmanuel Savian Henderson
- Sta'Nyah Ardrenea Holman
- Tanisha Samone Hughes
- Nicholas Richard Jenkins
- Trayveon Lamarcus Johnson
- Zayveon Kalob Johnson
- Sayveon Shedrick Jones
- Robert Edward Lee
- Wesley William Mitchell
- Alexandra Elizabeth Murdock
- Zaveion Alexander Nix
- Emani Aubrelle O'Neal
- Raequan Zykeim Odom
- Austin Bradley Padgett
- Darell Devol Perry Jr.
- Karena Monae Polite
- Omarion Rashad Prophet
- Isaiah Rashawn Richards III
- Delesha Denise Risi
- Jose Alexander Varillas Robles
- Ta'korya Jamya Sanders
- Julia Shatavia Sapp
- Grace Marie Smith
- LaShundra Nikkole Taylor
- Martin Luther Thompson
- Christopher Isaih Wilson





# WILLISTON-ELKO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

## BLUE DEVILS' GRADUATES DELVE INTO THEIR FUTURE

Alexandra Whitbeck  
Reporter  
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In the bleachers of A.B. Cooley Gymnasium at Williston-Elko High School sat family, friends and community members excited to see the last graduating class of Williston-Elko School District 29.

May 27, 2022 marked a historic date in the history of WEHS as noted by William Michael Washick, Senior Class Representative in the Invocation. These 46 scholars will be the last to turn their tassels as students of Williston-Elko School District 29 before the consolidation with District 19 on July 1.

The Commencement proceeded with a message from Superintendent Dr. Marcella Shaw who encouraged the students to leave 'the -tator family' alone: hesitator, agitator, and spectator. Superintendent Dr. Shaw also spoke of her affection toward the class of 2022 and how they persevered despite many

challenges.

Curtis Thompson III served as the Class Speaker for the WEHS Class of '22 and provided the commencement address. He thanked those who helped him succeed and reminisced about his time as a student.

Valedictorian Katie Ann Inabinet addressed her fellow scholars, educators, administrators and family in the valedictory address.

In addition to being valedictorian, Inabinet is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, graduated with a Seal of Distinction, an Honor Graduate, and is both a Career and Technology Completer and a College and Career ready scholar. She also is a Certified Nursing Assistant and a Patient Care Technician Assistant.

Salutatorian Chara Rose Wootten took to the podium to speak to the audience of excited scholars and supporters in the salutatory address.

Inabinet and Wootten both jokingly referred to the struggles of be-

ing a student at WEHS when addressing their classmates, making references to the difficulty of specific classes.

Wootten is an Honor Graduate, received a Seal of Distinction, a National Beta scholar, a member of National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society. She is also a College and Career ready scholar.

The WEHS Class consisted of 42 College and Career Ready graduates, 30 Career and Technology Completers, 17 Honor graduates, 16 National Beta scholars, nine members of the National Technical Honor Society and one National Honor Society member.

There were 28 scholars who received the Seal of Distinction, four graduated as Certified Nursing Assistants and three as Patient Care Technician Assistants.

Amarionna Lashay Smith served as the Palmetto Girls State Representative and Davion Barry Bellinger served as the Palmetto Boys State Representative for

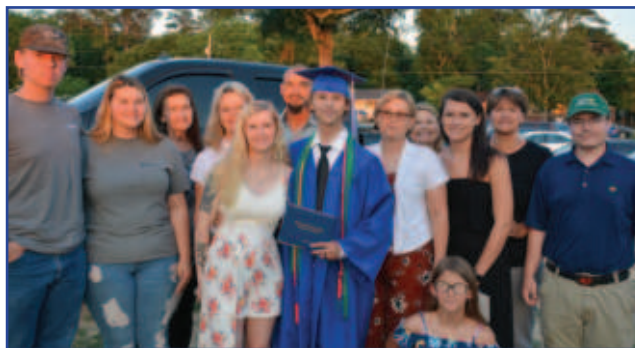


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WEHS.

The WEHS Class of 2022 is the last to enter A.B. Cooley Gymnasium as District 29 students until it is consolidated with Blackville-Hilda School District 19.

Scholars celebrated this momentous occasion with family and friends as the sun set behind the Blue Devils football field. Silhouettes of grad caps and tassels faded into the distance as graduates left WEHS and headed for their future.





## SRNS Youth Program Gains Momentum

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) is working closely with the Allendale County School System to develop a paid youth apprenticeship pilot program at the Savannah River Site (SRS).

According to Dorian Newton, SRNS Apprenticeship and Pipeline Training, a successful apprenticeship program is already in place to develop and grow the talents of area high school-age students currently enrolled at nearby technical colleges offering occupational certificates and two-year degrees.

"We're talking a small number of students for the pilot youth apprentice program," said Newton. "But it's an important step within a dedicated effort to learn what is best for the students. This is especially true regarding balancing their time in school with hours worked at SRS. By the end of the pilot program, we're confident we'll have a promising plan to move forward with an opti-



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions Human Resources personnel often promote the company's apprenticeship programs during career fairs at local high schools as shown here in Aiken, S.C.

mized program meeting the needs of numerous students from high schools throughout the region."

The program exposes youth apprentices to specific sets of duties and responsibilities

common to many missions pursued at the Department of Energy site. "This, of course, will help achieve one of our company's most important objectives, creating a strong employee pipeline filled with qualified

candidates possessing a variety of skills and abilities tailored to the needs of our company," said Newton.

He noted that both apprenticeship programs, at the youth- and college-level, provide

an important avenue for these students who are often facing social, educational and economic barriers not experienced to the same degree as most high school or technical college students in other

parts of the state. "I am confident that the resources in Allendale County School District, combined with those at SRNS, will create new and innovative ways to inspire and grow our scholars, resulting in a robust positive relationship that will ultimately produce an array of opportunities for all involved," said Margaret Gilmore, Superintendent Allendale County School District. "The concept of developing a youth apprenticeship program to help fill current job openings at SRNS or create a natural progression for our scholars to enter apprenticeship programs at the technical college level, is intriguing and will undoubtedly prove to be highly successful and meaningful in enhancing chosen career pathways."

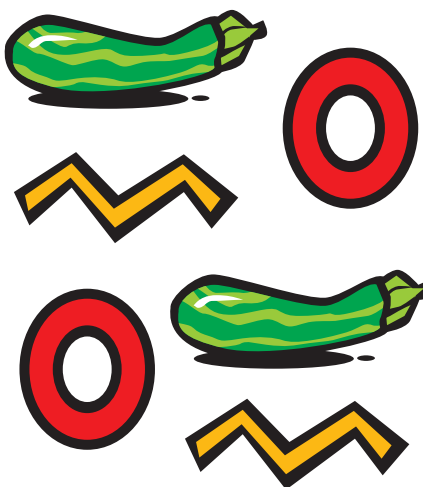
Students can apply for SRNS apprenticeships at the following link: <https://savannahriver-nuclearsolutions.com/careers/careers.htm>

### Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!



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How many cookies?	Now how many?
How many birds?	Now how many?
How many balloons?	Now how many?



**My Rhyme Time**  
Zero, two, four, six, eight  
Being even is just great!  
One, three, five, seven, nine  
Being odd is just fine!

### My name:

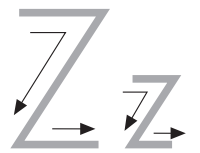
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**Learning Buddies:** Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter for the first letter in the name and lowercase letters to spell the rest. Have your child trace the letters with a finger, crayon or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

### My Letters

Z is for Zero  
z is for zero



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

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that start with the sound the letter Z makes in the word zero?

### My Numbers

How many zucchinis?

How many zeroes?

How many zigzags?



**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.



Zero is \_\_\_\_\_

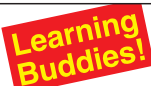


<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>Letter Identification</b> With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that begin with the same sound as the letter Z in zero.</p>	<p><b>Monday</b> <b>Math Play</b> Point to the number 2 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>Letter Z Round-up</b> Make a large circle on one sheet of today's newspaper. With your child, find as many letter Zs as you can in that circle. Circle all uppercase letter Zs in blue; circle all lowercase letter zs in red.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>Two By Two</b> Look at pictures in the newspaper and ask your child to find things that come in twos, or pairs. Examples might be two eyes, two feet, two hands, etc.</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>Counting Down</b> Explain that zero means "nothing." Looking at a page in the newspaper, count down from 4. Find 4 letter Zs on the page. Find 3 circles on the page. Find 2 Os on the page. Find 1 square on the page. Are there zero triangles on the page?</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> <b>Stripes</b> Together with your child, look at pages, pictures and ads in the newspaper. Can you find stripes in the newspaper? Zebras have stripes. What other animals have stripes? Circle anything you can find that has stripes.</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>Newspaper Toss</b> Crumple up a page of the newspaper and wrap tape around it to make a ball. Toss the ball back and forth counting down from 10 to 0. If someone drops the ball, start counting down from 10 again.</p>
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**Learning Buddy Sign Here**  
I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ activities with my Learning Buddy.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Kid Scoop Junior** comes out once a week, but you can use the newspaper every day to prepare your child for success in school. Each daily activity focuses on a specific learning readiness skill.

**Step by Step Success** 1. Read the activity instruction aloud. 2. Show how to do the activity by doing it yourself first. 3. Ask your child to copy what you do.



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**WARHORSE PRIDE**












# MAY

Town of Blackville  
**Mayoral Debate**

Monday, June 6, 2022  
6:30pm  
Community Center

Join us in conversation with our mayoral candidates as we focus on topics that affect our community.

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

June 2022						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9

Holidays  
14th - Flag Day  
19th - Father's Day  
21st - Summer Begins

## SUMMER PLAYCATION

**Camps**

**2022 USC Salkahetchie Baseball Camp**  
Jun 13-17  
\$50 registration at <https://bit.ly/SalkBaseballCamp0622>  
USC Salkahetchie Athletic Complex, 465 James Brandt Blvd., Allendale, SC 29810  
9am-12pm

**2nd Annual Summer Tech Camp**  
Jul 25-27  
Barnwell County Career Center  
All rising 6-9 grade students are welcome to attend. The camp is free of charge. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Number of participants is limited to the first 60 who register. Please register at <https://forms.gle/XypGPvfyYSSD-WfSD9>  
8am-3pm

### Events

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



### 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

**BARNWELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**SUMMER READING 2022**

**OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES**

**Vamos Cantado for K-5 to 5th Grade**  
Monday, June 6 at 10:30 a.m.  
Have fun exploring the Spanish language with laughs, music, puppets, and a little bit of learning thrown in! Seating is limited.

**Pirate Pet Craft for All Ages**  
Wednesday, June 8th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.  
Every Pirate needs a pet. Stop by the library to create your own.

**Pirate Scavenger Hunt for All Ages**  
Monday, June 13 to Friday, June 17  
Drop by the library during operating hours. Complete the scavenger hunt and win a small prize!

**Message in a Bottle Craft for Ages 8-18**  
Wednesday, June 16th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Stop by the library to create a mini message in a bottle. You can turn it into a necklace or send it out to sea.

**Under the Sea Puppet Show for All Ages**  
Monday, June 20 at 10:30 a.m.  
Ms. Jennie presents a variety of maritime tales with lots of silliness. It's fun to be a good time! Seating is limited.

**Oceans of Possibilities Chalk the Walk for All Ages**  
Tuesday, June 21 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Come show us your drawing skills and enter in a contest for best ocean theme. Space is limited so please register by June 17th at the front desk. Registration begins June 6th.

**Treasure Dig for Ages 2 to 12**  
Wednesday, June 23th All Day Activity  
Stop by the Library and dig up some treasure. Find all the treasure items and win a small prize.

**Sea Creature Rescue for Ages 2 to 6**  
Thursday, July 7th All Day Activity  
Help us save the sea creatures. Stop by the library and unring the sea creatures. Check me out the front desk for instructions.

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803-259-3612  
Hours of Operation  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri  
10am-6pm  
Thurs  
10am-7pm  
Sat  
10am-2pm

### Blackville Library

Hours of Operation  
19420 Solomon Blatt  
Ave, Blackville  
(803) 284-2295  
Mon, Tues, Thurs  
10am-1pm  
2pm-6pm

### Williston Library

Hours of Operation  
5121 Springfield Rd.,  
Williston  
(803) 621-6000  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs  
10am-1pm  
2pm-6pm

### Museums

**Barnwell Museum**  
9426 Marlboro Ave,  
Barnwell  
Tues, Wed, Thurs  
Noon-4pm  
Self-guided tours are offered  
Register at the office building  
803-259-1916

**Blackville Museum**  
655 Main Street, Blackville,  
SC  
Open by appointment only until further notice.  
Please call 803-284-3267 to schedule a visit.

### BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

Mondays-Fridays  
8:30am - Noon  
Golden Retreat Activity Center  
(59 Callahan Circle, Blackville)  
803-219-7056

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

**Mondays**  
**Tai Chi for Arthritis**  
9:30-10:00am  
**Health Topic**  
10-11am  
**AARP Topic**  
10:30-11:00am

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

**Wednesdays**  
ETV Movie/Craft

**Fridays**  
**Computer Tech**  
9:30-10am  
**Book Read**  
10-11am  
**Crafts**  
11-11:45am



**Jun 12**  
**102nd Church Anniversary**  
**Second Baptist Church of Barnwell**  
Speaker: Elder Jeffers Holman  
Following CDC, DHEC guidelines: temperature checks, masks & social distancing encouraged.  
For any more information, please call 803.259.1385.  
Elder Lamonte Boyd is our Pastor.  
10am

**June 19**  
**Father's Day Celebration**  
Rosemary Baptist Church  
Normal worship time

**Anglican Church of the Holy Apostles**  
228 Hagood Ave.  
Sun - Holy Eucharist service 10:30am  
Sun School at 9:30am  
Wed Morning prayer/breakfast 8am  
Vicar Bill Clarkson

**Barnwell United Methodist Church**  
236 Main Street  
803-259-3331  
Sun 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.

**Life Tabernacle Church**  
1189 Clinton st. Barnwell, S.C.  
Sun School 10am  
Sun worship 6pm  
Wed service 7pm  
Mon night prayer 7pm

**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](http://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.

**Rosemary Baptist Church**  
151 Emerald Lane, Barnwell  
In-House service on second and fourth Sundays at 12:15 p.m.  
CDC guidelines will be used.  
Pastor Sarah Perkins

**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.  
Sundays 10:00am  
For more info: Pastor Elder Lamonte Boyd (803) 259-1385  
[www.facebook.com/SB-CBarnwell](http://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  
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Estate: Johnnie Ruth Jackson Morrow  
Date of Death: February 25, 2022  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00084  
Personal Representative: Michael Morrow  
Address: 660 Morrow Drive, Blackville, S.C. 29817  
May 18, 25, June 1, 2022  
2022-112 3tp 06-01-22

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Estate: Kathryn Rice Lidstone  
Date of Death: April 18, 2022



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Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00085  
Personal Representative: Christopher A. Lidstone  
Address: 136 Debbie Lane, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
May 18, 25, June 1, 2022  
2022-113 3tp 06-01-22

#### NOTICE OF SALE

BY VIRTUE of the Order heretofore granted in the case of CL45 MW RCO 1 LLO vs. New Life Pentecostal Holiness House of Love a/k/a New Life Pentecostal Holiness House of Love, Inc., Case No. 2021 CP 03-00235, the undersigned as Master in Equity, or his designee, will offer for sale at public auction at the Allendale County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, South Carolina, on June 6, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., the following-described property, to wit:

ALL that certain piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the Town and County of Allendale, State of South Carolina. Said parcel of land is shown as Two and 48/100 (2.48) acres of land on a plat made for Bobby Jones, Sr., by Richard L. All, PLS, Reg. No 16497 dated the 3rd day of March, 2002, and recorded in Plat Book 19 at Page 375, in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County. Said parcel is bounded and measures as follows: to wit: On the Northeast by lands, now or formerly, of David Woods and measures thereon 436.47 feet; On the Southeast by lands, now or formerly, of David Woods and measures thereon 249.93 feet.

On the Southwest by lands, now or formerly, of Allendale County African American Culture Center and measures thereon 335.09 feet; and On the Northwest by S-3-1291 Oswald Road. It should be noted that there is a drainage ditch (portion of) on the Southeast corner of said parcel.

BEING the same property conveyed to New Life Pentecostal Holiness House of Love: (i) by deed of Bobby Jones, Jr. and Margaret Manor, Deacon and Treasurer of now New Life Pentecostal Holiness House of Love, Inc. formerly known as New Life of Church of God in Christ, Inc., dated December 1, 2009, and recorded December 2, 2009, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Allendale County, South Carolina in Deed Book 214 at Page 226; and (ii) by quit claim deed from of Bishop Bobby Jones, Sr., New Life Church of God in Christ, New Life Pentecostal Holiness House of Love, Inc. formerly known as New Life of Church of God in Christ, Inc., and New Life Pentecostal Holiness House of Love, Inc., dated June 11, 2021, and recorded July 21, 2021, in the said Register of Deeds in Deed Book 296 at Page 238.

IMS#: 106 01 06 016  
Property Address: 1119 Oswald Drive, Allendale, SC 29810  
SUBJECT TO ALLENDALE COUNTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Court, at the conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) percent of the bid, in cash or its equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price only in case of compliance with the bid, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master-in-Equity or his designee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent date to be determined by the Court, at the risk of the said highest bidder. As the right to seek a deficiency judgment has been demanded, the bidding will remain open for thirty (30) days after the date of sale, unless waived in writing by the plaintiff prior to the sale.

Purchaser to pay for preparation of the judicial Deed, any documentary stamps on the Deed, recording of the Deed, and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 18.00% per annum. AND IT IS SO ORDERED  
St. Walter H. Sanders, Jr. #3003  
Electronically signed on 2022 04 01 17:02:54  
Robert C. Byrd, Esquire  
Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP  
200 Meeting Street, Suite 301  
Charleston, SC 29401  
(843) 727 2650  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
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### NUCLEAR ENGINEER IV

Nuclear Engineer IV with EnergySolutions LLC (Barnwell, SC). Apply principals of nuclear science to problems concerned with release, control, and use of nuclear energy and nuclear waste disposal. Position is fully remote with occasional work/meetings at Barnwell, SC office location.  
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### PART-TIME FARMER'S MARKET MANAGER

Barnwell County HEALing Partners seeks to hire a part-time Farmer's Market Manager who will bring enthusiasm and dedication to promoting and operating the farmer's market located at Fuller Park in the City of Barnwell. The Market Manger will manage the day-to-day operations of the market, establish and maintain lines of communication with farmers and other market vendors, promote the market and SNAP/EBT, recruit and onboard vendors, and work collaboratively with Barnwell County HEALing Partners to grow and expand the market.

Candidates should be energetic and committed to the success of the market and possess the following skills: effective problem-solving skills, creative thinking skills, organizational skills, communication skills, marketing skills, and financial skills. Candidate should also be self-motivated and have a passion and dedication to the market and community. The Fuller Park Farmer's Market will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays/ June- October.

Schedule/hours: this is a paid part-time position for 20 hours per week for the months of June-October.

Salary: \$15 per hour. This position does not include benefits.

To apply, please submit cover letter and resume to:  
**Pam Rush**  
Axis I Center of Barnwell  
179 Fuldner Rd., Barnwell, SC 29812

Applications will be accepted through June 3, 2022



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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
 Notice is hereby given that Mi Rancho Barnwell, LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license and/or permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of beer, wine and liquor at 11555 Dunbarton Boulevard, Barnwell, S.C. 29812. To object to the issuance of this license and/or permit, you must submit Form ABL-20, be postmarked no later than June 10, 2022. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing and should include the following information:  
 1. the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;  
 2. the specific reasons why the application should be denied;  
 3. that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);  
 4. that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,  
 5. the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.  
 Protests must be mailed to SCDOR, ABL Section, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, S.C. 29214-0907 or emailed to ABL@dor.sc.gov.  
**2022-116 3tp 06-08-22**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
 Notice is hereby given that Saul's Sports Bar, LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license and/or permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of beer at 334 Elko Street, Williston, S.C. 29853. To object to the issuance of this license and/or permit, you must submit Form ABL-20, be postmarked no later than June 10, 2022. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing and should include the following information:  
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 Estate: Kathy Johnson Robinson  
 Date of Death: April 2, 2022  
 Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00088  
 Personal Representative: Rodney A. Robinson  
 Address: 3031 White Gate Loop, Aiken, S.C. 29801  
 Co-Personal Representative: Nykia D. Robinson  
 Address: 649 Reynolds Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
 May 25; June 1, 8, 2022  
**2022-118 3tp 06-08-22**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES**  
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 Estate: Pee Dee Williams  
 Date of Death: March 12, 2022  
 Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00038  
 Personal Representative: Pearl Mae Franklin  
 Address: P.O. Box 392, Allendale, S.C. 29810  
 May 25; June 1, 8, 2022  
**2022-119 3tp 06-08-22**

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 Estate: John Henry Rice  
 Date of Death: January 15, 2022  
 Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00048  
 Personal Representative: Lucille Rice  
 Address: P.O. Box 656, Fairfax, S.C. 29827  
 May 25; June 1, 8, 2022  
**2022-120 3tp 06-08-22**

ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN

**Action Memorandum and Responsiveness Summary issued for the Non-Time Critical Removal Action for the F-Area Material Storage Building (235-F)**

The U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) has selected the preferred alternative for the non-time critical removal action for decommissioning of the F-Area Material Storage Building (235-F). A thirty (30)-day public comment period for the Removal Site Evaluation Report/Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis was held from April 5, 2022, through May 4, 2022.

Building 235-F is a windowless, two-story, reinforced-concrete structure located in F Area near the center of Savannah River Site. The building is approximately 222 feet long, 109 feet wide, and 28 feet high. Building 235-F was constructed in the 1950s as part of the original Savannah River Site project and used for a variety of missions, primarily processing, storage, and disbursement of radioactive materials in support of Savannah River Site and the DOE complex. Building 235-F and support facilities are currently in a reduced surveillance and maintenance state and are undergoing deactivation activities and preparations for decommissioning. Two additional structures, an abandoned capped stack (293-F) located on the east side of the building and an underground storage tank connected by a pipe trench on the north side of the building, are included in the scope of the non-time critical removal action.

DOE has selected Alternative A-2, In-situ Decommissioning of First and Second Level Process Areas/Engineered Roof. This alternative involves the grouting of the first and second level process areas, the installation of an engineered roof (sloped concrete reinforced roof slab with integral crystalline waterproofing) designed to last 1,000 years, the grouting/capping of the underground storage tank, and the permanent sealing of the abandoned capped stack (293-F). This removal action alternative will not preclude any additional remediation and is expected to be consistent with the final remedial action.

The selection of the preferred removal action alternative is documented in the Action Memorandum. DOE has worked with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to ensure that the removal action is consistent with all applicable human health and environmental requirements.

Copies of the Action Memorandum and Responsiveness Summary are available in the administrative record. The administrative record is available in the information repositories listed below:

- DOE Public Reading Room at the Gregg-Graniteville Library at the University of South Carolina-Aiken campus in Aiken, SC; and
- Thomas Cooper Library Government Documents Department at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC.

Hard copies of the Action Memorandum and Responsiveness Summary are available at the following:

- Reese Library Government Information Section at Augusta University in Augusta, GA; and
- Asa H. Gordon Library at Savannah State University in Savannah, GA.

An electronic copy is posted at the following address: <http://www.srs.gov/general/programs/soil/pub/pubinv.html>

**For additional information, contact:**  
 Barbara Smoak, Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, Savannah River Site, Building 730-1B, Aiken, SC 29808 ♦ (803) 952-8060 ♦ [barbara.smoak@srs.gov](mailto:barbara.smoak@srs.gov)

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