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Abney sentenced for assault

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After a two-day trial at the Barnwell County Courthouse, Tequan Abney, 30, of Blackville was sentenced for a June 2021 assault and battery charge.

Abney was originally charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature as well as kidnapping. When the jury presented their verdict, Abney was found guilty of the first charge but not guilty of the second.

According to state law, assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature is defined as headed to the home of Sharon

when one person injures another and it results in great bodily harm, or was accomplished by means that could cause death or great bodily harm.

On the night of June 21 and early morning of June 22, 2021, Dallas Flowers, 29, of Williston, was the victim of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.

Flowers, a mother of three, was in a relationship with the defendant in 2021. She and Abney were traveling from her job at PruittHealth in Aiken as a certified nursing assistant when things got out of hand, as Flowers said in her testimony.

The pair was ultimately

Bechtold, Flowers' mother. However, stops were made on the way.

Flowers recalled on the stand that she and Abney began arguing while driving and it quickly turned physical while in the car. When Abney stopped the vehicle at places Flowers cannot recall, she described how she was beaten with both his fists and a tire iron.

She retold the night of June 21, 2021 in between tears and whispering to herself 'I can do this.'

Flowers was first asked questions by Leigh Staggs, Assistant Solicitor for the State of South



Tequan Abney appears in court last week for his assault and battery See GUILTY, 8A trial at the Barnwell County Courthouse. He was found guilty.



Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Helping cut the ribbon at the disc golf course were Town Councilman Eric Moody, Dalton and Hal Mundy from the Williston Disc Golf Club, Joe Welch (chairman of Williston Recreation & Activities Committee), Councilman Kurt Odermatt, and Councilman William Toney.

Williston disc golf course expands to 18 holes

Details limited in Williston homicide investigation

Laura J. McKenzie **Contributing Writer**

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is continuing to investigate the death of William Henry Dunbar.

Dunbar, 29, was killed on Saturday, May 29 at 241 Marie Street, Williston, around 9:25 p.m., according to Williston Police Chief James Gainey.

The chief said the investigation has been turned over to SLED.

SLED spokesperson Renee Wunderlich said the case is still "active and under investigation."

Anyone with information please call CrimeStoppers of Low Country at 843-554-1111 or SLED's Low County regional office at (843)782-3822.

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Ribbon was cut and discs were thrown at the newly expanded Williston Disc Golf Course on Saturday, June 4. What was once a nine-hole course has grown to a tournament sanctioned 18-hole course with the help of some dedicated players.

Town council members, community members, and disc golf enthusiasts joined at the Williston Town Park to officially open the nine newly added holes to the public. Adding nine more holes expands the course to nearly 1,900 ft. and sanctions it as a Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) tournament ready course.

The course was initially opened in 2019 with help from a coalition connected to the Axis I Center of Barnwell. The excitement and involvement that grew around the original nine



A limited supply of discs was available for people who joined the Williston Disc Golf Club at the ribbon cutting event.

holes spurred Dalton Mundy and father, Hal Mundy, to start the Williston Disc Golf Club.

"The club was put together with the main idea of developing the course and developing the sport in our town," said Dalton Mundy. Before the creation of the club and course in 2019, Dalton said there was little interest in disc golf in Williston.

Now with 30 members, the Williston Disc Golf Club is gaining momentum. However, the sport is not only exploding

in Barnwell County, but across the country.

"The sport of disc golf has grown substantially in the past few years, and we are excited to bring it to our town and see where it can blossom from there," said Dalton.

Moments before the blue ribbon was cut welcoming the new additions to the course, Dalton shared a PDGA statistic sent to him by his father.

Mundy explained how during See COURSE, 3B

Primary elections set for June 14

Blackville special mayor's election, statewide primaries on the ballot

> Laura J. McKenzie **Contributing Writer**

Early voting is underway and Barnwell and Allendale County voters will be heading to their respective polling places on Tuesday, June 14 for statewide primaries as well as a special election in Blackville.

Early voting ends on Friday, June 10 at 5 p.m. Thus far early balloting has been light in Barnwell County, according to Naomi DeFrenn of the Barnwell County Office of Voter Registration.

On June 14, the polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m.

Barnwell races

Two candidates are vying to be Blackville's next mayor. Enterick Lee and Ronnie Pernell are the two candidates to lead the town.

Two Democrats are running in Allendale, Barnwell and Orangeburg counties for S.C.

House of Representatives for District 91. Încumbent Lonnie Hosey is facing challenger Kevin Ray.

Republicans are not holding a primary in this race.

There are five statewide offices where primaries are being held in South Carolina.

Republicans running for Governor include incumbent Henry McMaster who will face Harrison Musselwhite in their primary. Mindy L. Steele is on the ballot but withdrew after ballot databases were created.

In the Democratic primary for Governor the candidates are Carlton Boyd, Joe Cunningham, Mia S. McLeod, Calvin "CJ" Mack McMillan and William H. Williams.

In the Secretary of State race, incumbent Mark Hammond is being challenged by Keith Blandford in the Republican primary. There is not a Democratic primary for this race.

For Attorney General, only Republicans are in the primary. Incumbent Alan Wilson is running to retain his office but is challenged by Lauren Martel.

Both the Republican and

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Keep Barnwell County Beautiful and SouthernCarolina Alliance encourages youth to make a difference



Ben Kinlaw and Graci Hiers (top row) read to children at the Barnwell County Public Library on June 2 during a Litter-Free Story Time event.

Contributed SouthernCarolina Alliance

Keep Barnwell County Beautiful Interim Coordinator Ben Kinlaw, along with SouthernCarolina Alliance's Regional Beautification Marketing Coordina-tor Graci Hiers, partnered with the Barnwell County Public Library on June 2 for a "Litter-Free Story Time" event. Kinlaw has been

working diligently with SouthernCarolina Alliance and Palmetto Pride towards Barnwell County receiving their official Keep America Beautiful affiliation, which will provide the county with grants and other resources needed to accomplish beautification efforts such as



Graci Hiers hands out fun activities and art supplies.

management, improvement of recycling, and our litter-free story time greening of the commu- on Thursday" nity.

active 'Keep Barnwell County The children partici- becoming an affiliate of Beautiful' are Educa- pated in the reading of Keep America Beautition, Enforcement and two children's books -Engagement," Kinlaw one regarding recycling, said. "The Educational and the other regard- litter-prevention educapiece is a foundational ing block that has far reach- Following the readings

litter reduction, waste pleased to see all the children who attended

Attending the event "The 3Es of the pro- were 24 children from approach to a variety of age groups. ing impact, and we were was a chance for chil- the county.

dren to engage in discussion about how they can make a difference in their community.

'When you teach children the importance of beautification efforts at a young age, they will likely be encouraged to continue making a difference as they enter adulthood," Hiers said. "I enjoyed engaging in discussion with them about making a difference in their community, no matter how small

they may be". As Keep Barnwell County Beautiful continues to work towards ful, they have plans to continue to incorporate litter-prevention. tion into schools and throughout programs



Barnwell County Councilman Ben Kinlaw (right) was the first Barnwell County voter to vote on May 31 after South Carolina became the 45th state to allow no excuse early voting. His wife, Barnwell City Councilwoman Peggy Kinlaw, was the second person to vote.

Vote: Early voting underway

FROM PAGE 1A

Democratic parties are race for State Superintendent of Education.

Democrats running for this office are Gary L. Burgess, Lisa Ellis and Jerry Govan.

In the Republican primary the candidates are ries. Democrats will de-Travis Bedson, Bryan cide between Michael Ad-Chapman, Cindy Coats, Sheri Few, Kizzi Gibson, Lynda Leventis-Wells, Kathy Maness and Ellen Weaver. However, Coats and Few withdrew from the primary, but their names will still be on the ballot since they withdrew after databases were created.

For Commissioner of Agriculture, only the Republicans are holding a primary. Bill Bledsoe and Bob Rozier are running against incumbent Hugh Weathers.

In the U.S. Senate 2 race, Democrats Catherine Fleming Bruce, Angela Geter and Krystle Matthews are in competition.

Allendale races In addition to the statewide races Allendale County voters have one U.S. House, one S.C. House and four county races to consider.

Precincts included in holding primaries in the S.C. House District 91 will consider Lonnie Hosey and Kevin Ray in the Democratic party.

For U.S. House of Representatives, District 6, there are both Republican and Democratic primadison, incumbent James Clyburn, and Gregg Marcel Dixon. Republicans will cast votes for either Duke Buckner or A. Sonia Morris.

In the Allendale County local races, only Democrats will be voting in the primaries.

For Sheriff the candidates are Tramaine Manuel Cohen, Jamie Freeman, James Mitchell, Steven R. Robinson, David Rowell and Charles Rowell Jr.

Vying for the Treasurer nomination are Esther All Bridges and Valaree Chess Smith.

In the County Council District 2 race, Kathy Tharen and James White are on the ballot.

For County Council District 3 the candidates are incumbent Rick Gooding, Willa Marian Jennings and Jannie Preacher.





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Memorial Day program returns to Barnwell

Laura J. McKenzie **Contributing Writer**

There was a feeling of reverence Monday morning, May 30 at the Barnwell Veterans Memorial Park.

Small white crosses with names and dog tags gave tribute to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice in defense of the United States over numerous conflicts.

One person who feels impacted by those sacrifices is Sally Grill, herself a Vietnam War veteran who served between February 1968 and November 1972, obtaining the rank of Captain. Grill is married to Air Force veteran and Captain Jim Grill.

Additionally, Sally Grill is a retired school flight suits and they beteacher and vocational rehabilitation counselor, past president of the Friends of the Libraries of Barnwell County, and currently a Sunday School teacher at First from a combat tour in Baptist Church.

She related that on the Vietnam War Memorial was published in the are four names of those Air Force Times and whom she knew.

Elgin Air Force Base she met Major Emil Boa-(in) Florida in 1968 and assigned as the Admin- about the story after his istrative Officer of the daughter had said he 40th Tactical Fighter was lucky to be work-Squadron. Since she ing with "that famous was the first female of- lady". They had a good ficer ever to be assigned laugh over it. to a tactical squadron, her Wing Commander later, November 1968, wanted her picture and most of the squadron story written up for the personnel and planes base newspaper. The would deploy to Korat photo was to be of Grill Royal Thai Air Force sitting in the cockpit of Base, Thailand, for a



Sally Grill, a Vietnam War veteran and Barnwell resident, was the guest speaker at the Memorial Day program in Barnwell on May 30.

new F4E Phantom fight- related Grill. "Three dent Union summer er jets wearing a flight suit.

1st Lt. Daniel Singleton loaned her one of his came friends. "He was always showing me his string of photos of his fiancé and was looking forward to their wedding after he returned southeast Asia."

When Grill's story available to all Air Force She was stationed at personnel and families, do. The major teased her

"About four months one of the squadron's one-year combat tour,"

months later, January 1969, six weeks before my wedding date, I received the news that Major Boado and Lt. Singleton...and two other pilots had been shot down and killed over North Vietnam."

"My heart was broken," she said. "From then on, I tried not to really get to know the pilots that I worked with. Many of them would not be coming home and it was more pain than I could endure."

"The tragedy of war had now hit me. It was no longer just 'over there'," she said.

In less than three years later, Grill and her husband were sent to different bases to serve one-year tours in Thailand near the end of the war. "I would be flying to the very base (Korat) that those four pilots had been stationed at."

Four years prior Grill had been a Baptist Stumissionary team member and was in a local hardware store purchasing a tape measure. She watched the television in the store while waiting to check out and saw a story about a dog who stayed by the Officers' Club front door at the Korat base, "waiting for its never-to-return pilot master, who had been shot down over North Vietnam shortly before he was to finish his second 100-missions tour."

That dog was at the Korat base. Grill found him, still being a senti-



Crosses at Veterans Memorial Park adorned with dog tags.



nel for his master.

"Coincidence? No, I don't think so. Looking back, I realized that God was showing me one place where I would be going before I even entered the Air Force. It was His way of showing me, I will always be with you," she said.

"On Memorial Day, we set aside time as a nation to remember have made the supreme those who paid the ultimate price for our way of life," said Grill. "Whether you agree with war or not, whether you agree with the politicians who sent these soldiers overseas



Sgt. Jerry Smith was one of the veterans in attendance. He oversees the JROTC program at Barnwell High.

or not, take a moment to honor those who died giving you the right to express your opinions." She said serving in-

volves sacrifice, not only for those who serve but also their families.

"From the Revolutionary War to our current wars against terrorism, over one million American men and women sacrifice while serving in wars and conflicts. We honor all of them. They all died so we can continue to cherish the things we love - freedom, country and a family."



A crowd of veterans and other local residents attend the Memorial Day program at Veterans Memorial Park to honor the men and women who paid the ultimate price for the freedom of their country.





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Homemaker's Column **FISH SAFETY**



Patrick Clemson Extension

In South Carolina, where water is everywhere, fishing is a major summer activity. We have lakes, streams, rivers, oceans, and canals and they are filled with a variety of fish and seafood. These fish and seafood come in all sorts of sizes and shapes but they all have one thing in common. They are acclimated to an environment that is cooler than outdoor summer temperatures and will quickly degrade when taken out of the water.

With fish, the number one food safety rule is ICE. The faster you can chill them the better they will be. The only way to ensure that your fresh catch retains the highest quality and is safe to eat is to immediately pack them in ice. They should be buried in ice.

Fresh-caught fish from either freshwater or saltwater must be handled properly to avoid spoilage and to maintain a delicate flavor, firm texture, and a pleasing odor.

Proper handling should begin when landing the fish. Always try to minimize bruising caused by contact with hard surfaces (decks, gunwales, etc.). The fish should be washed immediately, either by hosing down or by bucket rinses to remove slime and spoilage bacteria. The wash water can be clean lake, stream, or seawater. If natural water is used, however, do not use water from proximity to marinas, municipal, industrial, or agricultural discharges. When in doubt, use potable water.

Exposure to the sun and summertime temperatures can cause quality problems in less than an hour. However, simply chilling

In freshwater areas, a slush mixture can also be used, but will not be as effective as one made with saltwater. In either case, make sure to check the slush periodically for adequate ice.

Clean fish as soon as possible after catching them. Fish tissue is almost sterile, but the skin surface and viscera contain many types of bacteria. The skin slime and viscera also provide food for bacterial growth. Avoid rough treatment while cleaning the fish. Gouges or wounds in the flesh are openings that may allow the spread of bacteria. Gut the fish with a smooth, not excessively long, belly cut and leave no blood or viscera in the body cavity. Thoroughly wash all cleaned fish and ice immediately with fresh, clean ice. Do not dip cleaned fish in the original brine slush. Do not immerse cleaned fillets in a prolonged freshwater soak that could dilute and reduce meat flavor and texture.

Both crushed or flaked ice are good for rapid chilling of cleaned fish. Fish stored in crushed or flaked ice remain moist and glossy and do not dry out as fast as fish placed in refrigerated storage without ice.

The fisherman should decide how much ice is needed for each fishing trip by taking into account the length of the trip, water, and air temperatures, and nearly as possible, the size of catch expected. It is better to throw out ice than fish at the end of a trip.

In general, fish stored in coolers will be well-chilled when:

• Three (3) inches of ice cover the bottom of the cooler;

• Fish are laid in the cooler and mixed with ice, and the contents are covered with another layer of ice 3 inches deep;

• The cooler contains a pound of ice for each pound of fish.

Back home, discard any remaining ice in the cooler to prevent bacterial buildup between fishing trips. To kill bacteria and prevent contamination of new re thoroughly wash and rinse the inside of the cooler, then do a final rinse with chlorinated water or a solution of 1 teaspoon liquid chlorine bleach per quart of water.

Phil Hudgins Columnist

Anastasia Friar loves Ukraine. That's where she was born, where she grew up, where she learned to appreciate four seasons, the mountains, open-air museums, ski resorts, beautiful architecture.

But she can't go home again, at least not now.

If you missed the first column on Anastasia, allow me to recap. This young woman was in Ukraine renewing her visa when the war started. A friend telephoned, said she could see explosion and fire right next to her house.

Anastasia and her sister, Maryana, got in a car with half a tank of gas and few personal belongings. Lines at gas stations were long, so they went back home.

They spent a week in a friend's basement, praying to live through each night, sleeping in their clothes, ready to leave on a moment's notice. They finally managed to buy gas and left

by war with blankets and warm clothes for a treacherous trip to Romania, where Anastasia's husband,

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She can't go back to her

native Ukraine torn up

Andrew, met them. They picked up Maryana's young daughter, also named Anastasia, in Poland, where she was living with her father, and now they're living in Saudi Arabia, where the Friars are stationed on a U.S. airbase. (Earlier, I erroneously reported that Anastasia was in Ukraine with her mother.)

My exchange with Anastasia has been through emails. Her mother-in-law, Doris Martin, a friend at church, put me in touch.

In a followup email, I asked Anastasia about her future and Ukraine's future. I could feel the

sadness in her words. "Right now," she wrote, "I can clearly see that in the visible future I can't go back to Ukraine, because with all weapons in people's hands this is very dangerous place. Attempt robberies, extortion, rape... I don't think that this information shown in news.'

I asked her if she was referring to Russians or Ukrainians. Surprisingly, she said, "I am talking bout both, Ukrainians mostly.

Of the future of her native country, she wrote: "Long recovery in all aspects is waiting for Ukraine. The War destroys and damages everything from buildings to human's mental health, our souls. I still can't overcome all what happened. I have pain in my chest and fear for life and future."

She continued: "Honestly, I wish for my sister to have chance for new life, in peaceful and safe country, but for now important to stay in safe place with little support. I trust Doris and would love her to meet Maryana and little Anastasia.

There's not much left in Ukraine for Anastasia. "My grandmother passed away more than two years ago," she said, "and she was my parents."

But Ukraine is home. It's a devastated home now, but it's still home.

Every night on television, we see the destroyed buildings, Ukrainian civilians crouching in fear as Putin's Russian troops attack from the air and on land; loved ones crying over their dead.

We read now that the Russians are being pushed back in some areas. May the unrepentant who attacked be pushed back all the way to hell.



fish can prevent quality deterioration and reduce health risks that can result from elevated temperatures. Proper icing can be accomplished with a little planning and some relatively inexpensive equipment.

The most effective chilling method available to recreational anglers in saltwater areas is the use of a brine slush-ice mixture. This is simply made by adding clean seawater to ice (equal portions of each) in a waterproof container. Immediately after washing, the fish (alive or dead) should be immersed in the brine slush and kept there until ready to dress at the end of the trip. Care should be taken when making up the brine slush to avoid seawater contaminated with oil, fuel, or dirt and slime.

For detailed information on handling fresh fish, check out Clemson University's Home and Garden Information Center on the web at http://hgic. clemson.edu see HGIC 3604 Fresh-Caught Fish.

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LEATHERNECKS THANK YOU

Dear Editor,

The Barnwell County Leathernecks would like to thank everyone for coming out and supporting the Memorial Day Program at the Veterans Memorial Park.

We would like to thank the guest speaker Sally Grill, Baily Brown for singing the National Anthem, Gary Brantley for the

sound system and music, and the Barnwell JROTC under Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Smith for posting the colors. We also want to thank Rev. Ted Still, Otis Frazier, Ed Knight, Clyde Myrick and Melvin Bostick, Marilou Garcia, and Larry Price for taking pictures. We also thank Floral Mark-It

for the beautiful wreaths. Additionally, we want to express

our appreciation to the Barn-well County Sheriff's Office, Mole Funeral Home and Randy Reece.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

Sincerely, **Bud Bazemore** Barnwell County Leathernecks

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Boomer Briefing: Common myths about Medicaid



Knapp Columnist

Q. My Father just inherited \$60,000 when my mother passed away. He owns his own home and has a modest income. He has some other assets. He recently had a stroke and currently requires help to oversee his medicine and prepare meals. Will he qualify for Medicaid?

A. Medicaid is a federal program with some state variables. It has medical, income and asset qualifications. Medicaid covers one in six Americans and pays for 2/3rds of all nursing home care. Millions of adult Americans, no matter how sick, aren't eligible for Medicaid. Many must strategically

sets to qualify.

Likely your father will qualify with some careful planning, but not at present. It's not even clear if he meets the level of medical care requirements. Facts and figures drive all Medicaid application situations. I can't give you specific advice even in my office without knowing the details and your father's competency, goals and preferences.

The attorney you Father selects to advise him should know the law, options available and focus on your father's best interests. Professional long-term care planning tools include: personal dependency, medical deductions, home transfers after accounting for basis and capital gain issues, annuities, converting interest income, domestic help, sale of property, sale of the home, owner

new home or condo, commercial and family held reverse mortgages, owner occupancy rules and using a Medicaid waiver on the back side, partial sales, gift tax rules, life estates, private pay using longterm care insurance and other options, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, Medicaid, dozens of spenddown strategies, promissory notes, life insurance loans and cash ins, legal separations and divorce, QDROs, bankruptcy, income trusts, special needs trusts, housekeeping and caregiving contracts, and various asset transfer options including special consideration for IRAs, 401K, deferred pension plans and other retirement plans. One plan does not fit all situations.

I can tell you, do not listen to the common knowledge on the street from friends and fam-

deplete most of their as- financing, purchasing a ily or even nursing home qualify to receive Medic- ly can save a family monstaff, if you are looking at placement. Get competent legal advice from someone that focuses on Medicaid, Veterans Affairs benefits and long-term care planning. This is money well spent as just one month of private pay nursing home care in South Carolina averages \$6,500 or \$78,000 a year. Last year the national average for nursing homes ran \$97,000 per year.

Consider just these five common myths.

1. If you have given away anything in the five years preceding an application for nursing home Medicaid, you will be denied. Yes, there is a fiveyear look-back period, but it is not the same as a penalty period. A person could be disqualified for 60 months or one month. Don't you want to know if it's one month or sixty? 2. One must get rid

of all his or her assets to

aid. No. A single person can have \$2,000 in countable assets, but every asset is not counted toward eligibility. There are different rules for married couples, who can protect more assets. If you can provide details about your father's situation an expert can likely help you save thousands of dollars.

3. If one qualifies for nursing home Medicaid everything owned is then safe from a Medicaid lien when that person dies. No, there is another set of rules when the Medicaid recipient dies. You need to understand not only the present, but also the future consequences of any financial actions your father opts to take.

4. Planning isn't possible once the crisis hits, and someone is already in a nursing home. Not true. Options might be limited, but we frequentey even after admission.

5. My parent is over the income limit so he will never qualify. Not true. Income over the limit can sometimes be directed into an irrevocable Medicaid Income Trust.

These asset preservation strategies are legal.

Not all attorneys that advertise they do estate planning offer asset preservation planning or Medicaid applicant processing services. Some firms focus mostly on nursing home abuse litigation and traditional estate planning.

Disclaimer: Information contained in this column is meant to be of general information on frequently asked questions concerning disability, elder law, estate planning and probate law, and does not contain specific legal advice to a client. No attorney-client relationship is created by reading this column.

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A non-mandatory pre bid meeting will be held at the entrance of the park on Monday June 20th at 9:00 am. Proposals must be received no later than 5:00 pm on June 27 by e-mail to caltman@southerncarolina.org or by US mail, or hand delivery to: 201 Lee Ave, Hampton, SC 29924

Blackville home destroyed by fire

Contributing Writer

Multiple fire departments responded to a house fire in Blackville on Thursday, June 2.

Blackville Fire Chief Earthel Walker said the home of Joanne Smith, 12 Valley Road, Blackville,



Barnwell Arms Complex at Thomas Street, Barnwell, SC loss" after the 10 a.m. fire. Walker said Smith was

cooking Thursday morning and stepped away to use the bathroom. "When she returned, her whole

kitchen was in flames." Responding to the fire were the Blackville, Williston, Hilda, and Barnwell Rural fire departments as well as police and EMS.

The chief said firefighters were able to salvage the basic structure of the well," he said.

was "a complete and total one-story home but all the contents were damaged by fire, smoke and water.

No one was injured in the blaze, said Walker. The American Red Cross is responding to assist Smith who lived alone in the home.

Chief Walker expressed his appreciation to all the departments, volunteers and emergency personnel who responded to the fire. "We all coordinated



Barnwell Co. Sheriff's Office Arrests

Laura J. McKenzie

Evaluations of Proposals: All proposals shall be thoroughly evaluated. Proposals shall be evaluated on company qualifications, experience, price, and company track record or intangible assists (pro-activity, professionalism, etc.) SCA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to choose the winning proposal that it deems in the best interest of the organization.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that Barnwell County Council will hold a public hearing on the County General Fund Budget for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year on June 27, 2022 at 6 p.m., in the County Council Chambers located at 54 Irving Street, Barnwell, South Carolina 29812.

Current Fiscal Year <u>Revenue</u> \$18,480,775	Projected Revenue <u>2022-23</u> \$19,519,929	Percentage Change in <u>Revenue</u> 5.6%	Current Fiscal Year <u>Millage</u> 146.6 – Operations Countywide 24 – Career Center Countywide 11.7 – Debt Service Countywide 11 – Rural Fire Protection 4 – Rural Public Safety						
Current Fiscal Year <u>Expenditures</u> \$18,480,775	Projected Expenditures <u>2022-23</u> \$19,519,929	Percentage Change in <u>Expenditures</u> 5.6%	Est. Millage Needed For <u>FY22-23</u> 146.6 – Operations Countywide 24 – Career Center Countywide 11.7 – Debt Service Countywide 11 – Rural Fire Protection 4 – Rural Public Safety						
 146.6 Operations countywide mills are forecast to produce \$8,786,620. 24 Career Center countywide mills are forecast to produce \$1,438,465. 11.7 Debt service countywide mills are forecast to produce \$701,250. 11 Rural fire protection mills are forecast to produce \$385,130. 4 Rural public safety mills are forecast to produce \$140,050. 									

Arrest reports listed below are public record and have been provided by local law enforcement agencies. All persons named are presumed innocent until their cases are determined in a court of law.

Hunter Martin Allen, 24, of 212 Owens St., Williston, was arrested on June 4 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Allen was booked and released to Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Suzanne Easterling Barnett, 68, of 850 Wannamaker Dr., Barnwell, was arrested on June 1 by BCSO for Disorderly Conduct. Barnett was booked and released to BCDC.

Donnell Dwayne Breeland, 48, of Highway 278, Lot 36, Barnwell, was arrested on May 24 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Magistrate Fines. Breeland was booked and released to the BCDC.

Elvin Antonio Brown, 23, of 267 Forest Dr., Barnwell, was arrested on May 26 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Brown was booked and released to BCDC.

Jessie Earl Craig Jr., 66, of 428 Wren Rd., Windsor, was arrested on June 4, 2022 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Court Fines. Craig was booked and released to BCDC

Jarrett Haskell Davis, 26, of 1755 Ghents Branch Rd., Denmark, was arrested on May 27 by BCSO for Criminal Domestic Violence. Davis was booked and released to BCDC.

Travis Donaldson, 30, of 386 Old Salem Rd., Hilda, was arrested on May 24, 2022 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Donaldson was booked and released to BCDC.

Douglas Ford, 42, of 1122 Sunshine Rd., Blackville, was arrested on May 30 by **BCSO** for Criminal Domestic Violence. Ford was booked and released to BCDC.

Willie Deontay Frazier III, 31, of 607 N. Mill St., Allendale, was arrested on May 25 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Fraizer was booked and released to BCDC.

Pahie Belinda Hallman, 44, of 5038 Aggravashun Circle, Wagener, was arrested on May 26 by BCSO for Driving Under Suspension. Hallman was booked and released to BCDC.

Sanford Hutto, 49, of 511 Elko St., Williston, was arrested on June 5 by BCSO for two counts of Failure to Pay Court Fines and Failure to Pay Child Support. Hutto was booked and released to BCDC.

Lonnie Ingram Jr., 53, of 6545 Hwy. 278, Lot #8, Barnwell, was arrested on June 4 by BCSO for Assault & Battery. Ingram was booked and released to BCDC.

Joshua Seth Moody, 25, of 229 Pinehaven Rd., Barnwell, was arrested on May 24 by BCSO for Distribution of Meth. Moody was booked and released to BCDC.

James Henry Rivers Jr., 61, of 274 Vintage Dr., Williston, was arrested on May 30 by BCSO for Driving Under Suspension. Rivers was booked and released to BCDC.

Society

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BUSINESS NEWS AgSouth welcomes loan officer Corey Beard to Allendale



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AgSouth Farm Credit Regional Business Development Manager Troy Brownlee has announced that he is excited to have Corey Beard as the newest loan officer in the Allendale branch office, following the retirement of Ernie Avant.

Corey, who is from Ehrhardt, graduated from Clemson with a degree in Agriculture Mechanization and Business with a minor in Agricultural Business Management. He grew up working on neighboring farms and for the Clemson Extension during school.

Very much looking forward to a career that supports farmers in his communities, Corey states, "I will strive to help farmers in the area to sustain and grow their operations by supporting their financial needs. I am looking

forward to helping people make the purchase of their dreams – whether land, equipment, farm or a home. I am proud to work for a company that funds the farmers that feed the world!"

According to Brownlee, "Allendale and its surrounding areas are important to the agriculture industry in South Carolina. We have loan programs for land, farms and homes that meet the needs of this market, and Corey is a good fit to understand and serve the needs of our customer base. We are excited to have him as a valuable addition to our lending team."

About AgSouth:

AgSouth Farm Credit provides loans for land, equipment and production agriculture; crop insurance; leasing; and home mortgages. The association serves 93 South Carolina and Georgia counties and is headquartered in Statesboro, Ga. AgSouth is an equal housing lender and an equal opportunity provider.



Cynthia Skinner Bertch



BARNWELL – Cynthia Skinner Bertch, 53, went into eternal rest on June 4, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, June 10, 2022 at 2 p.m. at Gateway Church of Barnwell with Rev. Jamie Sheppard officiating.

Cynthia was born in Charleston, South Carolina to the late Harold and Agnes Skinner. She loved going to church and helping with church events. She loved drawing and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and will be missed by many.



Charles 'Asher' Hallman was born on March 29, 2022.

Charles 'Asher' Hallman

Andrew and Holly Hallman are proud to announce the birth of their son, Charles "Asher" Hallman. He was born on March 29, 2022 at Lexington Hospital.

He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 ¾ inches long. Paternal grandparents are Chuck and Beverly Hallman of Barnwell. Maternal grandparents are Barry and Adriene Able of Saluda.

Paternal great-grandparents are Patricia Hallman of Denmark and the late Charles A. Hallman; and Dennis Barker of St. Helena Island and the late Vonetta Barker.

Maternal great-grandparents are Allene King Able of Saluda and the later Oscar Virgil Able; and Wanda Allen Holland of Belmont, N.C. and the late Stanley Austin Holland.

Asher is destined for the Clemson Class of 2044.

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Survivors include her husband, Todd Bertch of Webster, N.Y.; two daughters,

Emily (Doug) Grubbs of Barnwell, Alana (Todd) Hatstat of Massachusetts; daughter-in-law, Cheyenne Scott of Barnwell; seven grandchildren, Jason, Brooklyn, McKenna, Taylor, Zayne, Lainey and Natalie.

She is predeceased by her two sons, J.T. Rossi and Joey Reynolds.

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

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Lynn Edward Gibson Sr.

BLACKVILLE - Funeral services for Lynn Edward Gibson Sr., 84, of Blackville, will be held at 2 o'clock p.m., Thursday, June 9, 2022, with the Reverends Dr. Thomas Terry and Ken Frederick officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Thursday. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to the First Baptist Church of Blackville, P.O. Box 217, Blackville, S.C. 29817.

Mr. Gibson passed away on Monday, June 6, 2022.

Born in Orangeburg County on August 10, 1937, he was a son of the late Ezbert Jefferson Gibson Sr. and Estelle Irene Smoak Gibson; He was preceded in death by his fifteen brothers and sisters and was the "baby" of sixteen children. He entered into the U.S. Army in 1958 and after training transferred to the South Carolina National Guard in which he retired in 1997. He also had 34 years of service as a U.S. Postal carrier in Denmark and was a member of the Denmark Masonic Lodge #246 for over 50 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Blackville where he served in the choir and as a deacon. He believed in service to country, community, common good and Christ Jesus.

Survivors include his loving wife of 59 years, Norma Hutto Gibson of Blackville; a son and daughter-in-law, Lynn Edward and Shirley Gibson Jr.; a granddaughter, Natalie Lynn Gibson, all of Aiken; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

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

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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@fbcbarnwell.org.

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Shirley Bearden Davis



WILLISTON - Funeral services for Shirley Duffey Bearden Davis, 86, of Williston, were held at 1 o'clock p.m., Saturday, June 4, 2022, at Folk Funeral Home, Williston, with the Reverend Marshall Swindall officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Saturday. Memorials may be given to the Williston Church of Christ, P.O. Box 255, Williston, S.C. 29853. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Day Break Adult Care and Regency Hospice for their love, care, and concern that they have shown Shirley. She passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2022.

Born in Newnan, GA, she was a daughter of the late Odie Monroe Duffey and Clara Young Duffey. She was first married to the late Claude Jackson Bearden and was the widow of Merel E. Davis. Shirley lived her life to the fullest. She had a special type of energy and joy about her that was contagious and unforgettable. She loved dancing and music, especially country music, and especially Alan Jackson. Shirley reveled in the wonder of God's creation - thunder and lightning, hummingbirds, her beloved cardinals, the beach, flowers she always took the time to see and appreciate the beauty around her. Shirley was known far and wide for her famous biscuits that she loved to share with coworkers at Savannah River Site. She was a loyal friend and her friends were family to her. She loved having a house full of people. In her home and in her heart, there was always room for one more. Her door was always open, her coffee pot always full. Her most treasured roles in life were mother and "Granny". She was so proud of her large family – 5 sons, 14 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren- they were the greatest joy of her life. She was a member of the Williston Church of Christ and previously worked at SRS as a Navel Fuels Operator.

Survivors include her sons, Keith (Karen) Bearden of Barnwell, Kurt (Kim) Bearden of Barnwell, Kent Bearden (Jimmy Jacobson) of OK, Kevin Bearden (Cathy Woods) of Williston and Kerek (Robin) Bearden of Barnwell; grandchildren Stephanie (Chad) Mead, Sabrina Bearden, Kurt Neil Bearden, Ryan (Brittany) Bearden, Nathan (Rubi) Bearden, Casey (Tiffany) Bearden, Kyle Bearden, Alexandria (Nic) Morris, Noah (Madison) Bearden, Hunter (Amy) Bearden, Nic Bearden (Angel Keisler), Caleb (Ansley) Bearden, Brianna Bearden (Remington Davidson) and Jake (Julianne Bryant) Bearden; great-grandchildren Payslee, Jax, and River Mead, Alanah Jones, Remmi Davidson, Luke and Tucker Bearden, Camila Bearden, Remi Bearden, Madison Webb, Miley and Levi Morris, Ellie Rose and Cohen Bearden, Tybee and Gavin Hamilton, and Natalie Holder; a brother, Christopher (Linda) Duffey of Greensboro, NC; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Vickie Williams; a brother, Wendell Duffey; and a daughter-in-law, Faye Bodiford Bearden.

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

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Winchester Smith III



WILLISTON - Funeral services for Winchester Smith III, 90, of Williston, will be held at 2 o'clock p.m., Friday, June 3, 2022, at the Williston First Baptist Church with Dr. Stephen Burnette officiating. Burial will follow in the Williston Cemetery with military honors accorded. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Memorial contributions may be given to the Williston First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 366, Williston, S.C. 29853.

Mr. Win passed away on Sunday, May, 29, 2022.

Born in Williston, he was a son of the late Winchester Smith Jr. and Helen Willis Smith and was married to the late Mary Lott Smith. He was a 1950 graduate of

Williston-Elko High School and a 1955 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in engineering. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1963 working for the Naval Weather Services after studying meteorology in graduate school. After the Navy, he worked the family farm with his brothers until 1976. He worked for the Department of Defense as an Engineer from 1977 to 1980 and then for the Department of Energy until his retirement in 1995. Mr. Win grew up in Williston where he loved to play "catching", similar to tag; he was the fastest runner in his class, he loved swimming in the Willis Mill Pond and spent many days working in the cotton fields. At 14 years old, he was baptized at the Williston First Baptist Church where he would later teach Sunday School for 25 years and serve as a deacon He was active in sports during high school. At the Naval Academy he played Battalion football for three years and was the Team Captain during his senior year. In the Navy he traveled the world while on a 14-month tour aboard the USS Essex. After the navy, he enjoyed traveling. He served as a Boy Scout master for 10 years. He was an avid Clemson Football supporter, he attended Clemson football games for over 50 years having attended his first game while in the seventh grade. Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Cathy Smith; former daughter-in-law, Gloria Brown; grandchildren, Lauren Smith (Chad) Singer, Zachary (Alex) Smith, Daniel (Callie) Smith, Maggie Smith; great-grandchildren, Addison and Emma Singer; a sister-in-law, Barbara Smith; and a number of nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife Mary, he was preceded in death by his son, Winchester Smith IV; his daughter, Anne Smith; his granddaughter, Kimberly Smith; brothers, Norman Smith II and Tom Smith Sr. Folk Funeral Home Inc. and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at www.folkfuneralhome.com. The People-Sentinel 6/08/22



Edna Gray Smith

ALLENDALE - Edna Gray Smith, 80, wife of the late Rufus Leroy Smith, died Tuesday, May 31, 2022. She was a daughter of the late Newton Marcus Gray and Pricilla Donahue Gray.

Mrs. Smith retired from the Allendale County Library and was a member of Mt. Arnon Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Bruce Smith (Stacy); a daughter, Missy S. Tant (Billy); grandchildren, Brandon Tant and Abby Smith. Additional survivors are sisters, Mary G. Armstrong, Ruth G. Elkins (Charles), Agnes G. Hadden and Elsie G. Elkins. She was predeceased by a sister, Beatrice G. Goddley; and a brother, Wilbur Gray. Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Saturday, June 4,

2022, at Mt. Arnon Baptist Church with the Reverend Gene Long officiating. Interment will follow in the Church Cemetery.

The family received friends Friday, June 3, 2022, from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water Street, Allendale.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Arnon Baptist Church, 738 Parkwood Terrace, Allendale, S.C. 29810.

Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water Street, Allendale, was in charge of arrangements.

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Hugh C. Strother



MT. PLEASANT - Hugh C. Strother, 90, passed away on May 29, 2022, at his home in Mt. Pleasant.

Hugh was born on February 21, 1932, in Plum Branch to the late James Miller and Myrtle White Strother. Hugh was retired from the Army National Guard and as a supervisor and E&I Mechanic with The Savannah River Plant. He was a member of the Sea Coast Church in Charleston, a 40-year member of the Barnwell Masonic Harmony Lodge, El Bab Shiners Club, and the Charleston Elks Lodge 242.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 3, 2022, in the Mole Funeral Home Chapel in Barnwell at 11 a.m. with Rev. Scott Wachter officiating. Burial followed in

the Barnwell United Methodists Church Cemetery with Masonic Rites to follow. The family received friends one hour prior to the funeral at Mole Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Barnwell United Methodist Church, 236 Main St., Barnwell, S.C. 29812 or the Charleston Elks Lodge 242 Elks Veteran Services, 1113 Sam Rittenburg Blvd., Charleston, S.C. 29407.

Hugh is survived by his former wife, Zilliah Sanders Strother of Barnwell; son, Alan Strother of Brunson; daughter, Nancy Strother "Charles V." Leonard of Charleston, Angela Strother of Greenville; step grandchildren, Connor "Lucy" Hutto and Cody Hutto; brothers, Earl D. "Louise" Strother of Graniteville, Robert G. Strother of Spartanburg. He was predeceased by a sister, Dorothy Cooper.

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

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Christine Ballenbach

NORTH AUGUSTA - A graveside funeral service for Elizabeth Christine Stanley Ballenbach, 54, of North Augusta, will be held at 10 o'clock a.m., Friday, June 10, 2022, at the Williston Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent in her memory to Folk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C. 29853.

Christine passed away on Wednesday, June 1, 2022.

Born in Mississippi, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Earl Stanley and

Edwina Stanley and worked as a salesperson for Waffle House. Survivors include her daughters, Brittany Stanley of Beech Island and Courtney Elizabeth Williams of Williston; a brother, Ronnie E. Stanley of Williston; grandchildren, Wyatt Cole Williams, Weston Carter Davis, Wynter Colt Padgett, Mya Elizabeth Bradley, Terry Terrell Bradley Jr., and Quinton Jamal Bussey.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Walker Colton Davis. Folk Funeral Home Inc. and Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. Visit the online registry at www.folkfuneralhome.com. The People-Sentinel 6/08/22

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Rosalyn W. Stone



WILLISTON - A memorial service for Rosalyn Weimorts Stone, 73, of Williston, was held at 4 o'clock p.m., Friday, June 3, 2022, in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Reverends Dan Fogle and Marion Britton officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Friday. Memorial contributions may be given to Rosemary Baptist Church, P.O. Box 409, Williston, S.C. 29853. Rosalyn passed away on Monday, May 30, 2022.

Born in Aiken, she was the daughter of the late Ludie P. Weimorts and Annie Lee Furtick Weimorts and was married to the late Harold Stone. She was a member of Rosemary Baptist Church and retired from Kroger as

the Front-end Manager.

Survivors include her son, Richard "Dickie" Lamar (Wendy) Widener Jr.; grandchildren Brandon, Tristan, Spencer and Aaron Widener; best friend, Wilson Stoudemire; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Kenneth Allen Widener; and her brothers, Ludwig, Stanley, Phillip and Don Weimorts.

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

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Otis "Allen" Givens Jr.



WILLISTON - Otis "Allen" Givens Jr., 85, passed away June 5, 2022, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was born April 18, 1937, to the late Otis Allen and Coree Boylston Givens Sr. He was a 1955 graduate of Williston-Elko High School. On March 30, 1967, Allen married the love of his life, Betty Alice Page. "A.G." was a welding instructor at Aiken Technical College and retired from the South Carolina Department of Corrections at Trenton Correctional Institute where he was instrumental in teaching welding to inmates to prepare them for a better life. He also operated Givens Gym for several years in Williston. After retirement, Allen followed his true passion of farming as owner and

operator of Givens Farms, a century long farm business. His son Len and grandsons worked along-side him and will continue his farming legacy.

Allen was a life-long member of Edisto Baptist Church. He began singing at the age of 6 and took great pride in leading the singing at Edisto Baptist Church. His voice was a blessing to all. Family events always included gathering around the piano for Allen to lead everyone in singing his favorite hymns. He was the Givens Boylston family genealogist and enjoyed researching and documenting his family's lineage and sharing family facts with others.

He is survived by a daughter, Renee Givens McHenry of Barnwell; and three sons, Otis Allen "Len" (LeeAnn) Givens, Thomas "Buddy" Brady, William "Bill" Brady and daughter-in-law Elisabeth Priest Davis of Williston. He was "Poppie" to four grandchildren, Connor Allen and Morgan O'Neal Givens of Williston; Olivia Alice and Shelby Ann McHenry of Barnwell. Allen also leaves a sister and brotherin-law, Mary Katherine Givens (Thomas) Burton of Williston; special cousin, Mary Francis Boylston; four nephews, three nieces, and host of great nephews and nieces.

Mr. Givens was preceded in death by his parents, wife, sister and brother-in-law, Beatrice Givens (Robert) Wells; son-in-law, John McHenry III; daughter-in-law, Marion Brady; and niece, Martha Bonds.

Funeral services will be held at 11 o'clock a.m., Wednesday, June 8, 2022, in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with the Reverends Dr. Thomas Terry and Carl Kleinholz officiating; burial will be in the Williston Cemetery. The family received friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

The family would like to thank Justin Folk and the nurses from Kindred Hospice, Alisha Jackson, Brittany Givens, and Wendy Smits for all of the love, care and kindness shown to Allen and his family during these last few weeks.

Memorials can be made in Allen's memory to the Williston Cemetery Fund c/o Folk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 367, Williston, S.C.

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

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Aquatics center to open June 11 in Barnwell



Cool waters will soon draw swimmers to the Barnwell Family YMCA as the aquatics center nears completion.



Workers put the final touches on the children's pool at the YMCA aquatics center in Barnwell. The center officially opens to the public on June 11.

Laura J. McKenzie **Contributing Writer**

The long-awaited aquatics center at the Barnwell Family YMCA is nearing completion.

"Construction on the Barnwell County Aquatics Center at the Barnwell Family YMCA is in the home stretch and almost ready for the June 11 opening," said Anna Coffey, Marketing Director for the reation Committee in Family YMCA of Greater Augusta.

"The new aquatics center features a large mony for the new Barnlap/recreation pool with well County Aquatics slide feature and vary- Center will take place ing depths, a kiddie at 10 a.m. on Saturday,

showers and lockers, shade features and a picnic area," she said.

The project is a joint public-private partnership led by Barnwell County and the Family YMCA of Greater Augusta. Fundraising for the \$1 million project started last year by the Barnwell County Reccoordination with the YMCA.

A ribbon cutting cere-

tures, an outdoor bath- the First Kids Down the house with restrooms, Slide and Celebrity Sliders to kick off the openand a large deck with ing of the pool, said Coffey.

park are located at the Barnwell County Family YMCA, 660 Joey Zorn Blvd., Barnwell. The Barnwell County Aquatic Center at the YMCA marks the first Barnwell County aquatic center open to the public since 1987.

"This is a true blessing to Barnwell County where not only can we President and CEO of support youth aquatic Family YMCA of Greatsafety, healthy living activities for all ages, and job opportunities

but also drive economic development for the region," said Barnwell County Councilman Jerry R. Ćreech. "We could The pool and water not have done this without legislative and community partnerships to reach this goal, meeting current and future regional needs. Their contributions are making a significant difference to the future of our region – especially for our youth and future generations to come."

McConnell, Dannv er Augusta, adds, "We are so excited that the new Barnwell County

YMCA Family is finally becoming a reality. This has been a great collaboration and partnership among area businesses, partners community and the Barnwell County Council. The facility will benefit Barnwell County, and surrounding communities, for years to come with a legacy of programs for a healthier community and nurture the development of future generations. It's our privilege to be part of this legacy."

Following the grand opening, the Barnwell **County Aquatics Center** will be open to YMCA members and day pass- an FAQ can be found at pool with fun water fea- June 11, followed by for county residents, Aquatic Center at the es will be available. www.thefamilyy.org.

Adult day passes are \$20 and youth day passes are \$10, according to the website. Passes are half-price with verification of SNAP benefits. Financial assistance is available for memberships.

The hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. The pool/ water park is cleared 15 minutes prior to closing to allow everyone time to dry off, gather belongings and exit the facility.

More information and

Guilty: Abney sentenced for assault and battery of high & aggravated nature

asked about the night of the assault and her relationship to Abney. As the prosecution, Stagg's job was to prove to the jury beyond reasonable doubt that the evidence presented proved Abney's guilt.

The jury consisted of six men and six women with two alternates on standby. All were middle aged or elderly, and maintained expressionless faces throughout the proceedings.

On the other side of the courtroom sat defense attorney John Harte. Harte began practicing law in 1971 and spoke to the jury with familiarity.

Harte told the jury, "Each of you must be satisfied beyond a moral certainty." He explained to them the significance of their position as jurors and appealed to their cans' in his opening and on the stand

Carolina. Flowers was ing questioned by Staggs, Flowers testified how she loved Abney and didn't want to get him in trouble with authorities.

> Despite her injuries, Flowers gave authorities and Harte a fabricated story to protect him. With the encouragement of her mother and the solicitor, she told her story and thus the trial process began.

> Staggs called their first witness, Aiken Regional Hospital emergency room doctor Dr. Charles Dees. He was quickly labeled as an expert due to his 25 years of experience in trauma and emergency medicine.

> Dr. Dees treated Flowers when she arrived in the ER the morning after the assault. He testified how he vividly remembers Flowers' fear.

morality as 'fellow Ameri- was scared," said Dr. Dees exactly was said. fatal and retells how he initially thought she was suffering from internal bleeding. Other witnesses called to the stand were Bechtold, who testified to the severity of Flowers' injuries. Also Barnwell County Sheriff Investigator Robbie Gunnells who sat in on the interview with Flowers and BCSO officers

Aaron Cutler was also called to testify by the solicitor. Sergeant Cutler explained how reviewing phone calls and messages fall under his responsibilities at the jail.

Sergeant Cutler showed records of 958 phone calls made between Abney and Flowers between August and November 2021.

He also presented nearly 500 text messages sent between the two while Abney was incarcerated. The nature of the conversations were not explained in depth, but one phone call was briefly played. Heard through an echo on the recording was Flowers and Abney discussing the assault.

Harte later mentioned how difficult the recording was to understand due to quality issues and "Overall demeanor..she he was unsure of what

After the wi He concluded her in- spoke and were quesjuries could have been tioned by both the prosecution and defense, court was adjourned and the jury was told to return the next day at 11 a.m. The courtroom was quiet the morning of Thursday, June 2nd. The families of the victim and the defendant sat in anticipation while each of their loved ones faced uncertainty. Stagg and Harte gave their closing statements tioned the kidnapping

BCSO First Sergeant to the jury, who then were sent to deliberate.

After a lunch recess, presiding Judge Courtney Clyburn Pope announced the verdict had been decided. Abney's sisters and family members clutched each other's hands.

Abney was sentenced to 10 years, which provided that upon the service of 3 years, will be suspended to probation for 2 years. Abney will be serving his sentence at the state department of corrections on an indictment of assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.

According to state law, assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature is "a lesser included offense of attempted murder" found in Section 16-3-29.

Abney's sisters sighed and sank into the wood of the courthouse bench. Abney is a triplet, and his sisters, alongside more family members, supported him through the two-day trial. Tywanda Abney explained after the sentencing of her brother how she felt "they didn't have enough proof." Nayla Krasinski, a friend of the family, sat with the Abney sisters during the sentencing and believed the trial "leaned one way." Abney's family ques-

charge. "There was no She said Flowers was too kidnapping to begin with," said Krasinski, who expressed she struggles to see how willingly entering a vehicle is considered kidnapping.

Flowers did not attend the second day of the trial. Bechtold was allowed to make a victim impact statement speaking on behalf of her daughter.

****** **SPECTACULAR** ESTATE AUCTION Saturday, June 11, 2022 • 9:30 A.M. 1486 Juniper Creek Road, Olar, SC Preview Friday, June 10th + 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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emotionally spent from retelling her story on the stand.

Bechtold spoke to Judge Pope and the jury, but more specifically she said she forgave Abney, but will not forget his actions. Bechtold said she hopes Abney receives the anger management help she

believes he needs.

closing statements.

Throughout the entire trial, one fact was not disputed; Dallas Flowers was brutally beaten.

The question that Harte proposed to the jury was not if she was assaulted, but who assaulted her.

According to testimony, shortly after the assault Flowers went to the Aiken Regional Hospital emergency room and then the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office alongside Bechtold, her mother.

Charges were pressed against Abney. However, Flowers was determined to "make it right," as she stated on the stand. To do this, she met with Abney's attorney.

Harte met with Flowers when she contacted him in October 2021, four months after the assault, to discuss what happened.

In this meeting Harte described to the court, he asked Flowers to only do one thing– tell the truth.

Flowers told Harte what she now says is a fabricated story. She explained her assault to Harte on the record and absolved Abney of any involvement in the beating.

She claimed it was an unnamed third party who attacked her, and Abnev arrived afterwards to pick her up. However under oath, the recount of June 21, 2021 Flowers gave to the court was not the same as what she told Harte.

While on the stand be-



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Retirees Carrie Brown, Pat Thomas, Gerald Lombardi, Dinah Gaines, and Mary Fleetwood. retirees, including Kia Valentine, Kelley Carroll, and Sherry Woods.

Barnwell Primary School Principal Donna Selvey (second from left) with her school's Contributed Photo

District 45 celebrates teachers and retirees

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

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Dedicated retirees and outstanding educators were celebrated at the Barnwell School District 45 school board meeting on Thursday, June 2.

Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton welcomed District 45 teachers, administrators and staff to the multi-purpose room of Barnwell Elementary School.

Superintendent Dr. Stapleton said, "This is also bittersweet for us, because we will miss you all dearly."

There are 340 years of education experience shared between the BSD45 retirees; 192 of those years were spent in Barnwell schools. This wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed by those who have been lucky enough to benefit from the primary school from it as mentioned by Dr. Stapleton and other administrators.

Each retiree was gift-



Deanna Grubbs (center) is the District 45 Teacher of the Year. She's pictured with her family, including husband, children, as has been a teacher for parents, and in-laws at the June 2 school board meeting. Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

principals of each school to D45. spoke fondly of memories they shared.

Principal Donna Selvey recognized special education teacher Kelley Caroll, art teacher Kia Valentine and third grade ed a tray engraved with teacher Sherry Woods for their name while the their years of dedication

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Carroll, Valentine and Woods were honored for their ability to connect with the youngest members of the D45 family.

Interim Principal Denise James from Guinyard-Butler Middle School recognized Mary Fleetwood, a visual arts teacher who previously retired from D45 twice. Fleetwood continues to return to the district in different capacities because of her love for the school community.

Gerald Lombardi's dedication as a seventh grade social studies teacher was spoken fondly of by Interim Principal Iames.

Dinah Gaines is an 8th grade English language arts teacher with 43 years of experience. James expressed how she admired Gaines' focus on her students' needs and her willingness to always go the extra mile. Barnwell High School celebrated math teacher Ieff Miller for his 25 years in education. Principal Franklin McCormack talked about how he McCormack was a math teacher. Principal McCormack introduced science teacher Pat Thomas. Wearing a necktie adorned in beakers and test tubes, Thomas accepted his plaque representing 37 years in public education. McCormack spoke about Thomas' knowledge of 'everything' and called him one of the smartest men he's ever met.

ognized for her dedication to the maintenance staff of Barnwell High School as well as her continued dependability.

Carrie Brown retired from the transportation department after over 30 years busing students. Transportation Director John Hilton spoke about Brown's commitment to keeping BSD45 safe and how clean she kept the school buses.

Tina Renew retired from the food service department. Director Teresa Zorn expressed how



Sherrie Felder was rec- honoring such an amaz-Thomas is the daughter ing group of educators of the aforementioned reand professions that have dedicated their careers to Thomas. making a difference in the lives of children."

Dr. Rhett Richardson serves as a member of the school board. After the awards, Richardson addressed retiring staff of D45 who he said more often feel like family.

"I think when y'all reflect back, I think you'll reflect on the positive impact you've had" said Richardson.

Teacher of the Year

achievements and dedi-In each school, the she will miss Renew and educator named Teacher

cation to their students. Not only was Grubbs named Barnwell Primary School Teacher of the Year, but she was also named District Teacher of the Year.

and beloved colleagues,

Grubbs accepted her

award honoring 14 years

Elementary special ed-

ucation teacher Jennifer

Bodiford was nominated

as the Elementary School

Teacher of the Year. Bodi-

ford has eight years of

teaching experience with four years in her current

position in a self-con-

tained special education classroom. Bodiford was

involved in designing the

BES Sensory and Cool Down Room and also

worked with the DIG af-

8th grade science teach-

er Elizabeth Thomas was

recognized as Teacher of

the Year of Guinyard-But-

ler Middle School. Thom-

five years and taught

alongside her father.

tiring science teacher, Pat

Math teacher Todd

Teems was honored as

the Barnwell High School

Teacher of the Year for

his three years of dedi-

cation to D45. Teems is

a Barnwell High School

graduate, now teaching

in the same classrooms

Thomas and Teems all

stood on the stage while

family, colleagues and

friends celebrated their

Bodiford,

he learned in.

Grubbs,

ter-school program.

of education.

"I'm truly honored because this is the district that I grew up in. I learned how to be a teacher because of the teachers in this district," said Grubbs. "It is truly an honor to be able to represent the district in this capacity." Barnwell Primary School Principal Donna Selvey said Grubbs creates relationships with each student and their family. By the time students leave her classroom after three years, they have formed a unique bond with Grubbs. "Deanna is an absolutely phenomenal teacher who goes above and beyond for her students," said Selvey.

items, furniture, carrier for hitch, tools, MIG, Coke & Pepsi items, and home interior.



All sites will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2022 (In observance of Independence Day.)

Allendale Elementary School • Allendale-Fairfax Middle School +Allendale-Fairfax High School Breakfast (B) 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. Lunch (L) 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Free meals are available to all infants and children to 18 years old.

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Kennedy Park Community	12:00-12:15 p.m.
Oakland Drive Community	12:20-12:30 p.m.
Roosevelt Height Community	12:35-12:45 p.m.

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Fairfax Union Housing	10:30-11:00 a.m
Fairfax Garden Apt. 1	11:10-11:20 a.m.
Fairfax Garden Apt. 2	11:25-11:35 a.m.
Boundary Community	11:40-11:50 a.m.
Shady Acres	11:55-12:15 a.m
Fairfax Elem. Comm. Area	12:20-12:45 p.m

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looked up to Miller when D45 Superintendent Dr. Crissie Stapleton (left) with transportation department retiree Sherrie Felder.

> cherishes the relationship they have cultivated.

Each retiree was jokingly told they are more than welcome to return if they desired.

"I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of the retirees," said Superintendent Stayour commitment to our students, and I feel truly

of the Year is voted on by their colleagues. This adds a layer of sentimental value as said by some honorees.

Teachers of the Year were awarded with a D45 plaque, a flower arrangement and a gift bag.

Montessori teacher pleton. "I thank you for Deanna Grubbs was named Barnwell Primary Teacher of the Year. Surblessed to play a part in rounded by her family

This recognition came with a Teacher of the Year ring, a plaque and a check for \$1,000.



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Blackville holds first Memorial Day program



Members of the American Legion Post 253 in Blackville that participated in the Memorial Day program.

Alexandra Whitbeck Reporter reporter@thepeoplesentinel.com

On Memorial Day in Blackville, community members and county officials gathered to honor and remember those who served.

Forty-two American flags stood in front of The Blackville Library where the event was held. 21 on one side of the lawn, and 21 on the other. These flags represent the 42 individuals who lost their lives that called the Blackville area home.

'[American Legion Auxiliary] Post 91 had the documentation of the 42 and which war they all served in. Then the post members all read [their name and war served in]...and we closed in her to continue. prayer," said Lil Stoltzfus, director of The Blackville Library. White crosses chased flags from a lofrom previous years were cal vendor and began placed in front of the library as well.



Town leaders, veterans, and other residents of Blackville came out May 30 for the town's first Memorial Day program.

bring remembrance and appreciation for those who served after seeing a lack of events being held to recognize Blackville's heroes in recent years.

We need to get a little bit of something going on," said Stoltzfus. She reached out to Town Council Member Ann Pernell who supported the idea and encouraged

In preparation for the ceremony, Stoltzfus purspreading the word.

Stoltzfus wanted to 253 participated in the to those in attendance. program as well as mem- The red poppy flower is bers of The Blackville a nationally recognized Area Historical Society. District Two County has been worn by Ameri-Councilman David Kenner was also in attendance among fellow legion members.

Kenner served in the U.S. Navy for six years. ican Legion's website, "af-His father, the late Theo-dore Kenner, served in the ished in Europe" due to U.S. Army during World War II. Kenner's picture can be seen on display at The Blackville Heritage Museum's World War II exhibit.

American Legion Post small, pinable, poppies during battle and was American Legion Post

symbol of sacrifice and cans to honor those who served since World War I, according to The American Legion.

According to the Amerenriched soil from the lime and debris left from the war. "From the dirt and mud grew a beautiful red poppy."

The poppy came to



Raykala Edwards, Antanya Edwards and Louise Jenkins visit Blackville Museum after the town's Memorial Day program. Antanya is a 21-year-veteran and served in Iraqi Freedom.

popularized by the publication of the poem "In Flanders Fields" by Lieu-tenant Colonel John Mc-Crae, M.D.

"In Flanders Fields" was read aloud at the Blackville Memorial Day program in addition to the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of The National Anthem.

Also in attendance was Antanya Edwards, a 21year veteran who served in Iraqi Freedom. Edwards visited the Blackville Heritage Museum after the Town's Memorial Day program.

Iames Commander Dunbar of American Legion Post 253 made closing remarks at the end of the program.

"Special thanks to Mrs. Lil and her team for pulling the Memorial Day program together and to everyone who came out to remember the fallen

253 in a Facebook post. Stoltzfus' hard work serving Blackville as the public library director and tackling additional community based initiatives comes from a place of passion. She joked how she was the self-appointed 'town decorator.'

"It can feel like we don't have a lot of good going for us," said Stoltzfus. "And I just want to make where I live a better place." "I adopt every organization that I have a passion for," said Stoltzfus, who wears many hats in the community.

To visit the Blackville Library, head to 19420 Solomon Blatt Ave. in Blackville or call (803) 284-2295.

The Blackville Heritage Museum currently has the World War II exhibit featuring local heroes on display. For more information about the museum and it's programs, contact Joan Mc-Donald at (803) 284-3267.

Corder's Creative Corner: The land of Faerie

David B. Corder Contributing Writer

Part the leaves of the low-hanging boughs. Splash through the babbling brook. Pass under the stone arch. Fall down the rabbit hole.

Enter the Land of Faerie. Here, wanderer, you will find more than your tiny pixies. You will discover more than Tinker Bells and Fairy God Mothers. Your journey will show you many wonders, as well as many dangers.

The troll under the bridge will covet your ody, take heed as you fol- enchanted blade. Other- from her nightshade hair. Splash through the bab- gmail.com or subscribe gold, lest he eat you. Do low it. It may lead you to wise, speak to it respect- Her sapphire eyes will bling brook. Pass under to his YouTube Channel,

black water horse, will ensnare you and drown you. Werewolves will sniff out your blood under the light of a bewitched moon.

Stay close to the trees. The wood nymphs will be kind to you. See how these beautiful young women emerge like ghosts from the oaks. See how they offer you fruit and kindness. Still, a warning to a youth: do not stare too long into their eyes, for it does not always bode well to fall in If you stumble upon love with a faerie.

water, or the kelpie, a great dancing with joy. Or it may lead you to a witch's doorstep. She will plague you with warts, or turn you into a toad.

The caves of Faerie are filled with treasure. Seldom is it unguarded. Slimy green goblins with ember eyes and bat-like ears protect their jewels with sharp teeth. You will have to do battle with them in order to claim it. The dwarves will barter their gems, as long as you offer them a fair trade. a dragon guarding its If you hear a sweet mel- hoard, you best have an not stray too close to the a circle of faerie women, fully, and compliment it enchant you. If you are the stone arch. Fall down Corder's Creative Corner.

ates a dragon quite like its own grandeur.

Do not insult any being you meet, especially if it's an elderly woman offering a rose. Do not fail the sphinx's riddle. Do not let the syllables of your name leave your lips.

If you are fortunate or blessed by the magic of Faerie, you will see the beautiful Faerie Queen. Attended by her Court as she rides her steed the color of blazing snow. She will be wreathed in celestial light and the fragrance of Eden will waft

greatly. Nothing infatu- truly blessed this Queen may love you, and make you one of her Court and offer one of her treasured

golden apples. But be wary, O traveler. Faerie is not meant for mortals to dwell in forever. We belong to our own world. But through visits to Faerie, we will find our own Eternal Paradise, beyond the fiery horizon of the Glassy Sea.

So strap on your mighty sword. Bring your treasure map. Flip open the pages of the old leather book. Part the leaves of the low-hanging boughs. email at dbcorderwriter@

the rabbit hole.

Enter the Land of Faerie. (This essay was written to break a spell, that is, the erroneous claim that "fairy' only deals with small beings with butterfly wings and magic wands. Faerie, as I like to spell it, contains so much more, from classic fairy tales to epic fantasies such as The Lord of the Rings. I hope this piece of writing brought you a little more insight into this powerful and enchanting realm of the imagination).

Want to get in contact with David? Send him an



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Bryce Washington signs with Methodist University

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Williston-Elko High School Blue Devil is ready to start his college football career.

Bryce Washington, a 2022 graduate of WEHS, signed to play with Methodist University on March 2 during a special ceremony at the high school gym.

"This is exciting for me. I've been waiting on my time. I knew it was going to come," said Washington.

WEHS Head Football Coach Richard Bush said Washington had a "tremendous junior and senior year in football." This includes being named two-time All-Region, voted the Co-Defensive Back of the Year as a Junior and All-State as a junior, being on the WJBF All-CSRA Team, being All Aiken Standard, and being named the WJBF Scholar Athlete of the Week.

"Bryce is a tremendous young man. He does a great job holding himself to a high standard in the classroom, in the community, and on the football and baseball field. Bryce will have a very successful future in college and once he graduates. He is a working young man that always wants to do his best no matter the situation or environment," said Coach Bush.

Washington played many positions for the Blue Devils, including wide receiver, defensive back, running back, quarterback, kicker, punter, and returned kicks over the touch with him. last two years.

"I did a lot here at high school and am just transferring that over to the col- biologist.



Bryce Washington (seated, center) was joined by his family on March 2 for a signing at Williston-Elko High School.

lege level," said Washington, who will miss his high school.

He thanks his coaches and teammates for their support over the years.

When asked what led him to Methodist University, Washington said he liked the campus and the coach stayed in

He plans to major in biology and possibly minor in business. He wants to be a wildlife



Bryce Washington (second from left) with his high school teammates.

Photos By: Jonathan Vickery / Publisher

Blackville PD

Miller retires after 25 years coaching

hosting Midnight Basketball

The Blackville Police Department will host its first Midnight Basketball on Saturday, June 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Blackville (19449 Solomon Blatt Avenue, Blackville).

This event is for kids (ages 6-15).

"Bring your lawn chairs along with family and friends for free food, drinks and entertainment! This is an event you don't want to miss," according to Chief Ray Crawford.

For more info or to register your child for this event, please contact Chief Ray Crawford at (803)284-2333.





Photos By: Steve Crosby and Beth Miller

Coach Jeff Miller (pictured above left with his tennis team and above right with awards) is retiring this year after 25 years.

Contributed Barnwell High School

oach Jeff Miller is retiring from coaching high school sports after 25 years. He has been coaching at Barnwell High School for the last 16 years.

Miller began his coaching career by coaching varsity softball (head coach), and football (asst. coach) at Allendale-Fairfax High School in 1994. Since then, Miller has coached at Wagener-Salley High School and at

Barnwell High School. Miller has coached a combined 49 seasons, coaching Varsity and JV Football, Varsity Baseball, Varsity Softball, Varsity Track, JV Volleyball, Varsity and JV Girls Basketball, Girls Tennis, and Boys Tennis.

memories he will take away from 25 years of coaching, Miller said, "Wow, there are so many moments that a coach could never name them all, but there were many big game moments

Championship football game much better the opponents while coaching at Allendale. That was a special team that learned later in the season what being a team is really all about."

He coached many young people over the years, includ-When asked about what ing his son and daughter, which he said "was very special to me."

"Probably my favorite team was the Barnwell High School boys tennis team that made it to the Lower-State Championship. That was an outstanding shared with a team like group of young men, who

preparing for the 1996 State never quit no matter how were supposed to be. There are so many more wonderful memories, that I could go on and on," Miller said.

Miller was named Region Coach of the Year five times and has served as both an assistant coach and a head coach for the North/South Tennis Classic. He has been an offensive coordinator and a defensive coordinator. He also served as an assistant athletic director.

Now, Coach Miller can sit back, relax, and be a fan.





Course: Expanded disc golf course brings new opportunities to Williston

a 42-year span between 1976 and 2018, there were just over 111,000 PDGA members. In only the four years between 2018-2022, PDGA membership doubled to over 222,000.

The sport of disc golf is growing rapidly. Seventyone percent of courses were built in the last decade and there has been a 15 percent increase in course construction since 2020, according to UDisc's 2022 Disc Golf Growth Report.

The construction and now addition to the Williston Disc Golf Course not only comes at a height in the sport's popularity, but will benefit the community.

"We've got people from Georgia, North Carolina, and all over South Carolina coming to play our course in little of Williston," said Town Councilman Eric Moody. "When you host a tournament, our local businesses will get business from it."

Moody explains how bringing people into Williston through something active and interesting will continue to aid the local economy and bring the community together.

Pam Rush is the executive director at the Axis I Center of Barnwell and has been serving the community at the center for almost 35 years. This concept of promoting outdoor activity and community togetherness with the introduction of the course was something she agreed on when the first nine holes were established in 2019.

HEALing Partners is a network of partners all working toward creating a healthier Barnwell County. According to their Facebook, "HEALing Partners is a community coalition that is focused on preventative health measures such as healthy eating, active living, and routine health screenings. HEALing Partners collaborates with the community to implement evidence-based interventions."

The coalition is formed of many initiatives and is supported by the Axis I Center, which serves as the lead and fiscal agent for the grant that formed. HEALing Partners. HEALing Partners provided the necessary equipment for the course's 18-hole ex-

Friends enjoy a game of disc golf at the Town of Williston's expanded 18-hole course.

County. "Our role is to increase opportunities for active play.

We want to start a disc golf course. And we're like okay...but what's disc golf? We knew nothing about disc golf," said Rush.

Although it's growing rapidly, disc golf is not as well-known as other sports. Rush and other coalition members were some of many who were not familiar with the sport. According to Dalton, there was little interest in disc golf in the area before the course and initial nine holes were built.

"The general idea is getting from the starting area to the finishing area in the fewest amount of throws or strokes," explains Dalton.

"You start at a tee pad (starting area) and you throw a disc, a slightly modified disc when compared to a regular frisbee. With the goal of getting in a basket that has chains and then a bottom basket cage that it lands in."

Similarly to what Dalton refers to as the traditional 'ball golf,' however many throws it takes a player to get a disc in the basket would be the player's score.

Although Dalton is very familiar with the intricacies of the sport, the coalition donating the equipment was not.

'So, we did a little research and started looking at what you needed. for a disc golf course," explained Rush. "And luckily we found Dave Sexton."

Dave Sexton started playing disc golf in the 90s and taught his children to value the sport. Sexton is Sexton. "When you have a a household name on the tournament, people come Williston Disc Golf Course as its original designer. "When I read in The People Sentinel years ago that Williston was going to put a disc golf course at the town park, I went and met the town administrator. Didn't know him but I told him who I was, and that I'd been playing ing activity in Barnwell disc golf for over 20 years

and I'd like to see what he had," said Sexton.

"What he had was all 'They said disc golf. of the holes close together, which would never work."

Sexton was granted by the town to take the lead. on the construction of the course due to his experience playing the sport.

"I made this park for beginners. Every hole is different. You learn skills that you can take somewhere else," said Sexton.

Sexton, like Dalton and Hal Mundy, recognizes the growing popularity of the sport.

"It's not just one person, everybody chips in together. The growing sport in Williston. Sexton attributes these improvements to both Dalton and Hal Mundy.

"In the meantime I got old and I can't do as much. So, Hal and Dalton took the reins and ran with it and I'm so proud of them. They've done an outstanding job," said Sexton.

People are gonna come from all over the state because this is new. You've got the easy part that I designed, and the hard part that Hal and Dalton designed."

Hal Mundy calls himself a jack of all trades. He not only has big goals for the course, but has watched it and the club grow over the



Dalton and Hal Mundy along with Joe Welch (chairman of Williston Recreation & Activities Committee) cut the ribbon at Williston's disc golf course.

of disc golf, like Dalton said, has grown so much and it's going to continue to grow because it has no boundaries," said Sexton. He also agrees with Moody about the course's potential to aid the local economy in Williston as the town purchased the land needed to add the additional nine holes.

"It's going to bring revenue into the town," said

past three years.

"Three and a half years ago when the course started, I started playing a little bit and then really got involved in tournament play at other places," said Hal. "I was using this as a practice place because we couldn't have a tournament as it was only nine. holes at the time."

Hal started playing sports in school and

"Never been hurt playing any other sports."

However, a torn knee ligament did not stop Hal from playing a sport that provides him friendship and fellowship.

"Going to Augusta and going to Columbia to play, going to Orangeburg and playing in tournaments. We've met these guys over time and it's just become a friendship,‴ said Hal. "And then we do this as a fellowship thing. It's just good to get together and fellowship and have a fun game of disc golf."

Many of those present at the ribbon cutting ceremony attributed the success of the course to Hal and Dalton.

"All we had to do was give them the equipment and they did everything else," said Rush of HEAL-

ing Partners. "The town came to us and said that they had bought the additional land and wanted to consider putting in an additional nine holes," said Hal. He and Dalton then got to work.

"During the cooler months, when I got off my full-time job, I'd come straight here and work until dark every day," said Hal. "I've got to be active doing something. So, it's either working on the course, or my full-time job, or my side job or on the course playing.

Dalton and his father are dedicated to supporting the game of disc golf as well as advancing the opportunities for activity and growth in Williston. Through the club, Hal and Dalton are already planning events for the new nine holes.

Hal explained how their the future.

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"Some of the unique characteristics about our course is obviously the pond, so that adds a level of difficulty," said Dalton.

The newer holes or 'second half' to the course "is more wooded, which adds a challenge," said Dalton. Although the wooded areas are not out of bounds, "it makes it tough because you're having to throw around trees or footing is off," explained Dalton.

"Another unique characteristic about our course compared to some other courses in the area is that not many courses feature bamboo. So it also adds a scenic component," said Dalton in reference to hole

Rush is happy to see the sport and course grow in recent years and states she and HEALing Partners are delighted to be a partner in this endeavor.

"It's such a joy to see it grow so much over the last three years and know that people are getting out," said Rush. "That's what we love to see, is families out exercising, playing together, because we know that when families are together and involved in positive activities, that they're less likely to go out and do things that are more harmful."

The Williston Disc Golf Club is already scheduling tournaments on the course.

"We have our first PDGA sanctioned tournament on July 16. It's already nationally posted on UDisc," said Moody.

Right now we've got about half full. That's pretty good for the first time." Half full in a disc golf tournament is roughly 30 peo-

ple out of the desired 70. Hal and Dalton plan to continue building up the sport in Barnwell County. The father and son duo will not only continue bettering the course, but bettering each other at the

"When we first started playing, I could beat him every time, but now I can't beat him. He's progressively got so much better," said Hal. "But I do beat him on occasion. And that's a good thing, when pops can beat son.

excitement to involve his grandson in the sport in

Hal also expressed his

pansion.

"About three years ago, we had some grant funds and we talked to the Town of Williston about what their needs were as far as increasing the amount of available, safe, and accessible equipment for people to play and exercise," said Rush, who is a member of HEALing Partners and other initiatives supportand stay. They come and eat. They buy gasoline, they go to the grocery store, all that adds up. So the investment [the town] made is going to come back to them and the people of this community."

With the expansion of the course to 18 holes, PDGA sanctioned tournaments can now be held wanted to continue after graduating. He played competitive softball for many years before stopping due to the risk of injury in the sport.

"That's when I picked up disc golf. I was like there's no way really I could get hurt playing disc golf. But then the first year of playing disc golf, I stepped in a hole and tore my MCL," said Hal.

goal was to have three sanctioned tournaments a year. Each tournament would normally draw from 70 to 90 people.

"That way it would bring revenue to the town," he said.

Not only is the Williston Disc Golf Club spreading the word about the game, but they are creating a unique place to play the game.

HEALing Pariners plans to continue working to better the park alongside the Mundys.

"We're also looking at partnering with them to add some outside exercise equipment and we're still. working with them to add some other things to the park so that families can come and have a safe place to exercise, play and have fun," said Rush.





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Wednesday, June 8, 2022

Tigertown Bound: Locals join Clemson Class of '26



Clockwise from above: Barnwell High School students Crissa Thomason, Hoyt Bailey, Jerry Sanders, McKenzie Still, Nathan Moody, Nathanael Simmons, Weston Sandifer and Jefferson Davis Academy Patrick Abbott are all Tigertown Bound.



Shannon B. Herndon Clemson Extension

Eight students from Barnwell County are Tigertown Bound. Students from Barnwell High School and Jefferson Davis Academy plan to attend Clemson University this

fall. Students accepted to Clemson University are Barnwell High School students McKenzie Still, Hoyt Bailey, Jerry Sanders, Nathan Moody, Crissa Thomason, Weston Sandifer, Nathanael Simmons and, Jefferson Davis Academy student Patrick Ab-

bott. The Barnwell County Career Center FFA Officer Team are all Tigertown bound and plan to earn degrees in Agriculture.

Eighteen students from Barnwell County have received Tigertown Bound signs through Barnwell County 4-H since the local program started distributing them in 2020.

Students received Tigertown Bound Class of '26 yard signs. The Tigertown Bound Signs are a project of Clemson Alumni Association. Other students in the county may plan to attend Clemson University or Tri-County Technical School in the fall.

For information about 4-H, contact the Clemson Extension Office at 803-956-6155 or sbhrndn@ clemson.edu. To subscribe to 4-H Clover Clips (an email update of local and statewide events) email sbhrndn@clemson.edu. Like Bamberg & Barnwell 4-H on Facebook.

The Clemson University Extension Service offers its programs to any youth between the ages of 5-19 regardless of race, color, gender, religion, national origin, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital or family status and is an Equal Opportunity F.mployer.

Denmark Technical College celebrates state's first HBCU electrical lineworker program

Amy Roper Denmark Tech

Denmark Technical College, in partnership with Santee Cooper, named their new electrical lineworker range after James W. Bowden, Sr. at a June 1 ceremony on campus.

Bowden, a two-time Denmark Tech alumnus and the first African-American vice president at Duke Energy, was joined by DTC administration, faculty, staff and stakeholders, the Bowden family, local and state leaders including Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter and Bamberg County Administrator Joey Preston as well as executives from Santee-Cooper, Edisto Electric Cooperative and Duke Energy.

The ceremony celebrated the recent kickoff of Denmark Tech's new electrical lineworker program, the first of its kind at a South Carolina HBCU. The program was conceptualized by Bowden and DTC administration and was championed by Cobb-Hunter.

"We are elated to bring this program to the people of our service area." said Willie L. Todd Jr., President and CEO of Denmark Technical College. "There are so many worthwhile technical programs we plan to develop at Denmark Tech,



Officials cut the ribbon on June 1 to the new electrical lineworker range at Denmark Technical College.

but we really wanted to Bowden. dive into the lineworker program because we see this as an amazing opportunity to increase diversity and gender equality in the power industry and provide the residents of rural South Carolina with access to education that can have a swift and dramatic effect on their financial stability."

"Lineworkers provide a critical service to the communities in which we live. Having a diverse workforce will show a commitment to being an equal opportunity employer and it will give a complete perspective of customer needs and expectations," added

The addition of the lineworker program comes on the heels of a nationwide movement to increase diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Progressive industry leaders across the Carolinas were quick to prioritize the initiative.

"A diverse workforce makes us a stronger company and helps us better meet the energy needs of communities across South Carolina," said Mike Callahan, Duke Energy's South Carolina state president. "We applaud the work of former Duke Energy employee, James Bowden, to inspire and develop the next generation of

diverse lineworkers in ested in the lineworker partnership with Denmark Technical College."

The range, which was sponsored by Santee Cooper, is already in use by the cohort of lineworker students.

'This partnership helps create more opportunities for diversity in the power business," said Mike Poston, chief customer officer at Santee Cooper. "We hope it provides future opportunities for generations to come for the people in this community."

The planning is already underway for subsequent cohorts for the 2022-2023 academic year.

"This is an excellent time for anyone inter-

program, or any of the dozens of other programs we offer, to further their education because we have a wealth of tuition and fee relief opportunities that can bring a student's contribution down to zero dollars out of pocket," said Todd.

Bowden said of the naming honors, "It was a total surprise to me because my commitment was based only on the fact that this class and program will change the course of our students' lives for generations. However I must admit that when I found out that the lineworker range was being named

after me, I had a feeling of joy, satisfaction and pride, knowing that the students, parents, alumni and the Denmark community will know that I played a vital part in making this program a reality for our children."

Bowden graduated from Denmark Tech in 1972 in the electronic technology program and again in 1993 in industrial technology, two degrees that served him well throughout his 42year career with Duke Energy, Bowden started as an operating service technician in Greenville in 1972 and worked his way up the ladder, becoming Duke Energy's first African-American vice president in 2005 until his retirement in 2010. Bowden currently serves as a Denmark Technical College Area Commissioner and as the president of the Denmark Technical College National Alumni Association.

"I'm thrilled that we chose to name the range after a trailblazer for equality in the power industry and a champion of Denmark Technical College," said Todd. "Our 'Pulting the TECH Back in Denmark Tech' campaign is proving that a technical education can lead to a lucrative and rewarding career. Bowden is a shining example of that notion."

District 45 lead school psychologist awarded mental health practitioner grant

45 (BSD45) recently recognized Lead School Psychologist George McIntosh for receiving the Mental Health Practitioner Grant from the Children's Fund of School Psychology, Inc. (CFSP) for Barnwell Elementary School.

According to their mission, one of the main purposes of the CFSP is to provide grants in support of projects that benefit children and families. When awarding grants, CFSP

Barnwell School District looks for projects that pro- their schools. The funds School. Other materials mote the physical and emotional well-being of all children and support effective interventions that address both learning and social/ emotional functioning to enhance a child's success.

Specifically, Mental Health Practitioner Grants are intended to encourage practicing school psychologists (and interns in school psychology) to enhance their own capabilities to provide mental health services within at Barnwell Elementary

were used to purchase numerous counseling materials which ranged from cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) based activities/programs to a trauma-informed socialemotional toolbox. Starting in the month of March, Mr. McIntosh will begin utilizing the purchased materials from this fund to begin implementing an evidence-based counseling program with students purchased with this fund will also be utilized to support individualized needs of each student participating within the program.

According to Mr. McIntosh, "This program will focus on teaching students how to manage worry, anxiety, stress, and avoidance. By collaborating with teachers and parents, the overall goal will be to teach students how to identify, regulate, and cope with anxiety."

"I am grateful we have staff members like George McIntosh who have such a passion to make a difference in the lives of our students," shared BSD45 Superintendent Crissie Stapleton. "Especially given the recent circumstances of the pandemic, we know social-emotional well-being is a focus across the nation. Being able to have Mr. McIntosh use his talents to help our students is wonderful for Barnwell School District 45."



Field trips teach Williston students valuable skills

Amy Roper Denmark Tech

Williston School District 29 has been on the move

Their scholars have been traveling around the state these past few months to gain knowledge and exposure to help them with their college and career development.

Williston School District takes pride in put-ting a lot of emphasis on taking their students out of the classroom to gain hands-on experience and learn how to network with the exports in their fields. These experiences will in turn equip them with knowledge and wisdom to make good post secondary decisions.







Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!



My name:





Williston students at the Audobon Science Center.

Learning Buddy's signature

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<u>Events</u>

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<u>Jua 11</u> Midnight Basketball First Baptist Church Blackville (803) 284-2333 additional details 6:30рш -9:30рш

Jun 15 **Registration Extended for** Summer Enrichment Program

Allendale, Bamberg, and **Barnwell County Students** Register at bethlehemunion. org, local churches, schools, businesses, and the Blackville Community Development Corporation (803) 284-0735 Additional Contacts: Lenon G. Brooker: lenbrooker@centurylink. net or (803) 943-2099, Rev. Harold Shepherd: heathsan@aol.com/(803) 383-1699

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2022 USC Salkahetchie <u>Baseball Camp</u> 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

<u>Сашр</u> **Jul 25-2**7 Barnwell County Career Center camp is free of charge. 60 who register.

<u>Jun 20-23</u> Sports Camp First Baptist Church Blackville (803) 284-2333 additional details 5:30рш-8:30рш

All rising 6-9 grade students are welcome to attend. The Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Number of participants is limited to the first Please register at https:// forms.gle/XypGPvyfYSSD-WfSD9 8аш-Зрт



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BARNWELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING 2022

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 15th from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Stop by the "brary to create a mini message" na 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 'shore' to be a good time Seating is limited.



Oceans of Possibilities Chalk the Walk for All Ages

Tuesday, June 21 from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Come show us your drawing skills and enter in a contest for best ocean theme. Space is limited so blease register by June 17th at the front desk. Registration begins June 6th.



Treasure Dig for Ages 2 to 12

Wednesday, June 29th All Day Activity Stop by the Llorary and dig up some treasure. Find all the treasure tems 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 untangle the sea creatures. Check in at the front desk for instructions.

*Seating is limited and first come first serve. No saving seats. Groups must contact the Library Manager at 803-621-6294 to register. 1st Friday

Family Game Night Everyone is welcome for a community game night. Country Cuphoard

Potluck Book Club Barnwell Library We will be meeting in the Community Room to discuss a cookbook of your choice. 4րm

<u>1st Tuesdays</u> Barnwell Development

For small business owners &

small businesses in Barnwell County. 20 Wall St, Barnwell

The Barnwell Non-Profit

All Non-Profits are invited to community. We discuss prob-8-9am



Blackville Community **Meetings**

Jun 2 Blackville Community Development Corporation, Virtual 4:30pm

Jun 6 Music and Arts Festival Committee, BDDA Building, брш

Jun 13 BIIIIS, District 19, School Board Meeting 293 Pascallas 6:30pm

lun 14 County Council Building, Barnwell

Blackville Town Council Community Center 6:30pm

Jun 23 Blackville Downtown Development Corporation 19247 Sol Blatt Avenue 6pm

Jun 27 Barnwell-Blackville NAACP Macedonia Baptist Church брш





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Barnwell Library

40 Burr St. Barnwell 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

<u>Blackville Museum</u>

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





Association:

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8:00am

3rd Wednesdays Roundtable

attend to get to know various organizations and serve our lems, hopes, what's working and what is not. 218 Main St. Barnwell, SC

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SUMMER MINISTRIES K4 and up Wednesday evenings

First Baptist Church Blackville 6рт – 7:30рт

Jun 6-8

Vacation Bible School New Home Baptist Church of Barnwell 6pm-8pm

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Fun Day New Home Baptist Church of Barnwell 11am-2pm

ANNIVERSARIES

Jun 12

102nd Church Anniversary Second Baptist Church of Barnwell

Speaker: Elder Jeffers Holman

Following CDC, DHEC guidlines: temperature checks, masks & social distancing encouraged. For any more information. please call 803.259.1385. Elder Lamonte Boyd is our Pastor. 10am

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160th Church Anniversary Culbert Branch missionary Baptist church on the lawn. Bring your chair, the public is invited and dinner will be served.

Pastor Phinice Young of Young Rosemary Baptist church. Williston and Beaver Dam Baptist church, Aiken will be the guest preacher 10am

<u> Jun 19</u>

Father's day celebration: 9am in the Parish Hall. Church of the Holy Apostles 9аш

June 19

Father's Day Celebration **Bosemary Baptist Church** Normal worship time

June 26 133rd Church Anniversary

New Home Baptist Church of Barnwell Paster Nathan Brown of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of North will be the guest speaker. 2pm

SERVICES

Auglican 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

<u>Fellowship</u> Winton Inn Conference Room 8-9pm on Tuesdays 7pm on Sundays

Christ Presbyterian Church

848 Hagood Áve., 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 <u>Baruwell</u> 161 Allen St, Barnwell, SC 29812Contemporary Service Sundays 9:00am Traditional Service Sundays 11:00am

Watch on facebook or listen in the parking lot over 90.5

<u>Friendship Raptist Church</u> <u>Sunday School</u>

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

<u>ehureh</u> 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

<u>Mt Lebanon Christian</u> Church

420 Christian Bd Barnwell, SC 29812 (803)259-1438mtlehanoncc@gmail.com Sunday School at 10am Sunday am worship 11am (blended music) Sunday PM Bible Study 6pm (mid July-April) www.mtlebanonchristianchurch.com Minister Ron Franklin

<u>Ned Branch Missionary</u> 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.

<u>Rosemary Baptist Church</u> 151 Emerald Lane, Barnwell

In-House service on second and fourth Sundays at 12:15 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

Seven Pines Baptist Church Snelling, Small community

church welcomes visitors Sunday School: 9:50am Service: 11am, 6pm Pastor Mark Watford

St. Paul Missionary Baptist

<u>Church</u> Snelling Park & Praise Service 2nd & 4th Sundays - 10:00am Face masks should be worn at all times.

Enity Baptist Church

Pastor Brian Howard 5504 Hilda Rd Blackville, SC 29817Sunday 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

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

<u>Daily</u> Coffee Club & Current. Events 8:30-9:30am

<u>Mondays</u> Tai Chí 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

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description of any security as to the claim. 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

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All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Allendale County, the address of which is 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, S.C. 29810, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, ct seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim. Estate: Peo Dee Williams

Date of Death: March 12, 2022 Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00038 Personal Representative: Pearlie Mac Franklin

Address: P.O. Box 392, Allendale, 5.C. 29810 May 25: June 1, 8, 2022

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SUMMONS

Deticiency Judgment Warved v. Steve A. Baxley; South Carolina Department of Revenue HSBC Fi nance Corporation, successful by merger to Beneficial Mortgage Co. of South Carolina Defendant(s).

(011847-04478)

10 THE DEFENDANT(S). Steve A. Baxley:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 1252 Old Whiskey Rd, Barnwell, SC 29812, being designated in the County tax records as TMS# 056-00-00-087, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 1221 Main Street, 14th Floor, Post Office Box 100200, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-3200, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and it you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff(s) herein. NOTICE

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina on April 21, 2022.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE IN-**TERVENTION**

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AUCTIONS

ESTATE AUCTION Saturday, June 11th at 9:30 AM, 1486 Juniper Creek Rd, Olar, SC, JD 3020, Farmall Super C, Farm Implements, tools, trailers, fumiture, antiques, glassware, coins, shotgun collection, Much more¹¹¹ Browse web at www.cogburnauction.com. 803-860-0/12

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TRAIN ONLINE TO DO MEDICAL BILLING! Become a Medical Office Professional online at CTP Get Trained. Certified & ready to work in months! Call 855-965-0799 (M F 8am 6pm E1). The Mission. Program Information and Tuition is located at Careerl echnical edu/ consumer-information

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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, if must be in writing and should include the following information:

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. 2022-117 3tp 08-08-22

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Barnwell County, the address of which is Barnwell County Courthouse Probate Court Room 108, Barnwell, SC 29812, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed S.C. 29827 May 25, June 1, 8, 2022

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Date of Death: May 1, 2022 Case Number 2022 FS 06 00092 Personal representative: LaPre cious Sapp

Address: 6140 Vermillion Loop, Graniteville, S.C. 29829 2022-121 3tp 06-22-22

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON

PLEAS COUNTY OF BARNWELL DOCKET NO. 2019CP0600183

Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-

com 1221 Main Street, 14th Floor Post Office Box 100200 (29202) Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 744 4444 Columbia, South Carolina 2022-122 3tc 06-22-22

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF BARNWELL, IN THE FAMILY COURT Cimberly N. Sanders ٧5. Rebecca A. Maxwell, Chris T. Ferneyhough, Jr., and John Doe Case #: 2021-DR-06-0194 SUMMONS

TO THE DEFENDANTS CHRIS T FERNEYHOUGH, JR. AND JOHN DOF

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which the original is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Family Court, for Barnwell County and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their office of Moore Bradley Myers Law Firm, 1700 Sunset Boulevard, Post Office Box 5709, West Columbia, South Carolina 29171, within thirty (30) days from the date of service hereof, exclusive of the day of such

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WEST STREET TO SPRINGFIELD ROAD WATER LINE FY 2020 RIA NO. R-21-1279 FOR THE TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Williston, South Carolina at the Williston Town Hall, 13112 Main Street, Williston, South Carolina 29853 until 3:30 p.m. local time, TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022 at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read. No submitted bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for a period of nincty (90) days.

All Bidders must have a State of South Carolina Contractors WL4, WP4 or higher License.

The work to be done consists of furnishing all materials, equipment and labor for the construction of:

Installation of approximately 2,485 linear feet of 10-inch water line, 3,163 linear feet of 8-inch water line, 456 linear feet of 6-inch water line, 170 linear feet of 16inch steel casing, 180 linear feet of 12-inch steel casing, 460 square yards sidewalk and appurtenances.

Time allotted for construction is 180 consecutive calendar days for substantial and final completion. Consideration will be given for issuing the Notice to Proceed based upon anticipated delivery of materials.

Proposals for the complete work in one general contract shall be made on the proposal form provided and shall contain prices in words and figures for the work bid on.

All proposals shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond drawn in favor of the Town of Williston, in the amount of at least 10% of the lump sum bid for the complete work; such Bid Bond representing that the Bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly enter into a contract and furnish Performance Bond and Payment Bond as provided by law and approved by the Attorney for the Town of Williston. Each bond shall be equal to 100% of the contract amount. The Bid Bond shall be forfeited to the Town of Williston as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute the contract and provide Performance and Payment Bonds within 10 days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract.

Drawings and Specifications are open to public inspection at the office of the Town of Williston and at the offices of Turnipseed Engineers in Augusta and Atlanta, Georgia.

Copies of the plans and specifications may be obtained from Turnipseed Engineers, 4210 Columbia Road, Building 3, Augusta, Georgia 30907, upon receipt of \$275.

Digital copies of the documents are not available.

Upon receipt of all documents in undamaged condition within 30 days after the date of opening of bids, half of the deposit will be refunded.

The difference between the deposit and the amount refunded represents the cost of reproduction. No refund will be made for documents received after 30 days or in damaged condition.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

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service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint in the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint MOORE BRADLEY MYERS LAW FIRM, P.A. LAWRENCE DALE TURNER, ES

QUIRE Attorney for Plaintiff

(803)-621-2054

Entire Menu Served from **Open-Close**

Eggs

3 SCRAMBLES EGGS \$3.25 Add Diced Ham \$1.00, Add Onions S.50, Add Peppers S.75, Add Tomato S.75, add cheese S0.75 3 EGG OMELET W/ CHEESE S4.25 Add dired ham \$1.00, Add Bacon \$1.00, Onions \$.50, Peppers \$.75, Diced Tomato \$.75 Choice of American, Swiss, or Cheddar BACON, EGG AND CHRESE ON A ROLL \$6.00

Hot Meals

SHORT STACK PANCAKES \$5.50 2 Pancakes topped with butter TEXAS FRENCH TOAST \$2.25 Per Slice

Drinks

Orange Juice S2.25 each Coffee Free Refills \$1.75 Soft Drink Free Refills \$2.25 Milk \$1.75 each Chocolate Milk SL85 each

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS CHRIS T. FERNEYHOUGH, JR. AND JOHN. DOE

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TAKE NOTICE that the Summons in the above entitled action, of which the foregoing is a copy, together with the Complaint herein were filed in the Office of the

Clerk of Court, Family Court,

& Nutt's



3120 Hwy 70 Barnwell, SC

The Grill

4 OZ. HAMBURGER WITH FRIES \$8.75 Topped with Lettuce, Tomato and Outon.

Add 4oz Fatty \$3.00 Bacon, American, Provolone, Swiss and Cheddar Cheese S1.00 each

PHILLY CHEESE STEAK \$11.95 Topped with peppers, onions,

provolone and american cheese CHICKEN STRIP BASKET

W/ FRENCH FRIES \$10.25

Sides

Home Fries \$3.25 French Fries \$4.00Grits \$3.25 Sausage by the Link \$1.35 each Bacon by the slice \$1.45 each Toast 2 pieces of Texas Toast buttered \$1.50 Hours:

Wednesday - Friday 5 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday - 7 a.m.-11 p.m. CLOSED Mon., & Tues.

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for Barnwell County on the October 20, 2021

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LAWRENCE DALE TURNER, ES-QUIRE Attorney for Plaintiff

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TOWN OF WILLISTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

By: Brett Williams, Mayor

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12 days, departs May - Sep 2022





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