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## Murder suspect arrested

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Law enforcement is investigating a series of shootings that occurred over the weekend, one of which left a young man dead. Officers with the Barnwell Police Department (BPD) were dispatched to Bomba Street in the city limits around 3 a.m. on Saturday, June 18 for a shooting that followed an altercation. "Officers responded to a call for a person with a gunshot wound. Upon arrival officers located an individual with mul-

multiple gunshot wounds and that individual was transported by EMS to the hospital where he later died," said Barnwell Police Chief Lamaz Robinson. Trevor Sumpter, 25, of Barnwell, died from multiple gunshot wounds. He is scheduled for autopsy in Newberry on Wednesday, said Barnwell County Coroner Denise Gibson. Investigators for the BPD are working this incident, but the SLED Crime Scene Unit responded to assist with the processing of the scene at the BPD's request. The BPD arrested Brandon Jamar Davis, 34, of Salley, on charges of Murder, Possession

of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime, and Unlawfully Carrying a Pistol. He was booked into the Barnwell County Detention Center on Tuesday morning, June 21, after surrendering to authorities. "We would like to thank the other law enforcement agencies and the community for their assistance that they have provided during this investigation," said Chief Robinson. A few hours after Sumpter was fatally shot, deputies with the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) responded to Red Oak Road, outside the city limits, after a 911 caller reported hearing

gunshots around 5:40 a.m. Multiple rounds were fired at the residence where the occupants were inside sleeping. No one was injured, but the home and a vehicle sustained damage. "We certainly believe it's in reference to the shooting that took place in the City of Barnwell just a few hours earlier," said Chief Deputy Darlene Cook with the BCSO. The Red Oak incident was a drive-by shooting, but they currently do not have a vehicle or suspect description. On Sunday, June 19 at approximately 2 p.m., BPD officers responded to Sport's convenience

store in Barnwell in reference to a victim at the store with a gunshot wound to the buttock. "Officers were able to get EMS to the scene and learned from the victim that he was at some apartments near the 100 block of Berry Street in the City Limits standing outside and a black in color Dodge Charger came by and opened fire. He was hit by one of the bullets when the car came by," said Chief Robinson. Officers went back to the scene and collected evidence, including bullet casings and a firearm that was stolen out of Columbia. See SHOOTINGS, 2A



Nijel Johnson (left) and Craig Wix (third from left) teach the art of drumming to local children at the June 12 Literacy and Arts in the Park festival in Blackville. Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

## Blackville event promotes summer learning, creativity

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Crafts were made and fun was had on Sunday, June 12 at the Literacy and Arts in the Park festival in Blackville. Held at the Blackville Community Center, everyone from toddlers to teenagers were welcome to join in on the events. Save the Children partnered with multiple organizations to promote community engagement in the arts and maintain creative outlets during the school-less summertime for kids. "We did this because we know that learning is very central, and in the summertime children don't have much to do," said Annie Walters, lead of social and community engagement for Save the Children. Books ranging from prenatal care to chapter reads were handed out along with other learning items to "help build home libraries and decrease summer learning loss," according to Walters. Booths were set up to each host a different craft and vol-



Children enjoy painting their own creations at the Literacy and Arts in the Park festival in Blackville.

unteers from the respective organization manned the stations. Southeastern Housing and Community Development helped children sow seeds of creativity by planting plants and providing materials to decorate their pots. Children could paint either with brushes or their hands at one booth, and then move on to a craft more rooted in STEM at the next. "They can make puppets, there are some STEM projects, they can do hand painting, they can do their own drawing, they can make beads, they can plant

flowers," said Walters. "We are trying to get the children to be creative." Alberta Williams of Blackville started quilting her own family tree 20 years ago and brought miniature versions of her own lineage linen that kids could fill in and create themselves. Another form of art was brought by Victor Jones, Craig Wix and Nijel Johnson. Jones is a member of The Phoenix Project: Blackville Rising through Arts, a grassroots component of an initiative begun by the

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## \$105 million approved for new consolidated county high school

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A consolidated county-wide high school is one step closer after state lawmakers approved funding. The project, which also includes a new career center, will be funded by \$105 million in funds from a \$600 million lawsuit settlement over storage of plutonium at the Savannah River Site. These funds were approved by state lawmakers last week after the state budget conference committee made its final recommendations. See CONSOLIDATION, 5A

"Funding new schools is a big hurdle for a small county to overcome," said Sen. Brad Hutto of how school building projects often include bond referendums and millage increases. "Barnwell County has a unique ability to not have to go out and raise revenue to build a new school. Barnwell is the only county in the state getting money for a new high school." The funding has been talked about for some time and comes at a time when Barnwell County's two smallest public-school districts (Blackville District 19 and Williston District 29) are

## Hosey re-elected to S.C. House of Rep.

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A small number of Barnwell County voters turned out for the Democratic and Republican primaries last week. Only 1,907 of the county's 14,540 registered voters (or 13.12 percent) cast ballots in one of the June 14 primaries. Of those, 1,202 voted in the Democratic primary and 705 voted in the Republican primary. The ballot was filled mostly with state races along with a few local races that had two or more candidates vying for their party's seat on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot. **District 91 House of Representatives** The biggest local race was the S.C. House of Representatives District 91 seat under the Democratic Primary. Incumbent Lonnie Hosey, a resident of Barnwell, received more than 80 percent of the vote from voters in Barnwell, Allendale, and a portion of Or-



Rep. Lonnie Hosey

angeburg County. He received a total of 2,764 votes while challenger Kevin Ray, a doctor from Orangeburg, received 675 votes. "I thank all the voters who supported my efforts to get re-elected," said Hosey, 75, who was first elected to his seat in 1999. "I love our community and the people here." Though it's a lot of work being a representative, Hosey said he enjoys working for the

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# Literacy: Summer event merges fun, learning, and creativity

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Annie Walters hands out food at the event.

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



Families enjoy craft time together.

South Carolina Arts Commission's The Art of Community: Rural SC.

The purpose of The Phoenix Project is to enhance the arts and culture environment of South Carolina in order to better tell the story and promote the positives of rural communities like Blackville.

Jones, Wix, and Johnson spent the afternoon in the park teaching kids to learn music by playing it.

"I'm part of The Phoenix Project and we're displaying musical art as far as performing with percussion, drums and instruments," said Jones. "We're here just to show the children and community that there's art in music."

"We're not showing them sheet music, we're showing them rhythms and melodies. You don't have to know how to read music just to play," said Jones.

Jones, alongside Wix and Johnson, showed kids how to properly hold the instruments and how to get into a beat of their choice. No rules, just rhythm.

Jones started playing percussion in high school marching band, where he was taught by Wix.



Beth Overton (above) of Southeastern Housing & Community Development and artist Terrance Washington (below) enjoy making crafts with local children.



"I'm trying to keep it going through generations because now music is becoming something that the school is not really supporting financially," said Jones.

In addition to crafts and

music, there was also a puppet show held in the gazebo along with free food.

"We just want to give back to the community," said Walters. "Save the Children partnered with all these community part-

ners that care about rural communities."

Many local organizations were involved to make this event possible; Save the Children, The Phoenix Project: Blackville Rising through Arts, South Carolina Office of Rural Health, South Carolina Regional Housing Authority #3, Dominion

Energy, Cricket Wireless, Blackville Community Development Corporation, and Southeastern Housing and Community Development.

Walters hopes to continue bringing engaging programming to the community through partnerships with Save the Children and local organizations,

# Shootings

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The victim is expected to make a full recovery, Chief Robinson said.

After the shooting, a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle's description was spotted and pursued by officers in the city. A chase ensued after the vehicle did not stop. Police pursued the vehicle to the Allendale/Barnwell County line, but police did not apprehend the vehicle. Chief Robinson said it's unclear if the vehicle was involved in the shooting.

It's unclear at this time if Sunday's shooting is related to the two Saturday shootings.

"We haven't been able to connect it, but also haven't ruled it out," said Chief Robinson.

Law enforcement continues to investigate all three cases.

Anyone with information is asked to call Barnwell County Dispatch at (803) 541-1078.

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# Clerk of court elected VP of state association

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Rhonda McElveen

Barnwell County Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds Rhonda McElveen was elected as Vice President of the South Carolina Association of Clerks of Court & Register of Deeds at the organization's annual spring conference.

"I'm both humbled and honored to be nominated and to be accepted by my peers," said McElveen.

The South Carolina Association of Clerks of Court & Register of Deeds (SCCCROD) exists to facilitate communication between the 46 counties in South Carolina. Each county has an elected Clerk of Court and an appointed or elected Register of Deeds official.

"Within our association, we have 46 counties. We have 46 clerks of court. Some of them hold a dual office like I do and are also the Register of Deeds," said McElveen. "So, to be respected amongst my peers, I am truly honored with that."

The association's nominating committee and Board of Directors nominate potential officers at the spring Member Busi-

ness Meeting. Nominees selected are fellow Clerks of Court and elected/appointed Registers of Deeds.

The SCCCROD Association defines a Clerk of Court as an elected official "charged with serving the community and providing assistance to internal and external customers in Civil, Criminal, and Family Court matters of the state judicial system."

The association defines a Register of Deeds as "either elected or appointed officials responsible for recording and indexing property ownership documents as well as other documents such as Minutes of County Councils and Public Official Bonds."

Alongside McElveen on the SCCCROD Association Board of Directors is Edgefield County Clerk of Court Charles "Sonny" Reel serving as president. Tina Guerry is the Lexington County Register of Deeds and has been re-elected as the secretary/treasurer.

McElveen has served Barnwell since 2009 and said she maintains the same open door policy she created in her election campaign 14 years ago. "I ran on an open door policy. I am available anytime anybody needs to talk to me. They can come see me," said McElveen. She jokingly concluded, "If I'm in court, you might have to wait a few minutes."

In the past 14 years serving as Clerk of Court, McElveen has been able to make significant advances in operations. "Since I've been a clerk, we've implemented a new CMS system," said McElveen. A CMS System is a Court Management System that allows other Court Clerks, public officials, and legal aides to access court information in other areas. "We actually went nationwide in family court with our child support areas," said McElveen. Prior to making this information available online in Barnwell, McElveen was one of the last to be in communi-

cation with other counties. McElveen explained that this allows child support money to be dispersed between custodial parents in different states. "I'm hoping in the future that we will eventually go to e-file. In family court, it's not there yet, but that's something we're working towards," said McElveen.

In moving this information to online databases, McElveen has made Barnwell County more accessible.

"The lawyers don't have to come in here to actually download it," said McElveen.

"You can go online to sccourts.org and do a record search. You can pull up someone and see if they have any records within a county and see if they have any charges or how they're pending and that kind of stuff."

These upgrades also allow for more visibility in civil matters as well.

"Now in civil, it also allows them to make motions [virtually]," said McElveen.

"It uploads the proposed orders to the judges so they can view them before they have the hearing. They have a little bit of information to help guide them through ev-

erything which has been a tremendous help to us."

Not only has McElveen made accessing information easier for the Barnwell community as Clerk of Court, but also in her position as Register of Deeds.

"We've almost got 40 years online right now," said McElveen. This online access allows anyone to access what documents are currently in your name. This information is available at sclangerecords.com free of charge.

McElveen is also planning a new feature to the Register of Deeds site that allows users to search any existing files and ensure that there was nothing being done in their name unknowingly. McElveen and her team will then flag the file and alert the individual involved if there is anything of suspicion.

Prior to this position McElveen was a textile manufacturer and operated several factories in the region. She and her family came to the area in 1969.

"Barnwell's been good to me, and I like to think my family and I have been good to Barnwell County," said McElveen. She recently donated to the YMCA to construct the pool in memory of her mother, Glendora. Glendora McElveen,

who was active and beloved community member.

"I love Barnwell. I love the law and I love helping people. That's why I get up every day to come here and do what I do," she said.

Although McElveen has a passion for her community and career, there are times she faces difficulties as Clerk of Court and in her own life.

"When you come into court and you see the families that are torn up, both on the victims side and the defendant's side, because they have their loved ones going through the different things that they have to go through... that's the most difficult" said McElveen.

"I have had several setbacks in my life. Once when my [textile] plant in Olar burned down, we lost so much there. My father died 23 years ago and then having my mom go through her sickness. So I have a lot of compassion for everyone that's got difficulties in their lives."

Although McElveen has ample experience in the courtroom, she is still caught off guard sometimes by the emotions that are felt by those in attendance.

"I'll be one of the first ones passing tissues in court," said McElveen.

# Williston disc golf tournament, town budget approved

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The Williston Town Council held their monthly meeting on Monday, June 13, to discuss local events and plan the next fiscal year.

Mayor Brett Williams sat among council members and welcomed those in attendance. The meeting agenda was approved with one addition to be discussed— a disc golf tournament held at the Williston Town Park.

With quick approval from council, the Williston Disc Golf Club will hold its first tournament as a Professional Disc Golf Association approved course with a total of 18 holes on Saturday, July 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Councilman Eric Moody was in support of the tournament along

with a proposed youth soccer tournament at the town park. The soccer tournament hosting around 75 youth players will be held on July 23 at the town park and was approved by council.

Also approved by the council were the by-laws and mission statement of the Recreation and Activities Committee presented by its chairman, Joe Welch.

The Recreation and Activities Committee held an input meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at 6 p.m. in the Williston-Elko High School Gymnasium to better understand what recreational activities the community would most benefit from. The public was encouraged to attend.

Ordinance No. 2022-01 was approved of its second and final reading. This ordinance allows the town to adopt a budget and raise revenues.

Included were the general fund and public works fund totalling nearly \$2.64 million— \$1,624,121 to the general fund and \$1,015,794 to public works. The creation and palatable layout of the budget was spearheaded by Town Administrator Michael Beasley.

The council also approved Williston's participation in the Lower Savannah Regional Home Consortium (LSCOG) which provides funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

This funding is designed to help participating areas implement local housing strategies designed to increase the supply of affordable housing for low income households, according to LSCOG.org. The council approved steps to be made to apply for the LSCOG funding.

Also approved by the council was American Rescue Plan Act funding allocations to the water and sewer department, parks, recreation and activities, the police department, the fire department, town hall repairs, and water billing/software.

In attendance was Judy Taylor, a Williston resident who voiced her concerns to the council about the lack of town history preservation. Taylor proposed the council update the town's website with more information about past businesses that once called Williston home.

Taylor asked the council to consider if they too deem past restaurants and stores as a vital part of the area's history, as she was unsure if these things had pertinent historical value worth displaying on the website.

Moving away from history and into the future, the council also discussed the proposed addition by the Williston Disc Golf Club to install three new, permanent tee pads at the town park's disc golf course.

Although this addition would be at no cost to the town, council members expressed concerns about the location of the pads. On a map given to council by the club, one of the pads was located at the eastern side of the land bridge.

According to Councilman Moody, the permanent pads are four by ten feet, which would span nearly half way across the land bridge. He proposed using temporary pads until a solution for installing permanent pads was found.

Mayor Williams indicated the council will not be approving new tee pads at this time, but will be discussing it again in the future.

A similar outcome was decided for the proposed pickleball courts at the town park.

Councilman Moody previously looked into making the existing tennis courts multi-purpose and painting lines that served both tennis and pickleball. However, the U.S. Tennis Association forbids extra lines on courts and would

make the courts not fit for competition when used by the Williston-Elko tennis team.

To solve this problem, Moody proposed converting concrete slabs at a total cost of \$27,604. Town Administrator Beasley is currently in conversations with Barnwell County and other sources of funding to cover part of this cost.

Administrator Beasley updated council about the status of hiring processes in the water and sewer department as well as the maintenance staff.

In closing, Mayor Williams thanked the Williston Disc Golf Club and those who contributed for bringing a competition ready course to the town. He thanked the Williston Fire Department for 100 years of service.

Mayor Williams also thanked council members, the town administrator and town attorney for their time and continued dedication to Williston.

"We have some great folks in our town," said Williams.

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## Homemaker's Column

### GETTING CHILDREN TO EAT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES



Christine Patrick

Clemson Extension

to grab and munch on. But fruits and vegetables can be the same way! Pre-chop and pre-portion fruits and vegetables in baggies and store them in easy-to-reach places for children. That will help kids make good choices when they want to mindlessly munch in front of the TV or grab a snack before going to a friend's house.

Dip it and Dunk it: Kids love dips! Dips can be super easy, inexpensive, and a great way to jazz up snacks. Easy dips include peanut butter, hummus, guacamole, low-fat or fat-free Greek yogurt, and low-fat or fat-free ranch. You can find healthy dip recipes by going to [usda.gov/whatscooking](https://usda.gov/whatscooking) and search for "dips".

**Kid-Friendly Sweet Potato Muffins**  
(Servings: 12 Serving Size: 1 muffin)

- 4 Tablespoons margarine
- ½ cup sugar
- ¾ cup mashed sweet potatoes\*
- 1 egg\*
- ¾ cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ cup milk\*
- ¼ cup chopped pecans
- ¼ cup raisins

1. Wash hands and cooking area.
2. In a medium bowl, cream margarine, and sugar.
3. Add egg and sweet potatoes; mix well.
4. In the large bowl, stir flour with baking powder, salt, and spices.

5. Alternate adding milk and the potato mixture to the large bowl with your dry ingredients.
6. Fold in nuts and raisins.
7. Spoon into greased 1½-inch muffin tins, filling each ¾ full for 25 minutes of baking.
8. Bake at 400 °F for 25 minutes or until golden brown.
9. Let cool for about 5 minutes before serving

**Nutritional Information:** 131 calories; 20 grams carbs; 5 grams fat; 2 grams protein; 13 grams sugar; 489 milligrams sodium

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## Letter to the Editor

### DISAPPROVAL OF PLUTONIUM SETTLEMENT

**Dear Governor McMaster:**  
On behalf of Barnwell County Council and the people of our communities, I am writing to express our strong disapproval of the distribution of funds from the Department of Energy's plutonium settlement.

Once again, the majority of the funding to compensate our communities, where the plutonium is stored, has been diverted to other interests in the state.

The Savannah River Site is located in Allendale, Aiken, and Barnwell Counties, and while affluent Aiken County was compensated with funding for enhancements to education, infrastructure and economic development, Barnwell County, one of the most distressed counties in the state---which along with Allendale County, comprises 66% of the Savannah River Site--- was once again left out.

We appreciate the effort you have made to understand our needs and goals related to the use of these funds. Like you, we believe this settlement represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to accomplish some important projects that other-

wise might languish for decades for lack of funding.

We requested a few critical transformational projects from this funding, which were designed to make generational changes for a better quality of life for our people.

Chief among these are proposals to consolidate or upgrade our under-performing school districts. While \$119 million was needed, only \$105 million was allocated to consolidate only 2 of the 3 districts, leaving our county \$14 million short of what is needed to achieve a transformational change.

The Secretary of Education has stated that school districts with less than 3500 students are left behind. So it looks like the state legislature intends for Barnwell County to once again be left behind.

Our request for assistance in economic development to allocate \$5 million for the construction of an industrial spec building on a rail-served site was totally ignored without any funding whatsoever. Our other critical economic development projects: providing \$5 million to expand infrastructure to support the development of

park expansion on the Savannah River Site to attract highly skilled jobs to replace those lost from SRS abandoned missions; and opening Highway 64 (B Road) through SRS to connect Barnwell to #125 into Interstate 20, for logistics and future workers' travel were neither funded nor addressed.

As we agreed, the most affected counties should receive the largest share of the settlement.

These once in a lifetime funds should be spent on transformational projects that will enhance challenged rural state-designated Tier 4 counties, not spent on ancillary, luxury projects in other counties when Barnwell and Allendale Counties don't even have the basics.

Shame on the SC Legislature and shame on SC's leadership.

We would appreciate your continued leadership on behalf of the rural counties of South Carolina as we continue to fight for progress as our counties continue to bear the burden of the plutonium storage.

Sincerely,  
**Barnwell County Council  
Harold Buckmon, Chairman**

## Letter to the Editor

### "SHOW ME, DON'T TELL ME"

**Dear Editor,**

On Wednesday, June 15, 2022, Barnwell County Chairman Buckmon sent a letter to Governor McMaster regarding the recent distribution of funds from the Department of Energy's plutonium settlement. It includes several points regarding the unprecedented opportunity to transform Barnwell County. However, that opportunity was lost when the SC Legislature funneled the majority of those funds to pet projects across the state that can be classified as more of "wants" rather than "needs".

Barnwell County has been a friend of the Savannah River Site since its inception, from the sacrifices of many families moving from their farmland to countless employees working among the world's most dangerous substances. Our county has sacrificed and done what was necessary for the safety and security of our state and country.

Throughout the process, Barnwell County and its representatives asked for projects that would have the ability to transform our county for future generations. These included but were not limited to 1) state of

the art facilities for our children to learn and grow; 2) economic development efforts to replace jobs which have been lost over the years through missions that were not carried forward; and 3) transportation projects to give our businesses and citizens quicker access to larger roads and interstates.

Unfortunately, very few of these proposals were ever truly considered, and the projects that were considered were left partially funded. One example of this is local education. I am personally not convinced that "bigger is always better", especially when it comes to the education of our children. However, many experts in the field have convinced the SC Department of Education and SC Legislature that this notion is true as the trend from the state continues to be moving toward consolidation. I will not argue that today, however, I have concerns if consolidation along with a new school is the plan for the future. Why choose to fund \$105 million of a project that is known to take at least \$119 million to complete? This has the potential to leave our local taxpayers on the hook for the additional \$14

million that would be necessary to complete the work. This is unacceptable.

I am convinced that our local representatives did the best they could voicing the needs of our community, however, the obvious money grab that occurred during this process has been truly disheartening. The SC Legislature had the opportunity to infuse much needed money into our county but instead chose to go a different route. I have always been a believer in the saying, "show me, don't tell me." The state of South Carolina had access to a once in a generation form of capital that could have been a catalyst for change in rural SC. Instead, much of that capital was spent elsewhere. It does no good for someone to tell me they care about rural SC. They must show me. Unfortunately, that was not the case here.

Sincerely,  
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# Vote: Runoff set for June 28th

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people of his rural district. "Our district has a lot of needs. We must fight for our own," he said. "I will continue to do my best for all the people of District 91." Better roads are needed in the district which is why one of his top priorities is improving the infrastructure. An infrastructure bill made it through the S.C. House but got held up this session in the S.C. Senate. He hopes it can become reality next session.

Other priorities include healthcare, education, and jobs.

With 42,000 people in his district, Hosey said he wants to do his best to help everyone, but it's important for constituents to reach out and share their opinions.

Hosey will be the only candidate on the Nov. 8 ballot because there is not a Republican candidate.

**Other Races**  
Here's a look at the other races that were on the ballot and the outcomes:

**Governor:** Democrat Joe Cunningham received 56.43 percent of the vote against his four challenges to secure the Democratic nomination. Meanwhile, incumbent Gov. Henry McMaster received 83.3 percent of the vote in the Republican Primary to beat challenger Harrison Musselwhite. Cunningham and McMaster will now face off in November.

**Attorney General:** Incumbent Alan Wilson won the Republican Primary with 65.71 percent of the vote against Lauren Martel. There was not a Democratic Primary.

**Secretary of State:** Incumbent Mark Hammond won the Republican Primary with 75.14 percent of the vote against Keith Blandford. There was not a Democratic Primary.

**State Superintendent of Education:** In the Democratic Primary, Lisa Ellis won against Cary I. Burgess and Jerry Govan after receiving 50.11 percent of the vote. On the Republican side, Kathy Maness (30.57 percent) and Ellen Weaver (23.33 percent) were the top two vote-getters in the field of five candidates, but neither received the majority. That's why a runoff will be held on June 28 between Maness and Weaver.

**Commissioner of Agriculture:** Incumbent Hugh Weathers won the Republican Primary after securing 59.26 percent of the vote, beating Bill Bledsoe and Bob Rozier. There was not a Democratic Primary.

**U.S. Senate:** Three candidates were vying for the Democratic nomination, but none secured a majority. That's why Catherine

Fleming Bruce (34.69 percent) and Krystle Matthews (33.24 percent) will head to a runoff on June 28. Angela Geter received 32.08 percent, which was not enough to be in the top two.

**June 28th Runoff**  
Some races are headed to a runoff on June 28th after neither candidate secured a majority vote.

"There will be a runoff for a statewide office in both the Democratic and Republican Primaries, which means everyone who voted in the Primaries can vote in the Primary Runoffs," according to the S.C. Election Commission. However, voters who voted in the June 14th primaries are limited to voting in the same party's runoff. Voters who did not vote on June 14 can choose to vote in either party's runoff.

Statewide runoffs include the U.S. Senate (Democratic) and State Superintendent of Education (Republican) races. Local runoffs include the races for Allendale County sheriff and Allendale County Council District 3, both of which are Democratic races. "Check your sample ballot at scVOTES.gov to see offices in which you are eligible to vote," according to the S.C. Election Commission.

All precincts in Barnwell County will be open on the day of the runoff from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. but early voting is underway Wednesday, June 22 through Friday, June 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Be sure to bring your photo ID.

The deadline to return an absentee application for the runoffs has passed. Absentee voters must return their ballots to their county voter registration office by mail or in person no later than 7 p.m. on June 28.

"Be sure to sign the voter's oath and have the return envelope witnessed. Photo ID will be required to return your ballot in person," states the S.C. Election Commission to absentee voters.

Check your polling place at scVOTES.gov be-

# Barnwell Co. Sheriff's Office Arrests

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.

**James Loronce Brooker Jr.**, 53, of 107 Kelly Drive, Aiken, was arrested on June 7 by BCSO for three counts of Failure to Pay Child Support. Brooker was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

**Dwayne Clark**, 38, of 298 Old Castle Road, Barnwell, was arrested on June 14 by BCSO for Disorderly Conduct. Clark was booked and released to the BCDC.

**Corey Brandon Creech**, 33, of 6700 Highway 3, Lot #8, Barnwell, was arrested on June 11 by BCSO for

Assault & Battery. Creech was booked and released to the BCDC.

**Alex Justin Gunnells**, 35, of 3424 Poplar Road, Barnwell, was arrested on June 17 by BCSO for Trespassing After Notice. Gunnells was booked and released to BCDC.

**Xavier Taquann Isaac**, 31, of 131 Raindrop Drive, Blackville, was arrested on June 14 by BCSO for Trafficking Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of a Firearm During a Violent Crime, Possession of Stolen Firearm, Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon. Isaac was booked and released to BCDC.

**Crystal Ann Kemp**, 26, of 377 Freedom Road, Blackville, was arrested on June 7 by BCSO for Posses-

sion of Heroin and Driving Under Suspension. Kemp was booked and released to BCDC.

**Ronnie Joe Still**, 39, of 1091 Govan Highway, Barnwell, was arrested on June 10 by BCSO for Failure to Appear and Possession of a Controlled Narcotic. Still was booked and released to BCDC.

**Abel Villalobos**, 21, of 511 Cardinal Road, Barnwell, was arrested on June 16 by BCSO for Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor. Villalobos was booked and released to BCDC.

**Montravious Paul Williamson**, 24, of 934 Boiling Springs Road, Barnwell, was arrested on June 7 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Williamson was booked and released to BCDC.

# Consolidation: \$105 million approved

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consolidating on July 1. Barnwell District 45 is not involved in the current consolidation; however, they are intended to be included in the new consolidated high school, according to lawmakers. The consolidated district (of former Blackville and Williston districts) won't meet the 1,500-student threshold that was set by lawmakers a few years ago as the minimum for districts to avoid consolidation.

"My view has always been that the next step is moving forward with county-wide consolidation," said Sen. Hutto, who lives in Orangeburg but serves Barnwell County in the S.C. Senate. That would require further action by lawmakers, which he said could come after they return to Columbia in January 2023.

Districts 19 and 29, along with others across the state, willingly agreed to consolidate with a neighboring district to receive financial incentives from the state. District 45 has more than 1,500 students and was not required to consolidate at the time.

Rep. Lonnie Hosey, a Barnwell resident, said it's time to focus on what's

best for the children rather than worry about losing one's school mascot.

"It's ridiculous our kids don't have the same resources as kids from bigger cities. Some high schools are like college campuses. We ought to have the same thing. We will never be able to tax people to build a new school. This is a one-time opportunity to get this done," said Hosey.

While talks with District 45 have not been held recently, lawmakers hope that will happen soon.

"I hope this will be a welcome merger. I don't want to make people angry, but I hope we can convince them that this is best way forward," Rep. Hosey said.

Sen. Hutto said the timing of county-wide consolidation still needs to be worked out. Once that time comes, he said it would be up to the local school board to make the decisions about consolidation, just as the transitional board did for the former districts in Blackville and Williston.

Before further consolidation is implemented, Hutto said there will be public discussion and

meetings to give the community a chance for input.

Barnwell County is also receiving \$5 million more from the \$600 million settlement, including \$2 million for a multi-purpose building in Blackville, \$2 million for a multi-purpose building in Barnwell, and \$1 million for a multi-purpose building and park in Williston. Sen. Hutto said he did not have specifics on those projects because those funds are allocated to the towns.

The regular state budget also has \$7 million for the Clemson University Research & Education Center in Blackville to fund new positions and building projects. Lawmakers also approved tax cuts and rebates.

As the state's tourism industry continues to come back after COVID, Sen. Hutto said he hopes the state will keep growing so they can continue to invest in the areas of the state that need it most, including Barnwell.

"We are trying to be good stewards for South Carolina," said Hutto.

Rep. Hosey and Sen. Hutto said they will continue to fight for rural South Carolina.

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## AWARD

### SRS medical nurse receives award for lifesaving action

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SRNS

SRNS nurse and Barnwell resident Bre Morris was recently bestowed a Fluor Silver Medallion Award at an SRNS President's Safety Council meeting for taking lifesaving action to save the life of a fellow Site employee.

Morris, who is a nurse with the Site Medical organization, was conducting routine medical surveillance testing on an SRS employee. The appointment started out as any normal surveillance testing appointment would, until the employee made a comment to Morris that caught her attention. The employee said to her that they felt discomfort in their neck and felt the discomfort was just a pinched nerve that they had felt in the past.

Morris persisted in asking if the employee was okay when they stated they were now having chest pain as well. Quickly identifying the symptoms of a potential heart attack, Morris transitioned the employee from surveillance testing to an EKG where she noticed an abnormality. She immediately contacted the Site Medical Nurse Practitioner to report the situation and called the SRS Fire Department to transport the employee to a local hospital by ambulance.

"As soon as the EKG started, the monitor immediately showed an unusual pattern. I knew that we could very well be in a dangerous situation and that the patient needed to be under EMS care and on the road to a hospital," said Morris. "As a nurse, I can't stress enough how important it is for symptoms of a heart attack to be taken



SRNS nurse Bre Morris was recently bestowed the Fluor Silver Medallion for demonstrating the core values of SRNS safety culture by having a questioning attitude, assessing the situation and taking decisive action to save the life of a fellow employee.

seriously. The signs that we feel or may observe in others could give us just enough time to act to make sure the people we care about survive. I am just relieved that the patient didn't ignore what they were feeling and spoke up so I could help. It takes courage sometimes to say out loud that something feels off. I am so thankful the employee was here in medical that day and the events unfolded like they did so they could receive the help they needed to be able to go home safely to their family."

A few days later, the employee called Site Medical to arrange a Site Medical Physician teleconference to discuss their health situation. During the call, the employee expressed their gratitude for Morris' quick response to their comment, noting that she saved their life. The employee went on to explain that once at the hospital, they quickly learned that there was a 90 percent blockage in the left main artery of the heart, a condition that is commonly referred to

as a "widow maker." The employee was so thankful for Morris' actions that they stated that they wanted to return to Site Medical to personally thank her when they were physically able to make the visit.

Morris may be a trained medical professional, but her actions demonstrated a level of careful attention and swift action when minutes mattered most.

"Bre's quick response during what she thought would be a routine test is an excellent example of just how quickly conditions can change and even become life threatening," said Rick Sprague, SRNS Senior Vice President Environment, Safety, Health and Quality. "Her response to changing conditions demonstrates the level of careful attention we all should strive to achieve in our day-to-day lives, at work and at home."

The Fluor Silver Medallion is a distinguished award given to employees who act in a lifesaving manner and assist others in distress, either on or off the job.

## BIRTH



Selah Noelle Teems was born on May 7, 2022.

### Selah Noelle Teems

Todd & Cynthia Teems of Barnwell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Selah Noelle Teems.

She was born at 11:12 p.m. on May 7, 2022 at Piedmont Hospital in Augusta, Ga. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 22 inches long and is the first born of her proud parents.

She is loved by many including her grandparents, Jeff & Kristal Teems and Donald & Tanya Bolen; and great-grandparents, Jerel & Elaine Teems & Wanda Bolen.

Selah may be Todd and Cynthia's first child, but she has been blessed to be loved by four strong young boys, Isaiah, Elijah, Malachi, and Nehemiah Altman who have it set in their hearts to protect and care for her. There isn't a day that goes by that her aunts, uncles, cousins, and church family don't shower her with love. Selah's village is a strong one. One full of godly men and women that cherish her and support her parents.

Todd and Cynthia are excited to raise their daughter in their hometown of Barnwell and look forward to watching her flourish.

## BIRTH



Emberlynn Susan Jerkins was born on June 11, 2022.

### Emberlynn Susan Jerkins

John and Kayla Jerkins of Williston are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Emberlynn Susan Jerkins.

She was born June 11, 2022 at 9 a.m. at Piedmont Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds and was 19.25 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are John and Susan Jerkins of Williston. Maternal grandparents are Donald and Tanya Bolen of Williston.

Paternal great-grandparents are Jesse (deceased) and Kate Jerkins of Lexington and the late Dan and Bettye Abrahamson of Michigan.

Maternal great-grandparents are Wanda Bolen of Barnwell.

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## Gracie Jordan Epperson



BARNWELL – Gracie Jordan Epperson, 76, went into eternal rest on June 13, 2022. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 5 p.m. at Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Barnwell, with Rev. David Shultz and Ron Still officiating.

Born in Barbourville, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late Tip and Malvie Jordan. She was a member of Mount Olivet Baptist Church. She loved reading, quilting, and crocheting. She donated all of her crocheted blankets to the homeless. She was a neighborhood mom to everyone. She was a loving mother, grandmother and friend and will be missed by many.

Survivors include her sons, Paul (Denise) Epperson of London, Kentucky, Mark (Bobbie) Epperson and David Epperson of Barnwell; daughters, Jamie (Richard) Sargent and Heather Epperson of Barnwell; nineteen grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased in death by her husband, Paul William Epperson.

Memorials may be made to Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 1950 SC Highway 300, Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

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

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## John Louis Owens, Sr.



BARNWELL - John Louis Owens Sr., of Barnwell, passed away at his home on June 11, 2022.

John was born on December 5, 1931 in Barnwell County. He was the son of the late John Owens and Ollie Briggs Owens. John served in the National Guard and retired with the City of Barnwell. He was a member of Friendship Baptist Church.

John is pre-deceased by his wife, Rosa Lee Still; children, Patricia Ann Owens and Johnnie Marie Wall. He is survived by children, Donna Deloris Harris and John Louis (Cynthia) Owens Jr.; son-in-law, Danny Wall Sr.; sister, Betty Hoover; grandchildren, Mitchell (Courtney) Bodiford, Crystal (Eddie) Johnson, Jessica Wall Thomas, Danny Lee Wall Jr., Johnathan Harris, Kaitlin Owens, and Kourtnei Owens; 20 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held at Friendship Baptist Church, 5801 Friendship Rd., Barnwell, S.C. 29812 on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 10 a.m. with funeral services to follow at 11 a.m. in Friendship Baptist Church; burial will follow in the church cemetery. Mole Funeral Home assisted the family. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com..

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## Hazel Gleaton

HILDA - Hazel Francis Gleaton, 79, of Hilda, passed away on Wednesday, May 25, 2022. No formal services will be held at this time.

Born in Aiken County, she was a daughter of the late Thomas Cellus Smith and Vera Marie Hutto Smith and was married to the late Larry Lee Gleaton. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Janet (Ray) Carrigg of Hilda, Brenda Gleaton of Florida, Amber (Jr.) Odom of Aiken, Connie (Richard) Harold of Virginia, Lillie Gleaton of Columbia; sons, Steven Gleaton of Hilda, Duke Gleaton of Oklahoma, Kenneth Gleaton of Columbia; a sister, Mary Bolen of Perry; 8 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sons, Gary O'Neal Gleaton and Dale Roger Gleaton; and her daughter, Pamela Denise Baughman.

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

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## William 'Bill' Henry Black, Jr.



BARNWELL - William "Bill" Henry Black Jr. of Barnwell passed away on June 11, 2022, at Lexington Medical Center.

Bill was born in Savannah, GA on November 15, 1943. He is the son of the late William Henry Black Sr. and Catherine Livingston. Bill served in the Army and was a self-employed entrepreneur.

Bill is pre-deceased by his wife, Doris Campbell Black; and a sister, Yvonne Weiler. He is survived by daughters, Tracey Black Nutter of Cayce and Susan Behler of Victoria, VA; a son, William James Black of Gaston; brothers, Harold Whitney Black, Gerald Burton Black; sisters, Kimberly Olinger, Debbie Franklin; 13 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

A joint memorial service for William "Bill" Henry Black Jr. and Doris Campbell Black will be held on July 9, 2022 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 3617 Highway 70, Barnwell, S.C. 29812 at 10 a.m. Mole Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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## Hubert Still



BARNWELL - Funeral services for Hubert Lee Still, 72, of Barnwell, were held at 4 o'clock p.m., Sunday, June 19, 2022, at Reachout Ministries, 1590 Dove Rd., Barnwell, with the Reverend Don McCormick officiating; burial followed in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Folk Funeral home and one hour prior to the service at the church on Sunday. Memorial contributions may be sent to Folk Funeral Home, P.O. Box 367, Williston, SC 29853.

Hubert passed away on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

Born in Barnwell County, he was a son of Duylee Still and the late Evedell Still. He attended Reachout Ministries and previously worked construction at Savannah River Plant and was a U.S. Army veteran. He owned and operated Still's Produce in Rincon, GA; he was known as a very hard worker and wanted all tasks completed in one day. He also loved to fish and enjoyed working in his yard. Hubert had a wonderful family and was a great husband, friend, and a man of God. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his loving wife of 49 years, Kathleen Elease Steed Still; a son, Rocky Hayward Still of Barnwell; father and step-mother, Duylee and Florence Still; sisters, Rose Miller of Hilda and Mandy Still (George) of Blackville; brother, Timmy Still of Blackville; step-brother, Ricky Collins; step-sister, Debbie Cothran; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his sister, Tammy Still; and brothers, Tommy and Billy Still.

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

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## Gwendolyn Brabham



OLAR - Funeral services for Gwendolyn Brabham, 84, of Olar, were held at 11 o'clock a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2022, at Olar First Baptist Church with the Reverend Dale Hutto officiating; burial followed in the Kearsce Cemetery, Olar. Memorial contributions may be sent to the First Baptist Church of Olar Building Fund, P.O. Box 127, Olar, SC 29843. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday at Folk Funeral Home, Williston, and other times at the residence in Olar.

Gwendolyn passed away on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Born in Dunbarton, she was a daughter of the late William T. Bennett and Willie Madelene Cave. She was a graduate of Olar High School and received her undergraduate degree from the University of South Carolina where she was a very proud Gamecock. She taught at Blackville-Hilda High School and retired after 30 years of teaching; she was an active city councilwoman in Olar for over 20 years and a member of the Olar First Baptist Church where she prepared the church bulletin for many years. She loved arts and crafts and also loved learning about history and was an avid reader. Her favorite movie was Gone with the Wind, the movie was so important she showed the movie to all of her students during her teaching career. She loved to knit and enjoyed crocheting. Gwendolyn loved her husband dearly and all of her family was very important to her. She was also very patriotic and loved celebrating the Fourth of July.

Survivors include her loving husband, Glenn H. Brabham; daughters, Teresa (Steve) Edwards of Barnwell, Ruthie (Terry) Gooding of Statesville, N.C., Kimberly (Jim) Niece of Sugarland, Texas, and Shari Brabham of Tuscon, AZ; sons, Franklin Ray (Lori) Morris Jr. of St. Marys, GA, Randy (Angie) Morris of Barnwell, Lance (Martha) Brabham of Coral Springs, FL; 17 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ted (Nancy) Bennett of Evansville, IN.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joann Brown.

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# Revolutionary War patriot remembered

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An American Revolutionary War Patriot, who is buried in a Barnwell cemetery, was honored recently at a special grave-marking ceremony.

Captain Gasper Joseph Trotti was honored during a grave-marking ceremony on Saturday, April 2 by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). The event was held at First Baptist Church Barnwell's chapel and cemetery.

"The unequalled liberties enjoyed in America today are the legacy of brave, strong patriots. Their deep faith and belief in thy guidance together with hope of living in freedom fortified them throughout the war of independence. May we never forget those who served for freedom of their country," said SCDAR State Historian Nancy Herritage.

Trotti was born in Italy on November 1, 1740. He moved to Florida to serve as an interpreter for the English government. After moving to Charleston, he joined the efforts of other South Carolina settlers in the fight for American independence.



Trenton Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution at the April 2 grave marking ceremony for Gasper John Trotti.

He was commissioned a Captain and was captured during the war in Charleston, but later released.

"We remember Gasper for his military service, family, and quite adventurous life," said Cynthia Hardy from the Aiken-Barnwell Genealogical Society.

After the war, Trotti moved his family to a plantation on land he was granted along the Edisto River that he named Briarwood. This area was originally part of the Barnwell District but is now the east side of Bamberg County.

He worked as a surveyor and a large portion of four counties in southern South Carolina was referred to as the "Old Trotti Survey". His attic contained barrels of manuscripts, translations,



Barnwell resident Betty Jane Miller and Trenton DAR Chapter Historian Mary Pallon.

and original writing, but they were destroyed after his death, said Hardy.

"It breaks your heart when you hear something like that," said Hardy of losing historical documents.

The ceremony featured several speakers from the DAR and other groups. Some of Trotti's descendants were in attendance along with other mem-

bers of the community.

"We are grateful for the courage and sacrifices our patriots made to support American independence," said Mary Pallon, historian for the Trenton DAR chapter. "The mission of the Daughters of the American Revolution is historic preservation, education, and patriotism. We want to keep achievements of patriot

ancestors alive for future generations and for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in South Carolina and the United States."

Trotti's legacy of military service continued with his family, including grandsons Gasper II (a prominent lawyer) and Samuel Wiles Trotti (a lawyer and aide to Gov. Means), who served in the Seminole War, and Lawrence Jefferson Trotti (a doctor), who served in the Florida Indian War.

The ceremony was held at First Baptist Church of Barnwell where Trotti's granddaughter, Hannah Patterson, was a member.

Trotti died on January 3, 1813 after being thrown from his horse. He is buried at the old Barnwell Baptist Church Cemetery, commonly called Red

Hill Cemetery, at the corner of Gilmore and Wall streets in Barnwell.

The DAR is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Any woman 18 years or older-regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background-who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership.

"May this marker remind all who pass by the marker of the devotion and dedication of all men and women who gave of themselves to make our nation great," said Carolyn Nations, SCDAR state chaplain, during the benediction of appreciating our heritage. "Help us not to forget the past, make its lessons serve the present, grant that its teachings safeguard the future, and accept the dedication of our lives to the fulfillment of your purpose now that grace, mercy, and love now abide in us all forever."

Video of the grave marker dedication can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/ZXbQz54Co-0>.



Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard.



South Carolina Children of the American Revolution.

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## Corder's Creative Corner: 5 of my favorite authors

**David B. Corder**  
 Contributing Writer

This week I decided to talk about five of my favorite writers. Mind you, these are in no particular order, and it does not mean that I necessarily value them above other authors that I enjoy, but they are writers I dearly admire and whose stories have impacted me greatly over the years.

**1. C.S. Lewis**

Clive Staples Lewis, or "Jack," as he was called by his friends, is one of my favorite writers. He was a very prolific fellow, writing on a broad spectrum of genres. Christian non-

fiction, fantasy, science fiction. From "The Chronicles of Narnia", to "Out of the Silent Planet", to "Mere Christianity", Lewis is blessed the world with many works that comfort the soul and stimulate the mind. When I open up a book by Lewis, it's not as much as me reading a book as it is me sitting down to have a conversation with an old friend, so great and comforting is the way he wrote.

**2. Stephen King**

Stephen King is our modern Master of Horror. With lists upon lists of novels under his name, King has released spincingling classics such as "Salem's Lot", "Pet Sem-

tary", and "Misery". I love King's gritty and genuine portrayal of characters, and his work carries an honesty in it that I haven't found in many other books. In a way, the prestige and potency of King are what many writers shoot for.

**3. J.K. Rowling**

Joanne Rowling is the creator of everyone's favorite boy wizard, Harry Potter. Rowling captured my imagination as a child by creating a world that was richer than the finest chocolate bar. I have never read another writer who gives so much love and care to every single one of her characters. She adds so much detail to her

fictional world and is very likely the greatest literary mind of this century.

**4. Neil Gaiman**

Neil Gaiman is a unique case. When I read one of his books, it's either hit or miss for me. I adored "Stardust". I didn't get the point of "Neverwhere". "The Graveyard Book" could have been written better. However, I do love a lot of his short fiction, and I love the ardency with which he describes writing. Writing for him is not just a way for him to make a paycheck. When you listen to him talk about writing and stories, you can tell how much he loves it. It's something he adores doing, and his pas-

sion for it inspires me to write stories that I enjoy. And have you ever heard his voice? He could lure you to sleep with that suave English accent of his. I highly recommend going on YouTube and listening to his reading of "Click-Clack the Rattlebag."

**5. Jerry Spinelli**

Last but not least is Jerry Spinelli. Jerry has been writing books about kids for decades. "Maniac Magee", which depicts a boy who just can't stop running no matter what, "Stargirl", which shows the significance of being unique in a world of ordinariness, and "The Warden's Daughter",

which tells the story of a girl who lives in a prison for inmates. Jerry has an imagination unlike any other. His books make me happy, and more than any other author on this list, he's the one who made me want to be a writer the most. His most precious piece of advice to those who want to be writers: write what you care about.

Do you have favorite authors? Ones who wrote stories that inspired you? Ones that made you fall in love with reading? I'd love to hear about them. You can get in contact with me at [dbcorderwriter@gmail.com](mailto:dbcorderwriter@gmail.com) or follow me on Instagram @dbcorder\_writer.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

#### BARNWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 45

Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 8:00am

**Barnwell School District 45  
 Administrative Building,  
 770 Hagood Avenue, Barnwell, SC 29812  
 Board Room**

**The District's Operating Budget for  
 FY 2022-2023 will be submitted for approval.**

	FY 21-22	Proposed FY 22-23
Revenue	\$19,257,654.00	\$21,187,314.00
Transfer from Fund balance	\$ 0.00	0.00
Expenditure	\$19,257,654.00	\$21,187,314.00

• FY 2022-2023 Budget is subject to change. A copy is available at [www.barnwell45.org](http://www.barnwell45.org) to reflect any changes.

### TOWN OF ALLENDALE PUBLIC NOTICE Hearing on Municipal Budget FY 2022-2023

Pursuant to Section 6-1-80 of the SC Code of Laws, Public notice is hereby given that the Council for the Town of Allendale will hold a public hearing on the Municipal Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year on July 12, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. at:  
 Allendale Town Hall - 1296 Main Street South

Current Fiscal Year Revenue	Projected Revenue 2022-2023	Percentage Change in Revenue	Current Fiscal Year Millage
\$3,430,706	\$4,011,018	17%	0.179 Mills

Current Fiscal Year Expenditures	Projected Expenditures 2022-2023	Percentage Change in Expenditures	Estimated Millage for 2022-2023
\$3,430,706	\$4,011,018	17%	0.179 Mills



# Williston Fire Dept.: A century of service



Members of the Williston Fire Department during their June 4 celebration to mark 100 years of service to the community.

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Old Glory glistened in front of the Williston Fire Department as they celebrated 100 years of dedicated service to the community on June 4, 2022.

The department's first motorized fire truck— a 1936 Chevrolet lovingly called Old Glory— now sits retired after responding to many calls throughout the decades, representing the pride and history of the Williston Fire Department.

The Williston Fire Department has watched over Williston since 1922. The department currently covers 54 square miles of land from Highway 278 at the Aiken County line over to Moonlight Road, and then stretches all the way to the Edisto River at the Orangeburg County line.

District 7 is the largest in Barnwell County with 34 members. However, it has almost doubled its size since its establishment which started with only 15 men under Chief George W. Whittaker.

Current Chief John Melton started working at the Williston Fire Department when he was 16. His father, late former chief Calvin Melton, worked in fire service for 35 years and was a dedicated leader of the department for many years.

"To be the chief of the department is very important to me. It's a role I take very seriously," said Melton. "To ring in a hundred years is definitely a milestone and something that I'll never forget."

The Meltons are not the only family whose generations have served the Williston community. Milton Widener grew up watching his father and uncle fight fires. He took that experience and applied it when he joined the department in the early to mid 1960s.

Done in part to carry on his family legacy and also to follow the excitement he found in volunteering while watching family members before he was old enough to partake.

"I can remember back of different house fires that I went to with my dad and just the excitement of watching them. Then later on in life participating and doing the same things that they were doing," said Widener.

"My uncle, Curtis Widener, was fire chief. Then later on my dad, Norman Widener, was fire chief, and then John's dad, Calvin was fire chief, who was my dad's assistant chief," said Widener. "After Calvin had to step down, medically, is when I became chief. So, it has kind of been in both families for quite a few years."

Widener is the longest serving member currently in the department with 50 years of service. He first joined the department when the late Clyde Porter was chief in 1972. He also volunteered as an EMT for the Williston Rescue Squad



Barnwell County Fire Coordinator Timbo Williams (left) presents retired Williston Fire Chief Milton Widener (right), who continues to volunteer, a plaque for 50 years of service to the Williston Fire Department.

for seven years.

"I've always considered the fire department to be the backbone of the community," said Widener.

"We wanted to hold an event to celebrate the hundred years as well as the history of the department and celebrate all the members and town representatives that are always helping," said Chief Melton. Among those members was Widener.

"I knew they had a little something up their sleeve," said Widener.

At the annual Christmas party, the Williston Fire Department honors its members who have accomplished milestones in their volunteerism as a firefighter. Widener explains that honorary pins are given to volunteers every five years of service, but the pins stop at 45 years.

Awarding Widener's 50 years of service was held off until the 100th anniversary. Fellow members joked it was fitting as he had been in the department for half of its existence.

"They told me that since we're having our hundred year anniversary coming up, and that I had been in the department half that time, that they were going to do a little something for me there," said Widener. "But I had no idea that I was getting the plaque."

Widener was presented with a plaque by Williston Fire Department Captain and Barnwell

County Fire Coordinator Timbo Williams. The plaque honoring his dedication is adorned with a golden ax blade and wooden handle inscribed with 'Williston Fire Dept.'

When Widener was chief, at each annual Christmas event he would give the department a reminder.

"Every Christmas banquet we'd have, I tell every one of them 'a million and a half dollars worth of equipment sitting out there in that building, and none of it is any good if it wasn't for you,'" he said.

This family-like quality is maintained regardless of who is chief. Widener explains it takes someone whose heart is in the right place to be a volunteer firefighter, and with these types of people family grows naturally.

"Every time those tones drop, I have a sense of being able to help out a neighbor because of my training and past experience. I think that's with any firefighter," said Widener.

The Williston Fire Department's roots in the town run deep. 100 years of service not only builds friendships and families but establishes a constant and dependable presence in the community.

Old Glory has been a symbol of pride and history to both the Town of Williston and the fire department since 1936.

"Somewhere around the 1950s or 60s, it was



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sold to a gentleman to use as a farm truck. It sat in one of his barns for probably 40 years, and then it was donated back to the fire department in the early 2000s," said Melton.

"When my dad, Calvin Melton, was the chief, they started the restoration process and then it was finished under Milton Widener when he was the chief," said Melton.

"It's just a very important historical piece to the department. To be able to have our very first truck, and kind of where the department got its start, is a very significant piece to the department and just history to the town," he said.

The Williston Fire Department posted a bit of their history in honor of the 100th anniversary on Facebook. In this text it details milestones of the department such as the completion of the new fire department building in 2002, marking two decades of dedication within the current walls.

Throughout the years the department has put out countless fires, however; there have been a few that have stood out based on size and severity. On March 12, 1946, a fire started on the loading platform and grew into what is now known as 'the Train Depot fire' where Old Glory responded to the scene.

There was also the First Baptist Church fire on Christmas morning of

1993 and the Price Wise grocery store fire in 2013.

"My first major fire was when we had the Price Wise fire uptown. That call came in at 3:00 a.m and it had already broken through the roof," described Widener.

"I had enough confidence in any one of them fellows to know what to do," he said.

The Williston Fire Department has kept busy this summer. The official May 2022 Run Numbers were recently posted on the department's Facebook page noting 22 incidents ranging from structure fires to bomb threats. They also held live burn training with mutual aid departments.

In addition to watching over Williston and surrounding areas, the department has dedicated time to promoting safety in individual households.

The department performed a Smoke Alarm Blitz in May where they installed 115 fire alarms in 33 homes.

"We plan on going back out in July to do another smoke alarm blitz," said Melton. "I have about 30 houses again for July."

Williston residents looking to receive a smoke alarm can apply at the town hall.

"We have an application at town hall. People can leave it for us and we will receive it, and then we'll periodically be going out throughout the year to install them," said Melton.

"If anybody wants to get

## WFD LEADERS

### Past Chiefs:

- GW Whitaker
- Cecil Folk
- Curtis Widener
- Clyde Porter
- Phil Frederick
- Norman Widener
- Calvin Melton
- Milton Widener

### Current Chief:

John Melton

involved in the fire department, they can come by the town hall here in Williston, pick up an application, and do an interview process," said Melton.

"Anybody who joins, we provide training, and then also training through the South Carolina Fire Academy," he said. Training through the fire academy is free to members.

Volunteering at the Williston Fire Department includes responding to emergencies and attending two meetings a month, one for business and one for training.

Both Melton and Widener have dedicated their lives to helping the community and ensuring their safety.

"It's definitely very important to me. The fire department and a lot of the members on it have been a part of my family since I was born," said Melton.

"Every one of those folks down there are part of my family," said Widener.

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# Circle Theatre campers ready to perform

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Circle Theatre of Barnwell is gearing up for a show-stopping weekend with four performances by its campers of the musical, Dear Edwina Jr.

Twenty-four future Broadway stars will take the stage on Friday, June 24 at 6 p.m., Saturday, June 25 at 3 and 6 p.m., and Sunday, June 26 at 3 p.m. after a whirlwind week of preparation.

Directed by Kimberly Sanchelli, Dear Edwina Jr. tells the adventures of advice-giver-extraordinaire, Edwina Spoonable, "as she directs the neighborhood kids in a series of buoyant production numbers for the latest edition of her weekly 'Advice-a-Palooza,'" according to a Facebook post made by the Circle Theatre.

The actors, directors, and producers have four and a half days to pull an entire show together. Camp at Circle Theatre is in session from Monday, June 20 to Sunday, June 26, but two and a half of those days are reserved for the final performances.

"Some people would think it's very chaotic, and it is. But we always pull it off," said theatre board member and producer of Dear Edwina Jr., Rachel Hair.

Coming off the cusp of social distancing due to the pandemic, the number of students involved in theatre camp dwindled this year. In previous years, the camp was held for two weeks—one week for children eight through 12, and the next week reserved for kids 12 through 16.

Lower attendance this year caused the weeks to be blended and the age groups to be combined.

"We didn't have enough kids to do both," said Hair.

Sanchelli described this summer's camp as rebuilding after COVID. With the widened age range of the camp goes, Sanchelli looked for a show that would be appropriate for younger performers and engaging for older performers.

"We combined the ages this year, and it was a big issue finding something that would be appropriate for kids anywhere from eight to 16-years-old," said Sanchelli. "I try to find something different for the kids to do each summer. This particular play that we're doing, Dear Edwina Jr., was something I was a little bit afraid of because it was something new that no one had really heard of including myself."

Although this is Sanchelli's second year directing, she has been involved in the theatre since childhood with her father, Dennis Knapp. Knapp is a longtime director and board member of Circle Theatre, and involved his daughter in productions throughout her childhood.

"I definitely have val-

ued all of his experience because he'll remind me of things. He'll say, 'Did you do the light cues yet?' He has the whole process of putting the show together down," said Sanchelli, who also involved her son in Circle Theatre productions in his childhood.

Sanchelli was responsible for selecting the cast from auditions done in May.

"The kids audition normally about four to six weeks before the show starts. The cast list comes out at five weeks and they get all their scripts. So, they know that they're supposed to be studying their lines and the songs," said Sanchelli.

"People always ask me, 'How in the world do you put on an entire show?'" said Sanchelli, who attributes it to the dedication of her young actors and volunteers like Hair and Renee Owens.

Owens has been involved in Circle Theatre as a board member, treasurer, director, actor and parent of performers since her daughters were attending camp themselves. Now, Owens serves as the assistant director to Sanchelli and Nana to actress Shelby Jackson.

"Since we combined camps this year, we're working both camps together. Last year, we did a week each and helped each other out on the weekends," said Owens. "It's nice because my granddaughters are involved in it and it's such a good program for them."

Shelby Jackson plays the roles of 'Becky' and 'Chef Ludmilla' in this weekend's production of Dear Edwina Jr., and has been involved in the theatre's programs for five years.

"The first year I did it I really liked it. I've been doing it ever since!" said Jackson, who showcases her newfound opera voice in her role as 'Chef Ludmilla.'

Similarly to Jackson, Sydney Asmus has been involved with the theatre for five years. "It's practically been my childhood to do this every summer."

"I get to play a sassy ballerina and a sweet fairy at the same time. It's epic," said Asmus, who plays 'Kelli' and 'the Fairy Forkmother' in the show.

Summer Long stars as Frank's Ma and Kid 1, and has starred in every summer camp play alongside Jackson and Asmus.

"Every single play I've been in, it has these two. Every single one," said Long as she referred to her friends. "They know that they can't split us up because we do really good together. It's like chemistry."

Sanchelli notes the excitement the kids have for performing with each other and sees it continue throughout the summers.

"We all look forward to camp every year," said Sanchelli. "I saw it this morning. They ran in and after they couldn't see



**CAST (not in order):** Summer Long, Alexander Scully, Alyssa Tedder, Isabelle Snead, Kiera Asmus, Sydney Asmus, William James Weeks, Lily Carson, Neo Culp, Brinkley Lora Taylor, Hartlyn Still, Noah Scott Hutson, Hunter Ryan Phalen, Freedom White, Allister White, Chloe Wix, Charlee Wix, Simon Sanders, Audrey Sanders, Shelby Jackson, Sadie Michela Beyer. Caitlin Bell, Sanaa Jenkins, Bryson Jones.

each other for like a year, they gave each other hugs and everything. You start a whole comradery that you look forward to."

The trio reminisced on prior performances. In a previous year, they all starred in both the younger group's production and the older group's production.

"We had three of them last year in the younger group that actually did both weeks because they needed more in the older group. So, three of them that were performing actually did two camps," said Owens.

"I remember back in the Bye Bye Birdie play, we actually all landed the same role together as fan girls for Conrad Birdie. We were just in the background screeching at every other word he said," said Asmus.

Jackson, Asmus, and Long enjoy the process of putting on a show in four days.

"I like the pressure that you're under whenever you're only learning it in four days," said Long.

Although these three have been involved in Circle Theatre productions for years, Sanchelli said she is directing a lot of new faces this summer. "Some of these kids have been here for six or seven years, but we have probably 50 percent this is their first year, which is great to get new kids in," said Sanchelli.

Among those newcomers are Sanaa Jenkins and Bryson Jones, who both aspire to pursue careers in acting.

Jenkins will be starring as both the 'Queen' and 'Aphrodite', and got involved in the camp with help from her mother.

"She knew that I wanted to be an actress and she said that she found a theatre camp in Barnwell that I could do this summer," said Jenkins.

Jones will make his acting debut as 'Farmer Jerry.'

"I heard about this a few years ago, but I couldn't

join because of COVID," said Jones. "But now I'm finally here."

Although this is their first time on the Circle Theatre stage, Jones and Jenkins are feeling prepared and excited with only a hint of nervousness on day one.

"I'm looking forward to seeing my family and I'm looking forward to everyone applauding," said Jones.

"I know all my lines and everything, but I'm still nervous because there are gonna be some people that I don't know in the crowd," said Jenkins.

Nerves aren't just for newcomers. Asmus expresses a similar feeling.

"As long as I've been doing theatre, stage fright is always in the back of my mind," said Asmus.

Asmus' mother, Amber Asmus, noticed a shift in confidence in both of her daughters since joining the Circle Theatre's summer camp.

"Sydney kind of struggled with anxiety in the past, and I feel like having this, showing her that she can do these things, it's lessened her anxiety level a lot in the past few

years," said Amber, who described a similar occurrence in her younger daughter, Kiera. Kiera stars as both 'Katie' and 'Lola' in this weekend's production.

"That's why we do it. It's for them to gain more experience and for them to have the ability to come down here and hang out with friends and family and they have their theatre friends," said Amber, who brings her children to the camp from Lexington every summer. Amber has family in Barnwell and has known both Sanchelli and her father since childhood when she and her siblings were involved in the camp.

Some of those friends include Simon and Audrey Sanders. Simon will be playing 'Cordell' and Audrey will be playing 'Kid 5' and 'Periwinkle.'

Their mother, Amie Sanders, too feels that theatre has brought her children out of their shells.

"It's brought both of them out. And they needed that. Now, there's nothing they're scared to do," said Sanders. "They'll talk in front of anybody, they'll jump up and be who they are."

The cast of Dear Edwina Jr., is passionate, enthusiastic, and supported by their directors, friends and family leading some wanting to pursue paths in arts.

"I'm at least going to get a better education about theatre, because theatre is really possible," said Asmus. "Like I will bust down the door to Broadway."

Long has aspirations of wanting to give back to the theatre community she grew in and work with Circle Theatre productions when she is older. Jackson has similar goals of a career in the arts.

Sanchelli looks forward to seeing the path her performers take saying, "you get to follow them as they use their theatrical skills in other ways."

"I really love giving back to this community and the kids are just so enthusiastic about it. And that's really what I love. I love coming to work with kids that wanna be here and it makes them happy and they put their whole heart into it," she said.

Owens, Hair, and Sanchelli are all teachers. Owens is a band director and music teacher at Jackson Middle School in Aiken, Hair is a second grade teacher at Barnwell Elementary, and Sanchelli is a middle school English and drama teacher at Riverside Middle School in the Greenville area.

"It lets me step out of the role of being a teacher, where I have to worry about giving them grades, to where I can just come here and have fun with the kids," said Owens.

After a whirlwind week of preparation, opening night of Dear Edwina Jr., is Friday at 6 p.m. followed by two performances on Saturday at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., and one on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door of the Circle Theatre located at 325 Academy Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, by reaching out through Facebook, or calling (803) 259-7046. Those interested in tickets or information about next year's summer camp can also reach out to Hair at rachelhairct@gmail.com.

## ADOPTABLE PET OF THE WEEK 'Reco' good with dogs, kids

**R**eco is this week's Adoptable Pet of the Week from the Barnwell County Animal Shelter.

Reco is a male black lab pup about 14 weeks of age. He is laid back, gentle, and loving.

"Apple is getting to know us and will approach shyly, but loves the pets and attention he gets when sitting under our feet. He gets along with other dogs and would likely cats. He is great with children of all ages due to his low energy at this point," said shelter manager Marlena Ray.

Help him find his forever home today.

The shelter is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to meet and greet animals. Stop by to meet Reco or any of the other adoptable dogs and cats.

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## Five All-Star teams head to state tournaments

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Two little league baseball teams and three softball teams are headed to the state tournament.

Local All-Star teams recently completed their district-level games. All-Star teams include the Barnwell Baseball Softball Association's 12 best players from each division from the regular season. Now five teams are headed to their respective state tournaments.

"We definitely need support to help with donations for travel," said Rick Arnold, BBSA vice president for softball.

All donations given to the BBSA will be split between the teams to help with lodging, travel, and food.

"We are not looking for handouts. We are going to have cooking fundraisers, maybe even a pay-to-watch kickball tournament, car wash, or anything else so these kids learn a little about work ethic as well," said Brad Whitehead, BBSA vice president for baseball.

Donations can be given to individual teams or directly to the BBSA through Whitehead by calling (803) 671-2723. You can also message the BBSA on their Facebook page.

### BASEBALL

The Barnwell Rookies All-Star team (five- to six-year-olds) will play in the state tournament this weekend after coming in second in the district. During the district tournament, the Rookies lost their first game 6-5 to Orangeburg before beating Neeses 15-0. In a double header Barnwell beat Orangeburg 13-3 and lost to Gregg Park 7-5; however, Barnwell held off Gregg Park from scoring in the last five innings.

"It all goes back to the expertise they bring to the field and the talent we have on our team. I'm proud of our players and our coaches. They held Barnwell to a higher standard when it comes to etiquette," said coach Lawrence Smith, who recognizes his players, coaches, and God.

The Barnwell Rookies are now practicing for the state tournament. In addition to the regular coaches, Smith thanks Billy Wier for his help with state preparation.

The team's first game is this Saturday, June 25 at noon at the Orangeburg Recreational Park.

Also headed to the state tournament is the Barnwell Coaches Pitch All-Star team.

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**BARNWELL COACHES PITCH ALL-STARS:** (front row, left to right) #6 Breed Folk, #22 Alex Nguyen, #5 Kipper Polk, #2 Maddox Ashby, #94 Rylan LaCroix, and #23 Wylie Bolen; (back row, left to right) #20 Dierks Bolen, #9 Marcus Allen, #1 Daniel Anastasia, #14 Konnor Carter, #13 Brogan Gunnells, and #3 Axel Myers; Coaches (left to right) Dave Anastasia, Chris Yancey, Jamie Ashby, and Michael Polk.



**BARNWELL ANGELS ALL-STARS:** Coaches Robert Scott, Brad Whitehead, and Micheal Terrapin; (middle row, left to right) Emily Vanacore, Ashby Heltbridle, Rekeya Roberts, Mary Sanders Reece, Shalayah Badger, Kensley Terrapin, Sadie Whitehead, Genesis Walker; (bottom row, left to right) Makaylee Padgett, Isabella Rutland, Isabella Kent, and Naomi Scott.

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## Dukes named USC Salk women's basketball coach

Stephanie Gruber  
USC Salkehatchie



George Dukes has been named head women's basketball coach for the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie.

"Coach Dukes brings years of experience molding and mentoring young women through the game of basketball. He is passionate about his role, and I look forward to seeing what he will accomplish at USC Salkehatchie," Director of Athletics Jeremy Joye said.

Dukes comes to USC Salkehatchie from Grovetown High

School near Augusta, Georgia, where he has coached the Lady Warriors for the last three years.

He led Grovetown to Region 3-AAAAAA championships in 2020 and 2022. Under his leadership, the Warriors had a 53 - 22 record, qualifying for the state playoffs each year he coached, including an Elite Eight appearance in 2021. Dukes was recognized as Coach of the Year by the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association in 2022 and 2020.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to coach at USC Salkehatchie. My goal is to continue to help student-athletes achieve their athletic and academic goals beyond high school," Dukes said. "I felt welcomed and part of the Salk family during the interview process. That made it an easy decision for me and my family. I look forward to building a program that represents the school and community with great pride."

Dukes coached with the Georgia Sting Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball

organization for 10 years, during which he and his staff earned over 300 wins. He ran the Episcopal Day School boys and girls basketball programs from 2013-2015, winning one title and appearing in three other finals. Following his time at EDS, Dukes was an assistant girls varsity coach at Augusta Preparatory Day School for two seasons, before becoming the head varsity boys coach the following season.

Coaches Dukes is from Augusta, Georgia where he played basketball at the Academy of Richmond County. After high school, he received an associate

degree from Georgia Military College and then attended Troy University, where he received a bachelor's in computer science and a master's in business administration and information systems. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in business administration and information systems from Walden University. He served as the cybersecurity teacher at Grovetown High School.

Dukes is married to Yessenia Dukes. They are proud parents of Acacia Blue, Kambryn Dukes, Chloe Mays, Chauncey Dukes, Taylor Mays and Christian Dukes.

## State: Several Barnwell All-Star teams headed to state tournaments

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They played in the District 6 double-header tournament June 11-12. They beat Bamberg in the first game 15-5 and Gregg Park 13-2 on June 11 before winning 13-8 on June 12 against Orangeburg, making them District 6 champions, said coach Jamie Ashby.

"These boys have put in some long hot hours practicing and it paid off this weekend," said coach Chris Yancey.

The Coaches Pitch All-Stars will compete in the state tournament starting July 8 in Anderson at the Anderson Sport and Entertainment Complex in the hopes of bringing back a championship win.

The team welcomes donations to help them fund their four-day trip to Anderson.

### SOFTBALL

The City of Barnwell hosted the district softball tournament over the weekend.

Twenty-two teams from Saluda, Bamberg, Newberry, Lake Marion, St. George, Orangeburg, Barnwell, and Midland Valley converged at Lemon Park in Barnwell Friday, June 17 through Sunday, June 19 for a series of games in the various age divisions.

"It's a privilege to host the tournament. We had a very good, successful tournament," said Rick Arnold, vice president of softball for the BBSA who also helps coach the Belles team.

He said Barnwell is fortunate to have excellent ball facilities like the four-field Lemon Park which allows multiple games to be played at once. A total of 27 games were played.

Eric Eubanks, who served as tournament director, did a "wonderful job keeping the flow of the games going," said Arnold.

While games are good for the athletes, hosting the district tournament was also good for the community because it brought in people to Barnwell. It also helped the BBSA through concession stand sales.

Though Barnwell softball has traditionally had low numbers, it has still produced good teams over the years. This year is no different with three teams headed to state.

The Barnwell Angels All-Stars (9- to 10-year-olds) came in first in

the division, automatically moving forward to the state tournament on July 8-12 in Iva. The Angels went 5-0 in the District 4 Dixie Youth Softball Tournament after beating Newberry (14-4), Lake Marion (11-1), Midland Valley (24-4), St. George (10-0), and Midland Valley (10-0) again in the championship game.

"To go from 0-2 last year to 5-0 this year put all the hard work and determination into perspective for these girls. I love these girls like they're my own. I push these girls to their limits, and they deserved this win," said coach Brad Whitehead, who has coached many of the girls for years.

When the girls were in the Darlings division, they lost a close championship game to Midland Valley. The team came back the next year ready to do better, but COVID hit and paused play. Last year, they resumed play and went 0-2 at the district tournament, walking 37 batters in two games.

"That lit a fire under me to get these girls going. I saw potential in these girls when they were only 6 and 7. I decided to start a softball travel team so we could continue to grow and get better and be able to pitch a lot more in games and play year around. So, when Dixie Youth started back up this year, we had some really good regular season games and some awesome district tournament games," Whitehead said.

The Barnwell Ponytails All-Stars (11- to 12-year-olds) came in third after a 1-2 record, qualifying them for a spot at state.

"We had a lot of new players who developed into confident athletes, owning their spot. It was a collective effort," said coach John Winningham.

The Barnwell Belles All-Stars are also going to state since there was not a district tournament for them.

The Barnwell Darlings All-Stars (7- to 8-year-olds) went 0-2 in the tournament and will not proceed to state.

The state championship will be held in Iva (Anderson County) starting July 8. Game times are to be determined.



**BARNWELL PONYTAILS ALL-STARS:** (kneeling, left to right) Tenley Renew, Makayla Barrett, Caylee Davis, Emily Hankins, Braelyn Chavis, and Kylee Lott; (standing, left to right) Kennide Williams, Anniston Pierce, Kendall Adams, Addison Chavis, Kaydence Chavis, and Julia Garrett; (back row) Coaches Libby Sims, Scotty Hankins, John Winningham, Trey Chavis, and Thomas Lott.

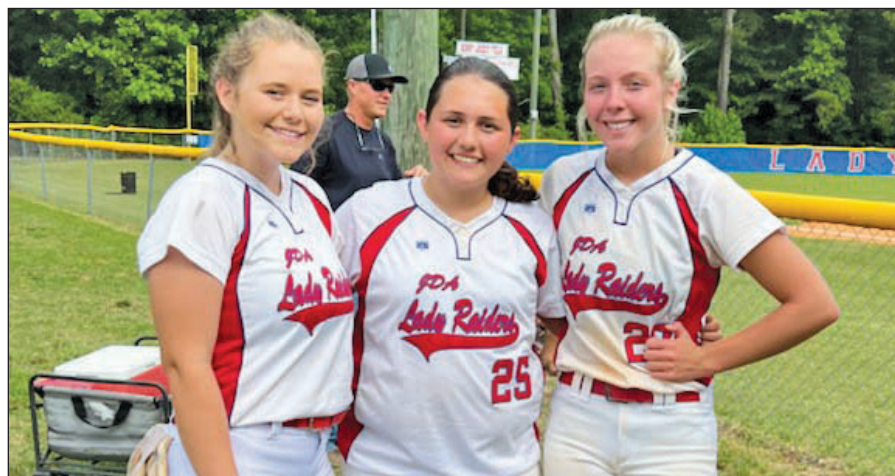


**BARNWELL ROOKIES ALL-STARS:** (front row, left to right) Peyton Curtis, Casen Breland, Christian Sumpter, Grant Wier, Carson Smith, and Kole Zorn; (middle row, left to right) Mason Proctor, Finn Carroll, Knox Bolen, Kameron Griffin, Brantley Whitehead, and Connor Still; (back row, left to right) Coaches Ashley Whitehead, Rodney Zorn, Lawrence Smith, and Brent Champy.

### 3 JDA players selected for All-Star softball game

Reagan Still, Alyssa Phillips, and Natalie Creech from Jefferson Davis Academy were picked to play in the North-South All-Star softball game on May 21.

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*"We definitely need support to help with donations for travel."*

- Rick Arnold,

BBSA vice president for softball

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Eleanor's Corner

## Barnwell Primary School hosts Early Childhood Mini-Summit

Contributed  
Barnwell District 45

On April 28, 2022, Barnwell Primary School (BPS) and Save the Children hosted an Early Childhood Mini-Summit for students and families who participate in Barnwell Primary School's Save the Children In-School Literacy program, as well as the school's Early Childhood Program. This family night event was hosted at the district's new Family Engagement Center.

BPS has partnered with Save the Children (STC) for over 10 years to provide literacy support for K-3rd grade students. Elizabeth Hutson works with kindergarten and first graders in the Emergent Reader program, and Amy Bozard works with second and third graders in the GIRP (Guided Independent Reading Practice) program. Brittany Daniels works in the Early Childhood program which serves families of children from birth to five years of age.



Barnwell Primary School's STC Program Coordinator Amy Bozard secured the grant funding and planned the event for families.

BPS Media Specialist Melanie Dobson was the guest speaker at the event. She read aloud *The Very Impatient Caterpillar* by Ross Burach. "I wanted our families to see, and hear, a wonderful example of reading aloud with their children. BPS has the absolute best example of that in Ms. Dobson. She brings books to life for our students," said Amy Bozard, STC Program Coordinator. Families attended the

Early Childhood Mini-Summit in the district's family engagement center.

Funded by a mini grant from STC, families were served dinner and received door prizes. Each student in the program received a bag with books, activities and some STC merchandise. "Overall I think we had a wonderful turnout for our first event of this kind. I hope we can make this an annual event to



Families attended the Early Childhood Mini-Summit in the district's family engagement center.

celebrate our Save the Children program students and their families" said Donna Selvey, BPS Principal.

More information about the Save the Children programs in South Carolina may be found at <https://savethechildrenactionnetwork.org/state/south-carolina/>.

AT RIGHT: Barnwell Primary School Media Specialist Melanie Dobson modeled a read-aloud for the families.



### Lander University recognizes local students

**DEAN'S LIST**  
GREENWOOD—Lander University announces the names of undergraduate students who are recognized with the honor of

making the Dean's List for the second semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

**Bamberg:** Emily-Ann Whitaker.

**Barnwell:** Catherine Arbogast and Jackson Carter.

**Williston:** Jayla Hay and Sabrina List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must earn a GPA of at least 3.5 over the

course of the semester.

#### PRESIDENT'S LIST

GREENWOOD - Lander University is proud to recognize students named to the President's List for their outstanding academic achievements during the Spring 2022 semester.

**Bamberg:** Carlee Morris, Savannah Williams

**Barnwell:** Alyssa Still

**Williston:** Skylar Brown

To qualify for the President's List, a student must earn a 4.0 grade point average (GPA) over the course of the semester, and be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate.

**SPRING 2022 GRADS**  
GREENWOOD - Lander University conferred

bachelor's and master's degrees upon 421 students during the 165th commencement ceremony on May 4. Hollywood actor Andy Buckley, known for his role in the hit television series "The Office," delivered the keynote address during two ceremonies held inside Finis Horne Arena.

**Bamberg:** Savannah

Williams, B.S. in Special Education; magna cum laude, Golden L.

**Barnwell:** Jackson Carter, B.S. in Criminology; Golden L.; Victoria Sanders, B.S. in Nursing; cum laude, Golden L.

**Williston:** Skylar Brown, B.S. in Elementary Education; magna cum laude, Golden L.

### Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

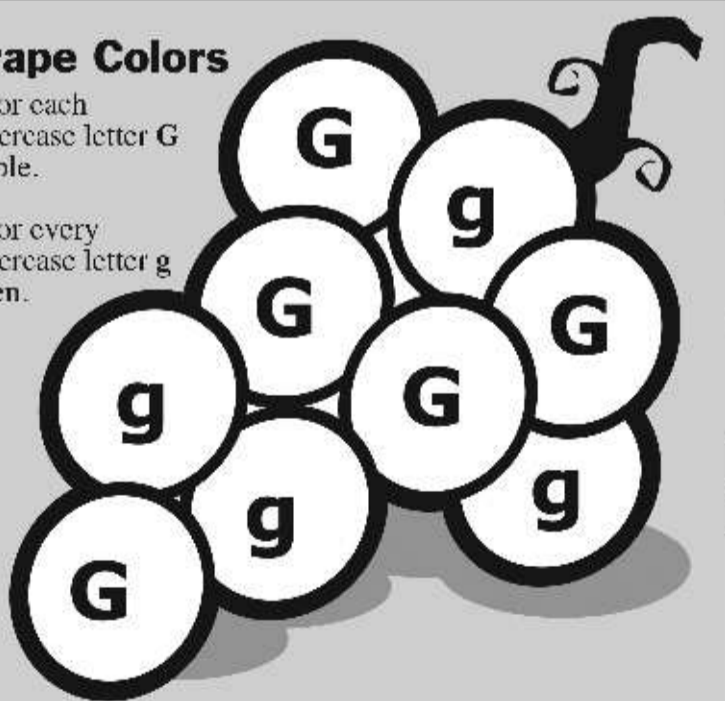
## Kid Scoop Junior

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#### Grape Colors

Color each uppercase letter G purple.

Color every lowercase letter g green.



#### My Rhyme Time

Gordon, my goat, loved collard greens.  
He even liked green lima beans.  
He munched green apples and drank green tea.  
And ate green grapes by the big oak tree.

#### My Letters

G is for Goat  
g is for goat



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

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

#### My Numbers

How many golf clubs?

How many grocery bags?



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

#### My Sentence

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



#### Sunday

##### Letter Identification

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

#### Monday

##### Math Play

Point to the number 4 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.

#### Tuesday

##### Four Legs or Two?

With your child, look through the newspaper and find pictures of animals. Circle animals with four legs in green. Draw a red ring around animals with two legs.

#### Wednesday

##### Find the Green!

Look through the newspaper to see if you and your child can find at least four things that are green.

#### Thursday

##### Big G, Little g

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

#### Friday

##### Picture Stories

With your child look at a picture in the newspaper. Ask your child to tell you what is happening in the picture. Ask questions like: "Who is in the picture?" "What are they doing?" Write your child's story on a piece of paper and read it together.

#### Saturday

##### Newspaper Chains

The classified ad section of the newspaper is a great place to get practice cutting with scissors. Have your child cut the columns of ads into long strips. Roll up the strips to make links for a long newspaper chain.

Learning Buddy Sign Here

I have completed \_\_\_\_\_ activities with my Learning Buddy.

Learning Buddy's signature

Date



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

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

# JUNE

## Events

**Jun. 24 - 6pm**  
**Jun. 25 - 3pm & 6pm**  
**Jun. 26 - 3pm**  
**Summer Camp Show Reservations: Dear Edwina, Jr.**  
 Circle Theatre (325 Academy St., Barnwell)  
 Ticket: adults \$10, kids \$5  
 Reservations must be made

to guarantee a seat as these shows often sell out. Contact Rachel Delaine Hair via FB Messenger or text at 803-300-0161.

**Jul. 8**  
**AARP Smart Driver Course**  
 Generations Unlimited (11403 Ellenton St., Barnwell).  
 AARP Members: \$20  
 Non-members: \$25

**ALLENDALE UNITY EVENT**  
**JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY**  
 SATURDAY, JUNE 25  
 FREEDOM PARK, ALLENDALE

Join us for a Celebration of UNITY  
 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Music \* Speakers \* Art Refreshments  
 UNITY T-shirts available for \$5 donation

Sponsored by the Allendale Rural Arts Team

After course, you can turn your certificate into your insurance agent for a discount for three years.  
 Karen to register at 803-671-0821.

**9am-1pm**

**2nd Annual Summer Tech Camp**

**Jul 25-27**  
 Barnwell County Career Center  
 All rising 6-9 grade students are welcome to attend.

The camp is free of charge. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Number of participants is limited to the first 60 who register.

Please register at <https://forms.gle/XypGPvyYSSD-WFS09>

**8am-3pm**

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



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

# VBS

## Vacation Bible School

**Macedonia Baptist Church** in Blackville will have VBS June 20-24 from 5 to 8 p.m. for ages 4 to adults. Refreshments served. Transportation available if needed.

**Seven Pines Baptist Church** in Snelling will have a Spark Studios-themed VBS June 20-24 from 6 to 8 p.m. Classes for toddlers to adults.

**Life Tabernacle Church** (1189 Clinton St., Barnwell) will have VBS July 13-15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and July 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Long Branch Baptist Church** in Williston will have VBS July 25-29 from 6 to 8:45 p.m. Classes for all ages from nursery to adults.

**Hilda First Baptist Church** will have VBS July 25-29 from 6-8:30 p.m. each night for children ages 3+.

**Gateway Church** (8678 Marlboro Avenue, Barnwell) will have a "Camp Jesus" themed Vacation Bible School June 20-22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. nightly.

**First Baptist Church of Williston** will have VBS June 19-23 from 6 to 8 p.m. for children in grade five and younger. Register by calling (803) 266-3016.

**Allen's Chapel Baptist Church** in Ulmer will have VBS June 20-24 from 6 to 8 p.m. RSVP to Bruce Richardson at (803) 363-0981.

**Allendale County July 4th Decoration Contest**

Decorate your home or business, front porch and/or yard for Independence Day and enter to win a \$100 gift card from Hobby Lobby!

To enter: Decorate and text your name and address to (706) 360-0443.  
**DEADLINE TO ENTER JULY 1, 2022**

Sponsored by the Allendale Rural Arts Team

**June 23, 2022**  
 TIME: 10:00  
 Brandt Agricultural Building  
 208 Barnwell Hwy, Allendale, SC 29901

Reserve RSVP by June 21st  
[kids7@clmson.edu](mailto:kids7@clmson.edu)  
 803-594-4207

**Coffee with Clemson**

Please join us on June 23rd at 10:00 am in Brandt Building Auditorium for Coffee with Clemson. This will be an in-person program with Food Systems and Safety Agent, Samantha Houston. Our topic will cover pressure pot safety and canning basics. Please bring your pressure pot if you would like for it to be tested it.

**COOPERATIVE EXTENSION**  
 College of Agriculture, Forestry and Life Sciences

Allendale Extension Office  
 Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service offers the program to persons of all ages. Registration is required. Payment is required in advance. Payment is \$10.00. Payment is non-refundable. Payment is due at the time of registration.

## Meetings

**Jun. 22**  
**Annual election of officers**  
 Circle Theatre's board  
 Circle Theatre  
 Circle Theatre (325 Academy St., Barnwell)  
 7:30pm

**Jun 28**  
**Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health Center Board of Directors Virtual meeting**  
 Call 803-508-7609 for more information.  
 5:30pm

**Jun 28**  
**NOTICE OF MEETING:**  
 Allendale County Zoning and Appeals Committee Meeting  
 Conference room at the Allendale County Administration building.  
 6pm

**Jun 28**  
**Potluck Book Club**  
 Barnwell Library  
 We will be meeting in the Community Room to discuss a cookbook of your choice.  
**4pm**

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

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

**Blackville Community Meetings**

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

**Jun 27**  
 Barnwell-Blackville NAACP  
 Macedonia Baptist Church  
 6pm

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

**OCEANS OF POSSIBILITIES**

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

**Sea Creature Rescue for Ages 2 to 6**  
 Thursday, July 7th All Day Activity  
 Help us save the sea creatures. Stop by the library and unjam 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.



**SUMMER MINISTRIES**  
 K4 and up  
 Wednesday evenings  
 First Baptist Church Blackville  
 6pm - 7:30pm

### CELEBRATIONS

**June 26**  
**133rd Church Anniversary**  
 New Home Baptist Church of Barnwell  
 Pastor Nathan Brown of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of North will be the guest speaker.  
**2pm**

### SERVICES

**Anglican Church of the Holy Apostles**  
 228 Hagnod 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 Weck Ave. Olar  
 Sundays - 10:30am  
 Pastor Thomas Caldwell  
[calth02@yahoo.com](mailto:calth02@yahoo.com)  
 (803) 335-9121, (803) 671-6369

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Second Baptist Church of Barnwell**  
 181 Church St., Barnwell, SC 29812  
 In person worship service. Masks and social distancing is encouraged. Temp. checks upon entrance.  
 Sundays 10:00am  
 For more info: Pastor Elder Lamonte Boyd (803) 259-1385  
[www.facebook.com/SB-CBarnwell](http://www.facebook.com/SB-CBarnwell)

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

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

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

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

June 2022

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3:45pm - Flag Day  
 3:00pm - Father's Day  
 5:00pm - Summer Begins

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40 Burr St. Barnwell  
 803-259-3612  
**Hours of Operation**  
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 10am-6pm  
 Thurs  
 10am-7pm  
 Sat  
 10am-2pm

### Blackville Library

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

### Williston Library

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

### Museums

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

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

### BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER

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

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

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

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

**Wednesdays**  
 ETV Movie/Craft

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

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Estate: Annetta Jennifer Sapp  
Date of Death: May 1, 2022  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00092  
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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS COUNTY OF BARNWELL DOCKET NO. 2019CP0600183**

Towd Point Mortgage Trust 2017-FRE1, U.S. Bank National Association, as Indenture Trustee, Plaintiff

**SUMMONS**

Deficiency Judgment Waived v. Steve A. Baxley; South Carolina Department of Revenue HSBC Finance Corporation, successful by merger to Beneficial Mortgage Co. of South Carolina Defendant(s). (011847-04478) TO 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, 1721 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 if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem to represent said minor(s) within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons 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

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NAMFD 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 INTERVENTION PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention. To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Rogers Townsend, LLC. Rogers Townsend, LLC represents the Plaintiff in this action. Our law firm does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice. You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date you are served with this Notice. IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, THE FORECLOSURE ACTION MAY PROCEED. John J. Hearn Rogers Townsend, LLC ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF John J. Hearn (SC Bar # 6635), John.Hearn@rogerstownsend.com Brian P. Yoho (SC Bar # 73516), Brian.Yoho@rogerstownsend.com Jenel A. Thomas (SC Bar # 101400), Jenel.A.Thomas@rogerstownsend.com

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corn 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 Kimberly N. Sanders vs. 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 DOE: 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 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

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QUIRF Attorney for Plaintiff NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS CHRIS T. FERNEYHOUGH, JR. AND JOHN DOE: 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, for Barnwell County on the October 20, 2021. MOORE BRADLEY MYERS LAW FIRM, P.A. LAWRENCE DALE TURNER, ES-QUIRF Attorney for Plaintiff 2022-123 3tc 06-22-22 STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BARNWELL IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO. 2022CP0600012 21st Mortgage Corporation Plaintiff, -vs- Wesley Connelley Robinson and the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, Defendant(s). NOTICE OF SALE BY VIRTUE of a judgment heretofore granted in the case of 21st Mortgage Corporation vs. Wesley Connelley Robinson and the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, I, Walter H. Sanders Jr., Special Referee, for Barnwell County, will sell on July 5, 2022 at 1:00 pm. at the Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC 29812, to the highest bidder. All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Barnwell School District County of Barnwell, State of South Carolina, containing 2.00 acres as shown and described on a Plat prepared for Philip I. Thompson, Jr. by W.J. Webb, PLS, dated June 10, 2005 and recorded September 16, 2005 in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 32 at Page 4-A in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Barnwell County, South Carolina, and according to said Plat, being bounded and measuring as follows: On the Northeast by property of Witherspoon and measuring thereon 296.89 feet; On the Southeast by property of Radford and measuring thereon 295.00 feet; On the Southwest by property of Thompson and measuring thereon 296.89 feet; and On the Northwest by property of Thompson and measuring thereon 295.00 feet. Also a 25' ingress and egress easement leading from U.S. Highway 278 to the above described property and being shown as a 25' access road on the above mentioned Plat. THIS BEING the same property conveyed to Wesley Connelley Robinson by Deed from Robert C. Hallbridge, III, dated 04/10/2019, recorded on 04/12/2019, in Book 1233, Page 199, in the Office of

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the Register of Deeds for Barnwell County, South Carolina. TMS # 071-00-00-029 (lot) 071-00-00 029.01 (mh) Mobile Home 2019 CLAY VIN SQU013662ALAB SUBJECT TO BARNWELL COUNTY TAXES TERMS OF SAIF The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee at conclusion of the bidding, five (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, the same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of the bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Special Referee may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the former highest bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE The foreclosure deed is nota warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. NOTICE: ANYONE THAT ATTEMDS WILL BE EXPECTED TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 9.00000 % per annum. B. Lindsay Crawford, III (SC Bar# 6510) Theodore von Keller (SC Bar# 5718) B. Lindsay Crawford, IV (SC Bar# 101707) Charley S. Filz-Simons (SC Bar# 104326) Crawford & von Keller, LLC P.O. Box 4216 1640 St. Julian Place (29204) Columbia, SC 29240 Phone 803-790-2626 Email: court@crawfordvk.com Attorneys for Plaintiff 2022-124 3tc 06-29-22

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2006-3 against John Gregory, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Allendale County, will sell on July 5, 2022 at 11:00 AM, Allendale County Courthouse, 292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, SC, 29810, to the highest bidder. All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the Town and County of Allendale, State of South Carolina, being triangular in shape and containing Fifty Five Hundredths (.55) acre, more or less, as will appear on Plat prepared by E. C. Hay, RLS dated May 18, 1950 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Allendale County in Plat Book 4 at Page 58. This being the same property conveyed to John Gregory by deed of Robert R. Maxson dated December 30, 2005 and recorded December 30, 2006 in Book 188 at Page 290, Allendale County Register of Deeds Property Address: 1229 S Main Street, Allendale, SC 29810 Parcel No 088 09 07 006 Pursuant to South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2022-02-17-02, protective masks are no longer required in county courthouses, however, any person who is at risk or concerned about the dangers of COVID-19 may continue to wear a mask inside any courthouse, subject to a request from judges, courthouse staff, or law enforcement to briefly remove that mask during the presentation of a case or when necessary for security or identification purposes. TERMS OF SAIF The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at risk of the said highest bidder). A personal or deficiency judgment being waived by Plaintiff, the sale shall close on the Sales Day. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 10.875% per annum. SAVE AND EXCEPT ANY RELEASES, DEEDS OF RELEASE, OR PRIOR CONVEYANCES OF RECORD. SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, 21-49917 COUNTY

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TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order. The Honorable Walter H. Sanders, Jr. Master in Equity for Allendale County Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC 508 Hampton Street, Suite 301 Columbia, SC 29201 803-509-5078 / File # 21-49917 Attorney for Plaintiff 2022-125 3tp 06-29-22 SPECIAL REFEREE'S SALE 2021-CP-06-00378 BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC against Brandon O'Brien Youmans, et al, I, the undersigned Special Referee for Barnwell County, will sell on July 6, 2022 at 11:00 AM, Barnwell County Courthouse, 141 Main Street, Barnwell, SC, 29812, to the highest bidder. All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Barnwell School District, Barnwell County, South Carolina, being shown and designated as Tract 1 on a Plat made by W.J. Webb, PLS, dated March 5, 2003 and recorded in Plat Cabinet B, Slide 2 at Page 5-A of the Barnwell County records. For a more accurate description as to mees, bounds, courses and distances, see that certain Plat of record which is incorporated by reference herein and made a part of this description. Being the same property conveyed by Brian O'Brien Youmans by Deed of Roger D. Uldrick and Karen R. Uldrick dated July 15, 2015 and recorded July 2015 in Book 1101 at Page 1 in the Office of Register of Deeds in Barnwell County, South Carolina Property Address: 936 Red Oak Road, Barnwell, SC 29812 Parcel No 055 00 00 104 and 055 00 00 104-01 Pursuant to South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2022 02 17 02, protective masks are no longer required in county courthouses, however, any person who is at risk or concerned about the dangers of COVID 19 may continue to wear a mask inside any courthouse, subject to a request from judges, courthouse staff, or law enforcement to briefly remove that mask during the presentation of a case or when necessary for security or identification purposes. TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will

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**Reports To:** Municipal Court Judge or City Treasurer  
**FLSA Status:** Non-Exempt

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**Supervisory Responsibilities:** None

#### QUALIFICATIONS

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- Cutting the mustard
- French vineyard
- Expression of satisfaction
- Chicago's Navy
- Not that
- Lock horns
- Sound of pride
- Tom Hanks' character had this in "Philadelphia"
- Dre's headphones
- "Handheld firework"
- Eurozone money
- Chinese weight units
- Campaigned
- "Popular July Fourth salad"
- Ltd
- A in I.P.A.
- Type of embellished surface
- Dunking treat
- Potato state
- Type of poem
- Rabbit trap
- "I, Claudius" role
- As much as necessary
- Opposite of trans- in chemistry
- Bring into servitude
- "Bottle"
- Ill temper
- Olive branch
- Campaign worker
- "Declaration signer"
- Extinct Italic language
- Forsaken or desolate
- Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
- Between Egypt and Algeria
- Heed
- At the summit
- Beaver's construction
- "I Thee \_\_\_\_"
- "Liberty Bell did it to mark Declaration reading"

### DOWN

- Calendar abbr.
- Life stories, for short
- Faith jump?
- Misprints
- "Cooler purpose"
- \*FCC attractions
- CCCP, in English
- Lab culture
- Type of pilot
- "For \_\_\_\_ a jolly ..."
- Hit 80's song "Me"
- Crosswise, on deck
- "Popular type of July Fourth gathering"
- Fuss
- Two to one, e.g.
- Antonym of keep
- "Common Sense" author
- "Like the days of 1776"
- Crocodile ones are insincere
- Place, in French
- Race course
- Causing fear
- "That thou \_\_\_\_ do quickly"
- Like a certain ranger
- Opposite of ebb
- I, to a Greek
- High part of day
- Like Methuselah
- Fuel economy acronym

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Is Inflation Putting a Damper on Your Summer Travel?  
How to Save



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(StatePoint) After two years of restrictions, summer road trips are top of mind for those looking to get out of town. With rising inflation showing no signs of braking, soaring automotive costs, including gas prices, repairs, rental cars and auto insurance, are threatening to put a damper on summer fun. This is why many consumers are preparing their budgets now to find ways to save.

In a recent Experian survey, 76% of Americans say they are actively looking for ways to significantly trim expenses from their monthly budget. The same survey found that a third of Americans who have auto insurance feel their recurring bill hurts their wallet the most. And 28% who have auto insurance say it's a recurring bill that

they've had to decide between paying or not paying to avoid going without basic necessities such as shelter, food, electricity and utilities.

Reports show that auto insurance rates are expected to continue to rise in 2022, meanwhile gas prices are the most expensive they've ever been. It's no surprise then that 34% of Americans say they're cutting back on driving expenses to save money during the current period of inflation.

Proactively finding ways to reduce costs allows consumers to get ahead of rising prices before they break the budget, and research shows that many consumers are already thinking about reaching out to their insurance provider to see if they can negotiate a cheaper price on their auto

insurance. Seventy-eight percent of Americans who have auto insurance report they are likely to contact their auto insurance provider in order to negotiate a better rate within the next three months. Meanwhile, 24% say they are trying to save money by using online price comparison tools.

"Inflation is hitting many consumer's budgets and we encourage Americans to explore how to find ways to save on recurring bills. Make sure to keep your credit score high to obtain the best rates and terms on credit, and utilize all the resources available. Consumers can access their Experian credit score and report online for free and try our auto insurance shopping service to compare rates," says Rod Griffin, senior director of Public Education and

Advocacy at Experian.

Experian's service can take the hassle out of finding better car insurance rates for your same coverage. It delivers multiple, tailored rates from more than 40 leading and well-established auto insurance carriers to consumers, potentially saving them more than \$900 per year. To learn more, visit [www.experian.com/save](http://www.experian.com/save).

As inflation continues to soar, finding ways to save money is becoming even more important. Reducing the cost of monthly expenses like auto insurance can go a long way in helping consumers keep more money in their pockets during their summer road trips and beyond.

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Safety

Summer Travel Safety Tips



Personal safety products can offer peace of mind on summer vacation.

(StatePoint) While everyone looks forward to summer road trips, travel can come with unexpected safety emergencies.

David Nance, founder of SABRE Personal Safety Academy and CEO of SABRE, the number one personal safety brand of consumers and law enforcement worldwide, provides travel protection tips for different scenarios.

Driving

The National Safety Council says traffic death rates are three times greater at night.

"If you can't avoid night driving, have at least one passenger stay awake to talk to the driver," says Nance.

You can also make car travel safer with the SABRE Safe Escape 3-In-1 Pepper Gel With Seat Belt Cutter and Window Breaker with Snap Clip. The built-in belt cutter helps free yourself in an emergency, while the steel window breaker could come in handy if vehicle doors are jammed or electric windows fail to operate. Another good choice for driving is the 2-in-1

Flashlight With Pepper Spray, SABRE PepperLight. Ideal for helping navigate auto issues such as changing a tire at night, its ultra-bright flashlight shines up to 540 feet, and its strobe flashlight setting can ward off and disorient potential threats. It also contains 25 bursts of pepper spray for protection against multiple threats.

Around Town

"Looking at your smartphone can distract you from noticing potential threats," says Nance. "Stay engaged while exploring a new destination."

At the same time, you can also use tech to your advantage to store emergency contacts and access safety apps. Using geo-tracking technology through the free SABRE Personal Safety App, SABRE's SMART Pepper Spray connects with a smartphone and sends help alerts to assigned emergency contacts. They'll be immediately notified of your location if the SMART Pepper Spray is deployed or the in-app alert button is

pressed. It can also alert first responders with a subscription.

For a smaller pepper spray option that is about the size of a lipstick and can be easily carried for on-the-go safety, try Mighty Discreet. Its twist top prevents accidental discharge and the snap clip provides immediate accessibility.

Going out for the night? Keep an eye on your beverage and don't accept drinks from strangers. Be sure to watch out for your travel companions too. If they've had more than their limit, don't let them leave alone or with strangers.

At the Hotel

Don't take chances. Lock the doors at your hotel and secure important belongings in the safe. For extra protection, you can take home security on the road with the SABRE Door Stop Alarm, a portable, wireless alarm that doesn't require installation and can be heard up to 1,000 feet away, alerting neighbors and helping frighten intruders. Its wedge shape blocks inward opening doors.

"Having personal safety products is part of the equation. Knowing how to use them safely is just as important," says Nance. "You'll want to create a clear safety plan. If you'll be carrying pepper spray, consider practicing first. Practice water canisters are available and a good idea for first-time users."

Products from SABRE are available nationwide at Walmart, Target, Amazon, Dick's Sporting Goods, Lowe's, Menards, Academy, and Bass Pro Shops, among other national retailers. While it's legal to carry these safety products in all 50 states, check local laws where you'll be traveling. For more information and safety tips, visit [www.sabrecred.com](http://www.sabrecred.com).

With smart safety strategies and tools, you can make summer travel just what it should be -- a time to explore, relax and have fun.

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deposit with the Special Referee. At conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at the time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Special Referee may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at risk of the said highest bidder)

A personal or deficiency judgment being waived by Plaintiff, the sale shall close on the Sales Day. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Special Referee's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.125% per annum. SAVE AND EXCEPT ANY RELEASES, DEEDS OF RELEASE, OR PRIOR CONVEYANCES OF RECORD SUBJECT TO ASSASSMENTS, BARNWELL COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES

In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order. The Honorable James M. Harvey, Jr.

Special Referee for Barnwell County  
Bell Carrington Price & Gregg, LLC  
339 Heyward Street, 2nd Floor  
Columbia, SC 29201  
803 509 507 / File # 22 40788  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
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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 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: Arie Virginia Black Guess  
Date of Death: February 23, 2022  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 0078  
Personal representative: Robert L. Guess Jr.  
Address: 64 Republican Road, Edgefield, SC 29824  
Attorney: E. I. Moore Jr.  
Address: P.O. Box 160, Barnwell, SC 29812  
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Estate: Addie B. Law  
Date of Death: March 9, 2019  
Case Number: 2019 ES 03 00025  
Personal representative: Anthony Law  
Address: 1090 Folk Street, Fairfax, S.C. 29827  
2022-128 3tp 06-29-22

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Sauls 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 and wine at 334 Flko Street, Wiliston, 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 July 1, 2022.

For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing and should include the following information:

1. the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
2. the specific reasons why the application should be denied;
3. that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
4. that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is

located or within five miles of the business; and,

5. the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed.

Protests must be mailed to SCDOR, ABL Section, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, S.C. 29214 0907 or emailed to ABL@dor.sc.gov.

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Estate: Diane F. Williams  
Date of Death: April 6, 2022  
Case Number: 2022 ES 03 00050  
Personal Representative: James Brett Cook  
Address: 143 Hillbranch Road, Ridgeville, S.C. 29472  
2022-130 3tp 07-06-22

Notice to Creditors of Estates

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Estate: Kendall Dean McDonald  
Date of Death: May 22, 2022  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00096  
Personal Representative: Geneva Ranae Williams  
Address: 4401 Gallico Road, Barnwell, S.C. 29812  
2022-131 3tp 07-06-22

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that Smoke Until You Choko intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license and/or permit that will allow the sale and on premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at 365 Main Street S., Allendale, S.C. 29810. To object to the issuance of this license and/or permit, you must submit Form ABL 20, be postmarked no later than July 8, 2022.

For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing and should include the following information:

1. the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing the protest;
2. the specific reasons why the application should be denied;
3. that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant);
4. that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and,
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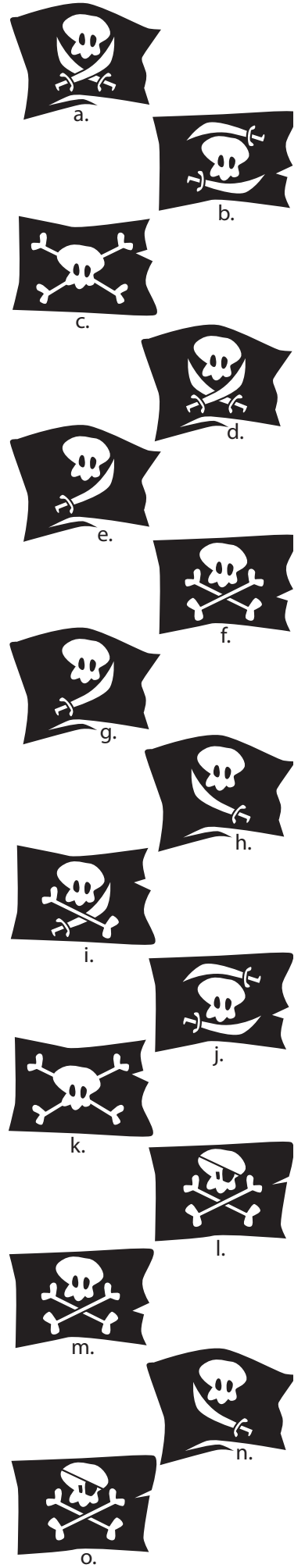
Notice to Creditors of Estates

All persons having claims against the following estate are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representative, appointed to administer the estate, and to 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, on or before the date that is eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of the published Notice to Creditors or within sixty days from the mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, (unless barred by operation of Section presented in written statements, 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 the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: Raymond Miller  
Date of Death: September 22, 2021  
Case Number: 2022 ES 06 00090  
Personal Representative: Wadd D. Miller  
Address: 16027 U.S. Hwy. 78, Wiliston, S.C. 29853  
Attorney: Jacqueline F. Busbee  
Address: P.O. Box 596, Wagener, S.C. 29164  
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**Pirate Pairs**

The crew of the pirate ship *The Scurvy Albatross* came up with a unique flag. It's the only one here that has no exact duplicate. Circle it.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

**TALES OF SUNKEN TREASURE!**

**A Sunken City**

In the 1600s, Port Royal, Jamaica, was one of the busiest seaports in the Caribbean. It was home to merchants, missionaries, smugglers and pirates.

In 1692, an earthquake hit the city. Much of it sank 65 feet (20 meters) below sea level. For hundreds of years, sand and mud covered the city. Many treasure seekers tried to find the sunken city and failed.

Then in 1965, a diver named Robert Marx used modern equipment to dig under the layers of mud and found the lost city. He was not looking for treasure, but find it he did!

Thousands of coins were found—perhaps lost pirate treasure.

**Sunken Ships**

Long ago, Spanish ships full of treasure sailed the seas. Sometimes these ships sank, leaving tons of treasure on the sea floor. Search the sea floor for seven coins with letters on them. Unscramble the letters to find out what these ships were called!

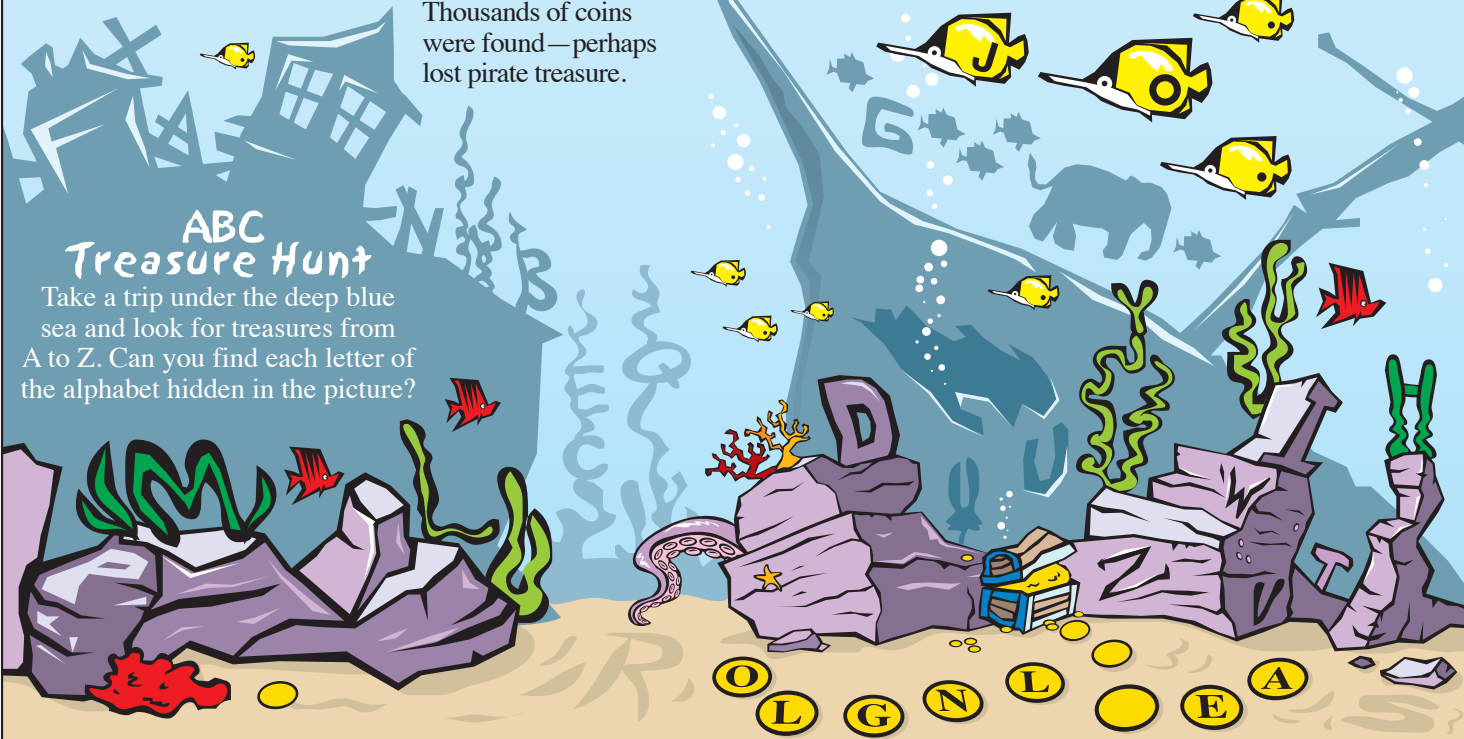
A Spanish treasure ship was called a \_\_\_\_\_

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell independently combining phonemes to form words; vocabulary development.

Answer: Galleon

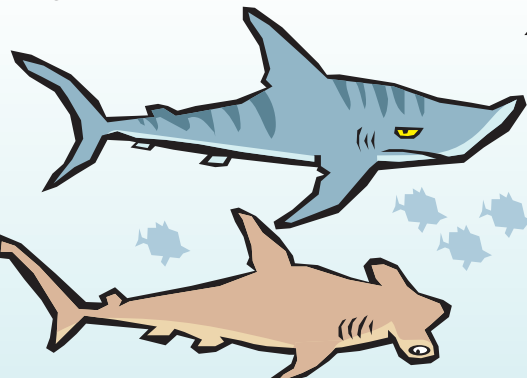
**ABC Treasure Hunt**

Take a trip under the deep blue sea and look for treasures from A to Z. Can you find each letter of the alphabet hidden in the picture?



**Shark Alert**

Diving for the lost city of Port Royal is dangerous. Divers must watch out for sharks.



Do all sharks look the same? No siree! Circle five ways the two sharks are different.

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination.

**Uncover the Unlikely**

Well, shiver me timbers! There are two land animals hiding in the picture above. Can you find them all?

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination.

**Treasure Hunter Clues**

Divers looking for sunken treasure do not look for the hulls of sunken ships. Wooden hulls rot after hundreds of years under water.

Treasure hunters look instead for lumps that could be the remains of metal parts of a ship: cannons, anchors, tools and ballast. Sometimes, even these are hard to see, as most of them have been encrusted with sand and shells.



**Extra! Extra!**

**Newspaper Treasure Hunt**

- Dig through the newspaper to find:
- a word that starts with **tr**
  - something you consider a treasure
  - four 2-syllable words
  - a 6-digit number

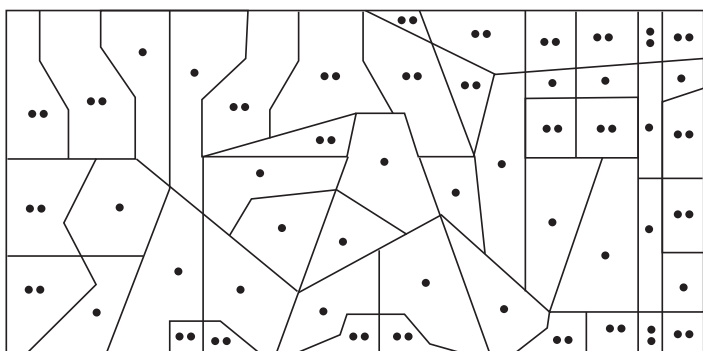
Standards Link: Decoding: Recognize blends and multi-syllable words.

**Kid Scoop Puzzler**

**Sunken SOMETHING**

Some say that in 1876, *something* carrying millions of dollars of gold crashed and fell into the Ashtabula River in Ohio. Many have tried to find the mystery bullion, but to date no one has. Do you think it is really there? Or is it a legend?

To find out what crashed, color each space with one dot BLACK and color each space with two dots BLUE.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension.

**Double Double Word Search**

- MYSTERY
- SUNKEN
- TREASURE
- JAMAICA
- SMUGGLERS
- SHIP
- DIVER
- GOLD
- LOST
- CITY
- SAND
- ROYAL
- SHARK
- MUD
- PORT

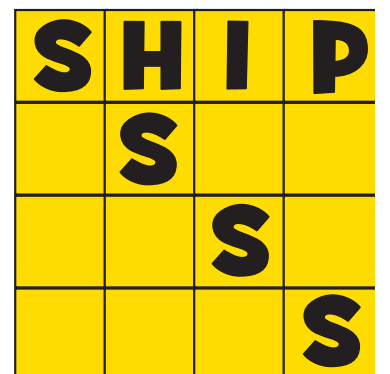
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



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

**Kid Scoo-doku™**

Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word SHIP in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.



**FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY**

**Strange and Definitely NOT True**

Cut out words from the newspaper to create a very strange headline. Make up and write a strange story to go with your headline. Be sure to include WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY and HOW.

Standards Link: Writing: Students write imaginative narratives in newspaper format.

What's the difference between a **PIRATE** and a **FARMER**?

ANSWER: A farmer treasures his berries. A pirate buries his treasures.

**Write On!**

**The Greatest Treasure in the World**

What is the world's greatest treasure? Why?

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