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County hands out \$1.2 million

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Barnwell County received \$4.05 million through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to revitalize the county's economy after the damage done by the COVID-19 pandemic. Barnwell County Council has decided local businesses will be direct beneficiaries of Treasury funds.

Barnwell County Council has allocated \$1,243,375.00 of the total ARPA funds to be distributed among local businesses.

can Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law to establish the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which provided \$350 billion to state, local and tribal governments.

"This bill provides additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses," according to Congressional Bill H.R. 1319 - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

In January 2022, Governor Mc- 10, 2021.

On March 11, 2021 the Ameri- Master announced in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Executive Budget that South Carolina received \$2.4 billion of the total ARPA funds.

The Treasury gave financial aid directly to counties, whereas states were responsible for distributing funds to towns, cities and municipalities.

Funds are given in tranches; one portion of the payment is allocated followed by another after thorough reporting back to the Treasury. Counties were able to receive the first tranche of funding through the Treasury's portal following the release of the Interim Final Rule on May

ty officials in understanding the parameters for spending the ARPA funds through educational and technical resources," said John Wienges, Staff Attorney for the South Carolina Association of Counties (SCAC).

Wienges describes the SCAC as a facilitator of information to counties in breaking down what projects are eligible for ARPA funds.

Through our partnership with the National Association of Counties, we are able to provide webinars, technical resources on reporting, and updates on the Act," said Wienges. "We're able

"Our role is to assist our coun- to facilitate one-on-one webinars and discussions with county officials on a kind of a micro level and on a county-by-county basis.'

> Counties in South Carolina received a total of \$1 billion of the total ARPA aid, according to SCAC.

> The SCAC outlines six uses: supporting public health responses such as funding pandemic mitigation efforts and medical expenses, addressing negative economic impacts on small business, the impact of educational disparities, industry

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Recreation being revitalized in Town of Williston

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The Town of Williston Recreation & Activities Committee held a public input meeting on Tuesday, June 21 at 6 p.m. to better understand the needs of the community.

A crowd of around 14 involved community members sat in the bleachers of A.B. Cooley Gymnasium and expressed their thoughts on recreational activities in Williston.

The committee is composed of individuals nominated by town council members. Each council member s recreation nominee was then deliberated on by fellow council members. Once the committee was selected, an internal election was held to determine leadership. Members of the Recreation & Activities Committee nominated and subsequently voted on who they felt should fill the roles of chairman, vice chairman, and treasurer. Joe Welch was elected chairman of the committee. Alison Brady, WEHS counselor, serves as the vice chairman, and KEES art teacher Alyson Collins serves as the treasurer/ secretary. Dalton Mundy, Ronnie Tobin, Keith Parker and Williston Town Councilman Scott Valentine all serve as committee members.

nity need and feedback, but according to Welch, one goal is cemented: to say yes.

"Our goal is to say yes," said Welch. "We're going to give these kids all the opportunities they want and need."

Some of those opportunities include establishing recreational soccer teams, a girls softball team, and building a recreation center as indicated by Welch and board members.

A recreation facility would include things like basketball courts, bingo events, and summer programming for anyone ages three to 93. Welch indicated a goal of the committee was "to try and build a recreation center and informed the community they are actively looking for a building to house it. Although in the middle of football practice, WEHS Athletic Director and football coach, Kenneth Lipsey, attended the meeting to express his concerns to the committee. Lipsey vowed to support recreational athletes playing and practicing in WEHS facilities and explained the value of recreational coaches. "We need more rec coaches," said Coach Lipsey. "Our kids are our future, and right now our future sucks." Andre Young is a coach, father, grandfather, and concerned community member. In prior years he has coached for Williston recreational football and baseball and noticed the challenges kids and parents face within the programs. "There needs to be a change in the recreation program," said Young. "I think this community has grown enough that we can come together." In Young's coaching experience in Williston, he and other coaches had to buy cleats and equipment for their athletes on their teams who could not afford it on their own. Young came to the meeting prepared with ideas to propose

ABOVE: This composite photo shows a couple enjoying the fireworks display at the City of Barnwell's Independence Day Celebration on June 30 at Veterans Memorial Park.



Residents enjoy the fireworks shows in Williston (above left), Snelling (above right), and Barnwell (below. Fire more photos from all three events on pages 10-11A. Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Rep



"We can't change those things from the past, but we as a community can come together and improve."

- Williston Recreation **Committee Chairman Joe Welch**

The initial goals of the committee are more accessible athletics, constructing better facilities, finding more coaches, and expanding athletic opportunities. The goals of the committee are flexible based on commu-

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Newspaper celebrates one year of local ownership

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People-Sentinel The sure has come a long way in one year!

On July 1, 2021, I took a leap of faith and purchased my hometown newspaper, bringing The People-Sentinel back to local ownership for the first time in more than 35 years. This newspaper was last locally owned by the late Bob and Kathy Harris, who dedicated many years to community journalism before retiring and selling the newspaper in 1983.

My decision to purthe newspaper chase came about after being fed up with decisions made by our corporate owners. These decisions led to our staff and the size of our newspaper being slowly trimmed over the years – person by person and page by page. I half-joked many times over the years that I should buy the newspaper, but I never thought I would have the opportunity to do so.

Years of patience paid off as the timing and circumstances were just right last year to finally purchase the paper. My vision was to grow the staff and paper so we could better serve the community and our readers.

It's been a new experience being a business owner, rather than just an employee. Our first year in business included

some ups and downs, but there were far more successes than challenges. However, those challenges made me a better leader while making our whole team and company stronger.

After one year in business, I'm proud of the following success stories:

-JOBS - We now employ seven people, up from just three employees before the purchase. This number does not include the wonderful contributing writers who are not technically on staff but are a valuable part of our team.

-PAPER SIZE - We grew the number of pages in each week's paper and added more color pages. For comparison, an average newspaper before the transition had 10 pages while we now average 16 to 20 pages every week.

CONTENT - We added more local content, plus features like the Kid Scoop page, puzzles, and coupons.

SUPPORTING LO-CAL - We believe in supporting local businesses, which is why we shop local for supplies we need.

SUBSCRIBERS We've added about 200 new subscribers.

-ADVERTISING – We have revamped our advertising pricing to make it more affordable for small businesses. We regularly publish a Shop Local section and have plans for a Restaurant Guide.

-DIGITAL - While we still strongly believe in our weekly print product,



The staff of The People-Sentinel includes: (front row) Publisher/Owner Jonathan Vickery, Reporter Alexandra Whitbeck; (back row) Customer Service Representative Shirley Elmore, Advertising Sales Representative Jana Darnell Schroeder, Delivery Driver Ed Crouch, Office Manager Diane Bodiford, and Graphic Designer Jessie Howell. Photo By: Joseph Sanders

progress).

-COMMUNITY - We have given back to the community, including sponsoring a hole at the Williston Disc Golf Course, donating to the Barnwell Warhorse Club fundraiser, and publishing an Adoptable Pet of

the Week for free. We have plans for more community involvement.

Those are just a few of our success stories, but none of it would have been possible without our amazing team! Each person is dedicated to the mission of keeping

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existing

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ment the paper. We also

want to bring back the

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port from the community this past year has been in-

credible and we can't wait

to see what the future

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Recreation: Committee seeks to revitalize recreation options in Williston

we also know we need

to expand our digital

reach to better serve our

community. In addition

to continuing our popu-

lar Facebook page, we

have launched a weekly

video newscast and just

launched a new website

(though it's still a work in

which were a traveling baseball league, a youth recreational program about violence, a lessened entry fee for rec sports, updated uniforms, and more athletic opportunity for girls.

"I will coach again if need be. Anything I can do to help the community," said Young. "It takes us, the adults, to get our community back, it takes a village.

Welch, a father of three daughters, reassured Young that the lack of recreational girls sports will be addre

to the committee, some of in recreational sports. Jones meet that need." explained how he and other coaches bought their teams participation trophies to hand out at the end of the season.

"A little thing like that goes a long way," said Jones, who believes a child's interest in sports starts with recreation. Jones, like Young, is willing to get involved if needed.

Jones also proposed a summer-time softball or kickball tournament to help get the word out about Williston recreation being on the mend.

The committee plans to tend the amount of sign

Croft explained that by the times students are able to join junior varsity or varsity sports, they have aged out of recreational sports. The ages for recreational sports are five through twelve.

She proposed to the committee a younger entry age to get children involved in recreational activities sooner.

'You get a real sense of community from rec,' said Croft, who details the importance of building a strong athletic foundation starting with recreation.

This idea was supported

asked.

Williston resident Judy Taylor proposed the committee consider more events and activities for senior citizens. Taylor expressed the community's need for a swimming pool open to the public as she feels many senior citizens cannot afford to attend the recently constructed YMCA aquatic center in Barnwell.

Taylor, along with the committee, feels seniors should not be left out of planning when considertea ng essentia computer skills and activities in categories like chicken like bingo for Williston's seniors Committee member Dalton Mundy said the committee plans to create "events and activities from threeyears-old to 93-years-old."

people my age," said Town Councilman Moody, who frequently plays disc golf with his son at the Williston Town Park. Moody also informed the community about the upcoming pickleball courts.

In addition to the pickleball courts, the Recreation & Activities Committee already has some events in the works.

Williston's Best on the Block is tentatively scheduled for September 10, 2022. Best on the Block is a cookoff open to the ing recreational activities. public where individuals She proposed programs can reserve a spot for \$20 and showcase their talents

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ing to have the Best on the Block. Now we need to respond and get our grills," said Moody.

The committee is working on building an updated recreation website or Facebook, to better reach the entirety of the community. This group can be found under 'Williston Recreation & Activities Committee.' It was also proposed to send flyers in Williston resident's water bills about upcoming recreation events.

The next public input meeting for the Recreation & Activities Committee will be held July 21 at 6

p.m. in the WEHS gymna-

sium. The community can

be updated on recreation

events via the Williston

Recreation & Activities

Committee Facebook page,

or by calling Williston

"Girls athletics in the town has suffered," said Welch. "If I have to die on this sword..these girls are going to get their due."

Welch guaranteed cheerleaders will get official uniforms.

"We want it to be a twoway street," said treasurer/ secretary Alyson Collins, who encouraged the audience to express their concerns.

Williston resident Vickie Benjamin proposed a list of volunteers/active community members alongside their specific expertise be compiled to allow for emerging programs to draw from a pool of readyto-help candidates.

Clayton Jones assisted in coaching tee-ball as a parent who became privy to what needs to improve up time for recreational teams and offer Saturday sign up times to cater to parents who cannot attend weektime sign ups.

Welch also informed the crowd that Councilman Eric Moody, who was also in attendance, said there is a fund that will pay the entry fees of athletes whose parents cannot afford it.

Williston resident Donna Croft involved her children in recreational activities and now her grandchildren as well. She explained to the committee issues that many parents felt and she shared a similar sentiment with Jones and Young.

"We're all here to step up," said Croft, who offered to pay fees for any child who cannot afford to play. "If the community knows there is a need, we'll by former softball coach and mother of four, Mandy Adams. Adams expressed that her daughter's team was the last girls softball team to go play before they were forced to play with the boy's baseball team.

Croft and Adams explained to the committee that children are forced to play recreational sports in Barnwell due to the lack of options in Williston, which means entry fee funds are going to Barnwell recreation programs rather than Williston recreation programs.

Zebnovia Bagley coaches Williston junior varsity softball. Bagley expressed to the committee and community that parent participation is an essential part of revitalizing recreation.

"How do we keep the parents engaged?" she



Crowd attends Juneteenth pop-up shop in Barnwell

Dozens of vendors sold their goods at the 2nd Annual Juneteenth Pop-Up Shop was held June 18 at the Barnwell County Airport. There was also live entertainment, food, and a kid zone. "Even with the temperature being over 100 degrees today, y'all still came out and showed support!" said organizer Debra Young. Photo By: Kelonda Trottie/KT Photography

"We do offer sports to

and ribs.

Competitors will be able to sell concessions and the food they cook. According to Welch, they hope to have music and a bounce house as well.

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Sheriff's office reaches kids through books

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At the Barnwell Mc-Donald's, Monday mornings in July are filled with smiling faces and colored pages at Lieutenant Kirkland's Storytime.

Eric Kirkland, Lieutenant of Community Relations, and Sheriff Steve Griffith welcomed each child with a junior deputy badge sticker and a wristband before the stories began.

Örganized by Barnwell McDonald's manager Kristi Gatlin and in partnership with Barnwell County First Steps, Axis I, and Barnwell County Coalition, Ministerial Lieutenant Kirkland will be reading to Barnwell's youth from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Monday in July.

At the first installment of storytime, Lt. Kirkland read Cannonball written by Sacha Cotter and



Lt. Eric Kirkland of the sheriff's office reads to children during a story time event at McDonald's in Barnwell on July 4.

Crabcakes by Andrea Tsurumi. Each book and Lt. Kirkland's enthusiasm invited involvement from the audience.

After the last page was turned on each book, children received coloring sheets pertaining to the book and were given time to illustrate their thoughts on the read.

Gatlin as the mastermind behind the event, as she coordinates many events between community partners like McDonald's and BCSO.

"I'm trying to help introduce children to the police so they're not scared, or frightened, or not wanting to deal with

Lt. Kirkland refers to them as teenagers," said Gatlin. "We're trying to do it as a younger age group."

The relationship between law enforcement and youth is something both Sheriff Griffith and Lt. Kirkland are constantly working to build.

"We want to bring the community and law enforcement back together," said the sheriff. "The more in touch we can get with these young kids, the more trust we can develop.'

The BSCO is creating more programs directed at the youth like storytime to build their relationship with law enforcement sooner.

"We're trying to let everyone know we're friends and they can trust us, and we've got to start small," said Sheriff Griffith, as he motioned to the height of the children.

"We need to correct and

Lt. Kirkland. "We build trust and transparency through programs like this."

All children left storytime with a free book provided by Barnwell County First Steps and a free meal ticket from McDonald's.

only event coming to the Barnwell McDonald's this summer. Family Night will start on July 19 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.



Storytime is not the

Every child went home with a free book that was donated by address it early on," said Barnwell County First Steps. Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Lt. Kirkland with some of the children who attended the first story time at McDonald's.

Event connects veterans with resources, new friends

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eran Affairs is holding "Let's Talk-Veterans Supporting Veterans" on created for veterans, by July 14 at 6 p.m. in the veterans.

Agricultural Clemson Building located at 34 Pechman St., Barnwell, S.C. 29812.

Organized by Barn-Barnwell County Vet- well County Veteran Affairs Officer Joyce Brooks, this event was

This open conversa-tion will dive into topics like PTSD, pension ben- of Veteran Affairs, local efits and other services veterans who may face offered by the Barnwell and surrounding counties to veterans.

With discussion led by Brennan Beck, Low- event as aiding veterans country Regional Inte- in "helping each other

Čarolina Department similar challenges are able to talk in a supportive setting.

Brooks describes this

gration Officer for South out with whatever cir- some participants have cumstances" and hopes to continue this program. She also explains how this event can be beneficial to exposing veterans to a form of relaxation they haven't yet delved into.

Brooks explains how

coordinated with each other to plan fishing excursions as a way to actively connect with one another.

For more information about this event, contact Joyce Brooks at (803) 541-1057.

We will be

Corder's Creative Corner: The vampire's cure

According to Gatlin, there will be buy-one-getone free Happy Meals and balloon animals. Family Night will include activities for children around important topics.

"Next week we have Aiken-Barnwell Mental Health coming in and they have a scenariobased mental crisis event on a lower level. They have a book to read, some activities, a handout they're going to give the kids," said Lt. Kirkland.

Family Night will po-tentially be accompanied by favorite McDonald's characters like Ronald Mc-Donald, the Hamburglar, and Grimace.

"There is talk about bringing back some of the characters. Some of them the kids probably won't even remember," said Lt. Kirkland.

"A whole community has come together and that's what it takes. It takes a village," said Lt. Kirkland.

This is in part possible because of the many dedicated partners of BSCO, according to the sheriff.



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I have been working on short stories for the past couple of months. One is about a vampire who seeks a cure for his vampirism. This story is almost at 5,000 words in its current draft, and I expect that number will likely double before the story is complete. The story has blossomed from a flash fiction piece that I posted on my old blog almost a year ago. Given how much of my headspace this story has been occupying lately, I thought I would share with the readers of my column the original piece. I hope you enjoy it. "Will you drink the

blood?"

I glanced up at the witch. The enchantress. Whatever you wanted to

call her. Her eyes shined their eyes, right in the with gold fire, the chalice with dark liquid cupped in her hands.

"Whose blood is it?" I asked.

A wry smile touched her lips. I could see the hint of her fangs. "You sought out the chalice not knowing what it was?"

"I just know the legends. Any vampire that drinks from that chalice will have their thirst sated forever. But the blood has to come from someone."

"Well," she said. "I'll give you the rest of the legend. There was a vampire who loved a girl. A mortal girl. She knew his curse but loved him as well, but with no desire to become like him. He also did not wish for her to become what he was. They kept their love secret, meeting deep in the forest when the stars opened hunter giving up his life for

middle of this very same copse of trees."

She was silent for a minute. The scent of the blood wafted from the chalice and my yearning grew. My fingers twitched.

"But something hap-pened," I said.

"Their secret was discovered. The vampires of his coven did not take well to him loving a mortal, and one night they followed him to this place where he met with his love. They tried to kill her, but he intervened and died protecting her."

Her voice grew sad and her eyes fell. A cool wind whispered through the shadowy trees that surrounded us. "It was unheard of. A vampire dying for a mortal. A god sacrificing himself for a bag of flesh filled with bones. The

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prey." Her eyes met mine again, and I could see it there, the memories of that night rippling through the pools of her eyes. "I took his blood and became like him, and I slaughtered those responsible for my beloved's death."

I stared at her. My want for the chalice was becoming unbearable. I wanted to take it and drown in its contents. "So you never thirst? Was some enchantment cast on his blood when he died for you?"

She shrugged. "Love is a powerful magic, sacrificial love the most powerful of all. I only know what the blood does for me and those that have come here." She fixes me with her gaze. "The blood will take away your Curse."

I narrowed my eyes in consternation. "But you-"

"I was human when I drank his blood. There is no cure for me. But vampires who drink have their thirst sated forever because they are cleansed." She paused. "As I said, love is a powerful magic."

Her words cut me. I looked to her, and to the chalice, as a battle raged in my spirit. After a few moments, she spoke.

"So, vampire. What will you do?"

An owl called through the night.

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Homemaker's Column TRAVELING WITH



Clemson Extension

Vacation season is upon us. Many families take food with them for picnics and for keeping little stomachs (and mouths) full while driving in the car. But improperly stored food could result in an unwanted vacation souvenir - food-borne illness.

Packing and storing food with food safety in mind can prevent this vacation disaster, and it isn't that difficult. Just remember the "Five Rules of Traveling with Food.'

Rule 1: Plan Ahead. Have plenty of ice or frozen gel packs on hand before you start packing. Some foods don't require refrigeration--peanut butter and jelly and some cheeses, for example. Perishable foods, like meat, poultry, eggs, fish, and prepared foods do require refrigeration, so if you're taking summer salads, making sandwiches on the road, or bringing food to cook throughout your vacation, plan to keep them on ice in your cooler throughout the trip.

Rule 2: Pack Safely. Pack perishables directly from the refrigerator to the cooler. You can pack meat and poultry while it is still frozen. It will thaw during the trip, extending its safety and shelf-life. Keep meat and poultry in containers or zipper bags so that raw meat juice will not drip onto other foods.

A full cooler will maintain its *employer*.

cold temperature longer than one that is only partially filled. Pack the remaining space with more ice or with fruit and nonperishable foods.

Rule 3: Preserve the Cold. Put the cooler in the passenger section of the car instead of in the hot trunk. Frequently opening the cooler lid will cause the inside temperature to increase. Preserve the cold temperature of the cooler by keeping the lid closed and by replenishing the ice as soon as it starts melting.

Rule 4: Pitch the Cold. Pitch any foods that become warm, above refrigerator temperature (40 degrees F). Bacteria grow rapidly at warm temperatures. At the end of the day, if the ice has melted and the food feels warm, discard any meat or poultry left over.

Rule 5: Keep Hands and Utensils Clean. Protect your family from disease-causing bacteria by keeping hands and utensils clean. If soap and water will not be available, pack some moist towelettes. Bag and set aside dishes and utensils to wash with hot soapy water when you reach your destination.

If you have questions about food safety, contact your local Clemson University Extension Service or check us out on the web at the Home and Garden Information Center at http:// hgic.clemson.edu.

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Letter to the Editor

House of Representatives: 2nd District



but perhaps none is more damaging than the price of gasoline.

The national average for a gallon of gas hit an unbelievable all-time high on May 20th of \$4.59. This figure is up nearly 50 cents from the previous month and up over \$1.50 from this time last year.

Biden has admitted that higher gas prices are part of an "incredible transition," which when over, "we'll be stronger... and less reliant on fossil fuels." This just promotes his unrealistic, mythical dream world.

Not done yet, JPMorgan, the multinational financial services company, projects the price of gas to surpass \$6 a gallon this summer.

Research estimates that American households will spend \$5,000 a year on the fuel, representing more than a 75 percent increase from a year ago.

Higher gas prices also driveup delivery costs for products, accelerating Bidenflation and destroying jobs.

Tim Stewart, President of the U.S. Oil and Gas Association, a trade group representing oil and natural gas industries, recently said "We're in the greatest, probably the most challenging energy crisis we've been in in 50 years" and "...this administra-tion has no strategy to help us get out of it.'

This is unsustainable for families and must end.

Why Are Gas Costs Continuing to Rise?

In 2020, the last year of Donald Trump's presidency, America was energy independent as an exporter of petroleum for the first time since 1949.

Unfortunately, during the first week of the Biden presidency, this began to unravel. Not only did he kill the Keystone XL pipeline, which could be Bidenflation. supplying over 800,000 barrels of oil a day from Canada to U.S. refineries, but Biden also issued an executive order suspending all oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters. One downside of this means that we are relying on foreign energy sources to meet our needs. Congressionally, Democrats continue to stifle American ener-

gy production, having recently blocked consideration of the American Energy Independence from Russia Act, which would help in lowering gas prices by:

 Immediately approving the Keystone XL pipeline.

 Removing all restrictions on liquified natural gas exports. Restarting oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters.

Further still, in an attempt to push Democrats' environmental agenda, Biden's Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) proposed bizarre and unintelligible rules in March that would require companies to disclose "climate related risks." Such actions starve American energy companies of capital and discourage investment.

What must be done?

Due to policies pushed by Biden and Democrats, everyday Americans are left to suffer the consequences. In order to reduce gas prices and support U.S. national security, Biden should:

- End the federal freeze on new oil and gas leases.
- Fast-track pending liquified national gas export permits.
- Stop the regulatory assault

on U.S. energy development and financing.

• Expedite approval of all pipeline and energy development.

'Operation Warp Speed for Energy," a term coined by my Senate colleague Bill Cassidy (R-LA), aptly describes our critical need to trim bureaucratic redtape and invest in U.S. energy production.

South Carolinians and all Americans need relief from these crippling costs, and I remain focused on supporting legislation to alleviate the pain we are all experiencing due to

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of South Carolina's Second District and will continue to be accountable and accessible, maintain safety with law enforcement, promote jobs, and help make our lives and communities stronger. Joe Wilson is a member of the U.S. House of Representatives serving South Carolina's 2nd District



Costs for everyday products and services continue to rise and Americans are suffering as a result.

The Reality.

Sadly, it is very clear that U.S. inflation has reached a 40-year high of 8.5 percent this year. This is an astounding figure and one we all feel in our pocketbooks.

Unfortunately, due to the extremist leftwing borrowing and spending policies of Biden and the Democrats, there are no signs that these price increases are slowing down.

Here are just a few overall facts:

 Inflation has increased every month of Biden's presidency. Real wages have decreased under Biden 10 of 14 months since his time in office.

 Inflation will cost the average American household more than \$5,000 this year.

 Over 80 percent of small businesses are reporting they have had to raise their prices. In the last year we have all experienced price increases for everyday items, including:

Eggs up 22.6 percent Public transportation up 21.8 percent

Bacon up 17.7 percent

Roasted Coffee up 14.7

Breakfast cereal up 12.1

Fish/seafood up 11.9 percent

Chicken up 16.4 percent Milk up 14.7 percent

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Litter and stray animals are becoming a problem

Dear Editor,

I really wish that the county, sheriff's office, or some type of committee would do something about the rural communities.

Long Branch has a real problem with people dumping animals and trash. Then you have people that don't understand keeping pets on their own property and not roaming free. Oh, and let me address all the stray cats because nobody will spay or neuter.

We have owned our property and been here since 1989. Never has there been the problems that we have now. It is getting out of hand. I don't like walking my property to be met by someone's dog. Deer hunting is impossible because neighborhood dogs pee on the corn and chase the deer. Cats scratch up our cars. Trash

litters the main road and blows into our yard. Every other week a new animal is tossed out by cover of night. It is too much, people!

We have many trash/recycling facilities in the county. You can pay for Pender's to come get your trash. If you can make it to my road, then you can go an extra two miles to the county landfill.

We have a wonderful animal shelter that works will many rescues. Several vets in town as well as Fido Fixers. Plenty of options for relocating and fixing animals. Please stop dumping in rural areas. Please keep your pets on your property and please spay/neuter.

Heather Zorn, Long Branch Community

It is not uncommon for a can of soup on the shelf to be marked 65 cents, but at checkout, it registers at \$1. A Dollar Store had all merchandise at \$1 until Valentine's Day, but now, all merchandise is \$1.25.

These are just a few of the many examples of how inflation has affected everyone's wallet,



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Event raises awareness about gun violence

On Saturday, June 3, the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office partnered with April Robinson to host "We Can End Gun Violence". Speakers on hand were Barnwell County Sheriff Steve Griffith, Lt. Richard Johnson with SLED, and Lt. Stacie Ortiz with Allendale Correctional Facility. The event also included a balloon release in memory of Henrietta Creech and Lizzie Buxton Bradley who lost their lives to acts of gun violence. Citizens then took to the track and walked showing their support for ending gun violence and in memory of those who lost their life to it. The sheriff's office thanks Robinson), vendors, participants, speakers, and supporters who made the event a success. "It is representative of what we can do in this community if we do it together," according to a Facebook post from the sheriff's office.

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.

Dexter Lawrence Fitzpatrick, 34, of 436 Moore Drive, Barnwell, was arrested July 1 by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Failure to Appear. Fitzpatrick was booked and released to the Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Dasiam Savorkeyion Jones, 19, of 630 Davis Bridge Road, Williston,

was arrested June 27 by the BCSO for Disorderly Conduct. Jones was booked and released to BCDC.

Michael Angelo Lee, 31, of 2829 River Road, Martin, was arrested July 1 by the BCSO for Aggravated Criminal Domestic Violence, Resisting Arrest. Lee was booked and released to the BCDC.

Rockie Lee Roberts, 42, of Highway 64, was arrested July 1 by the BCSO for Disorderly Conduct, Arson, Resisting Arrest and Unlawful Use of Telephone. Roberts was booked and released BCDC.

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or the public sector, and 3, 2021. offering premium pay for essential workers.

ARPA funds could be used to replace public sector revenue loss by providing government services, providing broadband infrastructure to underserved areas, or making water and sewer improvements to allow more access to clean drinking water and wastewater/stormwater infrastructure.

"South Carolina was one of the first eight states in the nation to have all of our counties register and set up their accounts to draw down the ARPA funds," said Wienges. This was accomplished by the end of September 2021.

"We were really proud that our county officials across the state took action to draw down those funds or were prepared to draw down those funds," said Wienges. "Barnwell County's done a great job in actually getting the education to spend these funds responsibly.

Barnwell County recognized the negative impact the pandemic has had on local businesses. According to County Councilman Daniel Alexander, businesses whose needs fell under federally instructed criteria and whose application was submitted on time for an ad hoc committee's review were considered to receive part of the \$1.25 million.

The ad hoc committee was comprised of a diverse team of local community members, according to Alexander. The committee reviewed applications from local businesses, non-

Here's a rundown of the businesses selected to receive funds, how much they are receiving, and what they plan to use it for:

ABBE Regional Library System was awarded \$3,875 toward premium pay for essential workers. These workers include three full-time employees and five part-time emplovees between Barnwell County Public Library, Blackville Branch Library, and Williston Branch Library. ABBE Regional Library System requested \$3,875.

According to the ABBE Regional Library System application, "the goal of this project is to recognize the selflessness of these employees whose contributions enabled the library system to provide uninterrupted services to the citizens of Barnwell County."

"Premium pay is one of the allowable uses that the ARPA guidelines set out. It was to respond to workers performing essential work during COVID-19 public health emergency," said Wienges.

However, Wiegnes notices challenges faced by counties in allocating funding to premium pay.

"One of the biggest restrictions we've seen on this premium pay and one of the biggest headaches our counties have run into is you cannot pay volunteers any type of premium pay," said Wienges.

"What that does is prohibits any type of premium pay to volunteer firefighters, fire protection and fire services workers who are often the backbone of our counties." BLT Beauty Supply was another recipient of ARPA funds receiving \$10,000 in response to negative economic impact. These funds will be used toward "improving outside appearance/landscape" in effort to "improve the appearance of downtown Barnwell" and "attract new business owners," according to BLT Beauty Supply's application.

Steps received a total of \$100,000 toward promoting healthy childhood environments. In this initiative, First Steps is partnering with three child care centers-Heavenly Angels in Blackville, Brighter Beginnings in Barnwell, and Barnwell Early Learning Academy in Barnwell, First Steps requested the same amount they received.

Federal regulations changed the layout of child care centers due to social distancing and they are now in need of a permanent solution. In this partnership, First Steps will be aiding these centers in "expanding and/or updating their facilities" in order to "better care for children in a safe setting," according to the application.

Barnwell County Friends of the Library was awarded \$4,000 toward lost instructional time. This money will be used to "promote an eight-week program in our three libraries with a variety of reading and learning activities" to lessen summer learning loss, according to their application. They requested the same amount they received.

This educational program will be through a partnership with ABBE Regional Library representing Barnwell County Public Library, Blackville Branch Library, and Williston Branch Library.

The Barnwell County Museum proposed The 2020's: Presenting the Past' and detailed plans to provide innovative events and interesting exhibits with their \$5,500 allocation of ARPA funds. The museum hopes to host speakers and sponsor programs in an effort to recover lost revenue during the pandemic. They requested the same amount they received. The Big Red Barn Retreat is a nonprofit organization located in Blythewood and provides services to help military members or emergency service personnel "in need of healing find peace.' \$50,000 of ARPA funds was given to The Big Red Barnwell County First Barn retreat to "sponsor

seven Barnwell County first responders in Warrior PATHH training over five years." They requested the same amount they received.

According to their website, Warrior PATHH training is a growth and peerbased training program for combat veterans and first responders. It relies on a variety of activities for the purpose of teaching life skills, increasing community integration and involvement while promoting physical, emotional, relational, tinancial, and spiritual health. Seven days are spent on-site and then it becomes an online program.

Blackville Community Development was given \$420,000 toward repairing mobile homes to provide low to moderate income homeowners access "to a healthy environment even after years of wear and tear to their homes," according to their application. They requested \$440,000. The Blackville CDC rec-

ognized "COVID-19 has caused unemployment in many households making it hard to pay utility, purchase food for the family, and take care of medical expenses" which impedes the ability of mobile homeowners to prioritize their properties. Only homes that fall under an extensive list of Blackville CDC requirements will be repaired.

Brighter Beginnings Child Development Center (BBCDC) in Barnwell is set to receive \$30,000 of ARPA funds toward technology and childcare enhancements in effort to 'offer childcare services to at least 5 additional families," according to their application. They requested the same amount of ARPA funds they received. The BBCDC also plans to purchase a Promethean Board (an interactive whiteboard) as well as "open upanother room to provide childcare services. Dreams Imagination & Gift Development Programs (DIG) received \$220,000 in an effort to address educational disparities and promote healthy childhood environments. They requested \$224,995 of ARPA funds. The mission of the nonprofit organization is to provide STEM opportunities for rural growth and development through 'education, community service, mentorship, and recreation," according to their ARPA application. DIG plans to "use the

funding for additional staffing, staff training, equipment, and transportation" in effort to decrease learning loss caused by the pandemic. It will provide "social and emotional learning" by providing individualized tutoring with

an increased staff. Although the Barnwell County Family Y recently announced the opening of the aquatic center, they were allocated \$220,00 of ARPA funds to continue providing services to the community just as they did during the pandemic. They requested \$818,000 toward the over \$2 million project outlined in their application.

The funds are used for things like piping for stormwater, construction of a sidewalk, pool furniture, shade structures, lifeguard stands, pool lane ropes, painting, replacing the HVAC system, roof replacement, as well as landscaping and irrigation, according to their application.

Golden Harvest Food Bank was awarded \$60,000 "to increase our capacity as a current food distribution partner in Barnwell and seek out an additional partner in an underserved area in and around Blackville," according to their ARPA funds application. They requested \$120,000.

Golden Harvest Food Bank (CHFB) has been serving the community for 40 years and are looking to expand their services to the 3,520 people in Barnwell considered 'food insecure.' The food bank's application also details their efforts to provide food

In relaying Treasury information about ARPA funds to the 46 counties in South Carolina, Wienges noted one main challenge.

"One of the main challenges was the overall evolution of how the requirements of the act have changed," he said. "Back on May 10, 2021, the interim final rule to the act was issued. The interim final rule established a set of guidelines. Some of those guidelines changed a little bit when the final rule was issued on January 6, 2022."

These changes to ruling not only came with challenges, but provided more options for counties to realize their regions.

"All counties under the revenue loss category could elect to take a \$10 million option of loss revenue. And under that, if a county for example, Barnwell County, who's a little over \$4 million in ARPA funds, elected to do the 10 million standard allowance under the revenue loss category, their funds could then be expended for any general government services," said Wienges.

Wienges notes this addition aids in reporting requirements of funds and "lessens the burden on the administrative side of things."

"Expanding the allowable uses of funds can go a long way in rural counties," said Wienges.

Although ARPA funds cover an array of topics pertaining to revitalization after the pandemic, Wienges and SCAC found one of the most beneficial uses is investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. For comparison, the SCAC listed Aiken County as receiving a total of \$33.2 million, Örangeburg County receiving \$16.7 million, Allendale County receiving \$1.6 million, and Bamberg County receiving \$2.7 million. The City of Barnwell received \$2,136,248.43 in ARPA funding, the Town of Blackville received \$1,089,780.43 and the Town of Williston received \$1,456,193.58. The Town of Elko received \$89,114.07, the Town of Hilda received \$203,120.34, the Town of Kline received \$90,109.76, and the Town of Snelling received \$128,443.74 in funding. Like counties, towns and municipalities will receive ARPA funding in two tranches or allocations. Reports detailing exact uses of the funds are due to the Treasury throughout 2022According to the Treasury website, "this supports transparency, responsibility, and equity in use of these vital resources." The requirements for reporting were last updated by the Treasury on June 17, 2022 and provide clarification on reporting requirements.

profits, and organizations.

Twenty-one applications were submitted on time; 12 were approved and thus awarded money.

The ad hoc committee judged the applicants through a point system reflective of Treasury guidelines of fund uses. Funds given to local businesses must be used for costs incurred on or after March



Branchville Villa complex at Branchville Lane, Branchville, SC

Denmark Gardens Complex at Mirriosa Avenue, Denmark, SC

Fairfax Boundary Complex at Boundary Street, Fairfax, SC

Williston West Main Complex st West Main Street, Williston: SC

Barnwell Arms Complex at Thomas Street, Barnwell, SC

Bamberg Villa Complex at Race Street, Bamberg, SC

Hampton Gardens Complex at W. Holly Street, Hampton, SC

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Facility Maintenance Assistant

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must be 18 years old or older; high school diploma or GED; valid SC Driver's license with a good driving record; must be able to pass a criminal background check.

JOB DUTIES:

- ⇒ Assist the Facility Maintenance Director in areas of general maintenance of the Barnwell Administration Building, Barnwell Day Program, Barnwell Training Center, Barnwell Transportation Shop, all ICF Homes and all CTH II Homes.
- Maintenance includes painting, minor electri-⇒ cal repairs and carpentry work.
- To perform other duties as assigned by the ⇒ Director of Facility Maintenance.

Applications may be completed at the following: Allendale Barnwell DSN Board 20 Park Street, Barnwell SC 29812 Monday – Friday 8:30 until 3:00 EOE

Elementary School Teacher at Bamberg County School District in Denmark, SC. To plan, organize & implement an appropriate instructional program in a learning environment that guides and encourages elementary school students to develop & fulfil their academic potential. Mail resume to:

Devon Furr, Bamberg County School District, 62 Holly Ave., Denmark, SC,29042. before, during, and after the pandemic.

"This grant and the resources it will provide will allow GHFB to help feed low income individuals and those affected financially by the COVID-19 pandemic," according to their application.

The Southern Palmetto Regional Chamber of Commerce requested \$200,000 to advance the Palmetto Innovation Center (PIC). This request comes from the decrease in businesses in the county as seen in a 34 percent decrease in Chamber of Commerce membership as stated in

the application. ARPA funds "will help to continue development of PIC programming over the next two years, and will go toward securing additional cutting edge digital equipment for use at PIC," according to the application. Digital equipment would include computer workstations, a laser cutter, 3D printer and software.

All initiatives made through ARPA money are to be accomplished by December 31, 2026. Recipients must submit a Quarterly Project Performance Report and a Finance Report from now until Dec. 2026 plus a final report in Dec. 2026 to the county.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Special-Called Allendale County Council Meeting Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 6 p.m. Allendale County Courthouse in the J.W. Wall Jr. Council Chambers (292 Barnwell Highway, Allendale, S.C. 29810)

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Share your special occasion by emailing jvickery@thepeoplesentinel.com. Births, Birthdays (12 and under), Weddings and Anniversaries (50th and over) are free to announce.

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Wednesday, July 6, 2022

Firefighter recognized for 15 years of service



Engineer Nick Smith from Hilda was recently recognized for 15 years of service with the Charleston Fire Department. He received his service pin and certificate from the City of Charleston. Congratulations and thank you for your service!

Macedonia Baptist Youth Choir hosts baby contest



Jade Reed won first place.

On June 26, the Macedonia Baptist Church Youth Choir hosted a Baby Contest.

To enter, the babies needed to be between 2 months and 2 years old. There was a short program that consisted of singing by the Macedonia Baptist Church Youth Choir, a praise dance by the Anointed Jr. Praise Dancers, and a parade of babies. The babies who raised the most money won cash prizes, trophies, and certificates. The 1st place winner: Little Miss Jade Nichole Reed (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reed Jr. of Blackville) 5 months old 2 months old



Elasia Jones won third place.





Birthday

King Josiah Davis celebrated his first birthday on July 1, 2022.

King Josiah Davis celebrates 1st birthday

ing Josiah Davis celebrated his first birthday on July 1, 2022. Close friends and family celebrated King's birthday with a gathering to shower him with love & gifts.

He is the son of Kian and Whitney Davis. King has one sister, Kiersten Jhene' Davis.

Maternal grandparents are Ernest Nimmons and Betty Odom. Paternal grandparents are Curly Tuck and Angela Davis. Great-grandparent is Irene Odom.

McGregor & Co. hires Travis Grose in Barnwell office

Travis Grose recently joined the accounting staff at McGregor & Company, LLP. Travis graduated from USC Aiken in May



2nd place winner: Lit-Williams (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Williams of Blackville)

Kamryn Brielle Williams won second place.

3rd place winner: Little tle Miss Kamryn Brielle Miss Elasia Amara Jones (daughter of Chante' Washington of Blackville and Bobby Jones Jr. of Allendale) 2 years old

2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a focus in accounting. Travis is originally from North Augusta and is excited to join the Barnwell office.

With three locations across the state, Mc-Gregor & Company, LLP has offices in Columbia, Orangeburg, and Barnwell. Services provided include audit and assurance, tax and small business consulting for a variety of nonprofit and healthcare organizations, automobile dealerships, real estate entities, governmental entities, and other commercial entities in addi-

tion to individual income, estate and gift tax preparation and planning.



Obituaries

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Dr. William Benjamin "Ben" Clark III



BLACKVILLE - A Celebration of Life service for Dr. William Benjamin "Ben" Clark III, 75, of Blackville, will be held at 1 o'clock p.m., Saturday, July 9, 2022, in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston, with Jay Fanning officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, July 8th at the funeral home. Honorary pallbearers will be Stephen Y. Roberts Sr., Clay Collins, Francis Flynn, Gene Owens, Ron Lucas, Marty Browder, and Mike Yenchko.

Dr. Clark passed away on Friday, June 24, 2022.

Born in Rock Hill, he was the son of the late William Benjamin Clark Jr. and Anne Boyd Clark. Dr. Clark attended Clemson University in SC and subsequently served in the U.S. Navy from 1972 to 1979 separating

with a rank of Lieutenant Commander. He attended the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston where he earned his Medical Degree. Dr. Clark eventually settled in Barnwell County where he practiced Family Medicine for more than forty years. He loved being a South Carolinian. He loved the Clemson Tigers and he loved boating and fishing in the beautiful coastal waters of South Carolina. He took great pride in caring for his patients and his community. Above all else he cherished his family and his faithful companion Chisum.

Survivors include his loving wife of 36 years, Melissa Waldron Clark; four sons, Christopher (Deanne) Clark of Clemson, Rhett (Melissa) Clark of Aiken, Zachary (Lisa) Clark of Cummings, GA, and Austin (Shelby) Clark of Summerville; eight grandchildren, Maegan, Morgan, Forrest, Farah, Dylan, Orrie, Will and Phoenix. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Andrew "Drew"

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

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Willie "David" Ayer



CHAPIN - Willie "David" Ayer passed away at home June 23, 2022, at the age of 79, after a long hard-fought battle with liver disease.

His parents were Willie Ruth Ayer and Mary Lucille Creech Ayer. Born on March 23, 1943, David grew up in Barnwell, S.C., and moved to Columbia to attend the University of South Carolina.

He had such a fun, outgoing personality with a priceless laugh, which made him the perfect person to work with people in his career. He joined the service staff at National Cash Register in Columbia where he received training to service cash registers statewide and later received training to be a computer service technician,

focused primarily on the installation at Myrtle Beach AFB. Later he joined Horseman Doll Manufacturing as a production manager. He then moved on to become a salesman and manager in the Medical Records field. He made many friends as a medical records manager in the North Carolina and South Carolina hospitals who remained dear friends after his retirement.

Some of David's favorite things to do were to fish and get out on Lake Murray. He also loved to camp with his high school buddies from Barnwell and enjoyed several camping trips a year to the Savannah River. Gardening was always a love of his, even though at the end it was just tomato plants on the deck. He was very active in his church, Lake Murray Presbyterian, and loved going to their Friday Morning Prayer Breakfast.

David is survived by his wife of 38 years, Cheryl, and his children, Troy Ayer (Catherine), Tracey Holmes (Alan), Kim Burgess (Hal), Robbie Burgess (Tia); his grandchildren, David Alan Holmes, Justin Holmes, Zackery Holmes, Matthew Holmes, Grace Holmes, Annabelle Holmes, Emma Holmes, Walker Holmes, Sarah Holmes, Hunter Bailey, Brandon Ayer, Sam Burgess, Austin Burgess, Aubrey Burgess, Aaron Burgess and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Katherine Peterson.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Hank Alford for all his care and special friendship during this trying time. The family would appreciate if memorials in David's name



James Roger Barnette

SHELBY, N.C. - James Roger Barnette of Shelby, N.C. passed away peacefully early in the morning of June 27, 2022, one day shy of his 80th birthday. Jim courageously battled multiple health ailments in recent years and is now at peace.

Jim is survived by his wife of 57 years, Sharon Barnette, and their three children and eight grandchildren. They are: daughter Sherry Grenier of Shelby, N.C., her husband Chris, and children Tyler, Victoria, and Matthew; son Roger Barnette of Atlanta, GA, his wife Christina, and children Nathan, Thomas, and Kate; and daughter Paige Stock of Concord, N.C., her husband Alex, and daughters Laney and Finley. Jim was preceded in death by his beloved grandson, Hudson Stock.

Jim was born on June 28, 1942, in Winder, GA, the youngest of eight siblings. He graduated from Barnwell High School in South Carolina, where he met his lifelong best friends, Bill Smith and Ted Mayo. Jim received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina in 1964.

He married the love of his life and started his career in manufacturing management in the summer of 1965, working as an Industrial Manager at Sunbeam corporation in Denmark, S.C. Jim's work ethic and natural leadership abilities led him to larger roles and responsibilities, eventually managing thousands of employees globally for different corporations. Jim's career led him, Sharon and family to live in Mount Airy, N.C., Southern Pines, N.C., Wilmington, N.C., Pittsford, N.Y., and Chattanooga, TN. In 1994 Jim and Sharon found their adopted home of Shelby, N.C. when Jim led ABB Combustion Engineering in Kings Mountain, N.C. They have resided happily in Shelby ever since.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Jim was very active in the Shelby and Cleveland County community. He was President of the Cleveland County Executive Roundtable, on the Boards of Directors of the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce, the Cleveland County Art Council, the Cleveland County United Way, Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity, and the Cleveland County Board of Adjustment. He also served as Chairman of the Board of the Western NC Manufacturing Association.

Jim and Sharon joined Aldersgate United Methodist Church in 1994. The church has been paramount in their lives as they have been active members and contributors to the Aldersgate community for 28 years.

Jim will be remembered for his love of family and friends, sense of humor, passion for the South Carolina Gamecocks, business leadership and work ethic. He touched the lives of so many and is missed beyond measure by his loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity or Aldersgate United Methodist Church of Shelby, N.C.

A memorial service will be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2022, with Rev. Randy Blanton offering words of encouragement for those in attendance.

Online condolences may be offered at cecilmburtonfuneralhome.com

Cecil M. Burton Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family. The People-Sentinel 7/06/22

> James Leronce Brooker Jr.

AIKEN - A funeral service for Mr. James Leronce Brooker Jr. of Aiken, South Carolina, was held at 12 noon, Saturday, July 2, 2022 at Ned Branch Baptist Church, 102620 Dunbarton Blvd., Barnwell, South Carolina. The burial was held at Hope Memorial Park, 1730 Yale Road, Barnwell, South Carolina. Due to the pandemic and CDC regulations, social distancing and other guidelines were in place.

Mr. James Leronce Brooker Jr., son of the late Mr. James Leronce Brooker Sr. and the late Lizzie Mae Johnson Brooker, was born in Blackville, South Carolina



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were made to Lake Murray Presbyterian Church in lieu of flowers.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.caughmanchapin.com for the Ayer family.

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Tamala Lynette (James) Morris



LEESVILLE - Tamala Lynette (James) Morris, "Tammy" was born on December 26, 1963 in Columbia. She was born to Billy James and Marilyn Glover, and graduated from Keenan High School. She received an associate degree in Accounting from Midlands Technical College.

Tammy married Chris Morris on September 21, 1990. Together they raised 3 daughters in Barnwell before settling in Leesville. Tammy peacefully passed away on June 29, 2022.

She leaves behind her beloved husband, Christopher "Chris" Robert Morris; eldest daughter Amber Lynn Morris and four grandchildren Juelleyn Risher, Chey-

anne Risher, Christian "Chance" Risher, and Londyn Pak; second daughter Heather Marie Morris and four grandchildren Jason Williams, Anthoney "Conner" Williams, Valeria Key, and Stella Key; youngest daughter Christine "Summer" Morris and two grandchildren Aubrey Stroman and Avalynn Stroman; Also surviving Tammy is her father Billy James; mother Marilyn Glover; step-mother Virginia "Ginger" Hall; grandmother Doris James; brothers Traye (Danette) James, Travis James, Chris (Krystal) James; and aunt, Susan Layton.

Tammy is predeceased by a baby brother Troy James; baby sister Baby Marilyn James; and grandfather W.C. James Sr.

Tammy worked as a professional accountant and homemaker. She was a talented seamstress and crafter and enjoyed gardening, baking, and capturing pictures of the most beautiful sunrises and sunsets. Her favorite season was summertime. She loved to walk barefoot where the cool ocean meets the warm beach sand and listen to the summer night sounds of frogs and crickets.

Tammy was a giver. She was always eager to help everyone in any way that she could. She was gentle, compassionate, and kind. She knew God as her savior and loved everyone she met. Tammy leaves her most beloved friends and family with the most profound legacy of all, everlasting love.

Although she shines bright and her light lives on, the comfort and joy she brought to us all will be immensely missed.

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Funeral services were held on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 12 p.m. in Friendship Baptist Church. Visitation started at 10:30 a.m. in the church prior to the funeral. Graveside was held in the church cemetery.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell assisted the family with the arrangements..

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(Barnwell County) on July 29, 1966.

At an early age, he joined the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. He often visited Tabernacle Baptist Church.

James was educated in the Blackville Public School System. Affectionately known as "Jimmy" to family and friends was known for his kindness, friendliness and love for his children, grandchildren and family. He loved basketball and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was married to the late Mrs. Abigail Bush Brooker and this union was blessed with one child.

He is preceded in death and now resting with his: one brother - Edward G. Brooker; two sisters – Patricia A. Brooker and Elizabeth Brooker Hunter.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two daughters – Jamie Odom (Anthuan) Norton of Barnwell, S.C. and Taneasha Brooker (Bryan) Baxley of Williston, S.C.; two sons - Trevaris Jaquan Moore of Williston, S.C. and Bishawn Brooker of Orangeburg, S.C.; seven brothers – Rundell Brooker and Linell (Bernita) Brooker, both of Blackville, S.C., Leon Brooker of Atlanta, Ga., Thurmond (Taeman) Brooker of Florence, S.C., Sherman Brooker of Columbia, S.C. and Joseph Brooker of Aiken, S.C.; two sisters – Melissa E. Brooker, Christine (Kim) Wilson, both of Aiken, S.C.; three granddaughters – Ja'kyla Brown, Amber Norton and Scarlett Baxley; two grandsons – Aiden Walker and Sebastian Baxley; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Guinyard and Sons Funeral Home of Barnwell was in charge of arrangements.. The People-Sentinel 7/06/22

Brandon Givens



ELKO - Brandon Benjamin Givens, 43, passed away on June 29, 2022. A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Born in Aiken, he was a son of Terry Benjamin Givens and Julie Anne Bonds Evans. He was a 1997 graduate of Jefferson Davis Academy and attended Trident Technical College in Charleston. He enjoyed photography, reptiles, disc golf, painting, art, archery and playing the guitar. He loved his pet snakes, June and Jasper.

Survivors include his parents, Julie (Jeff) Evans of Dallas, TX and Terry (Leanna) Givens of Aiken; brothers, James (Beth) Williams of Blackville, Zach Williams and his fiancé Brittany Martin of Lexington; step-sisters,

Ashley Evans and Jenna (Steven) Carroll of Atlanta, GA; step-brother, Tyler (Ericka) Evans of Summerville; grandparents, DeLois "Nana" Bonds and the late Preston "Friday" Bonds, of Elko, Teeny "Neenie" and Billy Givens of Elko; aunts, Kathy (Sam) Ray of Charleston and Margaret Rountree of Elko; uncles, Randy (Tina) Sanderlin and Ronnie (Karen) Rogers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his uncles, Eddie and Ernest Givens.

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

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Frances Loretta Hendrix Still



ALLENDALE - Frances Loretta Hendrix Still, age 84, widow of the late Paul Still Sr., died Saturday, July 2, 2022.

Mrs. Still was a daughter of the late Lloyd Lendon Hendrix and Mary Lee Davis Hendrix. She was a homemaker and member of Kline Baptist

Church. Loretta was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, July 7, 2022, at Kline Baptist Church with the Reverend Anthony Taylor officiating. Interment will follow at Kline Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Family members include one daughter, Lesa S. Doyle (Keith); two sons, Mike Still (Patty) and Danny Still (Karen); one step-daughter, Shirley Cole (Mike); one step-son, Bobby Still; one brother, Charles Hendrix (Rachel); one sister, Janis Hatcher; 10 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by one daughter, Sandy Hallman; one grandson, Josh Barfield; one stepson, Paul Still Jr.; two sisters, Jean Olsen and Myrtle Hayes.

Keith Smith Funeral Service, 128 Water Street, Allendale, is assisting the family with arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at keithsmithfuneralservice.com

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Seth Gainey



the service.

Seth passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2022. Born in Augusta, GA, he was the son of Phillip Wyman "Phil" Gainey and Helen Kymberly "Kym" Gainey. He was baptized at Barnwell First Baptist Church and attended Cedar Creek Church. He was a Williston-Elko High School graduate having graduated one of the top of his class. He played tennis and was chosen to attend Palmetto Boys State. He enjoyed playing paintball, lifting weights and fishing. He loved playing "Gee-ma-netty" with his nephew, Kaden, who affectionately called him Bubbs.

In addition to his parents, survivors include his son, Xander Phillip Gainey of Williston; sister, Summer Gainey of Williston; nephew, Kaden Buckland; paternal grandfather, W.E. "Billy" and the late Patricia "Pat" Gainey; maternal grandparents, Joe and the late Sheryl Thompson Gunnells; maternal grandfather, the late Jimmy Odom; maternal greatgrandmother, Helen J. Thompson and the late Cooper Thompson; uncles, Dean (Connie) Gainey, Mike Gainey, Rick Gainey, Jeep (Dawne) Gainey and Daniel (Meredith) Gainey, Adam (Ashley) Odom; aunts, Kate Odom and Tiffany Odom; and numerous cousins. He was also preceded in death by his uncles, Tony Odom and Anthony Odom.

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

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John Bellamy



AIKEN - A graveside funeral service for John Devon Bellamy, 46, of Aiken, will be held at 11 o'clock a.m., Thursday, July 7, 2022, at the Williston Cemetery with the Dr. Stephen Burdette officiating. The family will receive friends at the graveside after the service on Thursday. Memorial

contributions may be given to The Memorial and Honor Program, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. John passed away on Friday, July 1, 2022.

Born in Augusta, GA, he was a son of John Stephen "Steve" Bellamy and Cynthia Ruth "Cindy" Bouleware Bellamy. He enjoyed his job as a software engineer at Kroger and loved working. He loved music and spending time with his family and children.

In addition to his parents, Steve and Cindy Bellamy, he is survived by a brother, Bryan (Kim) Bellamy of Norfolk, VA; a daughter, Miette Neal-Bellamy (Angel Salas Benavides); a son, Job D. Bellamy; and the mother of his children, Emily Neal, all of Aiken; maternal grandparents, Betty T. Knotts of Aiken and Thomas E. (Judi) Boulware of Suches, GA; aunts, Carolyn (Tommy) Perkins, Elaine (Dan) Strawbridge; nephews, Chasen Bellamy and Beau Bellamy; and a niece, Olivia Bellamy.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, John D. Bellamy and Vernell Frank; his uncle, Mark Bouleware; and his aunt, Barbara "Bobbie" Marshman.

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FBC Barnwell awarded \$9,000 grant for ministries



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The Baptist Foundation's mission and vision statements are to: "Serve the churches of South Carolina through development, investment, and management of resources God has a staff of dedicated, ex- calling to help others given His people. We perienced profession- and share Christ's love exist to impact King- als who have helped to all.

erations. Our vision is ful stewards of God's to see every Christian prayerfully steward their resources as an act of worship, starting with South Carolina," according to the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina.

provide for themselves, loved ones, and their favorite ministry causes. The Foundation is directed by a Board of trustees elected by the South Carolina Baptist Convention. From the beginning, the founda-The Foundation has tion feels this is their

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From left to right: Nathan McCarthy, CEO & president of the Baptist Foundation, Dr. Bart Kelley, senior pastor of FBC Barnwell, and Russell Cook, lead builder of the wheelchair ministry.

Jonathan Vickery Publisher jvickery@thepeoplesentinel.com

 A_{was}^{Darm} chair ramp and construction ministry.

\$9,000 grant in December 2021 for their wheelused for needed repairs, tools, and upgrades as needed on the ministry team's trailers and equipment. "It takes every minis-

try working and helpto make greater things possible in reaching those in need; physical and their faith in Barnto continue to perform faith in the ministries great works, large and our Lord Jesus Christ Kelley.

for decades to come," said Dr. Bart Kelley, lead pastor of FBC Barnwell.

With these funds re-Barnwell church ceived and other funds recently made available, the awarded a \$9,000 grant ministry was able to to support its wheel- order a large enough structure to place all the work trailer to be The Baptist Founda- covered and kept from tion of South Carolina the harsh elements and awarded First Baptist all materials were de-Church of Barnwell a livered to the FBC campus in March 2022. The meetings and prayers to structure is scheduled chair and construction to be erected by both ministry team to be the wheelchair and construction team members sometime over the next few months as weather conditions become more favorable for construction in mid-2022.

"This structure build ing each other together could have not been cades, the Baptist Founmade possible without the large donation made by the Baptist Founand spiritual. Through dation of South Carothe Foundation's help lina and FBC Barnwell would like to humbly well First ministries, thank the Foundation vention and Southern these teams will be able for their donation and Baptist being done here at FBC small, in the name of Barnwell," said Rev. and expanded tremen-

In early 2021, Rev. Kelley was approached by Coley Creech, chairman of the church's construction ministry team, letting him know that the team had needs for the upcoming year's scheduled missions for tools and repairs. The largest need was a structure to keep the work trailers out of the weather.

Through several discuss how to finance these needs, it was decided to start looking at fundraising campaigns and also apply for a possible grant from the Baptist Foundation of South Carolina in mid-2021.

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The City of Barnwell and the Barnwell Development Association hosted a night of food, fun, and fireworks at Veterans Memorial Park on Thursday, June 30 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Barnwell community came to-gether to celebrate independence and to honor those who conved who served.

who served. Food trucks lined the driveways prepared to serve July 4 favorites like hotdogs, kettlecorn, lemonade, and pizza. DJ Gary Brantley kept the crowd entertained with music and updates on the event. Soon enough fireworks shot into the sky from their ignition point on the Barnwell Airport runway. Each firework lifted off with a boom and the array of colors reflected in the pupils of excited viewers.





Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



Snelling shoots fireworks, dedicates monument to former mayor



The Snelling Town Park was adorned in red, white, and blue to celebrate independence and an important figure in the town's history, former mayor of Snelling, Elbert Timothy Moore Sr.

At the time of his death in 2009, E. T. Moore, Sr. was the longest serving mayor in South Carolina being elected in 1969. A monument was placed across from the gazebo in his honor. His son and proud Snelling native, Elbert Timothy Moore Jr., spoke about his father's mayoral accomplishments and dedication to bettering Snelling.

Russell's Pizza served slices and volunteers served hotdogs and cotton candy. The community came together to celebrate with music from DJ Gary Brantley and inflatables provided by SkyHigh Inflatables.

The night ended with a fireworks display put on by the town.



Williston FBC hosts 4th of July fun













Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



The Williston First Baptist Church held an explosive night on Sunday, July 3 at the Academy Street Park in Williston. Fireworks lit the sky and reflected in the eyes of those in lawn chairs below.

First Baptist Church put on this event with the intention to bring the community together to celebrate independence.

Cars lined the grass and many sat on hoods or in truck beds. At the top of the field sat an ice cream truck and on all sides of the park were excited viewers.

Industrial thrift store finds homes for discarded items

Alexandra Whitbeck Reporter reporter@thepeoplesentinel.com

amon Carson takes the phrase 'one man's trash is another man's treasure' much more seriously than most. As CEO/Founder of RepurposedMATE-RIALS, Carson takes discarded items and gives them a second life differing from their intended purpose.

Standing in front of a mountainous looking landfill surrounded by discarded items can really change your perspective. Prior to founding Repurposed-MATERIALS, Ĉarson owned a garbage company where he was privy to this regularly.

"It made you sad for America that a percentage of garbage is not garbage," said Carson.

In 2010, he took what he calls a 'used mentality' and created a nationwide industrial thrift store whose goal is to "keep more and more out of the landfill."

Repurposed MATE-RIALS buys items like bowling alley wood, conveyor belts, fiberglass poles, billboard vinyl and then sells it for 50 percent to 70 percent less than it would be new.

They then resell it online, or at one of their six facilities located in Arizona, Iowa, Colorado, Texas, Ohio, and ly broken down into Williston, South Carolina. Carson is located remade into another at the base location in pipe. However, if the Colorado.

ity located at 70 State both energy and man-Street in a building power are saved. previously owned by Crane, Aidhla Clark manages the extensive indoor and outdoor inventory.

all the receiving reports. Once the material comes into the building, I receive it. I measure MATÉRIALS will have it, take pictures, get all you looking at billboard the details and send it vinyl as pond liner or an to Colorado for them to empty beer keg cut to be



The yard and warehouse of Repurposed Materials in Williston are packed with discarded items ready for new homes.



price the material," said Clark, who has 20 years of experience in receiving and trucking inventory.

RepurposedMATERI-ALS believes that items have value as they are.

Carson explained how reusing is the best use of waste because it isn't about changing the material itself, it's about looking at it with a different perspective.

If a plastic pipe gets recycled, it is commonsmaller pieces and then pipe is simply reused At the Williston facil- for another purpose,

Recycling is still environmentally savvy, but according to Carson reusing is the best way to keep landfills empty of "I'm the one that does good products and materials.

A walk through the facility at Repurposed-

Clark, who has a picture showcased in the recep-

Photos By: Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter



Recently, the company bought 80 thousand Everblocks from the state of Louisiana. According to Carson, companies overbought during the COVID pandemic and that's how he ended up with thousands of 'adult legos.'

Everblocks look like large legos and can be used to construct temporary walls. Louisiana bought these blocks with the intention of making temporary rooms in a convention center during the COV-ID-19 pandemic, but the blocks went unused.

RepurposedMATERI-ALS is making a dent in landfills across the country, and are providing architects, farmers, do-it-yourselfers and with discounted materials they can reimagine.

Carson finds his com-

"Many corporations

If you're interested in perusing what the Williston location has to offer, stop by 70 State Street in Williston, or visit repurposedmaterialsinc.com. The company is also active on Facebook under 'Repurand posedMaterials' frequently shares updates on interesting repurposed projects.



Giant legos are among the unique items customers can find when perusing the secondhand items at Repurposed Materials. a functioning urinal. Carson recalls a mem- of the train and tracks orable project in Colorado where large concrete tion area.

slabs left over from ComCast Cable were sold to a trucking company to prevent semitrucks from tipping over in the wind when hauling a lighter load.

"Obsolete concrete to an instant solution," said Carson.

"In Windsor, we had a young lady who did a trail. She came here and bought corn totes and they made a train set out of the totes," said



The City of Barnwell and the Barnwell Development Association want to honor your Barnwell Veteran by displaying his/her flag photo on a banner in downtown.

We will begin with honoring our deceased veterans from WWII up to recent conflicts. If interested in honoring a deceased Barnwell Veteran, please fill out the following information and send in the best possible photo you have of them for the banner.



These will be first come, first serve.

Once we have all the banners for downtown, we will then have garden flags made for other locations.

The cost for the banner is \$75.

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Junior Dixie Boys headed to State Tournament

Jeff Miller Sports Writer

The Bamberg-Barnwell Junior Dixie Boys All-Star team will compete in the division State tournament July 8-14 in Bluffton with the winner from each division playing in the Dixie World Series in Sterlington, LA later in July.

The Junior Dixie Boys team is made up of 12 of the best 13-year-old players from Barnwell and Bamberg. The group is coached by Ben Baxley, Thurston Stillinger, and Zac Thomas. Players consist of Coltin Baxley, Jaiden Zissett, Hall Sease, Vincent Gibson, Will Stillinger, Reece Still, Ian Dellairo, Corbin Perry, Patrick Crosby, Jase Culler, Kaydon Kearse, and Hunter Steedly.

Two players, Coltin Baxley and Hall Sease, are returning to the Junior Boys All-Star team after playing in the Junior Dixie Boys State Tournament in Beaufort and in the World Series last summer in Sterlington, LA.



Front row: Reece Still, Will Stillinger, Jaiden Zissett, Ian Dellairo, Vincent Gibson, Corbin Perry, & Kaydon Kearse. Back row: Coach Thurston Stillinger, Patrick Crosby, Hall Sease, Jase Culler, Hunter Steedly, Coltin Baxley, & Coach Ben Baxley. Photo By: Aerial Baxley

play so well together, have ter where I put each player, as I know they will definitely All-Star team!

teams I've coached as far as connected with each other it's time to play ball. I look well well." natural talent and their abil- right from the get-go," said forward to watching them ity to be team players. They Coach Ben Baxley. "No mat- play in the State tournament Barnwell Junior Dixie Boys

"This is one of the best great attitudes, and they they mean business when represent Bamberg and Barn-

Good luck to the Bamberg-

Dixie Boys earn spot at state tournament in July

Jeff Miller Sports Writer

The Bamberg-Barnwell Dixie Boys All-Star team of 14-yearold baseball players from Bamberg and Barnwell counties will travel to Bluffton to compete in the division state tournament July 8-14. The division winners will have the opportunity to advance to the Divie World Series



in Sterlington, LA later in July.

The Dixie Boys All-Stars are coached by Barry Creech, Kip team includes Tanner Chassereau, Garrett Wade, Tylan Parker, Walker Summers, Payton Payne, Lucas Creech, Walker Creech, "All the players are berg Williston, JDA, or Andrew Terry, Brayden Sanders, Dalton from Barnwell and Bamberg Jackson and come together and Nix, Jackson Bedingfield, Tanner Cato, and Keegan Zissett.



Terry, and Brent Creech. The Front: Tanner Chassereau, Garrett Wade, Tylan Parker, Walker Summers, Payton Payne, Lucas Creech; Back: Coach Kip Terry, Walker Terry, Braydon Sanders, Dalton Nix, Coach Barry Creech, Jackson Bedingfield, Coach Brent Creech. Not pictured: Keegan Zissett & **Tanner Cato** Photo By: Kenneth Carter

counties. These kids compete against each other in school ball. According to coach Barry They play for Barnwell, Bam- "We coach to make them better"

play as one in recreation ball." Creech continued by saying,

It's a privilege to play and coach on a state level. We will play Saturday, July 8th, at 3 p.m. against Latta in Bluffton. We would love

ball players and better citizens. to see a crowd show up to cheer these kids on."

> Good luck to the Bamberg-Barnwell Dixie Boys All-Star team!

Barnwell Baton & Dance hosts first competition

Alexandra Whitbeck Reporter reporter@thepeoplesentinel.com

Ten twirlers of Barnwell Baton and Dance competed on June 18 in the Barnwell High School gymnasium against athletes from Georgia, Louisiana, and Pennsylvania.

Coach Riley Ridgeway hosted the competition and brought in four judges from Georgia and Alabama.

"I only had about 10 of our girls from Barnwell that competed," said Ridgeway. There were 30 total competitors.

"The girls competed in individual events all day from about nine o'clock until about three, then we had team events," said Ridgeway. "I had about eight teams that came and competed as well."

Among the competitors were twirlers Ellison Lott, Anna Moore, Charlee DeFreest, Addeline Bolen and McK-



Coach Riley Ridgeway with her niece and twirler, Ellison Lott.

enzie McClary.

Ridgeway has been involved with the team since 2020, but has been twirling since she was three years old. She competed in her hometown of Barnwell and contin-



Barnwell twirlers Addeline Bolen and McKenzie McClary.



Anna Moore and Charlee DeFreest of Barnwell Baton & Dance show off their awards.

ued on as a Crimsonette for Her experience in and dedi- to coaching the future aththe University of Alabama. cation to the sport has led her letes of the sport.



How do you pronounce humuhumunukunukuapua'a?

It helps to break this long word into a lot of little sounds or syllables:

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Read the syllables on each line, then say them faster and faster until it comes out as one long word. Keep practicing then teach a family member learn to say it.

It's one of the longest words in the Hawaiian language. How many syllables in humuhumunukunukuapua'a?

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Barnwell All-Star Rookies compete in State Tournament

Jeff Miller Sports Writer

The Barnwell Rookies team, made up of the best 5- and 6-year-old players from the Barnwell baseball teams, competed in the opening rounds of the State Tournament in Orangeburg last weekend.

Barnwell lost to the eventual tournament winners, D2 in a close game 8-7 and just fell short in a high scoring battle against Gregg Park 15-11.

The Barnwell Rookies were coached by Rodney Zorn, Lawrence Smith, Brent Champy, Ashley Whitehead, and Billy Wier. The players included Connor Still, Finn Carroll, Knox Bolen, Kole Zorn, Carson Smith, Sawyer Altman, Casen Breland, Mason Proctor, Peyton Curtis, Brantley Whitehead, and Grant Wier.

"Although we fell short, the coaches feel that our boys did well. In our first game, we only lost by one run to D2, the team that ended up winning the tournament. Most of the other games played last weekend were blow outs, so we feel that have for the game of baseball," Barnwell held our own against the talented teams representing districts from all over the state,' said Coach Lawrence Smith.



The Barnwell Rookies competed in the state tournament in Orangeburg.

Contributed Ph

boys for their hard work during the summer break.

"It shows the passion they said Coach Smith. "The week before the tournament we lost two players to unfortunate circumstances and had to regroup to help these kids prepare for

The coaches recognize the with new players. Fortunately, I state and make adjustments of the parents and players." was blessed to have great coach- when the roster changed. We es out there giving up their time couldn't have gotten this far without God and the dedication

Congratulations to all the Barnwell Rookies players and coaches for a great year!



Photo By: Donny Knigh

Kole Zorn keeps his eyes on the prize and puts the ball in play.







Learning Buddles: Spell your child's first name, using the lines to write large letters. Use an uppercase letter



The People-Sentinel Wednesday, July 06, 2022 4B To promote your event, email the information July 2022 to jhowell@thepeoplesentinel.com 28 29 30 1 or fax it to (803) 259-2703. 34 5 Б 10 11 13 12 Edisto River Canoe/Kayak Vacation Bible School Sponsored by First Baptist Church Denmark Paddle Trip 31 3 4 5 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and Sunday, July 10 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 3 Holidoys July 9 4th - Independence Day to 7:30 p.m. Theme is Sparks South Fork Patriotic Paddle Studio. 8:30 am - Down to the River to Pray This is a 6 mile paddle to Friends of the To Life Tabernacle Church paddle register with Jerry Bell 9:00 am - Meet at Bobcat Landing (with your ||Local Directory (1189 Clinton St., Barnwell) gear unloaded & be ready to shuttle)*Bobcat will have VBS July 13-15 from Landing is on Hwy 301/601 (north of Bamberg) You will need to bring your own boat & get 6:30 to 8.30 p.m. and July 16 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Edisto Baptist Church will (life jacket & whistle are required by law) host its Fun in the Son VBS Let's celebrate the 4th by decorating on July 8, 10am-noon at the Barnwell Library our boats. (Patriotic NOT Political) Long Branch Baptist Church Williston Town Park Shelter, A Use flags & other patriotic symbols free lunch will be provided as in Williston will have VB5 July 40 Burr St. Barnwell 25-29th from 6 to 8:45 p.m. well as a shaved ice treat from Red. White & Blue 803-259-3612 TO PADDLE REGISTER WITH JERRY BELL | EMAIL: Pelicans! PreK-5th Grade Classes for all ages from nurs-(Boat decorating is optional) SOUTHFORKPADDLERS@GMAIL.COM OR TEXT: (803)300-1972 Hours of Operation ery to adults. Elko Baptist Church (7467 Bay Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri TO RENT A BOAT & GEAR CONTACT COPE KAYAK COMPANY Hilda First Baptist Church St., Elko) will have VBS July (803)614 9836* SHUTTLE SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MONTHLY RIVER 10am-6pm 8-10 for children in kindergarwill have VBS July 25-29 from SPONSORED BY: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Thurs ten through sixth grade. Times 6-8:30 p.m. each night for chil-TRIPS DENMARK 10am-7pm are: Friday, July 8 from 5:45 to (DONATIONS ACCEPTED, \$10 RECOMMENDED) dren ages 3+. 8:50 p.m.; Saturday, July 9 from Sat 10am-2pm Blackville Library provided. Number of partici-<u>Jul 22</u> small businesses in Barnwell pants is limited to the first Meeting **Blackville Community** Hours of Operation **AARP Smart Driver Course** County 20 Wall St, Barnwell 60 who register. Back to School Giveaway & Generations Unlimited 8:00am Family Movie Please register at https:// (11403 Ellenton St., Barn-Ave, Blackville Community Center Grounds forms.gle/XypGPvyfYSSD-(803) 284-2295 3rd Wednesdays July 14 AARP Members: \$20 6 P M WfSD9 The Barnwell Non-Profit Calling all veterans of Barnwell Mon, Tues, Thurs 8am-3pm Non-members: \$25 County and surrounding areas. **Boundtable** 10am-1pm 2nd Annual Summer Tech Cash or check only New "Let's Talk - Veterans All Non-Profits are invited to 2pm-6pm 1st Friday Camp Supporting Veterans" platattend to get to know various After course, you can turn Jul 25-27 Family Game Night form. organizations and serve our your certificate into your in-Clemson Agriculture Building community. We discuss prob-Everyone is welcome for a Barnwell County Career surance agent for a discount (34 Pechman St., Barnwell). lems, hopes, what's working Center community game night. for three years. Contact Joyce Brooks at 803and what is not. All rising 6-9 grade students **Country Cupboard** Karen to register at 803-671-218 Main St. Barnwell, SC 541-1057 for more information. are welcome to attend. The 6:30-8:00pm 6րա 8-9am camp is free of charge. Williston 9am-1pm Breakfast and lunch will be 1st Tuesdays BARNWELL COUNTY (803) 621-6000 Barnwell Development CONSILIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT Association: Call us today! 10am-1pm For small business owners & MEETINGS

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Wednesday Service 7pm

200 Skyland Farm Road,

2nd - 5th Sundays 9:30am

2nd-5th Sundays 10:30am

Please wear a mask.

Williston

Worship

Sunday School

Jordan Missionary Baptist

Sunday School at 10am, Wor-

5801 Friendship Rd, Barn-

Discipleship Training

Contemporary Service

Sundays 9:00am

Sundays 11:00am

Sunday School

well, SC 29812

ship at 11am

7pm

Traditional Service

8-9pm on Tuesdays

7pm on Sundays

p.m. 803-259-5653

<u>Barnwell</u>

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Jul 20 Ages 2 and up Shark Sun Catcher Craft 4pm-5pm

> Jul. 25 K-5 to 5th Grade Savannah River Ecology Lab SRLE presents live local anieach animal unique. And how to be good stewards of local wildlife and habitats. Seating is limited. 10:30 am

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CHILDREN/TRENS <u>Jul. 7</u>

Ages 2-6 Sea Creature Resoue All day activity. Check in at the front desk for

instructions. <u>Jul. 11</u>

Jul. 8

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K-5 to 5th Grade Portchop Production Enjoy a live action professional performance of an original play, "The Fisherman and His Needy Greedy Wife" is sure to delight.

Seating is limited and first

seats. Groups must contact the

mals. Learn about what makes

<u>Jul. 28</u>

Ages 3 and up End of Summer Movie Party Come celebrate the end of Summer Reading with us! We will be watching the movie Luca, Space is limited so please register by July 25th at the front desk. Registration hegins July 11th. 3pm-5:30pm

STORY TIME

All Ages In the children's room 11:30 am

07/12/2022 - 6PM - Blackville 07/26/2022- 6PM - Williston High School Auditoriums

ADULTS

Community Room to discuss a

cookbook of your choice.

Unity Baptist Church

Sunday School: 9:45am Sunday Worship: 11am and

5504 Hilda Rd Blackville, SC

Mid week service: Thursdays

JAM kids (supper provided)

6pm and Adult service 7pm

Sunday Worship at 11:00 am

Victory Baptist Church

Interim Preacher Terry

Word Of Life Full Gospel

<u>Ministries</u> 6254 Hwy 278 Barnwell Wednesday Bible study /

Ŝunday school 10:45 am

Worship Service 12pm

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prayer Service 7pm

Barnwell, SC 29812

3361 Hwy 70

Woodside

Pastor Brian Howard

representatives with a passion to SHOP LOCAL. Would love to hear your ideas for promoting



Jul. 28

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6pm

AllAges VRITUAL STORY TIME Videos will be posted on Facebook 11:30 am Jul. 28 POTLUCK BOOK CLUB We will be meeting in the

<u>Jul. 7 & 21</u>

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Williston Library

Hours of Operation 5121 Springfield Rd, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 2pm-6pm

Barnwell Museum

come first serve. No saving

win a small prize.

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Room



SUMMER MINISTRIES

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

SERVICES

Anglican Church of the Holy Apostles

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

Baruwell United Methodist <u>Church</u> 236 Main Street

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

Bells Chapel Pentecostal

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

Life Tabernacle Church

1189 Clinton st. Barnwell, S.C. Sun School 10am Sun worship 6pm Wed service 7pm Center of Hope Community Mon night prayer 7pm

Long Brauch 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

<u>Mt Lebanon Christian</u> <u>Church</u>

420 Christian Rd Barnwell, SC 29812 (803)259-1438 mtlebanoncc@gmail.com Sunday School at 10am Sunday am worship 11am (blended music) Sunday PM Bible Study 6pm (mid July-April) www.mtlebanonchristianchurch.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 <u>Baruwell</u> 181 Church St, Barnwell, SC

29812In person worship service. Masks and social distancing is encouraged. Temp. checks upon entrance. Sundays 10:00am For more info: Pastor Elder Lamonte Boyd (803) 259-1385 www.facebook.com/SB-CBarnwell

Seven Pines Baptist Church

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

St. Paul Missionary Baptist

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



803-219-7056

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

<u>Mondays</u>

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

AARP Topic 10:30-11:00am

<u>Tuesdays/Thursdays</u>

Exercise with Ernie 10-11am Bingo Ham-Noon

<u>Wednesdays</u> ETV Movie/Craft

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