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Williston mourns councilman

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Williston Town Council is mourning the loss of one of its own.

Councilman William Toney Jr., 49, passed away on August 22 at the hospital, just nine days before what would have been his 50th birthday (August 31). A sudden health issue caused him to be hos-

pitalized and placed on a ventilator earlier this month.

"In losing William Toney we have lost a great person and member of our town council. We are very grateful for William's work in our community and as a representative for the Town of Williston. He was a good friend to our town. We pray the Lord will bring comfort to his family and loved ones in our time of grief," said Williston Mayor Brett Williams during the

eulogy at Toney's funeral on August 30.

Toney was elected to town council in April 2021 to fill the seat vacated by Williams after he was elected mayor. However, Toney was involved in his hometown long before that.

"He had a big heart to help and give," said Judy Taylor, a Williston resident and friend of Toney's. "He made a big difference."

Though he spent several

years in Atlanta, Ga., Toney returned to Williston to help care for his ailing mother. After she passed, he remained in his hometown to make a difference.

In August 2019, Toney launched the Williston chapter of 100 Suits for 100 Men. The organization, which is based in New York, seeks to "help underprivileged men and women improve their role



William Toney Jr.

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Only photos and memories remain of the old jail/sheriff's office building after the dilapidated structure was torn down in July.

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Old jail, sheriff's office demolished

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Only memories remain of the old Barnwell County Sheriff's Office.

The City of Barnwell, which purchased the property years ago from the county, had the dilapidated structure demolished in July. Though it's been vacant since 2006, the building previously housed the sheriff's office and jail.

"It's a shame that this building, designed by noted architect, G. Lloyd Preacher (architect of Harley House and Holman-Fuller House) and eligible for the National Register of Historic Places was not able to be restored," said retired teacher and local historian Jerry Morris.

City of Barnwell Administrator Lynn McEwen said the city purchased the parcel of land, which borders Fuller Park, to provide more recreational space. They explored various options for the property over the years, including saving the building, but ultimately decided the building was "not conducive" to their needs.

"Yes, it's historical, but it would take a huge amount of work and money to restore that building and put it on the historical register. It's a liability and eyesore," said McEwen.

With the building continuing to deteriorate, be vandalized,



Photo Courtesy: Darrell Queen

The building had fallen into disrepair after being vacant since 2006.

and people illegally entering the boarded-up building, the city decided it was time to demolish the piece of Barnwell's history. They used American Rescue Plan Act funds to demolish the building. Of the five contractors that placed bids for the project, city council approved Chapin-based QC&D Enterprises which had the lowest bid of \$59,985. That price included the cost of asbestos abatement.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

Inmates weren't the only people who lived in the old jail and sheriff's office. It also served as housing for numerous Barnwell County sheriffs and their families.

"It was customary for the sheriff to live in and take care of the jail," said Retired Barnwell County Sheriff Ed Carroll.

He not only worked in the building as sheriff in the early 2000s, but grew up there during his father's tenure as sheriff in the 1960s. The Carroll family moved there in January 1965 after his father, the late Marvin Carroll, was elected sheriff. This was his home until age 13 when his father died in March 1971.

"My childhood was different than most. Some of my best friends were inmates. It was quite an experience, but I really enjoyed it," said Carroll. "It was neat when I became sheriff because my office was my bedroom as a child."

Ed Corley also spent part of his childhood growing up in the old jail after his father, the late A.E. Bo Corley, was elected in

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MedShore Ambulance under heat by county

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"We have 20,000 people depending on us."

-Barnwell County

Councilman Jerry Creech

Medshore is the largest privately-owned ambulance service in South Carolina, and gets paid \$950,000 a year by Barnwell County to maintain and staff four, full-time ambulance vehicles.

The Barnwell County Health Committee and Safety Committee held a joint meeting on August 22 to express their dissatisfaction with MedShore's service.

"We hired you to have four units on all the time, and we're not getting it," said Barnwell County Councilman and Chairman of the Health Committee Jerry Creech.

These problems with MedShore consist of a lack of transparency, lack of ambulances on duty, consistent vehicle breakdowns, and poor communication.

"We came here friends, we're going to leave here friends,"

said Councilman Creech before addressing MedShore leadership.

If these problems are not handled and resolved within three months, Councilman Creech proposed MedShore take responsibility for the \$650 dollars it costs the Hilda Fire Department and county per day. The financial feasibility of this proposal is being determined by MedShore.

"950,000 dollars yearly for four trucks," said Safety Committee Chairman and Barnwell County Councilman Don Harper, who continued to break down the math to \$650 a day per ambulance.

"Deduct it from the invoice," for the days an ambulance was

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Volunteer Fair seeks to connect community

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The Non-Profit Roundtable aims to connect volunteers with organizers, causes, and events in Barnwell County at their Volunteer Fair on September 24 at Fuller Park.

The group is a branch of HEALing Partners, a community coalition that is centered around healthy eating, active living, and routine health screenings through Axis I Center.

Linda Strocky had the idea to form the Non-Profit Roundtable when she first saw a need for connectedness in Barnwell County upon her arrival in June 2021.

"There didn't seem to be a lot of connection," said Strocky. "And I was looking for something to get involved in."



Aside from her work with the roundtable, Strocky also founded The Neat Consultant, an organizational service.

Strocky works mainly alongside three individuals to bring people who want to serve opportunities to do so.

Bob Snead is the director of the Palmetto Innovation Center where he works to bring

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Housing solutions discussed in county

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There are 10,551 total housing units in Barnwell County out of the nearly 2.3 million in the state.

The Housing Data Walk presented on August 26 by The Lowcountry Rural Housing Task Force shared figures like this with citizens, elected officials, organization leaders, clergy members, and school representatives to gain insight on how to better housing in Barnwell County.

"Your input will provide valuable insight for our housing needs," said Evelyn Coker, Director of the Blackville Community Development Corporation, in her welcome address to attendees.

The Lowcountry Rural Housing Task Force was established in 2021 by multiple organizations to create a strategic plan to tackle rural housing challenges in counties across the Lowcountry.

Members of The Lowcountry Rural Housing Task Force are Blackville Community Development Corporation (CDC), Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) South Carolina, Jasper Counties Neighbors United (JCNU), Together for Hope, Southeastern Housing and Community Development, Allendale County Alive, and South Carolina Regional CDC.

It is built on a three prong strategy—educate, advocate, and create. Educate stakeholders regarding available housing resources, advocate for the allocation of resources to be equitably distributed, and create innovative solutions to bridge housing gaps in the community.

This plan is made with the idea that safe and affordable housing leads to better jobs, education, and economic success.

Hosting housing data walks allows the task force to better understand what the community feels their housing problems are and what community or state response is needed to solve them.

One of the pieces of the puzzle is a lack of affordable and safe housing structures and another is how to access and allocate both state and local funding to fix it.

"We need to get an idea of what we need to be educated about," said Beth Overton, the Deputy Director of Southeastern Housing and Community Development.

Each of these organizations plays an important part in the rural housing



Beth Overton speaking with local officials at a station.

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Ethel Washington places a sticker at a station.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

"When adults and children live in safe and affordable housing, they are healthier, happier, and more likely to graduate school, and secure good paying jobs. Housing is the cornerstone of the health and economic success of families and the communities where they live and work."

-Harold Tessororf, facilitator of the Lowcountry Rural Housing Task Force's Data Walks

narrative, which according to Overton, is due for a change.

"The taskforce developed when a few agencies came together to change the rural housing narrative," said Overton.

Overton notes changing the conversation around rural housing is necessary to accomplish the goals of the task force, which is to locate the issues and readily provide solutions.

She also expresses the importance of understanding how to access state funding, which is beneficial when tackling large issues such as housing.

"One of the biggest obstacles that we're running into is trying to determine what those efforts should be to advocate for more equitable allocation of state resources," said Overton, who explains the task force began with advocacy efforts until realizing there is yet another piece to the puzzle.

"Millions of dollars have been invested into state housing programs but how many of those dollars are trickling down to your rural areas?" she asked.

While Overton acknowledges that state resources cannot be used for everything, she asks, "How do we work with our local government and agencies in order to develop things possibly like a local regional housing trust fund?"

The data walks held in Jasper, Barnwell, Bamberg, Allendale, and Hampton counties aim to answer these questions and more using feedback from those who live there.

"The goal here is really to build a ground swell of what the communities can do both individually and working together to ensure more residents have access to safe and affordable housing," said

Harold Tessororf, owner of Tessororf Consulting and an expert in food access and housing in ru-



Evelyn Coker welcoming participants to the Housing Data Walk at the Blackville Community Center.

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ral communities who facilitated the data walks.

Tessororf was connected to the event through Together for Hope, a rural development coalition, and worked for Habitat for Humanity in Georgia for over 20 years.

Hung around the Blackville Community Center were large sheets of paper with prompts all important in the housing conversation.

Each sheet represented a station, where groups determined by table number would place stickers on the sheet next to what they felt was important to the housing conversation in Barnwell County.

One of the stations discussed programming in the county, and asked participants to place a sticker next to each housing program they are aware of.

Some of these programs listed were the SC Housing Trust Fund Home Repair, Federal Home Loan Bank Veterans Housing, and USDA 504-Owner Occupied Repairs.

Participants were also asked to note which of

the listed programs they have used, and if they have not used any, what has prevented them from

doing so. By asking community members these questions, the task force leaders can better understand where the miscommunication in getting these programs to the people are.

This particular station asked what prevented them from utilizing these programs, and listed things like lack of information, lack of technical assistance, and unaware these programs existed.

Another station detailed gaps in the community and asked participants to note the barriers they find preventing housing goals from being met in Barnwell County.

Some of the choices were aging housing stock, lack of infrastructure, lack of state investment, and lack of economic growth.

Participants were then asked what prevents themselves or their neighbors from affording a place to live. Some of the listed options included low wages, high rent cost, lack of affordable

housing to purchase, and little to no savings for down payments or deposits.

One station asked participants to note the community's housing strengths such as sufficient housing to meet our communities needs and sufficient community investment. It ended with an open question asking how to maximize these strengths.

"One of the assets in this area is some really strong housing agencies," said Tessororf about Barnwell County's housing strengths.

Annie Walters, Lead Associate of Community Engagement for Save the Children, was in attendance not only because she is a Barnwell County resident, but also because housing plays a major role in her work with Save the Children.

"Housing is very important because if a child doesn't have stable housing, it's going to be hard for them to learn. It affects everything else a child does," said Walters. "If you have healthy children growing and glowing it makes the community a better place to be."

Another station addressed perceptions of the community and how members view things such as water and sewer infrastructure, parks and recreation, and road maintenance.

The third station asked participants if they felt housing was affordable for residents in varying income levels.

Participating were Blackville CDC members Vivian Alston and Ethel Washington alongside Coker, who were all involved in bringing these data walks to fruition.

Aside from community organizations, local government officials were also present at the event. Barnwell Coun-

ty Councilman David Kenner, Town of Blackville Councilmembers Frenchie Smalls and Ann Pernell, State Representative Lonnie Hosey, and Mayor of Blackville Ronnie Pernell were all in attendance.

"I hope these events get us some funding and bring housing into Blackville, because we really need it," said Councilmember Smalls. "I hope that in collaborating with all these organizations we can really bring some housing into Blackville."

Also present was Chelsea Calhoun, assistant principal at Macedonia Elementary Middle School. Calhoun explained some teachers commute nearly two hours to work back-and-forth each day due to lack of housing opportunities in the county.

Pamela McKnight, program coordinator at Axis I Center, was in attendance as well as Fonda Patrick, the Town of Blackville's activity coordinator and candidate for the Barnwell County Council running against Councilman Kenner in District Two.

Christine Patrick was present representing the Clemson Extension as well as Allendale County Alive's founder Wilbur Cave

Other organizations represented at the event were the Denmark Community Development Corporation, The Phoenix Project, and local clergy members.

"We spent a lot of time collecting data from outside, now we want to start figuring out how to bring this back, but also develop plans to begin to address it," said Tessororf. "The community, whether it's elected officials or residents having this information, will allow for a much stronger conversation to take place."

There are upcoming data walks in Bamberg County on September 1, Allendale County on September 8, and Hampton County on September 9.

Volunteer: New group seeks to connect community non-profits

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business ideas to fruition.

Dawn Snead is a pastry chef, a member of HEALING Partners, co-coordinator of the Veggie Cupboard Community Garden & Greenhouse as well as the Barnwell Farmer's Market at Fuller Park.

Jessica Bradshaw coordinates the community garden and market alongside Snead, and was a major piece in bringing like-minded people together in the county. Bradshaw is also the owner of Spackl Marketing and works with her husband, Edward "Asher" Engel, in audio production.

Strocky was inspired to start this endeavor by a database used by medical personnel to keep track of

patient referrals.

She envisions a Barnwell County specific database of volunteers, churches, and organizations that can be accessed by Barnwell County citizens when in need of volunteers for a fundraising event, a community outreach program, or anything of the life.

To make these connections, the Non-Profit Roundtable is holding a volunteer fair next month.

"We have the Volunteer Fair scheduled for September 24th at Fuller Park," said Strocky. "We're going to have kids games and the farmer's market is going to be there that day."

Contests like sack races and corn hole will be held for the kids along with

raffle tickets, gift certificates, and prizes.

The raffle tickets serve a purpose aside from a potential prize.

"If you go to each different booth and engage with somebody who needs volunteers, you get a raffle ticket," said Strocky, who feels this is a way to increase activity.

"This is not going to be our only project," said Strocky. "But it's our only project right now."

The Non-Profit Roundtable hopes to expand on their projects after the Volunteer Fair and continue to help the community and local causes join forces.

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Cascades plant tour underscores U.S.-Canadian relationship

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Underscoring the positive business relationship between the United States and Canada, U.S. Congressman Joe Wilson visited Cascades, a tissue paper manufacturing facility in Barnwell.

Wilson, his wife Roxanne, and staff were given a tour of the 415,000 square-foot facility on Thursday, August 25 by plant manager Brian Solheim. Joining them on the tour were representatives of Barnwell County Council, City of Barnwell Mayor Marcus Rivera, Blackville Mayor Ronnie Pernel and officials with SouthernCarolina Alliance.

The stop in Barnwell was part of an annual August tour of the district by Wilson and his staff from both Washington and within the district.

"It's where they get to get out of Washington and meet real people," joked Congressman Wilson.

Cascades, headquartered in Canada, acquired the Barnwell facility from Orchids for \$207 million in 2019 and then reinvested into the plant. Currently 122 people are employed there, where the company is working toward a goal of 150 employees.

"Cascades is a major employer in Barnwell County, providing both jobs and tax revenue, while creating opportunities for our retail businesses and service providers," said SouthernCarolina Alliance



Congressman Joe Wilson (center) presents Cascades employees with a 2022 Bus Tour Stop certificate. The tour of the Barnwell facility was part of the congressman's annual tour of the Second Congressional District.



Cascades plant manager Brian Solheim explained to U.S. Congressman Joe Wilson and staff about how the company purchases recyclable paper fiber and turns it into toilet paper, paper towels and tissue at the Barnwell facility.

COO John Fleming. "In addition, funding from the New Market Tax Credits provided by Cascades' investment is now providing scholarships for manufacturing training in the Barnwell County area, which will benefit all of our industries. Cascades' investment in our region is paying off in a multitude of ways for this community."

"We compete for people," said Solheim. "It goes to show that you don't have to leave Barnwell to have a fantastic career. We are Barnwell Proud."

Solheim was particularly proud to tell the 30 people on the tour that over the last year and a half, employees have recorded 538 "safe days" – days with no reportable accidents.

much impressed by the facility and the company.

"Cascades chose to buy here and work here. You rescued jobs here. We are grateful for your success," said the Congressman.

He indicated that a good relationship between the U.S. and Canada results in great jobs for Americans.

"It's exciting to see a company that was failing to be purchased by Cascades and to see them go from 50 jobs to 100 jobs to 125 jobs and the likelihood of soon becoming 170 jobs. What an oppor-



Getting a tour of the Cascades plant in Barnwell from plant manager Brian Solheim (left) included Blackville Mayor Ronnie Pernel, U.S. Congressman Joe Wilson, Barnwell Mayor Marcus Rivera, Barnwell County Council Chairman Harold Buckmon and Councilman Jerry Creech.

Cascades employs 12,347 people worldwide, he said.

Solheim said his facility pays over \$6.6 million annually in salaries. The Barnwell plant also provides the City of Barnwell with \$1.3 in revenue through water and sewer fees as well as taxes.

The plant takes in recycled paper fiber and turns it into toilet tissue, napkins and paper towels. Approximately 100 tons of tissue is produced a day.

"We turn out 24 rolls

every 7 seconds," he said. "We sell to Walmart, Target, BJ's, Walgreens and others. One of the advantages we have is that we are extremely sustainable and everything is recycled."

Currently Cascades is the leader in tissue paper production in Canada and is the fourth largest producer in North America. It is also the top producer of containerboard and corrugated boxes in Canada and is a leader in North America.

Wilson said he was

tunity this is for people of this community," said Wilson.

"Then, to get a tour of the facility to see where millions of rolls of toilet paper, paper towels and tissues – it's wonderful," said the Congressman. He noted that Cascades' decision to use city water and sewer enables Barnwell "to have a world class water system".

When asked what he would tell other industries about Barnwell, Wilson responded, "This is the place to be."



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Mental Health: You are not alone

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The past two and a half years have proven to be quite challenging for most of us, and have, therefore, increased the conversation around mental health. I am grateful that we are freely discussing the need for mental health care and that the stigma surrounding mental health is slowly fading. Lately, there have been numerous articles about the mental health resources in South Carolina; how to access those resources; and the gap in resources.

As some of the information has been a little confusing, I would like to give you the facts. The South Carolina Department of Mental Health (SCDMH) operates 16 mental health centers which cover all 46 counties of South Carolina. You can access evidenced-based care from one of 58 SCDMH clinics or in over 700 other places where SCDMH has embedded staff.

In many cases you can be seen the very day you call for services. If asking for a routine, non-emergent appointment, you would wait no longer than 7 days to be seen by a master's prepared therapist. I recently called my primary care physician's office and was told I could not be seen for a routine appointment until February of 2023.....no, I am not kidding.

SCDMH has many easy ways for you to find mental health care. We know when you have the need, we must have the speed. Here is your guide:

If you are in a psychiatric crisis, call our Mobile Crisis number - 1-833-364-2274. Your call will ALWAYS be answered. If needed, staff can be deployed to your location 24/7.

If you want information about

a mental health center in your community, you can access contact information anytime at SCDMH.net or you can call 1-803-898-8581, Monday - Friday, 8:30a-5p. Of course, you can also call your local center directly. If you are deaf, you can call the Deaf Services video-phone hotline at 1-803-339-3339.

If you would like information about multiple healthcare related resources, you can call SCDMHops at 1-844-724-6737 or Tu-Apoyo at 1-833-882-7696 for Spanish speakers. SCDMH and the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (SCDAODAS) operate these information lines.

SCDMH, in partnership with SCDAODAS, operates a self-screener for those 18 and older at <https://hope.connectsyou.org>. You can choose to communicate with a staff member after completing the self-screening tool.

If you are feeling suicidal, you can now simply dial 988. Your call WILL be answered, either by Mental Health America Greenville County or by another certified Suicide Prevention Lifeline call center in another state. You can also choose to text HOPE4SC to 741741. SCDMH is developing a second certified call center for SC which will be located in Charleston and should open early in 2023.

The most important thing for you to know is that SCDMH has comprehensive resources for mental health care in every county. Any of the means listed above will connect you to care. You are not alone. Call.

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Natural Affections

Rainbows & Promises



Donna-Maria Conzalina
Columnist

August tints rainbows across the sky, while we enjoy these passing days and nights. For like the boaters on cypress lakes; the season drifts, then sails on by. Memories of vacation days to collect, moments to keepsake and retrospect. August, a passage of Summer play; as we cast off these days to Labor Day. From the poem A Year of Hope by Donna-Maria Conzalina ~ 1993

As I've been sitting here, typing the poetic verse above, something dawned on this ever spinning mind. In 1993 when I originally wrote that poem, I referenced rainbows in the August sky. Little did I know then how profound that line would come to be 27 years later. It could have randomly been any month, but that's not how God works. It was distinctly an August afternoon in 2020 when I witnessed the most amazing, nothing short of divine, rainbow I've ever seen.

Now, of course, my story pales dramatically in comparison to God's first, promise-filled rainbow appearance as witnessed by Noah. Still, to me on an individual level, well, it's quite monumental. Because just as God spoke to Noah through that spectrum of Light, I know He likewise had a message for me that August afternoon.

If you've been following this column, you may recall glimpses I've shared pertaining to my backstory. If not, let's just say the journey for me finding my way back home to the South East was, as the Beatles sang: "a long and winding road".

Several of us, more of us than we may realize, have burdensome backgrounds, or similar current situations. Like movies we'd rather not watch. But on the bright side, I'm a notorious Romans 8:28 believer, holding tight to The Promise that "God works ALL THINGS out for good for those who love and serve Him". I encourage you to build your days on that Promise too. Because then, when those dark, scary, uncertain times, like crooked paths do come along; it's easy to see His Light shine through. And the thing is, I've found it to be true, the more you believe, the more you call out to and seek a relationship with Him, the brighter His Grace shines. He's always ready to guide, provide for and comfort us. (Deuteronomy 31:8) It is The Lord Who goes before you. He will be with you. He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

The "working ALL THINGS out for good" part of That Promise really puts the amazing in Amazing Grace. You see, I'm 100% certain that every opposition along my way, in retrospect, was just a stepping stone leading me to this place and time.

I believe He's placed each of His children right where we're supposed to be. And even in the frailty of humanness, when we slip, fall from Grace and wander off path; well, as soon as we call back to Him, He doesn't condemn us or hesitate to help us get us back on track. He just welcomes us with Love.

Yes, I journeyed through a sometimes frightening, very uncertain passageway. But, He was there for me every step of the way. He still is. Looking back and seeing where I was then and where I am today, I can't thank Him enough for the truth of that Romans 8:28 promise. I am so grateful that He cared enough to write on my heart, "No weapon formed against you shall prosper." (Isaiah 54:17) I don't see myself as a misfit any more. I am His child. A daughter of The King. A Princess in His eyes. And you, Dear Reader, are called to be a Prince or Princess in His Kingdom too.

These days I excitedly look for Him to direct my path and without hesitation, I follow. He brought me here where my stories are welcome, and directs these words I write. And I believe and hope with all my heart that He uses my experiences to help others who may find themselves in similar situations. And I also like to believe He called me here because He cares so much about each of His children. Even me, the little misfit, insecure gal I used to see in the mirror. He knew after all the struggles, I'd treasure some countryside living and therapeutic release. But mostly, I believe He's put me in this place and time for sharing my testimony regarding The Truth about His Amazing Grace.

And that brings us back to the rainbow on that August afternoon. As previously mentioned I struggled for quite some time, not knowing where I belonged after making a fight or flight decision; the latter winning, as I left my previous life behind a few years earlier.

Family and friends welcomed me and my four legged best friend, Blaze, into their homes for comfort and support during that time. I did find a run-down mobile home at one point that cost more to rent than three car payments. So, eventually I realized I'd have to move out of South Carolina's low country or

get a used motorhome. I must confess, I had my heart set on the motorhome, but God had a different plan for my gypsy soul. A home in the country it was. This home. "The Gypsy Ranch". And more about that beautiful story and all the Blessings we share with God in another column. There's so much to share. But today's focus is...the rainbow!

I never considered purchasing a home completely on my own before. Especially one being sold as-is that sat a hundred miles away from family and friends in an area I'd never heard of. But God lined everything up perfectly. From affordability, helping hands when and where I needed them and a most welcoming new community. I knew I belonged here as soon as I set my feet on the ground. Clearly He was making that old crooked path straight. So after months of what I learned to call "Due Diligence" finally the day came for me to take residence. It was August 1st when my son and I unloaded a u-Haul with his second-hand bed for me to use and some other humble belongings. It's true too, one man's junk is another man's treasure and I felt nothing but gratitude. I spent that first week getting settled in. Then I found myself standing out in the yard on August 8th; for the first time feeling a little lonely. You see, that day would have been my wedding anniversary if I stayed where I emotionally knew I didn't belong anymore. And that's when it happened. I was standing in the front yard looking at this house The Lord brought me to and all of a sudden the most glorious rainbow showed in the sky before me. Across the pond it began, casting itself directly over The Gypsy Ranch. I took a video to capture the moment! I still have it, backed up and safely saved, just like I am now. Yes, God spoke to this old gal with a rainbow tinting the sky before me on that special August day. He clearly told me, as the storms faded away...He is my treasure, more valuable than any pot of gold could be and He wants to be your Treasure too, through all the struggles and smiles; if you too, Only Believe.

Letter to the Editor

A thank you from the Ray family

The family of Timothy C. Ray Jr. would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for all the love and support during the loss of our dear loved one. The many calls, cards, visits, flowers and food really touched our hearts. Most importantly, we

felt all the prayers for comfort and peace.

I do not believe anyone can ever prepare for the death of a loved one. We appreciate the shared memories of Tim and all who loved him too.

The Ray family



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Barnwell County Arrest Reports

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.

Kerek Nathaniel Bearden, 31, of 140 Deerwood Rd., Barnwell, was arrested on August 11 by Barnwell Police Department (BPD) for two counts of Shoplifting. Bearden was booked and released to Barnwell County Detention Center (BCDC).

Shaw Desilver Bellman, 39, of 1810 Clinton St. #13, Barnwell, was arrested on August 24 by BPD for Possession of Cocaine and Threatening the Life of a Public Official. Bellman was booked and released to

BCDC.

Cory Allen Caudill, 37, of 1263 Hagood Ave. Barnwell, was arrested on August 10 by BPD for Forcible Rape and Contributing to Delinquency of a Minor. Caudill was booked and released to BCDC.

Kimberly Dyches, 21, of 2752 St. Paul Rd., Barnwell, was arrested on August 26 by Barnwell County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) for Failure to Appear. Dyches was booked and released to BCDC.

Gregory Andrew Gilchrist Jr., 41, of 220 Faison Dr., Columbia, was arrested on August 21 by BPD for Trespassing. Gilchrist was booked and released to BCDC.

Adrian T. Houston Sr., 40, of 1835 Davis

Bridge Rd. Williston, was arrested on August 25 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Houston was booked and released to BCDC.

Adrian T. Houston Sr., 40, of 1835 Davis Bridge Rd. Williston, was arrested on August 25 by BCSO for Failure to Appear. Washington was booked and released to BCDC.

Richard Jones, 38, of 114 Camel St., Barnwell, was arrested on August 26 by BCSO for two counts of Failure to Appear. Jones was booked and released to BCDC.

Sydney Ann Joyner, 20, of 720 Fourth St., Olar, was arrested on August 25 by BCSO for Possession of Heroin, Driving Under Suspension, and Prisoner in Possession of Contraband. Joyner was booked and released to BCDC.

Christopher O'Neil Leach, 27, of 160 Dixie Rd., Wagener, was arrested on August 25 by BCSO for Unlawful Carrying a Pistol and Improper Lane Change. Leach was booked and released to BCDC.

Melissa Lynn Low, 50, of 260 Litchfield St. #326 Barnwell, was arrested on August 13 by BPD for Vandalism of Property and Malicious Injury to Personal Property. Low was booked and released to BCDC.

Joshua Seth Moody, 25, of 229 Pinehaven St., Barnwell, was arrested on August 11 by BPD for two counts of Shoplifting. Moody was booked

and released to BCDC.

Joshua Edward Owens, 35, of 209 Creech Rd., Barnwell, was arrested on August 24 by BCSO for Failure to Pay Child Support. Owens was booked and released to BCDC.

Eddie Lee Patterson, 28, of 1810 Clinton St., Apartment 13, Barnwell, was arrested on August 24 by BCSO for Possession of Marijuana with intent to distribute and Possession of Marijuana within proximity of a school with intent to distribute. Patterson was booked and released to BCDC.

Angela Marie Ray, 52, of 9105 Patterson St., Barnwell, was arrested on August 18, 2022 by BPD for a Dog Attack, two charges of Penally

for Owner of Dangerous Animals, and nine (9) counts of Animal Abandonment. Ray was booked and released to BCDC.

Russell Seawright, 38, of 248 Honeysuckle Trail Wagener, was arrested on August 26 for Assaulting a Police Officer while Resisting Arrest. Seawright was booked and released to BCDC.

John Michael Williams, 38, of 222 Fellowship Rd., Barnwell, was arrested on August 28 by BPD for Shoplifting. Williams was booked and released to BCDC.

James Edward Williamson, 49, of 31 Perry St., Barnwell, was arrested on August 22 by BPD for Domestic Violence. Williamson was booked and released to BCDC.

More SC horses found to have contracted Equine Infectious Anemia

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Clemson University

Two more South Carolina horses have tested positive for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), bringing the number of confirmed cases in the state to five in the past month, State Veterinarian Michael Neault has announced.

All five cases stem from a bush track horse racing training facility, Neault said. The first three discovered in July have been euthanized.

The virus that causes EIA is often transmitted by bloodsucking insects

like biting flies but also can be introduced by infected needles or other medical, dental or tattoo equipment.

"We know how the disease spreads, so we also know how to minimize or even stop the spread," said Neault, who directs Clemson Livestock Poultry Health, a state regulatory agency responsible for protecting animal health by controlling disease.

"Horse owners sometimes re-use needles when vaccinating multiple animals because it's cheaper and easier. That's an open invitation to the spread of disease,"

he said. "Only use sterile needles and syringes; never reuse them. Proper insect control also will help mitigate the spread."

Prior to the five cases identified this summer, which infected horses from Barnwell and Berkeley counties, the most recent case of EIA in South Carolina was in a single donkey infected in Aiken County in 2014.

The blood-borne illness does not infect humans but is potentially fatal to horses and other equine species.

"There is no treatment for EIA, so if an infected animal does not die

from the disease it will become a lifelong EIA carrier and serve as a reservoir for the disease, putting other equines at risk," Neault said. "For this reason, they must be permanently isolated and quarantined from other animals or they must be euthanized."

LPH encourages equine owners to have an annual Coggins test -- a blood test that screens for EIA antibodies -- performed on their horses even if the animals don't leave their own farm. That is especially important if they are housed at a boarding facility, said Sean Fastman, LPH Field

Services director.

State law requires a negative Coggins test any time horses cross state lines and when owners take their horses to in-state gatherings of animals belonging to more than two horse owners -- such as trail rides, horse shows or competitions. Owners should bring Coggins test documents with them when traveling with horses.

EIA is a reportable animal disease in all 50 states, meaning that positive cases must be reported by the testing laboratory to local state or federal animal health

officials within two days of discovery. LPH maintains an animal reportable diseases list online at: www.clemson.edu/public/lph/ahp/reportable-diseases/.

"EIA is communicable to other horses and is a serious animal health threat," Neault said. "Thankfully, with other deadly diseases like Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis, West Nile Virus and rabies, we have effective equine vaccinations available. So it's a good idea for all horse owners to plan a regular Coggins test just like they do their animals' annual vaccinations."

18-wheeler wreck blocks highway Tuesday afternoon

A semi-truck carrying wire flipped over as it was turning from Highway 37 onto Highway 278 in Barnwell around 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30. According to the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office, the roads were projected to be blocked for roughly two hours as crews worked to clean up the scene. No one was injured, according to officials at the scene.

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BIRTH



Ansley Elizabeth Nobles was born on August 1, 2022.

Ansley Elizabeth Nobles

Coltin and Lindsey Nobles of Aynor are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Ansley Elizabeth Nobles.

Ansley was born on August 1, 2022, at 11:01 p.m. at The Conway Medical Center in Conway. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Joey and Pam Doyle of Aynor.

Paternal grandparents are Jade and Pam Nobles of Barnwell.

Great-grandparents are Danny and Ann Matheny of Bamberg and Johnny Nobles and the late Mary "Libby" Nobles of Denmark.

BIRTH



Doris Carolyn 'Dori Lyn' Richardson was born on August 10, 2022.

Doris Carolyn 'Dori Lyn' Richardson

Michael and Haley Richardson are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Doris Carolyn "Dori Lyn" Richardson. She is named after two of her great-grandmothers, the late Doris Hiers of Barnwell and the late Carolyn Truesdale of Elgin.

She was born August 10, 2022 at 7:54 a.m. in Columbia. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 and a half inches.

Dori Lynn has three siblings: CharleeGrace, Hiersley and Lucy Elizabeth Richardson.

Maternal grandparents are Terry and Connie Hiers of Ulmer.

Paternal grandparents are Kenny and Karen Richardson of Elgin.

WEDDING



Larry Johnson Jr. and Chandra Cave were united in marriage on July 23, 2022.

Chandra Cave, Larry Johnson Jr. united in marriage

Chandra Cave of Barnwell and Larry Johnson Jr. of Blackville were united in marriage on July 23, 2022 at Barnwell First Baptist Church. The Rev. Benjamin F. Cave officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her sons, Calvin Jr. and Braylen.

Following the wedding a reception was held at the Blackville Community Center.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. David and Mrs. Willie Mae Cave of Barnwell. Her maternal grandparents are the late Eartha L. Priester and the late Mr. and Mrs. August Myers. The bride's paternal grandparent is Ms. Ronetta Odom.

She is a 2006 graduate of Barnwell High School and a 2022 graduate of Limestone University with her Master of Social Work.

The groom is the son of the late Mr. Larry Sr. and Mrs. Loretta Johnson of Blackville. His maternal grandparent is the late Mary E. Joyner and his paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alonza Johnson.

He is a 2010 graduate of Blackville-Hilda High School and a 2014 graduate of Claflin University with a Bachelor's in Politics and Justice Studies and a minor in Criminal Justice.

He is employed by the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office.

The couple also serves their country as members of the military. The bride is in the United States Army National Guard while the groom is in the United States Army Reserve.

Following a wedding trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, the couple will reside in Barnwell.

AWARD

Sandra Harley wins Yard of Month for August



Congratulations to Sandra Harley for winning the Ivy Garden Club "Yard of the Month" for August 2022. Located at 44 Leona Street, Williston.

Evelyn L. Wiles Forshey



BARNWELL - Evelyn L. Wiles Forshey, 91, of Barnwell, went to be with her Lord and Savior on August 20, 2022. Graveside services were held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, at the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery near the airport with Reverend Joel Jones officiating. Visitation was held from 9:45 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. before the service at Mole Funeral Home in Barnwell.

Evelyn was born in Akron, Ohio on September 3, 1930. She was the daughter of the late Otto L. and Katie Richardt Wiles. Evelyn worked many years at the Milliken Plant, but mostly she was a devoted wife, a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She loved watching

sports, especially the Barnwell Warhorses when her sons were playing. She loved the Ohio State Buckeyes. She also had a very strong love for reading.

Survivors include her son, Brian (Jennifer) Forshey of Varnville, S.C. and daughters, Jace (Bill) Dean of Jacksonville, FL, and Jennifer (Larry) Still of Hilda, S.C.; and her grandchildren Allyson Delk of Branchville, Renee (Don) Smith and Michael Still of Hilda, S.C., Rebekah (Duane) Troutman of Trenton, S.C., John Dennis (Brittany) Forshey of Calhoun, GA, and Catherine Forshey of Varnville, S.C. She had 13 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

Evelyn was predeceased by her loving husband, John G. (Jack) Forshey; son, Dennis (Denny); grandson-in-law, Bryan Delk; granddaughter, Kathryn Forshey; and great-grandson, Bailey Walling-Still. Evelyn will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

Friends may call at the home of Larry and Jennifer Still.

Mole Funeral Home of Barnwell assisted the family with arrangements. Sign the online guestbook at molefh.com.

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Nancy F. Buck Miller



WILLISTON - Funeral services for Nancy Frierson Buck Miller, 77, of Williston, will be held at 11 o'clock p.m., Thursday, September 1, 2022 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel, Williston. The burial will be at 3 o'clock p.m., at Bethany Cemetery, 10 Cunnington Ave., Charleston, S.C. 29405 with the Pastor John Holmes. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Thursday.

Nancy passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2022.

Born in Charleston, she was a daughter of the late Johnnie Hutson Frierson and Carrie Mae Morris Frierson and was married to the late John Talmadge "Johnny" Miller. Nancy was a member of Edisto Baptist Church, a homemaker and a self-employed caregiver.

Survivors include her daughters, Tracey Buck (Larry) Sanders of Williston, S.C. and Stacy (Jack) Stauffer of Summerville, S.C.; a son, Robert "Dinky" Buck Jr. of Williston, S.C.; sisters, Betty Clark of Summerville, S.C., Ruby (Pete) Berkos of Goose Creek, S.C., and Pearl (Bobby) Russell of Moncks Corner, S.C.; brothers, Jimmie (Jan) Frierson of Goose Creek, S.C., Johnnie Reno Frierson of Williston, S.C., Jackie Frierson of Barnwell, S.C. and Wayne Frierson of Moncks Corner, S.C.; grandchildren, Annelise Sanders, Bella Sanders, Collins Sanders, James Rutledge IV, Jackson R. Buck, Taylor Buck Mylan, Frank J. Buck, Jewel Brown, Scott Brown, and Jacquelyn Brown; great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, Johnny Miller, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Aronda Dale Buck; and a sister, Mary Olline Frierson.

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

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Toney: Williston town councilman remembered for 'heart of service'

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in society, build dignity and self-esteem, foster self-sufficiency, dispel stereotypes, and promote community involvement in order to build each other up," according to www.100suitsnyc.org.

Though COVID impacted the organization's normal mission, Toney and the 100 Suits board hosted food drives and toy drives to help the community.

"Mr. Toney's work in 100 Suits for 100 Men was one of his biggest passions. He was so grateful for those who worked alongside him. He would always tell you how much he enjoyed it and how hard everyone on the team worked. This led to his being named a WJBF News Channel 6 "Giving Your Best" winner. This award celebrates and salutes and honors volunteerism," said Mayor Williams.

Some of Toney's fellow council members knew him just a short time while others knew him his whole life. But they all knew he truly loved his hometown.

"He would give you the shirt off his back and he had a heart of gold. William was a true man of God; he worked in the church where we were members together at the Culbert Branch Baptist Church," said Councilwoman Annie Smalls-Tyler, who knew Toney his entire life.

Albert Einstein once said: "The value of a man should be seen in what he gives and not in what he is able to receive."



Williston was represented by several officials at the 2022 Municipal Association of South Carolina annual meeting in Charleston in July. Pictured: Lora Odermatt (wife of Councilman Kurt Odermatt), Katie Williams (wife of Mayor Brett Williams), Councilman William Toney, Administrator Michael Beasley, Councilman Eric Moody, Jennifer Moody (Councilman Moody's wife), Mayor Brett Williams, and Councilman Kurt Odermatt.

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Tyler said this summed up Toney's life because he "was a man who gave, he gave to his work and to mankind."

Council members Eric Moody and Adadra Neville graduated with Toney in 1990 from Williston-Elko High School.

"William was a friend to all and always looked for an opportunity to be of service. He will be remembered for his dedication to the people of his community. Through his work with 100 Suits for 100 Men and many other organizations, he lived his testimony as a public servant. He will be great-

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Williston Town Councilwoman Adadra Neville of Councilman William Toney Jr.

ly missed by his family, friends, classmates, and the many people he touched through his love for his hometown," said Neville.

Councilman Moody spoke on the phone weekly with Toney, who

heart for service.

"I was just getting to really know William Toney, and one thing is for sure, he was one of the most honest and humble men I've had the honor to work with and call friend," said Odermatt. "His persistent work in the community helping low-income and underprivileged citizens will be greatly missed. In any setting, public or private, if the name William Toney was ever mentioned, it was always in high regard. Heaven gained a terrific person who will certainly be missed by many."

he considered a "good friend" and "true servant to our community and to our Lord Jesus Christ."

Councilmen Kurt Odermatt and Scott Valentine only knew Toney for a brief time, but they quickly learned he had a

Councilman Valentine had heard about Toney's community program but had only just gotten to know him over the last year. "His love and devotion to this community spoke volumes that impacted thousands of lives. He was a valuable asset to council, and we are all still in shock."

Taylor, served on the 100 Suits for 100 Men Williston chapter board, said Toney felt called to do even more for Williston. That's why he ran for town council.

"When he was elected to council, it warmed my heart for him to become a member of the Williston Town Council and to fulfill one of his dreams," said Tyler. "William was active in the community and was an outstanding councilman."

Members of Williston Town Council attended the Municipal Association of South Carolina's annual meeting in mid-July in Charleston, one of Toney's favorite places to visit. Though Toney, who was diagnosed with congestive heart failure in 2019, had just gotten out of the hospital, he did not miss the chance to represent his town at the meeting.

"William Toney showed up 100 percent for everything he did. His smile, his laugh and just his presence in our lives can never be replaced," said Mayor Williams.

Whether through his job at Simmons Funeral Home of Elko, his volunteer efforts, or his role on council, Toney used his time and good will to help the Town of Williston. Taylor said this giving attitude was instilled in him by his mother, who always helped others.

"In the funeral business, things are unpredictable, you never know day to day what you may be up against, but things like that that didn't matter to William because it came natural to him. No matter what was in front of him, he was giving it 100%. He was always willing to help and was just a phone call away," said Mayor Williams.

Though a special election will be held in the coming months to fill Toney's seat, his colleagues said Williston has lost a true servant who cannot be replaced.

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Community Gardens *Grow* in the County



Vivian Alston at the Blackville Community Garden
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The concept of a community garden fosters growth and togetherness. At the two community gardens in Barnwell County, both vegetables and people are growing together.

In March 2022, the South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development (SCACED) and the South Carolina Office of Rural Health (SCORH) announced 21 winners of the 2022 Community Garden Grants.

Among those winners was the Blackville Community Development Corporation and the Veggie Cupboard Community Garden & Greenhouse in Barnwell.

The Blackville Community Garden

On the corner of Solomon Blatt Avenue and South Boundary Street in Blackville sits the community garden where okra plants stand over four feet high, peas have just sprouted above the soil, and eggplants ripen to a deep purple.

When Vivian Alston went to check on the community garden one Friday morning as she usually

Right: Blackville Community Garden Sign

Below: Blackville Community garden growth

does, she noticed pale yellow flowers with a blood red center sprouting out of the okra she planted earlier in the season.

"They weren't here yesterday, these okra flowers," said Alston.

Alston has been managing the garden since November 2021, and is a very active community member in Blackville. A member of the Blackville Community Development Corporation (BCDC), author of the town newsletter, and much more, Alston has also dedicated her time to tending the garden.

Alston, alongside Steve Jowers, brought this garden to life. The garden sits on what was once Alston's property, and it is now owned by the Town of Blackville.

In the town newsletter, she once reminded Blackville citizens to "respect the garden, respect your neighbors."

"I cannot say who had the most fun getting our garden organized, Mr. Steve Jowers, or myself. I must admit that we had an amazing time working to make this a reality and



to complete this project. It has been a fun, exciting, and educational adventure," said Alston in a June 2022 Blackville town newsletter.

She maintains the garden purely so the community can enjoy fresh vegetables that they have the satisfaction of picking off the vine. Alston also finds it promotes healthy eating.

Not only does she maintain vegetables that feed the community, but she was behind its initial installation. Alston became privy to a community garden located in Kansas, and brought this information back to her hometown where she and the BCDC began applying for grants.

HEALing Partners of Barnwell County provided a grant for \$8,550 to the garden alongside the \$3,000 grant from SCACED.

The grant money received built the equipment shed as well as the multiple garden beds that hold tomatoes, okra, peas, peppers, squash, eggplant, and more.

"These beds were made with three tiers for handicap access," said Alston. Some beds are one tier, and some are two.

Jowers equipped the shed with shelving, electricity and other essentials.

Soil was procured from Humble Acres Organics in Blackville and Alston described Williams Farm & Garden in Barnwell as "very generous with the seeding."

This season, the squash harvest was plentiful.

"We had tons of squash. I know I've seen at least 300 and I know a lot of people that came," when she was not at the garden, said Alston. "We probably had 500 squash."

Alston maintains this garden for the benefit of Blackville, and hopes to expand what the community garden offers next summer.

"We want to do some training with the children to get them involved," said Alston. "Maybe set up a few of those spools in the center and do workshops for the children."

Alston recently acquired large cable spools from Dominion Energy to use as tables for next year's workshops.

These workshops will not only serve as an educational tool for children, but for adults as well. Alston explains she is constantly learning something new about gardening since this endeavor.

Prior to this, she had never grown vegetables on this scale, but began referring to the craft as therapy.

She explains, "There are no gardening mistakes, there are only experiments."

"As an example, it said 'plant tomatoes 18 to 24 inches apart,' which I did," said Alston as she looked upon clustered tomato plants.

"Next year, I'll know to plant four in a bed and maybe something in between like cabbage," said Alston, in effort to space out the plants.

The summer of 2023 is full of possibilities for the Blackville Community Garden.

"Next year, I think we are going to have something phenomenal," said Alston. "It'll be a different ball game."

For more information on the Blackville Community Garden, reach out to the Blackville Community

Bradshaw involved Snead in HEALing Partners, and she began to see just what Bradshaw had envisioned since 2019 alongside the Zooks.

"They wanted it to be not just a community garden where people have plots and come to grow their own stuff," said Snead. "The whole mission behind this was to be an educational resource and tool for kids to learn how to grow their own food and where food comes from."

After delays due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the grand opening was held in spring 2021. Since then, the Veggie Cupboard has received grants from the Tri-County Community Foundation, HEALing Partners, and SCACED to help maintain the garden and its programs.

are cared for by bees, butterflies, and other bugs, as well as a herb garden.

"The kids who come for programming, they like to harvest when there's stuff there to be harvested," said Snead. "They'll take stuff home, even if they don't eat it, they're just so proud."

In addition to those involved in programming, individuals visit the garden to harvest greens for themselves as well.

"We also have some folks that, when we're not even there, will stop and come out and harvest stuff on their own," said Snead.

Bradshaw and Snead hope to soon bring a high tunnel greenhouse to the Veggie Cupboard through a \$10,000 grant from SCACED. The greenhouse will serve as another facet available to the commu-



Development Corporation by calling 803-284-0735 or visit the corner of Solomon Blatt Avenue and South Boundary Street in Blackville.

The Veggie Cupboard Community Garden and Greenhouse

Jessica Bradshaw and Dawn Snead are cultivating an area of growth and knowledge on the corner of Burr Street and Hagood Avenue in Barnwell. The Veggie Cupboard Community Garden and Greenhouse serves as an agricultural education center and supplies fresh produce to the community.

Before moving to the Barnwell area in 2019, Bradshaw envisioned a community garden serving as a place for growth and education. At the time, she was working with Lydia and PJ Zook, owners of the Barnwell eateries, The Country Cupboard and Country Cafe.

Under non-profit Care Connections, and through grants from HEALing Partners and SCACED, the Veggie Cupboard was brought to fruition through the Zooks, Bradshaw, and the leadership at The Church of the Holy Apostles who allowed them to use the land near the intersection.

Bradshaw and Snead had not met until Snead brought her daughter, Isabelle, to a class being held at the garden by Bradshaw where she offered her time.

"I think we were two workshops in, and at the second workshop I met Dawn," said Bradshaw. "Then Dawn said, 'I want to help water the garden.'"

"I wanted to grow things and get my hands dirty, but I wanted to really be involved in that kind of programming," said Snead. "I have lived in places where I have seen those kinds of programming and seen how impactful it is for the community."

From this moment on, the duo has taken the plot at the Church of the Holy Apostles and turned it into a place where people can not only learn about growing their own food, but then harvest it themselves.

Garden Gurus Workshops are themed events held at the garden that teach participants about a specific element of gardening and allow them to practice the newly taught skill.

"They start off with an education component where they sit down, like an outside classroom," said Bradshaw.

Garden Gurus range from classes about hydroponic gardening, pollination, and making pizza from freshly harvested veggies.

"You have a hands-on, outdoor activity that usually involves a themed game. Then we have themed arts and crafts activity, and then we have dedicated garden time," said Snead. "We have them plant seeds, or plant transplants, or harvest, or dig in the dirt."

"Then we have some free time at the end where they can just run around and be kids in the dirt," said Snead.

Before she became a driving force behind the Veggie Cupboard as volunteer coordinator,

Snead had never grown vegetables.

"Dawn's never grown vegetables before. This is her first time and now she's like a pro," said Bradshaw.

"There's no way the Veggie Cupboard would be what it is today without Dawn," said Bradshaw.

"Dawn put a lot of time, effort, and creativity behind these workshops, and a lot of insight."

Although this is her first season growing vegetables, the garden yielded a great harvest for the community to benefit from, even with minor difficulties.

"We've had a difficult time with tomatoes," said Snead. "We do have some out there, but it did not go as smoothly as I wanted."

"We have a lot of different types of peppers out there. We have a couple different kinds of cucumbers, we have zucchini, we have squash, and we've got some okra planted," said Snead. "We have some watermelon, which I think is the most exciting one for me."

The Veggie Cupboard is not just veggies, there is also a pollinator garden to ensure the vegetables

nity and for Garden Gurus classes.

Bradshaw also hopes to bring more workshops for kids and soon add workshops for adults. In this expansion, she also hopes to bring educational community garden programming to surrounding towns like Williston.

"I want to have them all eventually connected," said Bradshaw. "All the workshops connected to all the community gardens in the area."

The garden volunteers are working on making signs explaining how to harvest each vegetable, and the tools to do so.

"We're going to construct a 'take what you need, pay what you can' little market box stand, so that when we're out there and we do have a lot of stuff that we can harvest and we can put it out there and people can see what we have, take what they need," said Snead.

The Veggie Cupboard's yield is always open to the public. The community is welcome to the garden to harvest ripe vegetables. Snead and Bradshaw explain the lack of fencing was a conscious decision meant to foster a more open relationship between the garden and the community.

The garden is currently in need of volunteers.

"We like people who just want to come out and spray some water with the hose. People that wanna come out when we have planting days, when it's the new season turnover that want to come out and help plant seeds," said Snead.

"People that are maybe not necessarily knowledgeable in how to plant things, but they love working with kids and they may want to come help with the workshop," she said.

"There's so many different things, but we definitely need more hands. More people in the dirt," said Snead.

To get your hands dirty in the community's favor, visit the Veggie Cupboard on Facebook or email veggiecupboard@gmail.com for more information.

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Classes in Kombucha at the Country Café

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Owners Lydia and PJ Zook brought the essence of their Barnwell eatery, The Country Cupboard, to Main Street and opened the Country Café in November 2021.

The Country Café has strived to build a comfortable space within its doors since its establishment last fall serving coffee and comfort food.

In creating this space, the Zooks hoped it would one day serve as a place for the community to gather and connect.

After seeing some in-

terest from the community in skills she was fluent in, Lydia decided to start hosting classes.

Although she prefers to stay behind the scenes, Lydia felt it was important to share the things she has learned with others who may want to learn as well.

The first class was held on Saturday, August 27 at 10 a.m. and taught about the process of making sauerkraut and kombucha.

Kombucha is a fermented tea commonly made with sugar and yeast. It is said to be helpful in aiding digestion and immune support.

The second class will be about baking bread on Saturday, September 3 at 10 a.m.

All classes are free and held at the Country Café. Attendees do not need to bring anything but

themselves to the classes.

"After that, I will see how much interest there is in learning more about canning, cooking, baking, making soap, tinctures, etc.," said Lydia, who hopes this is just the beginning of classes at the café.

The Zooks built their businesses in Barnwell County after moving from Pennsylvania and have grown a family here consisting not just of relatives.

Lydia explained how she often hears the employees of The Country Cupboard describe the familial atmosphere present in the workplace.

Although this feeling hasn't quite yet replicated into the Country Café, Lydia hopes the recent addition of a new cooking duo will facilitate this family-style atmosphere and food.

Jordan and Michelle



Jordan and Michelle Tiger are the new cooking duo at The Country Cafe.

Tiger are from the Wal-terboro area, and are the current culinary minds in the kitchen at the café. The duo has brought new components to the menu and buffet spread.

The Country Café has

had five chefs run the kitchen since their opening, and the Zooks hope the Tigers are the final fit.

The Country Café can be found on Facebook. Or, you can always find

the Zooks behind the counter at either the café located at 245 Main St., Barnwell, or The Country Cupboard located at 9724 Marlboro Ave., Barnwell.

SC Works hosts job fair

Photos Courtesy: Russell Perry

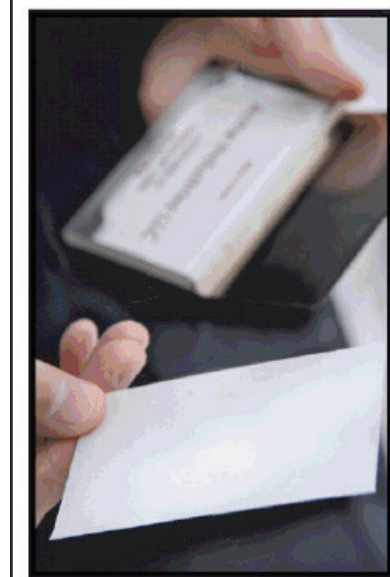
SC Works hosted a job fair on August 4 at Williston First Baptist Church. Representatives of businesses, schools, law en-

forcement agencies, and more were in attendance to talk to job seekers about job openings.

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Eleanor's Corner

Barnwell kids attend 4-H summer club camp

Shannon B. Herndon
Clemson Extension

Barnwell County 4-H members attended 4-H Summer Club Camp at Camp Long in Aiken and Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton this summer.

Jacob Brant, Henry Burge and Callie Burge spent a week at 4-H Camp Long in Aiken and Makayla Vincent spent a week at 4-H Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton. At both locations youth ages 7-14 enjoy canoeing, swimming, learning archery, hiking, and the great outdoors.

4-H Club Summer Camp helps young club members develop the skills they need to succeed in all areas of life. From wake up to lights out, campers enjoy new challenges, discovery, friendships and fun, with a focus on developing character through cooperation, teamwork, respect for others and for our natural environment. Camp Long is situated



Callie Burge, Henry Burge and Jacob Brant stop before lunch to take a picture at 4-H Summer Club Camp Long in Aiken. Swimming, canoeing, archery, hiking and climbing wall were some of the activities they participated in.

Contributed Photos



Makayla Vincent at 4-H Summer Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton. This is Makayla's second summer attending 4-H camp.

on 418 scenic acres that include a recreational building, basketball court, baseball field, an 18-acre pond for swimming and canoeing, team challenge courses, a climbing wall, shooting sports, night activities,

field and water Olympics, slip and slide water games, a dance and talent show.

Camp Bob Cooper is situated on a 110-acre peninsula on beautiful Lake Marion. Facilities include air-conditioned

dorm rooms, a full-service dining facility, waterfront area with multiple docks and a water slide, gymnasium, nature trails and a climbing tower.

For information about 4-H Camp, contact Shan-

non Herndon, 4-H Agent at sbhrndn@clemson.edu To subscribe to 4-H Clover Clips, an email update of local and statewide events, email sbhrndn@clemson.edu.

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Corder's Creative Corner: My love for Calvin and Hobbes

David B. Corder
Contributing Writer

Growing up, my younger brother and I loved to read the comics in the Sunday paper. It was the only part of the paper that we wanted to read. We enjoyed Peanuts, The Wizard of Id, Family Circus, and a menagerie of others. Getting the comics in the newspaper was one of the highlights of the week.

My brother collected collections of the comic

strips. Zits, Foxtrot, and Garfield. I would borrow these a good bit to read, and I eventually grew captivated by the adventures of a young trouble-making boy and his orange tiger. To this day, Calvin and Hobbes is my favorite comic strip.

Bill Watterson made something special when he created Calvin and Hobbes. Calvin, an easily distracted and imaginative boy, and his stuffed tiger, the animated, wise, and playful Hobbes. Together,

they journey through the woods, go to distant planets, terrorize icky girls, and spend a thousand fun moments together.

In this comic strip, I am reminded of the vividness of imagination that children have when they are young. To them, the world is wonderful and new, and bright and filled with possibility. Calvin is not shy when it comes to engaging with the world, and most importantly, when it comes to engaging with his imagination.

However, Watterson also paints a realistic view of what its like to be a kid bent on living every moment to the fullest. Calvin detests school, glues his eyes to the TV, shuns vegetables like the plague. Things that we all did as children. But at the end of the day, he is a very accurate depiction of what it is like to be a child.

And of course, I love Hobbes. Hobbes is the imaginary friend that we all had as children. Our favorite toy that we would not be sepa-

rated from, the Robin to our Batman. Hobbes, though a creation of Calvin's boyhood fantasies, breathes on the page and enriches the comic with humor. Whether he is suffering through Calvin's antics, making goo-goo eyes at the neighbor Suzie, or sneaking about waiting to pounce on Calvin.

When I want to smile, I go to this cartoon of a boy and his tiger. Through the panels, I relive childhood, and wonder, and happiness. Despite being an adult,

I have no shame in reading a collection of Calvin and Hobbes comics in public. In fact, I hope lots of people notice, because I want people to ask me about it, so I can tell them how wonderful and fun the stories are that I'm reading. I want to spread the joy that the comic has given me.

Keep up with Corder by visiting his YouTube channel, Corder's Creative Corner. You can also find him on Instagram @dbcorder_writer or send him an email at dbcorderwriter@gmail.com).

Gone: Demolition stirs memories

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1960. Sheriff Corley served one term until he was defeated in his re-election campaign by Marvin Carroll by 34 votes, according to Corley.

"Even though I was not there very long, it was an impressionable time," said Corley, who remembers hearing the daily activity of the jail. "It made you not want to go to jail."

This unique place to grow up provided Corley and Carroll with, experiences that many children never experience.

"My mom cooked three meals a day for all inmates. Whatever we ate, they ate," said Carroll.

"We ate out the same pot," said Corley.

Carroll remembers his parents organized a birthday party when he was in middle school. He and his friends were going to have a seance in the nearby graveyard. However, unbeknownst to them someone had dug a grave that day. His father came out dressed in a sheet, giving the children a surprise.

Corley and Carroll remember exploring the building as children, including the dark and scary basement that housed the boiler and the jail cells when there weren't inmates. They remember needing a key to enter the barred area that was controlled by levers.

It was not uncommon for Corley and Carroll to get to know the inmates since they all lived under one roof.

"I learned from a very young age that people needed a second chance. I met incarcerated people who were excellent people after they got over the hurdles they were facing," said Carroll.

When Carroll was 9 or 10 years old, one of the inmates asked if he wanted to play poker. He walked away with money, but got



Exposed brick can be seen on the old dilapidated sheriff's office/jail.

Photo Courtesy: Melissa Roberts

in trouble after his father found out. "My dad put me in a cell with all the guys and made me empty my pockets," said Carroll.

One memory Corley recalls is seeing over 150 gallons of confiscated moonshine poured out in the ditch out front.

At the time, the jail utilized a trustee from the chain gang – or the sentenced inmates located at the county jail. The jail at the sheriff's office was just for unsentenced inmates.

"It was an honor to become a trustee. Trustees locked up other inmates," said Carroll.

His time growing up in the jail/sheriff's office led Carroll to want to become a lawman one day, just like his father.

TIME FOR CHANGE

The purpose of the old jail/sheriff's office shifted over the years.

Sheriff Marvin Carroll was the last sheriff to live in the building as his successor, George Hogg, chose not to live there.

In the late 1970s, the jail cells were torn out after the county stopped using the building as a jail. The walls of the old cells were covered with sheetrock and paneling so other county offices could move in, joining the sheriff and four deputies. The screen porch was turned into the magistrate's office while

the two-car garage was converted into the emergency management office. The coroner, solicitor, and probation and parole offices eventually moved in, said Carroll.

The late Nell Creech, who was the department's first female deputy, served under five sheriffs during her career in the sheriff's office. She started as a secretary before being deputized after they needed someone to search female prisoners. Creech worked for Sheriffs Jeff Black, A.E. Corley, Marvin Carroll, and George Hogg before her retirement. However, after Ed Carroll was elected following the death of Sheriff Joey Zorn in 2004, Creech was hired for one day because she wanted to say she had worked for both father and son.

On many trips to visit her mother, Joan Hartzog remembers Creech's hunt and peck typewriter and the smoky atmosphere of the building. "All men smoked back then," said Hartzog.

With the building now gone, Carroll said, "It's sad but I understand why."

It's unclear exactly what's in store for the property, but Parks and Recreation Director Kevin Roberts has lots of ideas for Fuller Park. For now, the city will utilize it for much needed parking.

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Allendale students awarded \$15,500

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The Allendale County School District Board 'Ignited the Vision' at their first meeting of the school year where students were leaving with fistfuls of hard-earned money.

A total of \$15,500 was awarded to students, staff, and educators by the district for their accomplishments in the classroom and in spring 2022 state testing.

"We're trying to raise the bar at Allendale County School District," said Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore.

On the board is Superintendent Dr. Gilmore, Chairwoman Catherine Russell, Elizabeth Gooding, Willa Jennings, Hazeline Perry, and Katrina Youmans.

Parents, teachers, students, staff, and the community were welcomed into the high school gymnasium with feel-good music and enthusiasm by the school board.

"I am super excited you are here this evening," said Superintendent Dr. Gilmore. "We want to keep you informed about all the wonderful things happening."

This year, each school in the district is dedicated to a theme of learning. Allendale-Fairfax Elementary School (AFES) is geared to be a STEAM school, which puts an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

In Allendale-Fairfax Middle School (AFMS), students are entering a 'Leadership School,' which teaches them how to lead by example.

High school students are in an 'Early College School,' which gives them the option of taking dual enrollment and advanced placement courses for college credit.

"The profile of the S.C. graduate has shifted and changed," said Johnnie Miller, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, who explained ACSD is growing with these shifts.

Before the cash began to flow, AFES first grader TJ Street led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognized first were the students of the month in each school who were given a certificate and a \$25 gift card. In AFES, fifth grader Tristian Saab received this honor and was described as respectful and kind by his teacher and administrators.

In AFMS, eighth grader Jailyn Odoms was honored as student of the month. Odoms is new to the band program, and often volunteers to be an example player to ensure she fully understands the expectation.

Tenth grade honors scholar, Kaden Wesley, was recognized as the Allendale-Fairfax High School (AFHS) Student of the Month. Wesley was described as focused and mature.

Teachers of the month, or champions in the classroom as Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore calls them, were also recognized for their dedication to the district and their students.

All classroom champion positions are filled at ACSD but one—an elementary school music teacher. However, Miller explains this spot is soon to be filled.



School board members celebrate exceeding students.

Alexandra Whitbeck / Reporter

Miguel Lawrence is a second grade teacher at AFES, and accepted his award with his daughter in his arms. Lawrence was described as always willing to help and instrumental in implementing learning programs for this school year.

Eighth grade social studies teacher and team lead, Bobby Harley, was honored as teacher of the month at AFMS. Harley was described as valuing a close-knit community and appreciated for often helping his fellow teachers.

Rudolph Bell teaches U.S. History at AFHS. Bell was honored as teacher of the month because of his effort to find



Congratulations sign held up by supportive Allendale-Fairfax School District educator and parent.



Jailyn Owens, 8th grade AFMS student, accepts her award from the school board.



Superintendent Dr. Margaret Gilmore hugs an excelling student.

innovative ways for his students to be successful and instilling the confidence needed to do so.

Superintendent Dr. Gilmore stressed the importance of support staff to the audience, and recognized some key players.

AFES' Patricia Cohen was recognized for Outstanding Support Staff of the Month and described as upbeat and positive. Cohen serves as a SPED Paraprofessional.

In AFMS, Veronda Cohen was recognized for her work as a receptionist and bookkeeper and honored as Outstanding Support Staff of the Month. According to Superintendent Dr. Gilmore, the bookkeeping records at the middle school were scored 'perfect' by the district's financial auditors.

Superintendent Dr. Gilmore expressed her gratitude for Lester Gill in the realm of transportation. Gill was recognized as Outstanding Bus Driver of the Month, and was described as a versatile player on the transportation team.

Butch Myers was recognized for his dedicated and tireless effort toward maintaining the school and was honored as Cus-

todian of the Month. Outstanding Food Service Employee of the Month in AFES was Virginia Love, who was described as going above and beyond.

Once recognitions for the month of August were handled, Superintendent Dr. Gilmore welcomed the principals of each school to the podium to read the names of students who exceeded and met expectations on spring state testing in English language arts, math, and science.

Students who met the testing expectation were awarded \$50, and students who exceeded expectations were awarded \$100.

Many students were leaving the gymnasium with anywhere from \$50 to \$300 after their guardian signed the required forms.

Students were also awarded for accomplishments in WorkKeys, a system of assessments and curriculum that build and measure workplace skills to better career potential.

Also awarded were students who took an end-of-the-year test in algebra, biology, and/or english. These students were awarded up to \$100

for the level of course and therefore test they completed.

Awarded as well were students in grades three through 10 participating in WIDA, or a measure of developing English language. WIDA is a suite of English language proficiency assessments from grades K-12.

Incentivizing hard-work is something Superintendent Dr. Gilmore hopes to continue in ACSD, and hopes it continues to inspire students to do their best.

Other projects being ignited at ACSD this year are the high school media center being upgraded along with the multi-purpose room, which is getting new carpet, furniture, and a big projection screen.

Two new SMART Labs consistent with STEM learning will be installed as well; one in the middle/high school, and one in the elementary school.

The district office will be receiving upgrades in the men's bathroom and the kitchen area.

Also, ACSD achieved system accreditation with many noted strengths and commendations by the accreditors. Not only was ACSD successful in implementing a continuous improvement process, but also in ensuring district effectiveness both in leadership standards.

New initiatives coming to the district are a new HVAC program, a new fine arts director, and a CDL Program in partnership with Denmark Technical College.

For more information on ACSD board meetings, follow 'Allendale County School District' on Facebook or visit <https://www.acs.k12.sc.us>.

Student Recognition

Students who met and exceeded expectations in state testing

- Third Grade:**
Colten Brant
Armani Brodus
Kahryn Bryant
K'Jenae Cunningham
Tyrin Doe
Bryson Dorch
Ervin Ford
Kinsley Frazier
Ryleigh Gadsen
Jaida Gant
Deontae Gardner
Mico Gentle
Timothy Gibbs
Valerie Flores
Alyssa Millsaps
Chandler Morell
Matthew Morell
Kori Robinson
Jahanna Sanders
Jaida Sanders
Heaven Tinsley-Hay

- Fourth Grade:**
Londyn Bennett
Harmony Brooker
Christopher Burch
Ephesian Bunch
Reanna Doe
Jeremiah Early
Nevah Ellis
Grettel Garcia-Cruz
Ethan Grant
Morgha Harney
Andrew Haughton
Logan Holley
Fernanda Millan
Braidan Mitchell
Katelyn Orizu
Savon Payne
Layla Robinson
Braylen Smoaks
Ameria Williams
Jakaylah Atkerson
Zykhia Brown

- Fifth Grade:**
Hailey Bowers
Katlyn Bunch
Fernanda Carrillo
Terriyanna Carter
Jace Creech
Chyna Fields
Kalani Gentle
Kandyce Graham
Divine Grayson
Corey Housey
Aidan Isham
Jaylin Loadholt
Lauren Morell
Raegen Scott
Rueben Simpson
Jamazin Smart
Alanah Washington
Tyler White
Camillya Williams
Shariah Young
James Bennett
Jayla Best
Lamarius Chisolm

- Sixth Grade:**
Lauryn Collins
Cedric Creech
Chloe Davis
Kierstyn Devoe
Malachi Flowers
Ava Fullington
Daeshawna Graham
Ijaanae Grayson
McKailyn Harney
Jesse Law-Anderson
Zane Maner
Alashia Moultrie
Ki'Mora O'Neal
Alondon Owens
Cody Resse
Xavier Thomas
Patience Tyler
Jamarion Williams
Hunter Wilson
S'Miya Bing
Yadira Carrillo
Leroy Davis
Markeise Driessen

- Seventh Grade:**
Keeghan Glover
Makynli Harney
Imani Holmes
Anthony Holmes
Caylee Lofton
Hannah Meyer
Damontra Morgan
LaVazkia Morell

- Markayla Roberts
Oliver Washington Jr.
Zaina White
Layla Barefoot
Erica Bradley
DeNarie Breeland
Casandra Carrillo
Amarionyana Chess
Bryanna Curry
Joronwanna Elmore
Iymesha Grayson
Kennovia Hayward
Hunter Johnson
Mariah Lucas
Jaiden McKnight
Santos Millan

- Eighth Grade:**
Zyki Priester
ZyNahriah Rhodes
Ariyanna Washington
Kaseana Williams
Warren Williams
Lamont Winfield

Students who met and exceeded expectations in End of Course Testing

- Ninth Grade:**
Rebekah Powers
Brianna Holmes
Imajyne Winfield
Shamiah O'Banner
Rhiyanna Bryant
Nekaylah Garrett
Jazlyne Bowers
Marcos Carrillo
Ari Aldrich
Roberto Carrillo
Sequoya Eady
Malachi Flowers
Sinaya Owens
Kanari Cohen
Uziah Dunbar
Kaden Wesley
Dhalilauna Taylor-Maner
Jalin Williams
Gabriel Patterson
Zyshaud Dickerson
Leeaysiah Outing

- Tenth Grade:**
Cory Brown
Fatima Cervantes
Kaseem Johnson
Trinity Mickell
Yoni Millan
Dante Busby
Tydairus Maner
Brooke Davis
Zion T. Jones
Arlando Terlonge
Diamone Kears
Keith Rollins
Kaitlyn Patterson
Jada O'Banner
Frances Smith
Shamani Flowers
Ramona McGee
Zyquivionna Brooker
Jeanell Gill
Harold Deloach
Vianney Flores
Xzavion Miller
Zhiyanna Haynes
Da'Nasia Simmons

Students who met and exceeded expectations in Workkeys

- Eleventh Grade:**
Kharonn Walker
Racheem Albright
Christian Campbell
Shayla Dickerson
Leah Duncan
Essence Freeman
Daquan Williams
Arian Williams
Lakeith Gregory
Brice Moore
Marquay Washington

Students who met and exceeded expectations in WIDA

- Valerie Flores
Fernanda Carrillo
Vianney Flores
Aiden Chen
Carlos Ramos
Roberto Carrillo
Jesus Ramos Romero

EMS: County sends ultimatum to ambulance provider

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absent, said Councilman Harper.

Both Councilmen Harper and Creech expressed they understood the factor of rising fuel costs, but were still unsatisfied with the services from MedShore.

"All we want is what is in the contract," said Councilman Creech. "We want our money's worth."

The contract with MedShore was first established in 2014, and was renewed in 2021 for another three years of service in the county. An ad-hoc committee was initially put together made of councilmen, Barnwell County Sheriff Office personnel, and EMS responders to select the county-wide ambulance service; they selected MedShore.

"We want MedShore to have this contract," said Councilman Harper, who hoped a solution could be found.

Alongside Councilman Creech and Councilman Harper at the meeting sat Barnwell County Fire Coordinator Timbo Williams, Emergency Management Director Roger Riley, Hilda Fire Chief Sharpe, and County Councilman Daniel Alexander attended virtually.

Representing MedShore was Greg Shore, MedShore founder and Anderson County Coroner, vice president Jason Cooke who attended virtually, operations manager Craig Davis, and general manager Josh Shore.

"I didn't come here to make excuses, just to roll my sleeves up and fix our problems," said Greg Shore. "I know we have problems, I'm embarrassed by them, but I plan to fix them."

In statistics given to those on the council and committee by MedShore,

eight out of their 15 ambulances are currently in service. One of the 15 total vehicles is borrowed from Columbia's fleet.

Problems of out of service vehicles include replacing brakes lights, front wheel hubs, engines, a vacuum pump, and condenser fans.

According to Cooke, needed parts are hard to come by and is the reason for a lack of on-duty ambulances alongside a lack of available ambulances to purchase.

Chief Sharpe explained how he did a Google search to find ambulance vehicles available for purchase near the Barnwell area.

Cooke also explained a crew mistake of a loose gas cap led to one of the Hilda ambulances being out of service.

Chief Sharpe detailed his personal experience with the level of care for MedShore ambulances in Hilda by the company.

He explained how when aiding an ambulance driver on a vehicle issue, he found the transmission fluid gauge to be "wired down" preventing him from checking the



transmission fluid levels. Once he was able to do so after navigating the wire, he found the transmission fluid was old and dirty.

Councilman Harper proposed quarterly meetings between emergency service personnel, county council, and MedShore leadership to make sure these fixes stay on a long-term track.

In these proposed meetings, emergency training schedules with fire department volunteers and MedShore employees would be discussed along with general operations.

Councilman Creech has found there is a miscommunication between MedShore and County Council on the required forms to be completed each time an ambulance makes a run in Barnwell County.

This is done to maintain records of patients and ambulance service. Councilmen became aware of this when constituents

began calling them with complaints on the available information about the care of a loved one or themselves.

In addition, these forms are required to go to County Administrator Tim Bennett, who has been kept out of the loop by MedShore, according to Councilman Creech.

When Administrator Bennett is not updated on emergencies or urgent matters by MedShore, he is unable to inform the council, who is in turn unable to inform the citizens or other necessary outlets.

"When there is a problem, y'all won't call Tim," said Councilman Creech, who is concerned about the families in Barnwell County who cannot access information from MedShore about a loved one because it is not being reported to the county.

Davis agreed to begin calling Administrator Bennett when any MedShore-related issue in

Barnwell County arises. Riley explained how he communicates emergencies in Barnwell to provide insight on usable tactics.

"I call him in the middle of the night," said Riley about contacting Administrator Bennett in the event of an emergency. Administrator Bennett told MedShore leadership to do the same.

Another issue present in Barnwell County emergency services is the insufficient knowledge of citizens on when to call an ambulance.

Williams stressed that these problems are only exacerbated by citizens calling 911 in the event of a non-emergency. He detailed past scenarios where an ambulance was called for a stubbed toe, nausea, and a flaring case of gout.


Williams explained this prevents the ambulance from being available to people who are in an accident or emergency of any sort.

As a solution to the stubbed-toe calls, Riley proposed an extraction vehicle be used to transport these patients to a hospital if necessary. According to Davis, there is a vehicle of this nature at the Williston station, but it is not staffed all the time.

There have been problems since 2018 with emergency services (EMS) in Barnwell County when Chief Sharpe and Barnwell Rural Fire Chief Jessie Elmore expressed similar concerns to News Channel 6.


Chief Sharpe and Elmore expressed worry for the citizens of the county who cannot rely on consistent emergency services when it comes to needing an ambulance.

The Health Committee, the Safety Committee, Barnwell County Council and MedShore left the meeting determined to work something out for the benefit of Barnwell County citizens.



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Cole Creech

Jefferson Davis Academy



Grade: 10th
Sports: football & baseball
Favorites...
 *Food: steak
 *Snack: Beef Jerky
 *Coaches: Coach Anthony and Coach Lightsey
 *Free time activity: Hunting, fishing, Youth group, and spending time with his girlfriend

Goal for this season: "Come out on top as State Champs!"

Coach's quote: "Cole Creech is a part of a very strong core group of sophomores that have the potential to really make this JDA program stronger than it's been in a long time. He is constantly learning and improving and I expect him to be an anchor for the offensive line for years to come."

Emma Creech

Barnwell High School



Grade: 12
Sports: Tennis & Soccer
Favorites...
 *Food: Sushi
 *Movie/TV show(s): "Mean Girls"
 *Snack: Ice Cream
 *Coach: Tiffany Zorn
 *Free time activity: Lifeguarding
 *Musician(s): Taylor Swift

Goal for this season: "Improve my tennis skills and have fun!"

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Friday, September 2

- Blackville-Hilda at Allendale-Fairfax - 7:30
- Bamberg-Ehrhardt at Barnwell - 7:30
- Williston-Elko - no game
- Holly Hill at JDA - 7:30

TENNIS

Wednesday, August 31

- Williston at Batesburg, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, September 6

- Pelion at Williston, 5 p.m.
- Barnwell at Woodland, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday, August 31

- Williston at Horse Creek Academy, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 6

- Wagener-Salley at Williston-Elko, 5 p.m.
- North at Blackville-Hilda, 5:30 p.m.
- JDA at Dorchester Academy, 6 p.m.

Warhorses ground Hawks 55-7



Blackville's offense had 300 yards, but the Barnwell defense only allowed one score for the Hawks.

Photo Courtesy: Todd Teems

Jeff Miller
 Sports Writer

The Barnwell Warhorses traveled to Blackville on a damp Thursday night, August 23, to face off with county rivals the Blackville-Hilda Hawks.

Barnwell may have been on the road for the game, but they did not leave their offense at home. Barnwell scored in every quarter and played defense well enough to limit a very athletic Hawks offense to a single score. The final score was Barnwell 55, Blackville 7.

With the win, and the victory over Williston-Elko the previous week, the Warhorses claim the highly coveted "County Championship" and the local bragging rights for this season.

The Warhorses came charging out of the gates with a nice kick-off return by Seth Ray, down to the Hawk's 43-yard line. Barnwell's running game slowly and steadily moved the football down near the goal line before state high jump champion, Tyler Smith, jumped over a pile of Hawk defenders on fourth and goal for the touchdown. The extra



The Blackville offense went deep into the playbook trying to beat the Warhorse defense, but the Horses only allowed 7 points on the night.

Jeff Miller / Sports Writer

point was added by Lane Evans and Barnwell led 7-0 with 8:23 left in the first quarter.

Smith broke loose for a 74-yard touchdown run for the second BHS score and with the extra point by Evans, the Horses had a 14-0 lead with three minutes left in the opening quarter. The Hawks would not quit and found the

end zone on a reverse. They added the extra point to cut the score to 14-7.

Despite Blackville's athletic offense being able to move the ball at times, they would not score again. The Barnwell defense led by leading tacklers Mandrell Simmons, Maurice Odom, and Jaden James would yield some ground, but kept

the Hawks out of the endzone for the rest of the night.

The Barnwell offense worked out of the wishbone offense for a lot of the night. Running backs Smith and Jordan Peoples helped move the ball for Barnwell. Tyler Smith scored his third touchdown on a

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Clay Pender had 94 receiving yards and a touchdown for Barnwell.

Photo Courtesy: Todd Teems

Williston and Edisto duke it out in intense match



Williston-Elko Blue Devil Christopher Davis hits the corner against Edisto on Friday, August 26.

Photos Courtesy: Vickie Benjamin

David B. Corder
Sports Writer

It was an intense game Friday night, August 26, as the Williston-Elko Blue Devils took on the Edisto Cougars.

Both teams were relentless throughout the entire game. Neither school scored in the first half, and it wasn't till the last quarter that there was finally a breakthrough. Williston took the first touchdown in the fourth quarter with a 23-yard pass from Tres Rimes to Namair Anderson.

It looked as if the game would be in the hands of the Blue Devils. However, the Edisto Cougars soon retaliated and tied up the score against Williston.

Though Williston blocked PAT against Edisto after their first touchdown, it was coming down to the wire for both teams. Tied up in



Blue Devil fans cheer for their hometown team.

the last quarter, it looked as if the game might spill over into overtime. However, Edisto gained an interception returned for a touchdown, putting them ahead at 12 points. Though Williston attempted to regain their ground, the game ended with Edisto's victory.

The final score stood at 12-6.

Williston and Edisto both played their hearts out.

"We had a bunch of disappointed kids after the game Friday night. I told them that when they take pride in what they do then it hurts more," said Williston-Elko Head Coach Kenneth Lipsey.

Though the Blue Devils came up short, their prowess was displayed boldly in the game. The defense was integral for the Blue Devils' progression, racking up 14 TFLs

in the entire game. Both Jarrett Wootten and Ben Adams had 5 TFLs each.

Other players of note were Jamrion Kirkland, who according to Coach Lipsey continued to play well for the second game in a row, as well as Chris Davis who had an excellent game in both rushing and passing. Overall, Lipsey seems pleased with his players.

"I think that the effort from the players was



Blue Devil quarterback Brian Sexton gets the play from Coach Kenneth Lipsey during their home game against Edisto on August 26.

exceptional again this week. We executed the defensive game plan to a T. We have to sort some things on offense for us to be able to compete once the region por-

tion of our schedule gets started," he said.

The Blue Devils will have a week off and resume their season on Friday, September 9th at Branchville.

Newspaper reading adventures for little learners!

Kid Scoop Junior

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You are a star!

Color the picture in the star so it looks like YOU!

My hair is:

blond black brown red

My hair is:

curly straight wavy

My eyes are:

blue green brown other

My name:

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



My Rhyme Time

Twinkle, twinkle little star
What a special child you are.
Every day so much you learn,
Smarter and smarter at every turn.
Twinkle, twinkle little star,
What a special child you are.

My Letters

S is for Star
s is for star



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

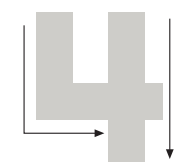
How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound the letter S makes in the word star?

My Numbers

How many strawberries?

How many spoons?

How many stars?



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

My Sentence

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

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| Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things with the same sound as the letter S in star. | Math Play Point to the number 2 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number. | Make a Silly Dilly Have your child cut up newspaper pictures to get different body parts such as eyes, noses, arms, legs, torsos, etc. Have them make a "Silly Dilly" picture by pasting together different body parts to create a new creature. | Happy Talk Ask your child, "How many pictures in today's paper look like happy pictures?" Talk about what makes your child feel happy. | Size It Up Ask your child to find pictures in the paper that show these sizes: TINY SMALL BIG BIGGER | How does it feel? With your child, find a picture of a person in the sports section. Ask your child what the person in the picture is feeling. Help your child tell a story about the person. "Why do they feel that way?" "What do you think happens next?" | Paper Plate Picnic Get a paper plate or a piece of paper cut into a circle. Have your child look through the newspaper for pictures of food to take on a picnic. Cut out the pictures and glue them onto your plate and discuss healthy eating. |

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Warhorse tennis beats Pelion 4-3

Jeff Miller
Sports Writer

Barnwell tennis head coach Tiffany Zorn is a former Warhorse tennis player and former assistant tennis coach, but now leads the Warhorse girls' tennis team.

Zorn and the Warhorses are off to a great start, beating Pelion 4-3 in a tight battle. The contest came down to the number one doubles match. After two singles contests went to tiebreakers, and Barnwell won both of those, the match was tied at 3-3.

The BHS number one doubles team of Katilyn Elmore and Callee Chesser pulled out the victory 6-1, 6-2 to secure the 4-3 match win for Barnwell.

Coach Zorn was asked about the win and stated, "To say I am proud of this team would be an understatement! Half of our



The Barnwell Girls' Tennis Team (from left to right): Alliana Washington, Emma Creech, Briana Donaldson, Katilyn Elmore, Callee Chesser, Delaysia Perry, Hayden Rowell, and Elora Lee.

Photo Courtesy: Tiffany Zorn

team has never picked up a tennis racquet, and the other half have higher positions, meaning they play harder opponents, than they are used to playing. These girls have truly stepped up their

game from our first practice and shown their potential in our first match against Pelion. I am more than excited to see where this season goes!"

Winners for Barnwell include number one play-

er Katilyn Elmore, number four player Delaysia Perry, and number five player Emma Creech. Perry and Creech both won tie-breakers for their wins, Perry winning 10-3 and Creech winning 10-

6. The number one team of Elmore and Chesser beat the number one team from Pelion to earn the 4-3 win.

Congratulations to Coach Zorn on her first win as head tennis

coach. Congratulations to Emma Creech for winning her first-ever tennis match. Congratulations to the BHS tennis team for starting off the new season 1-0.

Great job, ladies!



Dani Aquino

Aquino named USC Salk women's volleyball coach

Stephanie Gruber
USC Salkehatchie

Dani Aquino has been named head women's volleyball coach for the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie.

"Dani brings a plethora of knowledge and enthusiasm to USC Salkehatchie. I believe that the volleyball program will thrive under her leadership, and we are very excited to have her on board," Director of Athletics Jeremy Joye said.

Aquino has over 14 years head coaching experience, both at the club and high school levels. Most recently, she served as head coach for the Palmetto Strikers volleyball club in Charleston. Aquino also served as an assistant coach for Stonehill College, a competitive Division II team in the NE10 league, where she specialized in individualized instruction and recruiting.

"I am thrilled to be joining the USC Salkehatchie volleyball program," Aquino said. "I look forward to sharing my passion and experience with the athletes in hopes of motivating them to achieve their greatest goals."

The Massachusetts native is a five-sport, high school athlete who went on to play volleyball, lacrosse and rugby at Southern Maine University. After receiving her degree in political science, Aquino played in the New England Yankee circuit. In addition to coaching, Aquino contributes as a sportswriter for Stack Magazine, manning the volleyball, lacrosse and sports nutrition desks.

JDA volleyball stays unbeaten



The JDA varsity volleyball team remains undefeated, going 6-0 to start the season.

Photo Courtesy: Carla Deering

Jeff Miller
Sports Writer

The Jefferson Davis Academy volleyball team remains unbeaten after going 3-0 last week, defeating Clarendon Hall, Colleton Prep, and Dorchester Academy. The Raiders volleyball squad is now an impressive 6-0 to start the 2022 season.

On Monday, August 22, the Raiders defeated the visitors from Clarendon Hall 25-19, 23-25, 25-18, and 25-21 before a rowdy home crowd. The next day, JDA overcame a slow start losing the first game 11-25 before rebounding to win three straight games against Colleton Prep 27-25, 25-23, and 25-14.

On Thursday, August 25, the JDA Raiders hosted Dorchester Academy in front of another good JDA home crowd. The Raiders won in straight games 25-18, 26-24, and 25-14 to stay undefeated at 6-0.

Head coach Bart Owens said, "We are playing very well as a team and all the girls are contributing to our success."

JDA has had some very energetic crowds making for a great volleyball experience.

Keep up the great work ladies!

Photo Courtesy: Brittany Livingston

AT RIGHT: The Raider volleyball team has been smashing the opposition, winning 3 times this past week.



JDA JV volleyball beats Dorchester Academy

The JDA JV volleyball team beat Dorchester Academy in straight games on Thursday, August 25.

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JDA football wins in double overtime

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Sports Writer

The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders traveled to Summer-ville, Friday, August 26 for a SCISA eight-man football battle against the Knights from Faith Christian.

The two teams battled to a 6-6 tie at the end of regulation. At the end of the first overtime period, the score remained tied and forced a second overtime. In the second overtime, JDA found the endzone for the 12-6 victory.

The Raiders were led offensively by Colson Loadholt, who had 36 yards passing, 72 yards

receiving, 63 yards rushing and also was involved in both scores. Loadholt threw one touchdown pass and caught another touchdown.

Defensively, Kole Lawson led the team with 14 tackles, 5 pass deflections, 1 sack and 1 interception. Colson Loadholt added 11 tackles, had an interception, and forced a fumble.

Head coach Anthony Reitenour was pleased with the defensive effort saying the defense "had a defensively strong night as they were able to hold Faith on multiple drives."

Coach Reitenour was not as pleased with the



The Jefferson Davis Academy Raiders take the field against Faith Christian.

offense saying it was "offense" and he was "... with the execution of the offense and care-

less turnovers." But he went on to say "they are all things that can be fixed. It's still early in the season. The fact the team rallied together and stood their ground, never once gave up, and fought hard until the end is something that lets us know this team has the capability to do special things this season and for the years to come."

The win brings the Raiders' record to 2-0 on the young season.

The next challenge for JDA will be this Friday, September 2 at home in the battle of the Raiders as defending SCISA eight-man football State Champions, Holly Hill Academy, come to town.

County Champs: Barnwell Warhorses beat Blackville-Hilda Hawks

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Warhorse captains Clay Pender (1), Slayton Ragsdale (70), Maurice Odom (10), and Tyler Smith (4) are ready to take the field against Blackville.

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Tyler Smith rushed for 265 yards on 23 carries and scored four touchdowns for Barnwell.

Photo Courtesy: Todd Teems

45-yard run, followed by a touchdown run by Peoples that brought the score to 27-7 in favor of Barnwell at half time.

The Hawks moved the ball down the field to start the second half, but on fourth and short inside the 10-yard line, the

Warhorse defense made a big defensive play to deny the Hawks. The BHS offense drove the length of the field and quarterback Cam Austin rolled out and kept the ball, scoring from 11 yards out to make the score 34-7 after the

Evans extra point. On defense, Jordan Peoples recovered a fumble, then Tyler Smith found the endzone for his fourth touchdown of the night. Barnwell's Clay Pender scored on a 58-yard touchdown pass from Austin. The

Warhorses scored once more when Jayden Rollins ran for an 8-yard touchdown following an interception by Barnwell defender Seth Ray.

The final score was Barnwell 55, Blackville 7.

Tyler Smith finished the night with 265 yards

rushing on 23 carries and scored four touchdowns. Jordan Peoples added 56 rushing yards and a touchdown. Cam Austin was 4 of 6 for 94 passing yards and a touchdown pass and another rushing touchdown. Clay Pender had 4

catches for 94 yards and a touchdown.

Barnwell will host local rival and perennial powerhouse Bamberg-Ehrhardt this Friday, September 2 at W.W. Carter Field in Barnwell. Kick-off is set for 7:30 p.m.



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Calendar for August 2022 with days of the week and dates.

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Survivor Wall / Memorial Wall
Speakers Refreshments
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Program Meeting Dates: August 23 - Orientation; August 30 - Start Date; September 6, 13, 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25 - Graduation.

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Inclement weather date of Sep 30.
There will be a Care project completed in each county. We are seeking the involvement and participation of all our many community businesses, entrepreneurs, churches, faith based, civic, or social clubs and education organizations. As well as our community leaders, elected and appointed officials. For additional information, please feel free to contact Ferlecia Cuthbertson, CPO at (803) 259-2218 or via email CPO@unitedwayab.org.

Sports
Sep 8 Barnwell Soccer Club Open Board Meeting
At the soccer fields in Snelling (Hwy 64). All are welcome to attend. 6pm
United Methodist Women - date announced each month
Barnwell Soup Kitchen - 10:45 every 3rd Monday at First Baptist
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Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Wednesday Service 7pm
Jordan Missionary Baptist
200 Skyland Farm Road, Williston
Sunday School
2nd - 5th Sundays 9:30am
Worship
2nd-5th Sundays 10:30am
Please wear a mask.

Activities

Sep 10 Barnwell County Sheriff's Office: Law Enforcement Expo
Barnwell County Veterans Memorial (11094 Ellenton St., Barnwell)
Free food for children
Contact: Lt. Eric Kirkland: ekirkland@barnwellcountylsheriff.net or 803-300-9883 10am-2pm
Sep 10 Edisto River Canoe/Kayak Paddle Trip
Donations: \$10
This is a 9.5 mile paddle on the South Fork.
8:30 am - Meet at Brabham Landing (on Cannon Bridge Road) or go the private landing where the August trip ended
To paddle, register with Jerry Bell
Email: jgbell@mindspring.com or Text: (803)300-1972 (leave the names and hometowns for all paddlers you are registering)
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service will be provided for monthly Chamber River Trips
Camping & Cabins Available at:
Edisto Birdhouse Refuge (near Branchville) call (803) 535-2430
Barnwell State Park (near Blackville)
(Each paddler accepts the fact that there is an assumption of risk when you paddle)
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Sep 24 Town of Hilda's 125th Quasiquicentennial Beauty Pageant
Age Groups: Boys: 0-2, 3-5, 6-9 Girls: 0-11, 12-23, 2yr, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-15, 16-19, 20&up. No experience necessary - open to everyone!
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The The Barnwell Elementary School
10524 Marlboro Ave, Barnwell, SC 29812

Sep 10 - Deadline
Information or applications:
Melissa Gulliver (803) 300-8299, Jeanelle Knight (803) 671-3570

Sep 15 & 17 Bamberg County Edisto River Sweep
Locally sponsored by FBC. Denmark's South Fork Paddlers
This two-day event is a part of SCDNR's Beach & River Sweep

Sep 15 - Meet at Clandes Landing at 9:00 am.
Sep 17 - River cleanup, meet at Kill Kare Landing at 9:00 am
To register for one or both days, contact Jerry Bell
Email: SouthForkPaddlers@gmail.com or Text: (803)300-1972

Sep 24 Luncheon for Mother's Who Lost a Child to Gun Violence
Limited Seating
Contact: Anthony Williams 803-553-7572 or anthonywilliams@dayouthadvocates.org
Website: dayouthadvocates.org
Location: Barnwell Caribbean, 12879 US-278, Barnwell 12:30pm

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

Barnwell Library

Sep 5 The Library will be closed
ADULTS
Sep 13 Potluck Book Club
High Tea and the new Downtown Abbey Movie: A New Era 3:00pm
CHILDREN/TEENS CHILDREN
Sep 14 Ages 5 and Up
Quill Pen Craft
Come by the library to make a fun feather pen. 4pm-5pm

ALL AGES
Sep 21 All Ages
Fall Wreath Craft
Fall is in the air. Stop by and make a fun paper wreath to help you decorate. 3pm-4pm
STORY TIME
Sep 8 & 22 All Ages
In the Children's Room 11:30am
VIRTUAL STORY TIME
Sep 1 & 29 All Ages
Videos will be posted on Facebook at 11:30 am.

Meetings

Sep 7 Allendale County Council Meeting
James Brandt Building Auditorium
398 Barnwell Hwy, Allendale, SC 5pm
1st Tuesdays Barnwell Development Association:
For small business owners & representatives with a passion to SHOP LOCAL. Would love to hear your ideas for promoting small businesses in Barnwell County.
20 Wall St, Barnwell 8:00am
3rd Wednesdays The Barnwell Non-Profit Roundtable
All Non-Profits are invited to at least get to know various organizations and serve our community. We discuss problems, hopes, what's working and what is not.
218 Main St. Barnwell, SC 8-9am



Grid of numbers for a word search puzzle.

Grid of letters for a word search puzzle.

faith 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
Barnwell United Methodist Church
236 Main Street
803-259-3331
Sun Services & activities:
9:15 Collee 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:

Life Tabernacle Church
1189 Clinton st. Barnwell, S.C.
Sun School 10am
Sun worship 6pm
Wed service 7pm
Mon night prayer 7pm
Long Branch Baptist church
3223 Highway 37 Williston, SC
SUNDAY
9:15am - Sunday school
10:30am - Morning worship service
5:30 pm - Bible study
6:45pm - Evening worship service
WEDNESDAY
7:00pm - Prayer service
Mt Lebanon Christian Church
420 Christian Rd Barnwell, SC 29812
(803)259-1438
mtlebanonce@gmail.com
Sunday School at 10am
Sunday am worship 11am (blended music)
Sunday PM Bible Study 6pm (mid July-April)
www.mtlebanonchristian-church.com
Minister Ron Franklin

Ned Branch Missionary Baptist Church
10620 Dunbarton Boulevard., Barnwell
Inside Services: Sunday school at 9 a.m. and services at 10 a.m. Bible study is held Tuesdays at 6:15 p.m. Please wear a mask.
Rosemary Baptist Church
151 Emerald Lane, Barnwell
In-House service on second and fourth Sundays at 12:15 p.m.
CDC guidelines will be used.
Pastor Sarah Perkins
Second Baptist Church of Barnwell
181 Church St, Barnwell, SC 29812
In person worship service. Masks and social distancing is encouraged. Temp. checks upon entrance.
Sundays 10:00am
For more info: Pastor Elder Lamonte Boyd (803) 259-1385
www.facebook.com/SB-CBarnwell
Seven Pines Baptist Church
Snelling. Small community church welcomes visitors
Sunday School: 9:50am
Service: 11am, 6pm
Pastor Mark Watford

St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
Snelling
Park & Praise Service
2nd & 4th Sundays - 10:00am
Face masks should be worn at all times.
Unity Baptist Church
Pastor Brian Howard
5504 Hilda Rd Blackville, SC 29817
Sunday School: 9:45am
Sunday Worship: 11am and 6pm
Mid week service: Thursdays JAM kids (supper provided) 6pm and Adult service 7pm
Victory Baptist Church
3361 Hwy 70
Barnwell, SC 29812
Sunday Worship at 11:00 am
Interim Preacher Terry Woodside
Word Of Life Full Gospel Ministries
6254 Hwy 278 Barnwell
Wednesday Bible study / prayer Service 7pm
Sunday school 10:45 am
Worship Service 12pm
Facebook @wordoflifefgm

Local Directory

Barnwell Library
40 Burr St. Barnwell
803-259-3612
Hours of Operation
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri
10am-6pm
Thurs
10am-7pm
Sat
10am-2pm

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

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

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

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

BLACKVILLE SENIOR CENTER
Golden Retreat Activity Center
(59 Callahan Circle, Blackville)
803-219-7056

With an adult, walk around your school and pick up at least five pieces of litter. Write the name of each below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

IMPORTANT!
If a piece of litter at your school looks like dangerous trash (broken glass, a needle, bandage, etc.) DON'T pick it up, but DO tell an adult on campus about it.

LET'S STOP LITTERING!



Hi, Kids!

You know me – I'm your friend, Earth. And there's something that really makes me sick. It's called **LITTER!**

Litter is stuff that should have been thrown into a garbage can or recycle bin, but is just dropped on the ground instead.

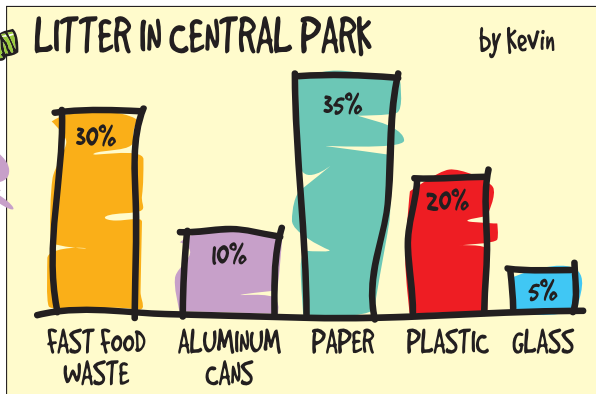
Litter causes all kinds of problems. It can clog up storm drains and cause flooding or pollute the waterways that are fed by storm drains. Some litter is dangerous, like broken glass and cans with jagged edges. And litter is ugly. When it's around your school or community, it looks like people just don't care about where they live.

Your friend, **Earth**

Litter Statistics

Kevin's class picked up litter at the park. He made a chart showing the percentages of the kinds of litter they found. Use the chart to answer these questions:

1. What was the most common litter item found?
 fast food waste plastic paper
2. Was there more glass or plastic in the litter?
 glass plastic
3. What percentage of litter was plastic and paper combined?
 55% 45% 40%



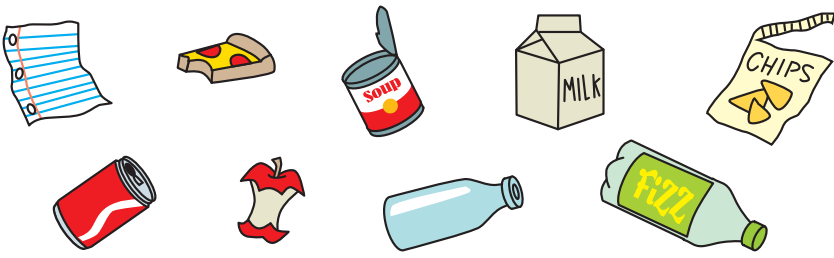
Lunchtime Litter

Look for litter in this picture. Can you find all of these items?

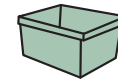
- plastic bottle
- plastic cap
- paper cup
- straw
- plastic fork
- paper
- chip bag
- cheese puffs
- soda can
- apple core

Sort the Litter

Some litter can be recycled. Draw a line from each piece of litter to the correct bin.



TRASH BIN



COMPOST BIN



RECYCLE BIN

Extra! Extra!

Be Complete

Search the newspaper for five headlines that are NOT complete sentences. Rewrite each as a complete sentence. Which words are most often left out?

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

LITTER FACT

Only ONE out of every SIX plastic water bottles we use ever makes it to the recycle bin.

Kid Scoo-doku

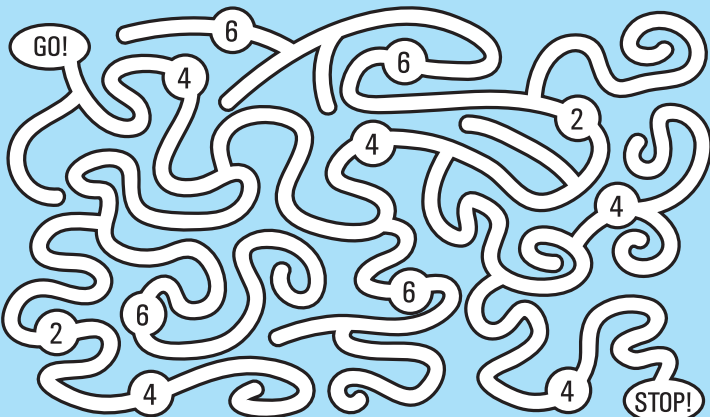
Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word WASTE in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

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Kid Scoop Puzzler

Don't Be a Litterbug

What is the average number of steps a person will hold onto a piece of trash before they litter? Add up the numbers along the correct path in this maze to discover the answer.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- COMMUNITY
- DANGEROUS
- PROBLEMS
- GARBAGE
- RECYCLE
- POLLUTE
- AVERAGE
- LITTER
- EATING
- DRAINS
- BROKEN
- STORM
- AREA
- UGLY
- SICK

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

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **POLLUTE**

The verb **pollute** means to contaminate or harm a place by adding waste items.

The oil spill **polluted** the river.

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

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Newspaper Graph

Survey your classmates to find out each person's favorite section of the newspaper. Graph your results.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information. Display data in a graph.



What did the dirt say to the raindrops?

ANSWER: "If this keeps up, my name will be mud!"

Write On!

Good Turn

Write about a good turn you did and how it helped someone or something.

Learn what you can do to build resilience in families in your community

Every Child, In Every Community

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)

affect the mental and physical health of children into adulthood

September 20 - 10-11:30 a.m. • Virtual Session

- Axis I Center of Barnwell -

179 Fuldner Road, Barnwell, SC 29812

Phone: 803.541.1245 • Fax: 803.541.1247

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Register HERE
<https://bit.ly/3ptihru>
For more info contact
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Building a community of Hope and Recovery through Prevention, Intervention and Treatment services, while reducing the stigma associated with alcohol and drug misuse.

